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## Azle Lake run's 40th anniversary race held Saturday



Families enjoy coming out to the annual Azle Lake run.

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It was great weather for a race last Saturday, with the temperatures in the 40s and the sun shining down on hundreds of runners.

Nearly 300 participants signed up to take part in the Azle Lake Run's half marathon, 10K and 5K races that took place on Nov. 13, celebrating the 40th anniversary of the race.

Runners of all ages came out to take part in the annual event, which supports the Community Caring Center, Eagle Mountain Pregnancy Help Center, and the Marching Green Pride.

Cash prizes were awarded to the top three finishers in

the half marathon and colorful spinner medals were given to all who completed the race.

The half marathon had 83 participants and 63 finishers. The average time of all runners for the half was two hours, four minutes and 22 seconds.

Gabriel Zambrano, 28, was the men's first place finisher in the half marathon, with a time of one hour, 12 minutes and 24 seconds. Kelsey Bruce, 29, from Wichita Falls, was the women's first place finisher with a time of 1:12:46. Each was awarded a \$250 cash prize.

Raul Guerrero, 32, from Springtown, took second place in the men's half marathon with a time of 1:15:37.

Jennifer Pope, 35, from Plano, was the second-place finisher for women in the half marathon with a time of 1:22:01. Both took home a \$150 prize.

Maddie Stier, 28, from Frisco, finished third for the women with a time of 1:24:00. The third-place finisher for men was Wesley Payne, 15, of Springtown with a time of 1:24:36. Stier and Payne were awarded \$100 each.

The 10K had 67 runners and 57 finishers for the race. The average run was one hour and five minutes and 56 seconds.

Scott Preston, 40, of Cedar Hill, took the first-place

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# Literacy for all

## Rotarian dictionary program still provides a 'valuable' resource for students



Third graders at Eagle Heights Elementary were excited to receive their own dictionaries from the Azle Rotary Club, an annual program that promotes literacy in schools.

Photo by Jessica McKinney

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## Veteran cop takes reins of Azle PD in the interim

BY CARLA NOAH  
STUTSMAN

Sid Fuller missed the job.

A cop for nearly 33 years when he retired in 2016, Fuller wanted back in the cop shop. His longing to serve and protect may benefit citizens of Azle — even if it is only a temporary assignment.

Fuller was appointed Interim Chief of the Azle Police Department, hitting the ground running at the beginning of the month. He fills the vacancy left by the retirement of former Chief Rick Pippins, but only until the city hires a new chief of police.

Fuller was born and raised in Irving. He earned a marketing degree from Tarleton State University and began his career as a police officer in 1983 with his hometown police department. He served as a patrol officer, investigator, patrol sergeant, vice/narcotics sergeant, SWAT sergeant, patrol lieutenant, CID lieutenant, captain and assistant chief with the Irving Police Department in a 23-year career. He also has a Master of Arts degree in criminology/criminal justice from the University of Texas at Arlington, and graduated from the FBI National Academy in 2001.

In his spare time, Fuller is an adjunct instructor of criminal justice at Tarleton State University. In 2006, Fuller retired from the Irving PD to become Chief of Police with the Farmers Branch Police Department, where he served for 10 years before retiring to Lake Granbury in 2016. Fuller is married and has two grown children who live in the Metroplex.

Azle is not the first interim position he has accepted. A few years back, he answered the call from the city of Burnet to serve as interim police chief.

"I found it to be a rewarding experience, so when the



Interim chief Sid Fuller

city of Azle called, I came running," Fuller said.

After just two weeks in Azle, Fuller says he's met a lot of very nice folks.

He's attended a city council meeting and the Boards and Commissions Recognition Banquet where he met a good cross section of professionals. Fuller has also met with most, if not all, police department employees.

"I am very impressed with what I have seen so far. They are a dedicated, hard-working group of men and women who are committed to keeping this city safe," Fuller said. "The residents of Azle should rest easy at night. I am also impressed with how well-equipped and well-trained these folks are in the PD. The police facility is first-class."

Asked about his goals as interim police chief in Azle, Fuller said he hopes to bring stability and consistency to the department in the short-term by listening to the employees' concerns, fears and frustrations, and quickly addressing any issues.

"Being an interim chief is a little more difficult. I'm not here to make major changes or leave my mark on the department. That should be left to the permanent chief," Fuller said. "However, I will not just 'keep the seat warm.' I just have to maintain a balance; fix what needs to be fixed and leave major changes to the new chief."



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# Rotarian dictionary program still provides a 'valuable' resource for students

BY JESSICA MCKINNEY  
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Ken Haas would be proud to know that his dictionary program still lives on, bringing smiles to the third graders of Azle Independent School District even after 20 years.

Haas was a charter member of the Azle Rotary Club, which was started in 1979. One of his favorite projects was the dictionary program, which provides personal dictionaries to all third-grade students in the district, promoting the importance of literacy for all.

After Haas died in January, fellow Rotarians vowed to keep the program going. This year, the group delivered more than 500 dictionaries.

In the age of instant information and technology at one's fingertips, many would question the organization's need to provide a hard copy of a dictionary to children.

"Ken said that for some kids, this might be the first book they ever receive that's just theirs," said Debbie Bunero, Rotary Club treasurer.

The joy of receiving a dictionary was evident on all the smiling faces when club members passed out the dictionaries on Nov. 12 at all of

the elementary campuses.

"The students absolutely loved the dictionaries," said Joanna Reasoner, a third-grade teacher at Eagle Heights Elementary. "They were begging me all day to look at them any chance they got."

The students were able to take their dictionaries home with them because they have access to both digital and physical dictionaries while at school but may not have one at home.

"They were also excited to take them home and share with their families; they were grinning ear to ear as they tucked them into their backpacks at the end of the day," Reasoner said.

"One student said, 'I can't wait to teach my little sister what all these words mean!'"

Students in third grade practice their dictionary skills every week. One of the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) practices is to "use a dictionary to determine the meanings, syllabication, and pronunciation of unknown words."

"It is so valuable to still have hard copies of dictionaries available," said Reasoner. "The students

look up their spelling words each week to make sure they know what they mean and one week our internet was completely down. They



Students were excited to look at the dictionaries and share them with their families. One of the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) practices is to "use a dictionary to determine the meanings, syllabication, and pronunciation of unknown words." Photo by Jessica McKinney

didn't even blink, they started pulling out the physical dictionaries and proceeded as if nothing was wrong." The Rotary Club of Azle

spends approximately \$1,800 for this annual program. The money comes from a portion of yearly membership dues as well as

a weekly raffle. For more information about the organization and how to get involved, visit <https://rotary5790.org/>

[clubinfo/azle](https://rotary5790.org/). Members meet weekly at noon on Thursdays at the One Azle building, 412 Commerce Street.

## VFW Post 2137 celebrates Veterans Day



Sean Jarvis discusses his career in the Navy during a Veterans Day celebration Nov. 11 at VFW Post 2137 in Azle. Surrounding him are, from left, Joe Holder, Terry Henderson, Larry Lamont (behind Jarvis) and Kelly Simmons. Photo by Don Munsch

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**AZLE LAKE RUN, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1A.**

spot for men in the 10K with a time of 35 minutes, 54 seconds. Kira Wolf, 27, from Fort Worth, was the top female finisher with a time of 41:38.

Second place for men was Anthony Montoya, 36,

with a time of 38:26. For the women, Murphy Hoefler, 15, of Fort Worth, took the runner-up spot with a time of 43:06.

Third place in the 10K for men was Dustin Hughes, 35, from Wichita Falls, with

a time of 41:33. Irene Waldrep, 27, from Bowie, took the third-place finish for women with a time of 49:28.

There were 148 participants and 115 finishers for the Lake Run's 5K race. The average run time was 40

minutes, 27 seconds.

The first-place men's finisher was Nico Walden, 12, from Weatherford, with a time of 17 minutes, 59 seconds. Melody Chapa, 31, of Fort Worth, was the women's first-place finisher with

a time of 24:44.

Robert Chapa, 33, from Fort Worth, took second in the 5K with a time of 19:59. Azle's own Hallie Collins, 13, took second place in the women's division with a time of 25:28.

The third-place men's finisher was Ricky Stults, 45, from Aledo, with a time of 26:26. Reese Seaton, 13, from Fort Worth finished third for women with a time of 27:11.



Scott Preston, 40, of Cedar Hill, took the first-place spot for men in the 10K with a time of 35 minutes, 54 seconds.



Runners of all ages came out to take part in the annual event.

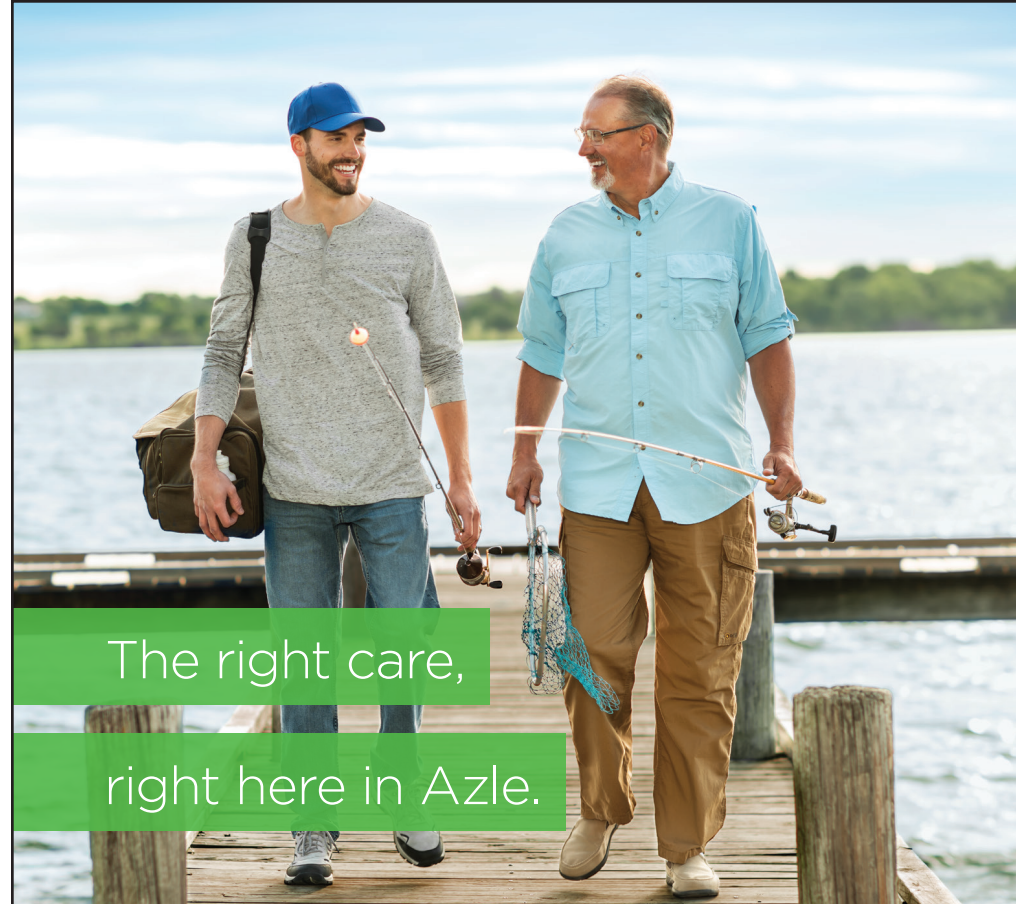


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# Clean up of hazardous material backs up traffic

BY CARLA NOAH STUTSMAN

Hydrated lime flowing out of a truck Friday evening closed off a handful of intersections for cleanup, backing up traffic on Northwest Parkway from Stewart Street to Westline Road. Azle Fire Marshal Kenny Wilson said the material spilled was hydrated lime, a strongly alkaline chemical that can irritate the respiratory system and skin and can also cause permanent eye damage. Wilson said a large flatbed truck carrying a water tender filled with

hydrated lime began spilling its contents in the westbound lanes of Northwest Parkway (SH-199 service road) at the Stewart Street bridge about 1:45 p.m. The truck continued on Northwest Parkway, stopping or slowing at the signal lights at the Boyd Road intersection, the Commerce Street intersection, and the Westline Road intersection. The truck continued westbound on SH-199 for a short distance, turned around near David Beard's Catfish and Seafood Restaurant and went east to the West Main Street exit. The truck then went south on FM 730

South before it was stopped at a convenience store. Azle Police and Fire Department personnel and apparatus responded to close off the intersections where the truck had spilled large amounts of lime while stopped. Later, crews from the Tarrant and Parker County offices of the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) took over. The truck is owned by Glenn Thurman, Inc., a trucking company located in Mesquite, Wilson said. It traveled to Azle from a job site in Duncanville, where a contractor had opened the valve on the water tender,

allowing the lime to flow out, Wilson said. The truck's destination was a subdivision under construction called Autumn Ridge off South Stewart Street.

Because it was an oversize load, the truck had to follow a specific route to its destination. Hydrated lime is often mixed into soil at job sites for vegetation control, Wilson said. The intersections were reopened up shortly before 8 p.m. Wilson said the cost of cleaning up the mess is being calculated and will be billed to the trucking company.

# High-speed chase lands Azle man in jail

BY CARLA NOAH STUTSMAN

Topping 120 miles an hour, an Azle man practically goaded local law enforcement to catch him in a silver Chevrolet Malibu Nov. 11. Taylor Ray Holmes, 28, remained in custody in the Parker County jail Monday, held in lieu of \$10,000 bond on a charge of evading arrest or detention with a vehicle as well as \$1,500 bond on an unrelated harassment warrant out of the Hood Coun-

ty Sheriff's Office. Parker County Sheriff Russ Authier said in a press release deputies tried to stop Holmes because of an obstructed license plate in the 2700 block of East SH-199 around 2 a.m. Thursday. But Holmes did not stop, forcing deputies to chase him through Azle, Lake Worth, and back west as the vehicle changed lanes several times and the driver made crude gestures toward deputies with a hand extended out the window of the vehicle.

Holmes stopped briefly in the 7600 block of Jacksboro Highway, where a passenger exited the vehicle. But Holmes fled a second time in the Malibu, heading east again. He led deputies into Fort Worth, then onto Highway 377 through Benbrook and Cresson.

The Granbury Police Department was contacted, and they laid road spikes on Highway 377 near Granbury as the pursuit approached. Holmes lost control of his vehicle after driving over the

spikes, coming to a stop in the 4500 block of the highway.

Holmes was taken into custody without incident and transported to a local hospital where he was treated for minor injuries and released.

Several debit and credit cards as well as a small amount of an illicit drug were found in the vehicle, according to the press release.

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# Songs of Christmas Concert to bring on holiday spirit

BY JESSICA MCKINNEY  
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Azle's own John Webster, along with his brother Don Webster, will be bringing the Christmas spirit to town on Dec. 4 with a special concert featuring "Songs of Christmas." Joining the duo will be Chris Golden and Elle Gray.

The Webster Brothers have become well known around the country for their Southern and country gospel music, performing original songs as well as classics that they grew up singing in church.

"I started to play and sing at around 12 years old," John Webster said.

Webster and his younger brother sang together as kids, with Webster sitting Don up on the piano bench with him as he played.

It wasn't until the early '90s that Webster began performing professionally, incorporating singing into his travels and ministry around the world.

Today, The Webster Brothers have a weekly television show in Dallas and a Facebook Live event every Friday, the Noon Gospel Hour.

What got them started with their performances was visiting their mother in the nursing home. They continue to

visit senior centers and nursing homes to perform even after her death.

"We continue to sing at senior citizen centers, and many, sometimes two to three times a week, many assisted living communities throughout the Metroplex," John Webster said. "The love for the music, it is a ministry to us. When we get to go sing to the seniors, it's like going back home. It's like Mama's still there or Grandmama's still there. They're different people but it just makes you feel like you're with your loved ones again."

The performers will come together from 2 to 4 p.m. at the R & R Event Center at 3605 E. Hwy. 199 in Springtown to perform

songs that will help kick off the holiday season.

Golden is the son of William Golden of the Oak Ridge Boys.

"(Chris) is a very great songwriter and entertainer extraordinaire," John Webster said. "I'm telling you he will absolutely get you going in the Christmas spirit. He's such a real person. He's got such a great heart. He loves the Lord, he loves people. You can't help but be drawn into whatever song he's singing ... and it will really speak to you."

Webster says that no one will want to miss this special Christmas performance. Tickets are \$15. For more information, call 817-774-3272.



John and his brother Don Webster will be giving a special concert at R and R Event Center on December 4th. Courtesy Photo

# Obituaries

## Fiquanda "Sue" Abshire 1927 - 2021

Our loving mother, Fiquanda Jo "Sue" Abshire, 93, affectionately known as Granny Sue to her grandchildren, went home to be with our Lord and Savior on November 11, 2021, after a long battle with dementia.

The family will welcomed visitors at Biggers Funeral Home on Tuesday, November 16, 2021 from 6-8 p.m.

Funeral services were held at Ash Creek Baptist Church on Wednesday, November 17, 2021 at 10:30am. A graveside service will follow at Azleland Cemetery, 850 N. Cardinal Rd. Azle, TX 76020.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Sue Abshire's memory to: Ash Creek Baptist Church, 300 S Stewart St, Azle, TX 76020 or Alzheimer's Association, 2630 West Freeway, Suite 100, Fort Worth, TX 76102

Sue was born on November 28, 1927 in Blanchard, Oklahoma to Cecil and Gladys Collins and grew up in Purcell, Oklahoma. She met the love of her life, James "Jim" Abshire, while in school in Purcell, and they married in 1944.

Sue and Jim spent 40 cherished years together until his death on August 22, 1984. While Jim was serving

in the U.S. Navy, they lived in Massachusetts until he completed his service. They moved to the Fort Worth area in 1950 where she enjoyed being a wife, homemaker and nurturing mother of four children. They built a home in Azle in 1967 and Sue started working at Mitchell's department store. She then worked at Tri-County Plumbing & Electrical Supply as the Office Manager until her retirement.

Sue's faith has always been important to her. The love she had for Jesus poured out in everything she did and everyone she encountered. She joined Ash Creek Baptist Church in 1967 and served in many capacities until she moved into an assisted living facility. She was always generous and everyone she encountered left feeling loved, honored, and valued. When she wasn't spending time with family or cooking holiday meals in the kitchen, Sue loved to quilt with her friends and participate in Azle's annual Jumpin' Jack Jamboree. One of her favorite memories from later in her life was visiting Israel with her best friend and traveling buddy, Maurine.

In addition to her parents and husband, Sue was pre-



ceded in death by her oldest son, James Edward Abshire, Jr., and her brothers, C.W., Horace, and Bobby Collins.

Sue leaves behind a legacy of family and friends including three of her children, Tommy Abshire of Little Rock; Vickie (Mike) Domyanic of Saginaw; Gary Abshire of Azle; grandchildren Mindy (Jim) Brooks of Point Venture; Chris (Jessica) Domyanic of Bowie; Linda Domyanic of Dallas; GySgt Jake (Christine) Domyanic of Camp Pendleton, California; Chris (Stephanie) Giddens of Austin, Allison (Steven) Lawrence of Saginaw. She also leaves behind 13 great-grandchildren, four great-great-grandchildren, and friends beyond the sand in the sea.

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# Obituaries

## Judy Biel 1945 - 2021

Judy Biel, 76, passed away Monday, November 8, 2021. Services were held at 10 a.m. Saturday, November 13, 2021 at Ash Creek Baptist Church. Visitation was from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, November 11, 2021 at White's Funeral Home. Interment was in Ash Creek Cemetery.



Judy was born January 7, 1945 in Vernon, Texas. She worked 23 years before retiring from Walmart, where she made many friends.

Judy enjoyed bowling where she made many more friends and also met her husband, Randall.

She was preceded in death by her parents; son, Jerry Evans; daughter, Karen Wunderlick; and son-in-law, Jeff Wunderlick.

Survivors include her husband, Randall; daughters, Dianna Porter, Rebecca Evans and Michelle Lanier; son, Robert Evans; and many grandchildren.

Judy was loved by so many people, was a very special person and will be missed by all that knew her.

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## Vicky Lynn Spiker 1962 - 2021

Vicky Lynn Spiker went to be with our Lord and Savior suddenly at her home in Weatherford, Texas on November 7, 2021.

A Celebration of Life will be held from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Saturday, December 4, 2021, Word of Life Church, 5701 Billings Road, Fort Worth, Texas 76135.



She was born on January 6, 1962, at Carswell Air Force Base in Fort Worth, Texas to Jessie and Joyce Steel. Everyone who knew Vicky knew that she was the most loving, kindhearted, wholesome, genuine person and she loved her family fiercely.

Though she left us too soon, those of us who were blessed to be touched by her, understand that her existence, and the imprint she left on our hearts exceed the quantity of time that she stayed here.

Vicky was preceded in death by her mother, Joyce Marie Steel; sister, Julie Diane Steel; mother-in-law, Carolyn Spiker; father-in-law, Charles Glenn "Pop"; sister-in-law, Candy Howard.

She is survived by her loving husband of 40 years, Larry Jay Spiker; her doting son, Cody Ryan Spiker and his girlfriend, Ezri Gough; father, Jessie Lee Steel; sisters, Jessie Lee and her husband, Doug Brown, Rhonda and her husband, Troy Brannan, and Cindy and her husband, Rudy Delarosa; nephews, Andrew Cokenour

and his wife, Misty and son, Jacob, Barry Taylor and his children, Bella and Kayden; niece, Trisha Hughes and her husband, Cameron and their children, Chanlea, Cora Sue and Cami Jo; sisters and brothers-in-law, Penny Morgan, Christy Organ, Tammy Edwards, Randy Spiker and his son Carson, Joseph Spiker, Jr., Vivian Buckley, Clayton Abrell Jr., Kelly Abrell, and Cary Lynn Abrell, Sr.; along with numerous other family members and friends.

"You never said I'm leaving, you never said goodbye, you were gone before we knew it, and only God knew why. A million times we needed you, a million times we cried. If love alone could have saved you, you never would have died. In life we loved you dearly, in death we love you still. In our hearts you hold a place that no one could ever fill. It broke our hearts to lose you, but you didn't go alone, for part of us went with you, the day God took you home".

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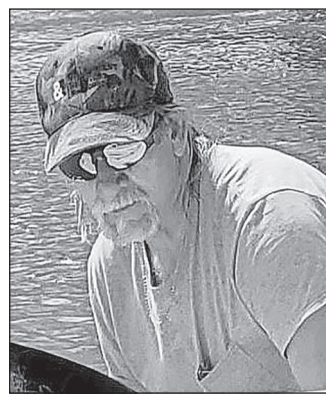
## David Wayne Morton 1956 - 2021

David Wayne Morton, of Paradise passed away Oct. 12, 2021.

Memorial service will be held November 20, 2021 at 1 p.m. at Lakeside Church of God

David was born on Aug. 30, 1956 to Preston Morton and Panzy Dudley. He graduated from Azle High School in 1975.

Survivors include his children Michael Morton, Lance Morton, Jessica Morton; four grandchildren, Blake, Bailey Kinley, Brewer; sisters Janet Morton Coleman



and husband Jack; and Glenda Morton Lawless and husband Kelly Lawless.

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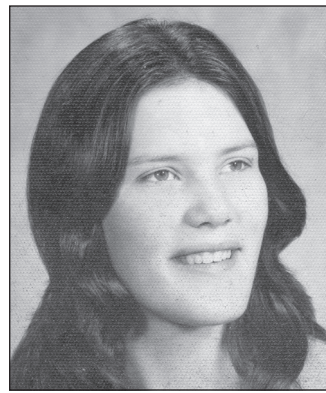
## Karen Cokenour 1955 - 2021

Karen Cokenour passed away October 27, 2021 at the age of 66 years.

Memorials should be made to Good News, 412 Commerce Dr. Azle, TX 76020

Karen was born March 6, 1955.

She will be missed by two beautiful daughters, four wonderful grandchildren. I love you always, thank you for 46 wonderful years, your loving husband Michael Cokenour.



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## John Wayne Williams 1951 - 2021

John Wayne Williams, 70, brother, father, and grandfather passed away Sunday, November 14, 2021 in Azle.

Visitation is from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, November 19, 2021 at White's Azle Funeral Home.

John was born October 10, 1951 in Luling, Texas to R. B. and Ina Mae Williams. He lived in Luling until the age of 10. John moved with his family to Odessa where he later started his career in the oil fields. He moved to Bridgeport where he and his wife, Patricia raised their family before moving to Azle in 2009.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and wife, Patricia Williams.

Survivors include his brothers, Edward Lee Wil-



liams and wife, Jane, and James T. Williams; sisters, Virginia Miller and Roberta Schulle; children, Jessica Williams, Katherine McCandless and husband, Chance, Kevin Lindsey; step-son, Mitchell Hankins; and numerous grandchildren.

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ON FISHING

# Start thinking cold — and make sure you are prepared for it

If you think it's cold when you come out of your home, you know it will be even colder on the water or out in the field. At least it always seems that way. It is definitely colder as you run down the lake with no wind protection. Remember to dress appropriately for the conditions, as your day will become miserable the longer you are in the elements.

When you get on the water, even temperatures in the 50s and 60s will be cold. When you are in the elements for several hours, the conditions will wear on you. Over prepare as you can always take off layers if you don't need them. The extra preparation is time well spent.

Though many folks do not venture out in the cold, this is one of my favorite times to fish as I have alluded to in many articles. Many are out in the field hunting as well. The cold weather fishing bite on artificials is some of the best action of the year and hunting season is upon us.

Insulated coveralls with insulated boots and gloves are a necessity on those cold days. Your extremities are usually the first to get cold. Protection against the cold wind for your body and your face is necessary. The cold air rushing in your sinuses can bring on pain and headaches. Some fishermen will wear a shielded helmet to protect their head and face from the wind. Some type of headgear or hood should be used, as this is where you lose a large percentage of the heat from your body.

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

Cold weather will also stress your equipment and/or boat. It is a good time now to service your equipment before the first freeze. For outboard boat owners, servicing your lower unit is critical. As you well know, water freezing in the lower unit is not good for the seals. Remember also to lower your motor so that any trapped water in the prop/exhaust area runs out. This is a good idea year around. Plastic parts and hoses become more brittle when real cold. If you have an inboard or inboard/outboard you must not forget to drain those areas that hold cooling water as damage could occur if the water freezes.

Extreme cold can put ice on the boat on the fishing decks just from spray of water on the lake. Special precautions should be taken because of the slip hazard. You definitely do not want to fall into the cold water with your entire heavy winter gear and boots on. This could potentially take someone's life. Make every move a slow thought-out process, which is good, safe common sense on any slippery surface.

Your hands will get real cold real quick if you get them wet when landing a fish or baiting a hook. This can be avoided with a good set of gloves, but handling

the equipment with gloves can be difficult. A good set of neoprene gloves may make your life a little easier. Insulated waterproof hunting gloves are my favorite. Neoprene does not hold the heat in as well as good hunting gloves do, in my opinion. You may have to take them off to tie your knots, but you should be able to fish with them on.

If you are planning on doing some fishing this winter, be prepared. Old man winter has not arrived yet, but he is sure to show his face soon. Bring a thermos with a warm beverage and don't forget hand warmers as they are fairly inexpensive. Your fishing trip will definitely be more enjoyable if you are comfortable.

## FISHING REPORT

On other reservoirs, Possum Kingdom Lake striped bass continue to be on fire. Striped bass to 15 pounds are possible from South D&D to Broadway. Look for the birds. Crappies are also excellent on Possum Kingdom on small minnows and small jigs. Lake Whitney striped bass are good on live bait and down rigged jigs mid-lake.

# What an amazing OpportUNITY!

"In essentials unity, in non-essentials liberty, in all things charity."

I heard that quote referenced in a sermon this morning. It is often attributed to Augustine (354-430), John Wesley (1703-1791), and a number of other theologians in between. (This morning's speaker attributed it to Augustine).

According to some historians, the saying actually first appears in a tract on Christian unity written in 1627 by an otherwise undistinguished German theologian, Rupertus Meldenius, during the bloody Thirty Years War (1618-1648).

This concludes your history lesson for today.

In a circumstance of great irony, I am composing this post while sitting in a Baptist business meeting! (One in which I am mildly interested, but not involved).

When I heard that quote this morning and the assertion that followed it, my pondering brain kicked in.

Here's the assertion: "In unity we have great opportunity."

Almost immediately, I envisioned a word written this way: OpportUNITY.

Here's the truth—there are things that we can ONLY accomplish, if we do them together!

And therein lies part of our problem.

We have a really hard problem with that unity thing.

Maybe it's because we turn every molehill into a mountain to die on. We have made up our minds on every issue and are only willing to listen to those with whom we already agree.



**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).

In other words, if you want unity with me you need to agree with me. On everything. Not simply the essentials.

It's all essential because I want a world that conforms to my ideas of what the world should look like.

And if you don't agree, you are an enemy that deserves to be defeated.

By the way, I'm using me as the example because it (1) allows me to make my point with calling anyone out and (2) reminds me that I could be that way apart from the grace of God and an intentional choice to NOT live that way.

Part of the genius of the quote is that it reminds us that there are different circumstances that require different responses.

Some things are essential and on them we need unity.

Now, there is a difference between "unity" and "uniformity." Unity does not mean that we have complete agreement on every point, but that we all agree that the issue requires our attention and cooperation on something that really matters. In other words, we agree that we all need to bring our best to this particular issue because our interests and values overlap.

Some things are non-essential and on them we need to allow for liberty. That is to say that we can give

space for different people to approach these situations in different way within their own spheres. We give each other freedom to coexist without the pressure to conform to each other's ideas.

But the key—the secret sauce that makes it all work—is charity in all things.

That is to say that, in every circumstance we treat people the way we would want them to treat us. None of us wants to be attacked, slandered, or marginalized over issues of disagreement. Because we don't want that for us, we refuse to do that to others.

One final thought regarding the source of the quote: if it's true and helpful, it doesn't matter who originally said it.

That's another major part of our struggle—evaluating truth by source rather than content.

We need to remember that truth is true even when it is spoken by the "other side." Falsehood is still falsehood even when it is spoken by "my side."

If we can get our heads around that, we have an amazing opportUNITY before us.

Be amazing today, my friend.

## LEGAL PUBLIC NOTICES

### BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT - PUBLIC HEARING

The Town of Lakeside Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing on Thursday December 9, 2021, at 7:30 p.m. at 9834 Confederate Park Rd, Town Conference Room. **Videoconferencing, video/audio feed may be accessed at the link below:**  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6842173328?pwd=Y2ZiVklrUVNPaUlxQ2dQNK4VkhNGUT09>  
or by calling 346-248-7799, Meeting ID 684-217-3328 Passcode:3NF3EN  
To consider a variance to Ordinance 359 Section 151.025.01 (C) (2); "No portion of it may be located within 15 feet of the surveyed front, or rear surveyed property line or ten feet of a surveyed side property line, 4321 Oakridge Rd, lot 3 block 25 of Ella Young Addition. Board may take any action deemed necessary.  
Questions can be directed to Norman Craven, Town Administrator at 817-230-4181.

### CITY COUNCIL - PUBLIC HEARING

The Town of Lakeside City Council will hold a public hearing on Thursday December 9, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. at 9834 Confederate Park Rd, Town Conference Room. **Videoconferencing video/audio feed may be accessed at the link below:**  
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To consider a recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission for new and unlisted use classification (Zoning Ord. 151.014). Becky Rodriguez with Bougie Crafts LLC, dba 199 Winery requests Winery - be added to the permitted land used table non-residential (commercial) 151.012. Winery - Manufacture craft wines from juice, fermentation, filtering, bottling, and labeling. Production and sales on premise of craft wine. Serve craft wines with cold appetizer food and host events.  
Questions can be directed to Norman Craven, Town Administrator at 817-230-4181.

### NOTICE OF ONLINE AUCTION

Pursuant to Chapter 59, Texas Property Code, **BLACKLOCK STORAGE** which is located at 9355 Jacksboro Highway, Fort Worth, Texas 76135 will hold an Online Auction for property being sold to satisfy a landlord's lien. **Online Auction will be held on Friday, December 3, 2021 at [StorageTreasures.com](http://StorageTreasures.com).**  
Property will be sold to highest bidder. Deposit for removal and cleanup may be temporarily required. Seller reserves right to not accept any bid and to withdraw property from sale. Property being sold includes contents in the space of the following tenant, with brief description of contents.  
**James Casteel:** Household items.

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Administration for the Estate of PETRA RAMON, Deceased, were issued on October 28, 2021, in Cause No. 21P377, pending in the County Court of Parker County, Texas, to: MICHAEL RAMON.  
All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.  
c/o: **W. Faye Murphree, Attorney at Law**  
337 W. Main Street, Azle, Texas 76020  
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# Subtle things not to be missed in production agriculture

In our last few Ag 101 columns we have visited about the ten ecoregions or vegetational regions of Texas. We discussed the similar characteristics of land areas that cause each of the regions to be divided up as they are. Those similar traits being soil types, topography or lay of the land and climate, all of which figures into which plants, both introduced and native, that are found growing in the region.

A majority of these traits rely on the characteristics of the soil. Which means in the long run Soil is Important, right?

So, here's my sales pitch one more time for taking care of your soil; collect soil samples and have them tested for nutrients present or missing from your soil. The analysis or testing should be done by an approved and recognized soil lab, be careful at this point in making certain that it is a quality lab.

If you have questions about finding a lab or the quality of a lab that you are



## AG 101

By Jack DeShazo

Jack DeShazo has decades of experience in the agriculture field.

contemplating using contact your local high school Agricultural Science Teacher or county Agricultural Extension Agent for recommendations.

Long story short, if you are attempting to produce plants then Have Your Soil Tested !! Now is the perfect time to do this. This is one of the wisest financial investments an Agriculturalist can make. It can pay off multiples in the form of plant growth and production. If you are going to invest the money in seed along with the time and effort in planting and harvesting you might as well get all that the plant has to offer genetically.

Proper soil nutrients in the correct ratio can do this. If you find through soil testing that your soil is deficient then you can fix the problem

through fertilization. If you decide to not take the soil analysis route and either do nothing or take the advice of an untrained salesperson you are just guessing and buying snake oil, possibly doing more damage than good. Again, soil fertilization recommendations cannot be made accurately without testing. Yes, you have read this in this column before and if I am still writing next year you will see it again, it's that important !! Sermon over !

Now let's visit the regions topic again. We've decided that the soil and climate has an effect on the plants found growing in an area. And the plants growing in an area influences the type of Agriculture going on in the area.

Here's an example; West Texas has a lower precipi-

tation rate and when combined with poorer quality soils lower quality plants are produced. Cattle will have a hard time finding enough nutrition from these plants to do well. So, you tend to find more sheep and goats raised in that area because their nutritional requirements are different from cattle.

Example 2, one of the problems with dairies is excess runoff water containing varying amounts of livestock waste. West Texas and the Panhandle have dryer climates usually with porous water absorbing sandy soils, a deeper aquifer and fewer people to be somehow annoyed by livestock sounds and smells. So, we are seeing more and more of Texas' dairies moving West.

And the final example is the feedlot/feed yard business where cattle are fed out in the production of beef. A majority of the feed grains that are used in milling and mixing feedlot rations are produced in the Panhandle, so why not have the feedlots

close to the areas where the feed grains are produced reducing transportation costs ? Also remember that the Panhandle has that dryer climate with water absorbing soil and fewer people to be bothered with the smells and sounds making it an even better choice for the location of the feedlot business.

Agriculture Teachers like everyone else I assume, have many stories that accumulate over the years from their occupational experiences. One Fall my Agriculture teaching partner and I took a busload of students to the Lubbock Farm Show.

We arrived in Lubbock about 10:00 on a Monday night, started unloading students from the bus to check into the hotel. The wind was blowing out of the North of course, bringing with it the aroma of the feedlots. A few of the students started asking what that smell was? We explained that was the smell of Texas Agriculture feeding a hungry nation and world. This was what many teach-

ers refer to as a "teachable moment"!!

We spent nearly 1/2 day traveling on a slow "yellow dog school bus" to Lubbock, 1 1/2 days at the farm show, 1/2 day in Amarillo at the American Quarter Horse Association and more than 1/2 day getting back home. The extra hours on the return trip included a 4 hour layover at a Dairy Queen and the high school gym in Chillicothe waiting for a replacement bus to arrive. I guarantee you those students on that trip learned more about Agriculture along with practical history, writing, math and communications skills than could have possibly been acquired in the classroom back at school in double the amount of time. Extracurricular trips and activities are such an important supplement to the everyday educational experiences of our students !!

'til next time.

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BOOK REVIEW

# Easy escape, nostalgic trip back with 'American Comics'

BY TERRI SCHLICHENMEYER

A towel worked pretty well.

If Mom got mad about you stealing one of her bath towels, then a folded sheet was good, or even an old shower curtain. Superheroes never worried about the fabric of their capes, and you didn't, either. As long as kid-you could leap and climb and fight crime, you were happy. Even better: having "American Comics: A History" by Jeremy Dauber in your hands today.

Though, in a way, the history of American comics started with Egyptian hieroglyphics, you can also easily state that political cartoons were really this nation's first cartoons. By 1827, comics without words, or the "picture-story," was recognized as something valid that even semi-literate colonists could enjoy in books.

Early newspapers eventually found cartoons, or the other way around, but those first comics were meant for adults. Still, turn-of-the-last-century children were savvy enough to understand the mischief of the Katzenjammer Kids and soon, comics were beloved by the whole family as they held up a mirror to what Americans were doing or dreaming about. That included conquering the Great Depression and the Fuhrer: by 1939, fourteen new superheroes had ap-

peared in the nation's comic books.

American GIs were voracious consumers of comics during World War II, as Sad Sack and Dick Tracy joined Barney Google in the service and Daddy Warbucks became a three-star general. Comic book publishers also joined the War Effort when forced to use just a single staple to keep their product together, something a superhero surely could've helped do.

WWII comic lovers returned home to some controversy: shortly after the wars' end, comic books were said to contribute to juvenile delinquency.

The 1950s saw the heyday of horror comics and satire magazines that were not necessarily meant for consumption by children. Racism and sexism had always existed in comic books, but the 1960s saw a rise in strips by African American artists and more comic books with a feminist angle. And by the 1970s, comics had become "comix" and nearly everything changed...

Once upon a time, you had piles of comic books. Well-loved, well-thumbed-through, you even read the ads on the back, didn't you? Yeah, and with plenty of nostalgia and cultural touch points, "American Comics" will remind you of those rainy Saturdays spent fighting half-toned crime in POWs, BAMs, and

WHAMs.

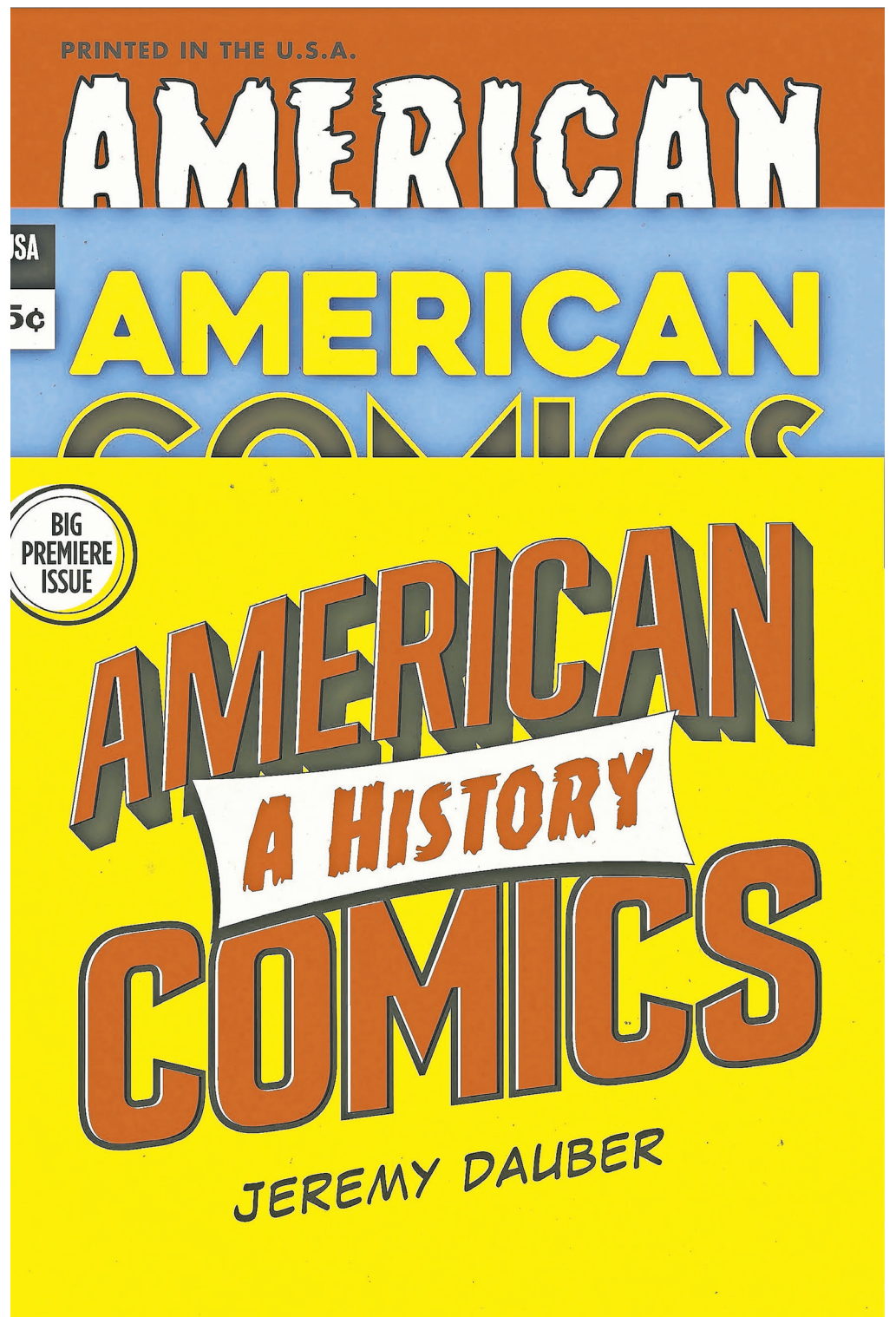
But here's the thing: author Jeremy Dauber never lets readers forget that comic book history is inseparably American history. We can trace this country's past almost entirely through comics like Krazy Kat, Lil' Orphan Annie, Captain America, Sad Sack, Archie, and Wee Pals, and we can see how American opinions changed according to our favorite funny pages. That makes this book perfect for comic book collectors, unusual-history buffs, and anyone who thought they were wasting time all day when (ha!) they were just reading comic books.

Dear Mom: We forgive you for throwing out all our comic books so long ago. We'd rather have them back, but this book is a warm reminder of them. For sure, "American Comics" is a great es-cape.



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# 4-H Club sees new growth

BY JESSICA MCKINNEY  
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Azle's 4-H Club was facing disbandment back in July after its sole member graduated from Azle High School.

Laura Howe, the group's leader at the time, called for someone, anyone, to step up to take the reins for the club and breathe new life into it.

Danielle Barber answered. "I was on Facebook and saw a few shares about the Azle 4-H group being dissolved and it immediately got my attention," Barber said. "Laura's daughter had just graduated from high school and was the only student involved in the Azle organization."

Howe had been running the Azle chapter for three years, trying to keep it going. But then COVID-19 hit and "stalled out enrollment."

"(Laura) was a 4-H member as a kid and really wanted (the) group to survive for kids in the community but saw that it really needed someone to revive the program," Barber said.

Barber's only experience with the club was attending a couple of meetings in Fort Worth to see if her daughter would be interested in being a part of the program. But when she saw the need, she stepped up to take on the leadership role so that the club could stay in Azle.

Now, just four months later, the club has grown to nearly 30 members from third through 12th grade, plus seven Clover Kids, the 4-H program for those in kindergarten through second grade. Barber serves as club manager. Danita Stidams oversees the Clover Kids.

"These kids come from both public schools and homeschooled," Barber said. "It's a nice mix."

Barber said that having parents stepping up to help run programs has made all the difference.

"It's important to note that parents have stepped up to lead projects for the kids, otherwise they would not have a program."



Azle 4-H Club's newly elected officers are Reed Arnold (left), Emma Biehle, Grant Bradberry, Kynlee Baker, Brellyn Beverly and Zoey Treat.

Photo courtesy

Azle 4-H currently focuses on three programs: shooting sports, equine and livestock.

"The kids in shooting sports are learning about range safety and will start shooting hopefully in December if we can find a range that will allow them to practice there," she said.

Colton and Taylor Lundgren and Shawn and Amber Higgins are the leaders for shooting sports. Amber has been shooting archery since she was 11 and has prior archery coaching experience. Shawn was in the military, which taught him how to safely train people about firearms.

Each coach will become 4-H certified for their programs.

"4-H has their own certification requirements so the parents that step up to lead this program have

a lot more training to go through than the other volunteers," Barber said.

Shooting sports will begin competition in the late spring and into the summer. All events are held outdoors. This activity has the most kids actively participating.

"Because the requirements to have a shooting sports project are so strict, there are only a few 4-H groups in the Metroplex to offer this project," Barber said.

Magan Baker is the equine program leader for Azle 4-H. Equine project students are getting hands-on knowledge about horses. They do not have to own a horse to be involved.

"Next week, they will be grooming and learning how to saddle a horse," Baker said. "The goal is for the kids to learn all about the different parts of the horse so they can enter horse judging competi-

tions. They can enter competitions individually or work as a team depending on the type of event."

The livestock program, headed by Laura Howe and Tisha Grace, lets students explore different species — goats, lambs, chickens, cattle, pigs or rabbits — and how to care for and show them.

"We are trying to see what species kids have interest in and expanding from there," Howe said. "We also go over different rules for each show and how to navigate going to major stock shows."

The 4-H Club inducted officers on Nov. 9: Brellyn Beverly, president; Zoey Treat, vice president; Kynlee Baker, council delegate and secretary; Grant Bradberry, treasurer; Reed Arnold, reporter; and Emma

Biehle, parliamentarian.

"As I am learning about the club, my main goal is for these kids to have fun and learn how to be leaders," Barber said. "From there, I would love to see the program grow. 4-H has so many leadership and learning opportunities, not only for college but for students interested in trade school, and I want these kids to take full advantage of that."

Anyone with an interest in joining the Azle 4-H Club is invited to come to a meeting to see if it's a good fit. The group is looking to expand both with students and parent leaders. For more information on membership or sponsorship, contact Danielle Barber at azle4h@gmail.com.

## INTERESTED IN 4-H?

Contact Danielle Barber at [azle4h@gmail.com](mailto:azle4h@gmail.com).

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Choose a newspaper story about a place. Write or paste the headline in this box.

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WHEN did the event happen?

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What questions did the reporter ask to find out when the event happened?

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Standards Link: Reading/Writing: Draw evidence from informational text.

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# CARPENTERS

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Carpenters have a saying: **Measure twice. Cut once.** What do you think this saying means?

Talk about it with a family member. Is it a saying that can be helpful outside of being a carpenter?

### How do I become a carpenter?

Carpenters learn their trade by working in an apprenticeship training program. It takes about four years to learn what is needed to pass the carpenter test. Some people learn enough to pass the test through work experience.

Circle the things below that you think carpenters make. Then, check your answers by doing the math problems below each picture. The ones with even-numbered answers are things made by carpenters.

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### The Right Tools Make Work Easier

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### Practice Measuring with the Newspaper!

Get a ruler or tape measure and start looking through the newspaper. Find five pictures and measure how tall they are (height) and how wide.

**BONUS:** Calculate the area of the picture by multiplying the height by the width.

Standards Link: Math: Measure using standard units; calculate area.

### Nail or Nail?

The word nail has more than one meaning. Our fingers and toes have nails. And a nail is a tool used to build things. In both cases, the word is spelled the same, but has different meanings. These are called homonyms. Look through the newspaper for five words that have more than one meaning.

Standards Link: Language Arts: Identify homonyms.

### Double Double Word Search

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

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O	C	O	N	M	O	G	L	T	S
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R	C	A	R	P	E	N	T	E	R
D	H	C	U	T	G	O	U	S	E
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Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

### FROM THE LESSON LIBRARY

#### Carpentry Categories

Look through the newspaper for images that show things a carpenter made. Find 10 images and then group them into categories based on similarities. Come up with a name for each category.

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## Seniors look ahead after football season ends



The Rowdies carry flags to lead the team onto the field in the bi-district title game. Photo by Jeff Prince

**BY JEFF PRINCE**  
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Bernock Iya transformed from the Azle football team's lockdown defensive back early in the season to a three-way starter at wide receiver, punter and cornerback by midseason. He helped shoulder the burden caused by injuries to teammates and did whatever coaches asked. He and other seniors led by example week after grueling week while pushing the Hornets to a district title.

On Friday, the season ended when the Hornets lost to the Summit Jaguars 38-14 in their bi-district playoff game at Vernon Newsum Stadium in Mansfield.

Iya was one of numerous players on the sidelines with tears streaking his face while hugging teammates and coaches.

"I just love playing with my guys every single day, just going to practice," he said. "It's a tough

loss, but we're just going to cherish it and move on."

Iya plans to play college ball but hasn't decided where he'll go.

Jakson LaHue, a top student at Azle and three-year starter on the football team, has committed to Virginia Tech and will be playing Division I ball soon. He cherishes his Azle memories.

"I'm extremely proud of the team we've become," said LaHue, an offensive tackle. "We faced a lot of adversity, and I'm just proud of how all the boys handled it. I'm glad to have been a part of this team and this culture and community for the past three years. I'm proud to be an Azle Hornet."

The team lost a popular player forever after Jack Schwantz died in a plane crash just days before the season began. The Hornets went from preparing for a game and season to reeling from the worst of



SEE FOOTBALL, PAGE 4B. Vance Guthrie busts a long run while averaging eight yards a carry at Mansfield Summit. Photo by Jeff Prince

## Azle twirler keeps tradition alive



Diana Garcia is the lone baton twirler for the Hornets this season. Photo by Jeff Prince

**BY JEFF PRINCE**  
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Standing alone on the track and tossing a baton high in the air is a solitary figure wearing a green sparkling outfit.

Diana Garcia, a junior, is the team's only baton twirler.

During games, Garcia performs a wide variety of baton twirls, tosses and catches. At halftime, she stashes her baton and picks up her flute to join the marching band as the section leader.

"It does feel lonely when I'm down here by myself, and the band's up there, and the team is out there, and I'm just kind of like doing my own thing," she said.

Garcia improvises her baton routines throughout games. Many traditional twirlers are hanging up their batons in favor of tossing flags, rifles and other props with the color guard. That squad is more highly choreographed. Garcia likes the freedom that baton

twirling provides.

"I like having my own option to do what I want instead of having to do what someone tells me to do," she said.

Garcia began twirling at 11 when she lived in Brock. She was Brock High's lone baton twirler until two years ago when she transferred to Azle as a sophomore. She enjoys performing in front of the large crowds that come to Hornet Stadium, and she appreciates being a role model and keeping tradition alive.

"I love the little kids that are just so impressed by you," she said. "And I love the uniqueness because not that many people do twirl, so it's really special. Ever since color guard and marching band started blowing up, it became less about baton twirlers and more about color guard and instrumentalists. From then on, twirling got a little bit smaller."

SEE TWIRLER, PAGE 4B.



# Azle rodeo team shines again

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Azle's cowboys and cowgirls have been winning events regularly this season and made another strong showing over the weekend at the North Texas High School Rodeo Association Arena in Saginaw.

Azle won the high-point team title and saw many of its team members finish in the money.

"The team continues to practice hard, and it shows with the results from every rodeo," team sponsor

Kristy Scribner said.

Hevenli Scribner won the event's rookie cowgirl title, and leads the season standings in that category.

Scribner won barrels, too, and three of her teammates finished in the Top 10: Rylee Sisson was second, Laurel Allred was fourth, and Lindsey-Kay Reichert was sixth.

Airian Moore won bareback, as he has done numerous times this year. Moore is the top bareback rider among the more than 80 teams participating in the North Texas High School Rodeo Association.

Jesus Levya finished second in

team roping heeler.

Kasen Scarlato took second place in team roping header.

Dylan Reagan and Nickolas McElhannon won fifth and sixth place, respectively, in chute dogging.

In poles, Scribner finished third, Reichert fifth and Sisson seventh. Allred finished ninth in goats.

The Azle rodeo will be held this weekend at the North Texas High School Rodeo Association Arena in Saginaw. It is the final rodeo before winter break. The rodeo season resumes in January.



Dylan Reagan takes fifth place in chute dogging.



Hevenli Scribner finishes third in poles but wins barrels. Photos by Jo H Photography

# Azle football players earn all-district honors



Isaiah Fuller and teammates honor the flag during the national anthem.



Chris "Kal-El" Lee is named Offensive Player of the Year.

Photos by Jeff Prince

### STAFF REPORTS

Chris "Kal-El" Lee earned his nickname by playing the second half of the football season on a broken foot and leading his team to a district championship.

The University Interscholastic League is recognizing its top players in District 3-5A, and Lee is among the best of the best. He earned Offensive Player of the Year in addition to first-team all-district.

Earning first-team all-district honors are Tyler Akers, Caleb Baldaras, Rowdy Dawson, Drew Dorris, Barrett Gilbreath, Bernock Iya, Jakson LaHue, Lee, Latham Phillips and Billy Spratt.

Second-team all-district selections include Gavin Green, Gavin Hacker, Seth Hurst, Jack Jestis, Jordan Laxamana, Jesse Maurhan, Jonathan Robles and Mason Wyble.

Honorable mentions went to Conner Bennett, Luke Briseno, Zeb Cross, Garrett Gouyton, Reid Norris, Payton Pisano and Kaden Taylor.

Last week, Azle's football season ended with an 8-3 record. The Hornets won a district title and made a trip to the bi-district playoff game. They lost to Mansfield Summit 38-14.



## Eaton Tournament

The Azle basketball girls brought home a trophy from the recent tournament at Eaton High School. The Lady Hornets went 3-1 and brought home the consolation championship trophy. Kendall Locke made all-tournament. Courtesy Photos



# Cross country can't outrun all-district honors

## STAFF REPORTS

The Azle cross country team is closing out its season in style, with one of its seniors – Leah North – taking home a top individual prize.

The boys team qualified for regionals for the 15th consecutive year, and the girls team qualified for the third year in a row.

Barak Geary qualified for the state meet and placed 45th out of 152 runners. Leah North won an individual championship title in District 5-5A competition.

Now come the UIL honors. Leah North won District MVP and was named first-team all-district.

Other members of the girls team earning first-team all-district include Ashlyn Hobbs, Ali O'Neil and Eva Solarzano.

McKenzie Roberts earned honorable mention.

On the boys team, first-team all-district awards went to Ryan Cope, Geary and Brendan "Marcus" Hathaway.

Earning honorable mention was Austin Gatewood.



Barak Geary ran cross country at the state meet and finished ahead of 107 other runners, nabbing the 45th spot.



Leah North won District MVP and was named first-team all-district.

Courtesy photos

# Azle Christian falls in first round of football playoffs

BY JEFF PRINCE  
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The Azle Christian High School Crusaders moved to a different football league and expected to face stiffer competition this season.

They were right. Several teams proved to be a handful. Still, Azle Christian fought hard under head coach Gary Rushing and played an exciting brand of football. The boys made it to the playoffs in their first season in the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools, or TAPPS, six-man football league.

Their season ended on Friday after Kingdom Prep defeated Azle Christian 42-24 in the first round of the playoffs in Lubbock. The Crusaders led 16-14 at halftime but couldn't contain Kingdom Prep in the final two quarters. Azle Christian finished 7-4 overall and 2-2 in district competition.

Rushing expected this to be a tough transition year as the Crusaders became acclimated to playing bigger and better teams

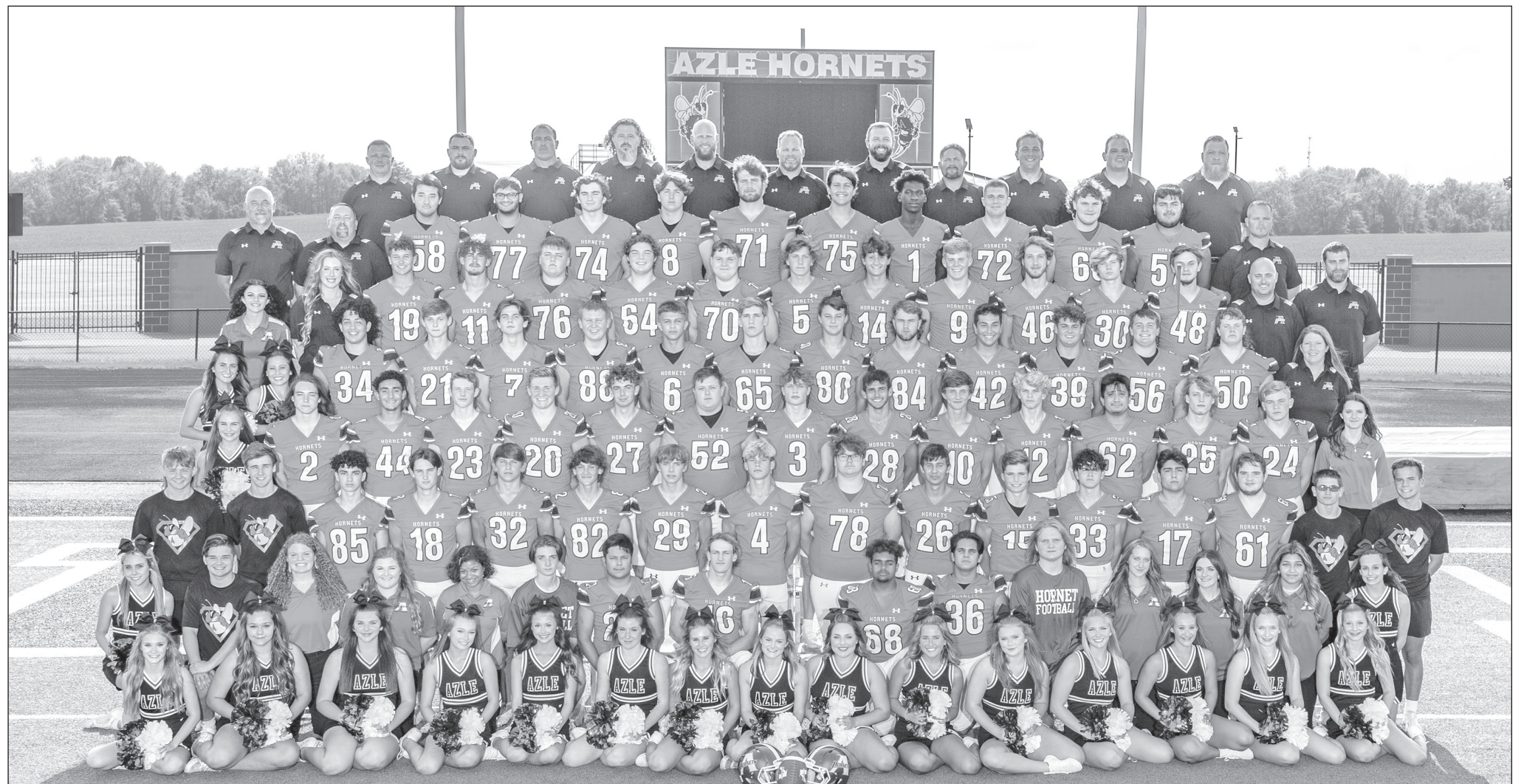


He ain't heavy, he's my teammate – Colton Clester gives teammate Camden Logan a helping hand.  
Photo by Jeff Prince

after moving up from the Texas Christian Athletic Fellowship, or TCAF, league.

"It's going to be a real challenge for us," he said earlier in the year. "It's going to be tough on all of our sports, but we are looking forward to it, and we are going to rise to the challenge and see what we can

do." The football team has proved it can make the playoffs in the tougher league. The volleyball team came up short in its goal to make the playoffs. What the school's other teams will do remains to be seen.



## 2021 VARSITY FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

DATE	TIME	OPPONENT	RESULT
8/26	7:00	Fossil Ridge	L 41-42
9/03	7:00	WF High	W 41-7
9/10	7:00	Burleson	W 42-37
9/17	7:00	Arlington Heights	W 36-13
9/23	7:00	Saginaw	W 65-0
10/08	7:00	Crowley HOMECOMING	W 38-21
10/15	7:00	Granbury	W 49-21
10/22	7:00	Brewer	L 27-42
10/29	7:00	Abilene Cooper	W 52-23
11/05	7:00	Northwest	W 39-36

## Players Of The Week

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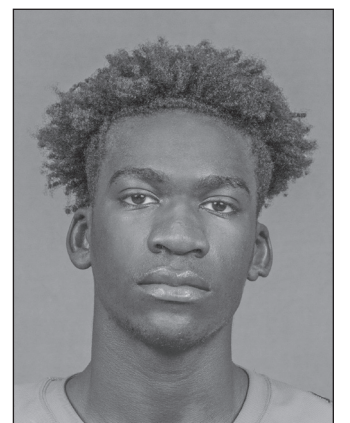
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FOOTBALL, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1B.



Logan Patterson, Michael Gideons, Isaiah Bliss and Benjamin Martin will return to the film crew next year. Photo by Jeff Prince

tragedies. “We were just trying to get through a day of practice without breaking down,” recalled head coach Devon Dorris. “Jack was an instrumental part of our team — a leader, a captain, a great friend to so many. It was just getting through the day and taking one step at a time.”

Tears hadn’t dried from Schwantz’s death when the Hornets had to travel to Keller to face Fossil Ridge. The Hornets fell behind early but fought their way back into the game and took the lead with three minutes remaining.

Fossil Ridge reclaimed the lead and won, 42-41.

The Hornets turned that one-point heartbreaking loss into motivation and won eight of their next nine games to grab a three-way share of the district title. Azle players, students and fans memorialized Schwantz throughout the season. Signs, flags and shirts were emblazoned with his name and messages such as, “Live like Jack” and “What would Jack do?”

Azle crowds were huge at home games and impressive on the road. At the Summit game, the Hornets crowd outnumbered Summit’s home crowd three to one. The players noticed the support all season and appreciated the turnouts, LaHue said.

“The whole community follows us,” he said. “I feel like a role model and a big part of this community. I’ve done everything I can to leave my legacy on these younger kids so they can bring up the culture, too. It’s all about a winning mentality. We went out and won district. It sucks to lose our first-round (game). We played a really good team, and we didn’t really execute, and that’s what happens, but I wouldn’t have rather done it with any other set of guys.”

**ROUGH BEGINNING**

Summit kicked off to start the game, and Azle’s offense uncorked a long run by Mason Wyble on the first play. With first and 10 at the Jaguar 34-yard line, Azle hoped to put points on the board first.

“Hey! We’re coming!” a Hornet player yelled from the sidelines as the offense lined up.

Hope springs eternal early in games. Nobody could deny, how-

ever, that Summit’s defense had allowed the fewest points in District 4-5A, Division I. The Hornets turned the ball over after four downs, and Summit scored on its first play from scrimmage after a running back scampered about 70 yards.

Azle’s offense stalled again on its next possession, and Summit began moving the ball. The Jaguar quarterback hit a running back on a short pass, and Azle’s defense walloped him and caused a fumble. Linebacker Drew Dorris jumped on the ball, giving Azle’s offense a first down at Summit’s 19-yard line with a chance to tie the game.

Quarterback Chris “Kal-El” Lee hobbled back onto the field. For six weeks, Lee had been dealing with a broken bone in his foot that impacted his ability to throw and run. The injury had grown more intrusive as the season progressed. Lee relied on a scooter to keep weight off his foot and wore a brace during the week, shedding it on Fridays for games.

Lee’s toughness is what earned him his nickname.

Summit turned out to be kryptonite.

Azle faced fourth and 5 in the red zone when Lee threw a pass that was nabbed out of the air by a Jaguar defender and returned for a TD. The game was barely three minutes old, and the Hornets were down by 14 points.

Azle players stared into space, wondering how their fortunes had slipped so quickly.

“Remember, we talked about being on a roller coaster,” a coach told them, trying to settle down his players. “We’re on an even keel. We’ve been in this place before. It’s a long game.”

Azle’s offense tried again and soon faced another big play. Third and 8 from its own 28. The Hornets could either make a first down and fight their way back into the game or be forced to punt and possibly go down by three scores.

They had to punt.

The Jags were on the move again when the first quarter ended.

Azle’s defense found new life in the second quarter, toughened up and forced Summit to punt. Isaiah Fuller made a long return, thrilling the Hornets. Moments later, Lee & Co. found paydirt on a 16-yard

strike to Gavin Green to make the score 14-7.

Winning the game would require Azle’s defense to stuff the Jaguars awhile to allow the Hornet offense time to fight its way back into the game. Summit’s offense, however, is formidable. Azle’s deficit grew to 35-14 by the third quarter. By the fourth, the game’s outcome had become clear. Lee sat on the bench, his broken foot wrapped in ice. He stared at the field with tears rolling down his cheeks.

The team ended the season at 8-3.

**THE AFTERMATH**

After the game, head coach Devon Dorris called his players in a circle like he does at every game.

“I can’t tell you how proud I am to be a part of this program with you,” he told them. “The story didn’t finish the way we wanted, but you never hanged your head low for one second.”

He reminded them that they had won a district football title for only the eighth time in the school’s history.

“You have left a legacy,” he said.

After the coach finished talking, the team embraced.

“I love you!” yelled junior Luke Briseno. “I love all y’all!”

Athletic Director Becky Spurlock expressed admiration for a team that overcame so much for four months.

“Our kids, they played with a lot of heart,” she said. “I’m proud of everything. I’m proud of our coaching staff. This team had a lot of adversity. They prepared for this game. It didn’t go the way we wanted it to, but we’ll be back.”

The team will return, but many of its players won’t. Lee’s days spent wearing a green-and-black Hornets jersey are over.

“We all put our hearts into it, but they just played better than us,” he said while heading to the locker room after the Summit game. “I’m going to keep my head high. I’m proud of my teammates. I love them all.”

He will graduate in December, and his strong play at Azle has attracted college interest.

“I have offers, but I’m still deciding whether I want to go play or not,” he said. “I’m going to sit down with my parents and talk about what’s best for me and my

future.”

As for the team’s future, Dorris and his staff plan to honor the seniors in the coming weeks and begin preparing for off-season workouts.

“We’re going to make sure that we’re beginning to prepare for the next chapter,” he said. “The 2022 season will be here shortly.”

**THEY’LL BE BACK**

Losing numerous seniors from the roster creates opportunities for today’s juniors and sophomores to secure starting positions next year. Such is the cyclical nature of high school football.

At least one specialty unit will remain intact. The four-person film crew that operates digital cameras and shoots video at games will be a year older, wiser and more experienced. All four filmers plan to return next season.

The youngest member is sophomore Logan Patterson. He started filming practices and games this season after watching his friend, sophomore Michael Gideons, do it last year.

“Michael introduced me to filming,” Patterson said. “He is one of the OGs of the film crew. Been here a long time. Really nice guy.”

Patterson played football in middle school but sat out his freshman season.

“I just didn’t feel like playing anymore,” he said.

Without football, he had little to keep him busy.

“I just wanted to be doing something instead of staying in my house all the time -- actually do something after school and before school,” he said.

The film crew gave him the outlet he needed. He plans to film basketball games and track meets next and looks forward to returning for football in the summer.

Benjamin Martin, a junior, plans to return to the film crew for a fourth year. He joined the crew as a freshman after watching his older brother, Jacob, do it for four years. Martin works one of the two digital cameras hoisted on a tall tripod near each end zone. The cameras point toward the playing field, and coaches study the film.

“They can look to see if the players lined up right and if they cover the holes right on defense and if the offensive line blocked right,” Martin said.

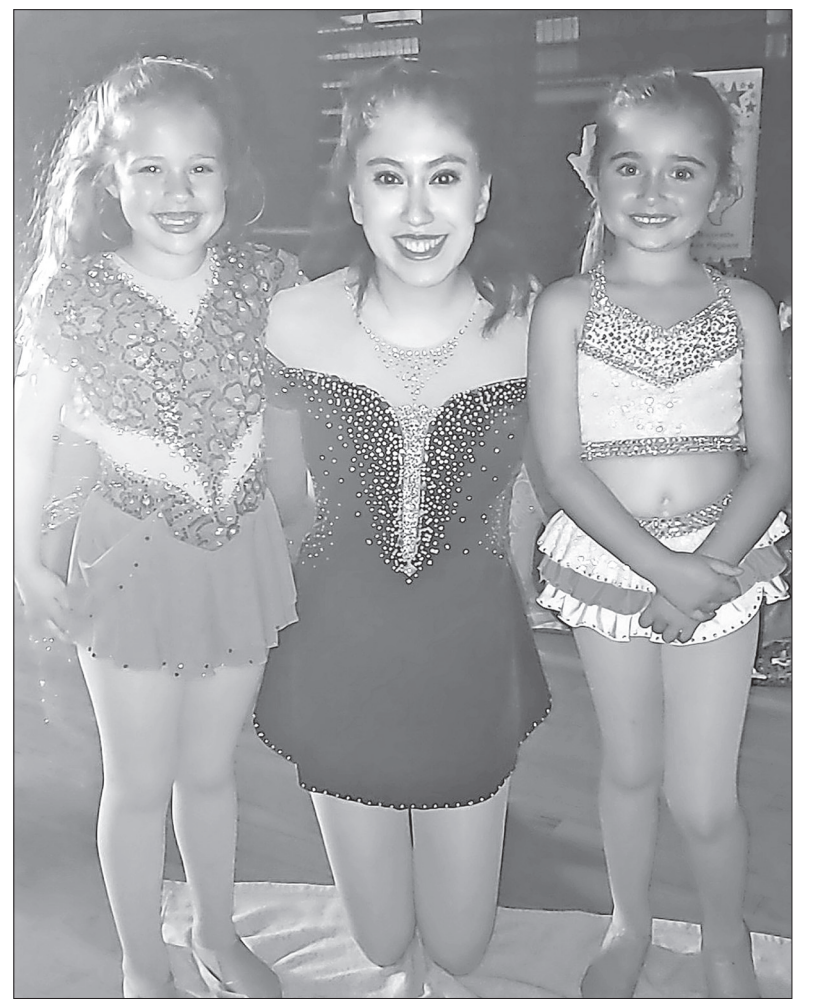
His duties include making sure batteries are charged and camera cards are cleared before games and ensuring a clear focus. Strong winds can make focusing difficult.

The camera mount “will start shaking,” Martin said. “You’ve got to make sure that it doesn’t shake a lot. You’ve got to lower the camera down.”

Isaiah Bliss, a junior, plans to return to the crew his senior year and continue filming sporting events at college.

“If you do it well enough, you can hopefully get a scholarship for it, which is what my goal is,” he said.

TWIRLER, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1B.



Garcia loves inspiring young people to become twirlers like herself.

Courtesy Photo

Garcia figures she’s able to do it all as a twirler. She dances and glitters, cheers and twirls and choreographs her own routines.

Twirling is “like the combination of absolutely everything else,” she said.

As she was speaking, the Hor-

nets scored a touchdown – the loud horns made sure everyone knew. It was time for Garcia to go back to work. She tossed her baton high into the night sky and waited with a big smile for it to come back down.

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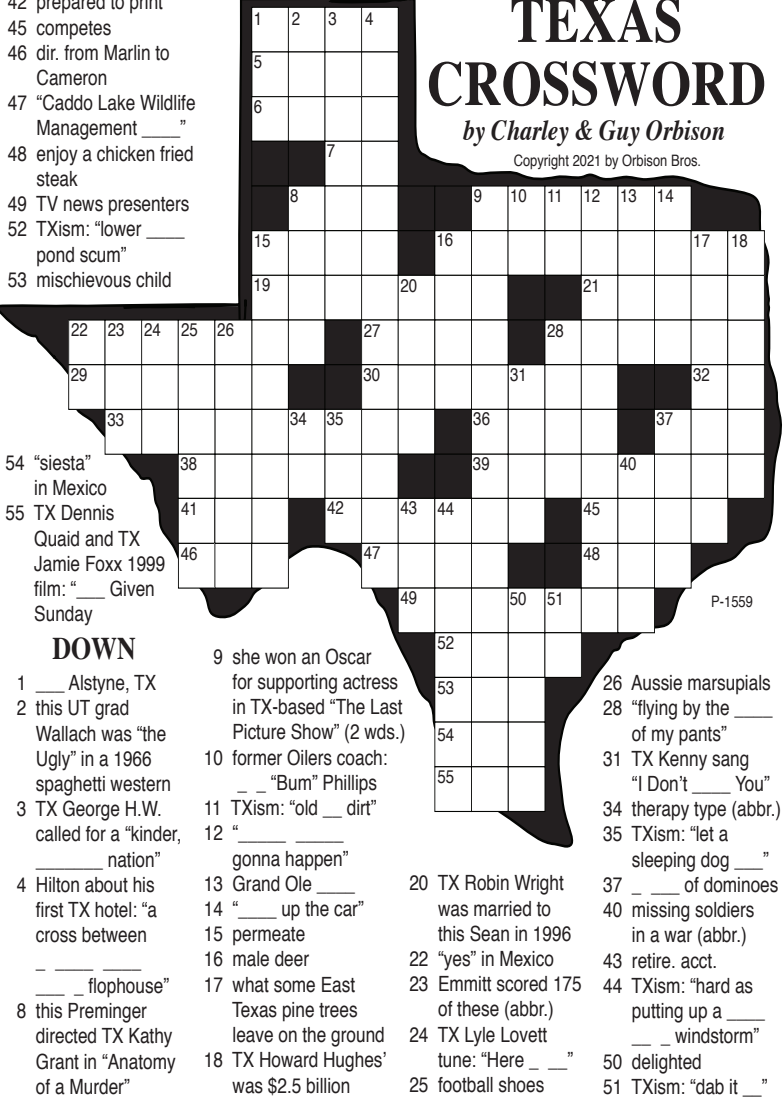
**ACROSS**

- this town is Spanish word for "meadow"
- TXism: "ain't got \_\_\_ to stand on"
- Pacific climate pattern: "El \_\_\_"
- first Dallas Cowboys head coach (init.)
- TXism: "\_\_\_ as sin"
- Dolly song: "\_\_\_ Many Colors"
- TXism: "a real winder" (exciting)
- not a native tree in East Texas (2 wds.)
- Thanksgiving trek: \_\_\_ grandpa's
- city in France
- TXism: "\_\_\_ your guns" (retain your belief)
- TXism: "within hollerin' distance"
- slender surgical probe
- in Lubbock County on U.S. 62 & 82
- car motors
- elect county prosecutor (abbr.)
- political campaign to discredit an opponent? (2 wds.)
- this Elliott's #32 has been retired by the San Antonio Spurs
- keyboard key
- Sammy Sosa is \_\_\_ American
- ex-Ranger outfielder
- TXism: "never \_\_\_ you sweat"
- "tit for \_\_\_"
- prepared to print
- competes
- dir. from Marlin to Cameron
- "Caddo Lake Wildlife Management \_\_\_"
- enjoy a chicken fried steak
- TV news presenters
- TXism: "lower \_\_\_ pond scum"
- mischievous child
- "siesta" in Mexico
- TX Dennis Quaid and TX Jamie Foxx 1999 film: "\_\_\_ Given Sunday"
- Alstyne, TX
- this UT grad Wallach was "the Ugly" in a 1966 spaghetti western
- TX George H.W. called for a "kinder, \_\_\_ nation"
- Hilton about his first TX hotel: "a cross between \_\_\_ flophouse"
- this Preminger directed TX Kathy Grant in "Anatomy of a Murder"
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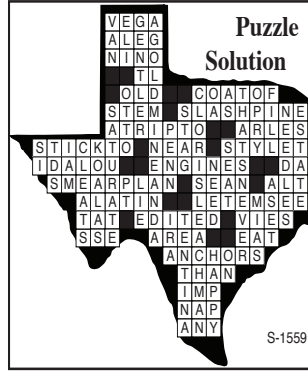
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