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Azle Optimists honor 20 local students

BY JESSICA MCKINNEY azlereporter@azlenews.net

once again host their annual veloping strong individuals. Youth Appreciation Banquet on Nov. 4 at Forte Junior sen to be honored from each High.

be canceled due to COVID Williams and Azle ISD Surestrictions, forcing the or- perintendent Todd Smith preganization to postpone its sented awards to the 20 stu-41st banquet.

posted the flag and led those activities as well as their schoin attendance in the Pledge lastic achievements. of Allegiance.

Michael Hall from Strong Fathers, Strong Families

was the guest speaker. Hall congratulated the students and their families and ex-Members of the Azle Op- pounded on the importance timist Club were excited to of engaged families in de-

Two students were chocampus within the district. Last year's banquet had to Optimist Club President Leon dents who were selected for Boy Scout Troop 175 their community and school

SEE **OPTIMIST**, PAGE 3A. Optimist Club of Azle.



Twenty students from Azle were honored during the 41st annual Youth Appreciation Banquet hosted by the Photo by Jessica McKinney

AAMA hosting annual Thanksgiving meal



Voters pass one of two bonds for Azle High School

BY JESSICA MCKINNEY

Low voter turnout this school bond measures.

County voter turnout was intendent Todd Smith. about 10.7%.

ments to the kitchen and building projects. cafeteria, science lab renoexpansion.

Prop B, which would

azlereporter@azlenews.net the 50-year-old field house, most districts across the failed by just 275 votes.

"Tuesday was very tough year doomed one of two for many school districts, so A will allow us to address to have a proposition pass is many of the needs identi-Tarrant County only saw a huge win for our commu- fied by the committee," a 13.4% turnout. Parker nity," said Azle ISD Super- Smith said. "Proposition B

Azle Independent School from BOK Financial Se-District had two bond pack- curities, only 45.9% of ages on the ballot this elec- public school bond propo- address our current needs tion, both addressing needs sitions were approved by at the high school campus. Texas voters statewide this ated with the district's rapid Voters approved Bond A by election cycle, including a growth, while remaining 462 votes. The \$24,084,000 \$1.211 billion bond pack- good stewards of Azle ISD bond will pay for improve- age for Fort Worth ISD tax dollars."

vations, and welding shop ing for school bonds was at rating with a district score 70.2% since 2016.

ments to the band and the- those focused on fine arts the past 10 years.

ater facilities and renovated and athletics, and failed in state.

"The approval of Prop items, as well as other dis-According to a report trict issues, still remain. We will continue to move forward and develop plans to and the challenges associ-

Azle ISD has received an The average approval rat- A- Superior Achievement of 100 through the Finan-The bond proposals that cial Integrity Rating Syshave brought improve- took the hardest hit were tem of Texas (FIRST) for

Popcorn Players have been entertaining Azle for 23 years

BY JESSICA McKINNEY azlereporter@azlenews.net

For 23 years, the Azle Arts Association has entertained local audiences.

The original group — consisting of 10 actors, a director, and a piano man named Terry Randolph — set up a production of "Dogsbreath Deveraux, The Dastardly Doctor" in a field with a borrowed tent, set pieces and lights, and a dream of bringing the arts to the Azle community.

"On a hot night in August 1998 in a field along the service road of Hwy. 199, the ing Azle: Monica Goth, Ro- up of fun shows that promise Azle Arts Popcorn Players zanne Gann, Scott Nurmela, to entertain young and old were born.," the organization's website says.

Today, five of the original members are still entertain- Association produces a line-



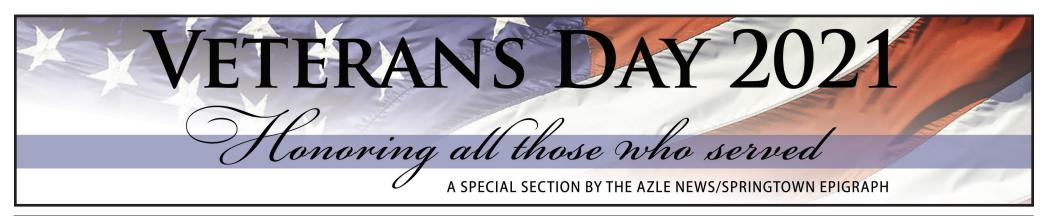
Rozanne Gann (left) as Mrs. Peacock; Lisha Nurmela as Mrs. White; Scott Nurmela as Professor Plum; and Gwen Gibbons as Miss Scarlet in this month's production of 'Clue on Stage' **Courtesy Photo**

Carol Braden, and Gwen alike. Gibbons.

Every year, the Azle Arts

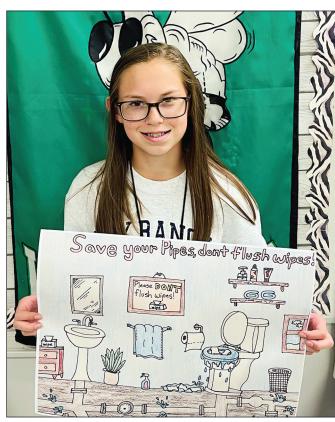
The Popcorn Players in-

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AJH 7th grader wins art contest



Seventh grader Rachel Harder's artwork was chosen as the winner from hundreds of entries received from students in 17 different Texas counties within the Trinity River Basin.

BY JESSICA McKINNEY azlereporter@azlenews.net

Rachel Harder, a seventh tually on Nov. 10. grader at Azle Junior High, was selected as a winner in an art contest that received more than 500 entries from 17 Texas counties.

The Trinity River Authority (TRA) holds an annual art contest for students in the of our awesome Azle Art first through eighth grade who live in the Trinity River Basin. Each year, there is a Junior High School with different theme that helps her winning artwork in the raise awareness about water Trinity River Authority conservation and protecting Art Contest, in which she the water supply. This year's depicted the "Save Your theme was "Save Your Pipes, Don't Flush Wipes" Pipes, Don't Flush Wipes."

A winner is chosen from each grade level. An awards ceremony is being held vir-

Karen Romo, Harder's art teacher at AJH, encouraged all of her students to submit their own unique projects for this year's contest.

"I am so proud of the dedication and talent of all students, and so proud of Rachel, representing Azle theme," Romo said.

Azle Rotary honors students for academic work



Azle seniors were honored Nov. 4 at the Rotary Club luncheon. Mr. Cobb (left) introduced each student: Andrew Roecker, Brenna Ingle, Emma Walker, and Conner Bennett. Rotary President Justin Berg (right) presented each student with their certificates. Photo by Jessica McKinney

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Four Azle High School seniors were honored for their academic achievements at the Azle Rotary GPA of 101.89. luncheon on Nov. 4.

Andrew Roecker plans to attend Texas A&M University to study engineering. He will be a part of the university's Air Force ROTC program and will later enlist in the U.S. Air Force.

Society. He is ranked No. senior class. 26 in his class and holds a

there, she wants to study change. meteorology.

Roecker has been an ac- member of the ASL Club tional Honor Society. She is tive member of the Interact and National Honor Soci- ranked No. 17 and holds a Club at AHS and is a mem- ety. She has a 102.60 GPA 102.59 GPA. ber of the National Honor and is ranked No. 16 in her

include attending the Uni- aerospace engineering. Brenna Ingle is decid- versity of Texas in Austin,

Ingle has been active with with band and ASL Club ranked No. 39 in his class band all four years and is a member of the Na- and holds a GPA of 100.69.

Conner Bennett has been accepted to Texas A&M Uni-Emma Walker's fall plans versity and he plans to study

Bennett has been active ing between Texas A&M where she will study envi- with the PALs program at University and its Cor- ronmental science so that AHS, allowing him to spend pus Christi campus. While she can focus on climate time with younger students, and is a member of the Na-Walker has been active tional Honor Society. He is





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Parker County SWAT team honored for call response

FROM STAFF REPORTS

unit was honored for responding to a call for assistance from the Jacksboro Police Department Oct. 16.

A ceremony Thursday recognized the Parker County and Tactics Team (SWAT).

"Jacksboro Police called for our assistance Oct. 16, is considered routine given during a barricaded suspect incident following a felony assault event," Sheriff Russ Authier said.

the suspect had beaten a female with a pipe wrench techniques. then barricaded himself inside the home.

Parker County Regional SWAT Commander Ben quirements mandated by the SWAT member is meeting Overholt said his team responded to the call with team, negotiations, firearms, certainly proud of our SWAT Jacksboro Police.

tiations with the barricaded said. "Each team member expertise."

suspect after surrounding maintains multiple function-A regional SWAT team the home," Overholt said. ing roles. We train and oper-"We made entry when we re- ate as a team, and not just as ceived no response from the individual deputies." suspect and cleared the residence. During our sweep of ber of the Parker County Rethe home, we discovered the gional SWAT team is a highsuspect was deceased from ly-sought-after position by Regional Special Weapons an apparent self-inflicted most deputies who join the gunshot wound."

Overholt said no call-out Sheriff's Office.

Authier said being a memranks of the Parker County

"We respond in joint cothe heightened circum- operation with other agenstances surrounding each cies knowing that a collaborincident. The Parker County ative effort is the foundation Regional SWAT team trains of a successful law enforce-Jacksboro Police reported extensively on a regular ba- ment response," Authier sis with the latest gear and said. "The SWAT team has assisted a variety of agen-"We set minimum stan- cies throughout Northcentral dards in our training which Texas over the years. The exceeds the minimum re- minimum standards for each state for our collateral duty an exemplary status. We are vehicle maneuvers, law up- team and we thank them for "We attempted nego- dates and room entries," he volunteering their time and

POPCORN, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1A.

vite the community to take Plate in the Café du Grand start at 7:30 p.m. Sunday part, whether by taking part Boeuf." in a production — on stage through donations. Membership in the Azle Arts Association is \$20 annually and costs.

season This "Farce of Habit," the folof Nature;" "Daddy's Dyin', in a classic whodunnit. Who's Got the Will?;" "The

or behind the scenes — or up with a final production of seating capacity for perfor-"Clue On Stage" through the mances. end of November.

Performances open Fri-Savannah Sipping Soci- day, Nov. 12, with additional ing January production of ety;" "The Great Ice Cream shows on Nov. 13-14, 19-21. "Dearly Beloved" will be Scheme;" and "An Empty Friday and Saturday shows held Nov. 30.

matinees are at 2:30 p.m. The 2021 season will wrap The theater is back to full

Tickets are \$15 for adults, Described as a "mad- \$12 for seniors and stuhelps pay for production cap comedy that will keep dents, and \$10 for Sunday you guessing until the final matinee performances. Purfeatured twist," the production is chase tickets online at <u>www.</u> based on the cult classic film azlearts.org, or call 817-238low-up to last year's "Farce featuring oddball characters PLAY (7529) for reservations.

Auditions for the upcom-

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AZLE HIGH SCHOOL

Leah North Caden Christian

AZLE JUNIOR HIGH

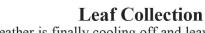
Claire Norvell Wyatt Hicks



News from Azle City Hall

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





The weather is finally cooling off and leaves are beginning to fall. Just a reminder - CWD will collect no more than 10 bags

of leaves on your second collection day. Any amount of bagged leaves over 10 will be collected on your next week's second collection day. If you have questions, please contact CWD at 817-795-9300. For more tips, visit the City of Azle website at: cityofazle.org

Azle Memorial Library Updates 333 W. Main St., Azle, TX 76020 | 817-752-2682 | www.azlelibrary.org

Upcoming Closures

The Library will close November 25 - 27 for the Thanksgiving holiday. The library will also close December 4 for Christmas on Main Street. Outside return drops and access to your account online remain available 24/7.

Brainfuse HelpNow

We have a new resource at the Library! Brainfuse HelpNow is an on-demand eLearning for all ages and levels. Students can access live tutoring, writing assistance, and test prep. The Lifelong Learning section for adults provides resume assistance, career resources, and more. Brainfuse HelpNow is FREE to use for Azle Memorial Library cardholders. Visit the Digital Resources

SANTO FORTE JUNIOR HIGH

Reese Jeter Tucker Blagg

AZLE ELEMENTARY

Ella Booten Landon McGuirk

HOOVER ELEMENTARY

Kimree Johnston Cooper Peek

CROSS TIMBERS ELEMENTARY

Brooke Comrie Grayson Walls

Michael Hall of Strong Fathers, Strong Families was the quest speaker during Thursday night's banquet. Photo by Jessica McKinney

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Shelby Laack Benjamin Cordova

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ELEMENTARY

Tenley Ramon Gatlin Reed



Alexis Morgan Samuel Carlson

EAGLE HEIGHTS **ELEMENTARY**

Nevaeh Huerta Colby Pendleton



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webpage on the library website and try it today.

Storytime Reminder

Storytime is on a temporary break and will not meet in November or December. We hope your family continues to visit the Library to have fun with books, toys, computers, and coloring pages available now in the Children's section. For updates on the return of Storytime, please check the Library website, newsletter, or follow us on social media.

FREE In-Person Programs

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

- **LEGO Club**: For all ages. LEGOS provided by Library. 11/17 @ 4:30 PM
- Sweet Treat Read Aloud & Craft: Children, ages 4-10, and their families can attend this FREE program to hear stories about sweet treats and then decorate a cookie-themed craft! 12/18 @ 10:30 AM

For Adults:

- Main Street Book Club: Join us for a lively discussion of the month's • book choice. Meets on the third Tuesday of every month at 6 PM. Upcoming titles listed at azlelibrary.org
- Unbound Book Club: Participants are invited to discuss book likes and dislikes, current reads, and more! Next meeting is 12/30 @ 6 PM.
- Treasures from the Kimball Collection: A Kimball Art Museum docent will present a closer look at the favorite and iconic works from the Museum's permanent collection. FREE to attend. For adults only. Takes place on Thursday 11/11 at 6:30 PM.
- Arts & Chats: Get ready for some winter crafting (& chatting) as we make a festive holiday gnome decoration. FREE to attend. For adults only. Takes place on Thursday 12/2 @ 6:30 PM.
- Winter Music Program: Listen to an evening of holiday music featuring bass players from the Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra. Advanced registration required. To register call 817-752-2682. For adults and families with older children/teens. Takes place on Thursday 12/9 @ 7 PM.



Holiday Schedule

Azle City offices will close Thurs/Fri, November 25 & 26, in observance of Thanksgiving. Cross Timbers

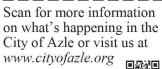
Golf Course will be closed on Thanksgiving Day.

Police and Fire services will be available by calling 817-444-3221, or 911 in case of an emergency. For water or sewer emergencies, please call 817-444-3221.

Residential trash/recycling collection will slide one day; Thursday to Friday, Friday to Saturday.

For Commercial front load, split Thursday service between Wednesday and Friday.

For additional information, please contact CWD at 817-795-9300 ext 2.





Never in a **bazillion years!**

I love surprises! How about you?

I don't mean the "jump out at you and give you a heart attack kind."

I mean the "I never would have expected this-in a good way" kind.

There's a favorite word of mine that I don't often hear used-but I try to insert it as something special comoften as possible.

ity" (or serendipitous).

the word is "to come upon that's not important at the days and all my hours." good luck or favorable cir- moment. (Maybe I'll share cumstances by accident."

I like to frame it this way: the unexpected.

way I have used it:

"If you are the smartest pened related to this event me. person in the room, don't that I never would have exset out to prove it; let it be a pected in a bazillion years! serendipitous discovery for quote me on that).

Of course I've also heard post. it said that if you are the smartest person in the room you are probably in the want to miss: we have serwrong room!

endipity happened to me attention and if we are pre- day. many years ago when I de- paring ourselves. cided to start working on a doctorate and had no idea How do you prepare for unhow I was going to pay for expected moments of amaz- in what you did today?" it.

One day I got a note in the mail from one of my church members. In it was a check focused at the beginning of ing. It was only in reflecting that was enough to cover each day on what matters my plane ticket to San Fran- most. cisco (and other expenses) for one of my seminars. The hymn text of the day (which between a red leather skirt important part of my daily and you. You won."

This lady was almost 80 "All for Jesus" written by years old!



some after it's over).

Even today, something hap-

I'm so much in shock

intended focus for today's

endipitous opportunities

Get your heart and mind

This morning I read my

It is a big deal!

Preparing

ingness?

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.discovervouramazing.com.

Mrs. Sweetie and I have lished in 1871.

The first stanza says, "All ing up next year. It's really for Jesus, all for Jesus! All That word is "serendip- a once in a lifetime kind my being's ransomed powof deal. I'm not going to ers; All my thoughts and The proper definition of share the details because words and doings, All my

For me, as a follower of Jesus, I need to begin each I can't begin to tell you day re-centering myself on to be pleasantly amazed by the serendipitous moments my identity as a worshiper that have happened since on mission to live out the Here's one example of the we started planning this. Christ-life. Everything I do is because of who He is in

> 2. Trust that your life matters to God.

Back in those days of doceveryone else." (You may over it that it changed my toral study I was required to keep a journal every day for six months. No exceptions, no excuses. Every day. In But here's what I don't the morning, I journaled my plans/preparations for the day. In the evening, I jour-Another example of ser- every day if we're paying naled my reflections on the

> One question that I had to ourselves? answer every day at the end of the day: "Where was God

Sometimes I didn't see Two things come to mind: the serendipitous moments when they were happenback over the day that I often said, "Well, how about that!"

Serendipity is not always note said, "I had to choose many readers know is an a big deal, but it is always an opportunity to be amazed rhythm). Today's hymn was by how God loves us.

Be amazing today, my Mary D. James and pub- friend.

Living Through Your Worst Day Ever

Rolling through life a man learns it has its ups and downs. No matter how well he believes his life is going, it is inevitable there will come a day where dark clouds will appear, storms arise, and you simply feel like nothing is going right. I of Mondays ago.

night before. There was no dry on top was wet through reality of the situation. specific reason why, just a and through from the rain lot of thoughts on my mind the day prior, and left a principal's office in the 7th and it seemed like I tossed large, round wet spot on the grade for fighting Charles and turned for an eternity. I seat of my trousers! had not been at work more than a few minutes when I day! It had been a frustrating inadvertently spilled cof- day or an aggravating day at fee on the front of my shirt. a minimum. It did make me basketball, was never in the There was a pile of work on think of a time when I was a top 5 of worst days..ever... my desk, and it desperately young man and I mentioned I just thought they were the needed to be addressed, but to my Grandfather I was hav- day they happened! I was my phone kept ringing and ing "the worst day ever" and scared, or hurt, disappointed one person from the staff he looked up from whittling or ashamed, and for a day after the other had an issue and said, "Remember, you or a week circumstances which required my imme- have already survived your might have stung, but then diate attention. I became so worst day ever. This day will life went on. Perspective is preoccupied with handling pass too". those issues, I forgot to go to my scheduled haircut ap- statement. We all have bad been a little out of sorts, but pointment that morning! In days. Days where things do my wife still loves me, and we the afternoon, a client who not go the way we want. You love our home. I work with I had worked relentlessly might remember the worst the best people at the best to schedule an appointment day of your life; it might be community newspapers in called and cancelled which the day your mother died, or Texas. I live in a great town in wiped out a week's planning you lost a child, or the day the great state of Texas. Now and preparation. On my way of some other tragedy. But if how in the heck could I ever home I stopped at the clean- I asked you to name the 5th ers and found my shirts were worse day of your life, I bet not ready as promised. I ar- you could not do it, could Nothing is as bad as it seems rived home and went out to you? Nope, we humans want nor does it last as long as my deck to look at the wa- to feel sorry for ourselves you think! ter, relax and let the cares of sometimes when we do not



MY FRONT PORCH By Sam Houston

Sam Houston is a newspaper executive, a columnist, author, actor and entertainment promoter.

Lot of wisdom in that

had a day like that a couple the day drift away when I get our way, usually to the sat down in the chair only to point of making things much I had slept very poorly the find the seat cushion, though worse in our head than the

> For me, getting sent to the Snyder, getting turned down No, it had not been a good for a date in high school by Pam Lovan, or losing to Mercy High at Regionals in everything!

My Monday may have say I had a bad day?

Thought for the day:

Until next time!



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Gary Borders is a veteran award-winning Texas journal-

ist. He published a number of community newspapers in Texas during a 30-year span, including in Longview, Fort Stockton, Nacogdoches and Cedar Park.

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Wituaries

Garland "Skipper" Davis 1939 - 2021

Garland "Skipper" Thomas Davis, 82, of Azle, Texas, passed away peacefully on October 1, 2021, surrounded by his loving daughters.

His children request a celebration of life as opposed to a traditional funeral service. We request all of Skipper's loved ones to join us in celebrating his life on November 13, 2021, at 1621 E Reno Rd, Azle, TX 76020

Skipper was born on February 1, 1939, to Garland Worth, Texas.

Emma Jean Murphree; sis- grandchildren. ter Shirley Dodson; brother Phillip Davis, and son Kelly Holden.



He is survived by daugh-Hardin Davis and Emma ter Amye Huddleston and he settled back in Azle and Jean Murphree in Fort husband Doyle, daughter met his wife, Helen. Kathleena Davis, daugh-Skipper was preceded ter Cynthia Holden and son by his parents, Vancil and nephews, and cousins. in death by his father Gar- Bobby Davis; and several Audrey Trammell. land Hardin Davis; mother grandchildren and great

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Larry Wayne Trammell 1946 - 2021

CPO, Larry Retired Wayne Trammell, 72, went to be with Lord surrounded by his family on October 28, 2021, after a courageous battle with cancer.

Memorial service will be Nov. 20, at Crossroads Baptist Church at 1 p.m.

Larry was born July 8, 1946. He grew up in Azle and graduated from Azle High School in 1968. After traveling the world and serv-

Left to cherish his memo-



dren; 24 grandchildren; six great granddaughters; two

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Levi Jeffrey Hill 1996 - 2021

Levi Jeffrey Hill passed away on November 1, 2021, at the age of 25.

Join his family in celebration of his life at his visitation from 6-8 p.m. on Friday, November 12, and his service at 11 a.m. on Saturday, the November 13, both at Biggers Funeral Home in Lake Worth, Texas.

He is survived by a large and loving family. Levi was born on January 4, 1996 in Fort Worth, Texas and grew up and attended school in his smile and the light that Azle, Texas.

Levi was a talented and proficient prankster who brought laughter and joy everywhere he went. He will



always be remembered for he brought into everyone's lives.

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TexSCAN Week of

SHEET.

Young appointed to **Texas Supreme Court CAPITOL HIGHLIGHTS**

By Gary Borders

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Evan Young, a former He earned his law degree Court Justice Antonin Scaney general.

legal scholar and public servant, making him an ideal pick for the Supreme Court of Texas," Abbott said. "Evan's extensive background in private practice and public service will be a fantastic addition to the bench, and I am confident that he will faithfully defend the Constitution and uphold the rule of law for the people of Texas."

Young is a partner at the Baker Botts law firm in Austin and previously served as counsel to the U.S. attorney general, where he spent a year on detail to the U.S. embassy in Baghdad, Iraq.

The annual cash report from the state comptroller outlines the economic damage caused by the CO-VID-19 pandemic. From August 2019 to August 2020, the state's economy lost 616,600 non-farm jobs, largely from the economic aftershocks of the pandemic and a drop in energy prices. However, sales tax collections, a major part of the state's revenue, increased two-tenths of a percent in 2020 because of increases in retail spending that offset declines in oil and gasrelated sectors.

Sales tax collections comprise nearly 60% of the state's total revenues, according to the comptroller's office.

LEGAL PUBLIC NOTICES

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-16 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE GLOBAL OPIOID SETTLEMENT DOCUMENTS, AND ADOPTING THE TEXAS TERM

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Rosson Sutton, Leah Deeb, brothers, Jay, Jimmy and Deandra Berrett and Tra-Johnny Shearman. Nancy cy Hooper; several aunts, worked for Howells Cafe for uncles, cousins, nieces and nephew; her family at How-

Nancy Shearman 1965 - 2021

Nancy Elizabeth Shearman, 55, of Azle, passed away, Thursday, November 4, 2021 in Fort Worth.

Graveside services were held on Tuesday, November 9, 2021 at 2:45 p.m. at Poolville Cemetery.

She was born December 22, 1965 in Fort Worth to Mack Donald and Wanda Sue (Whitehead) Shearman. They both preceded her in death along with her son, Daniel Manuel Abrego, over 30 years.

She is survived by her ells; and many friends. daughter, Johnnie Sue Ar-



ing in the Navy for 23 years ry is his wife, their nine chil-He was preceded in death sisters; and many nieces;

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clerk to the late Supreme from Yale. lia, has been appointed to the Texas Supreme Court JOBS DURING by Gov. Greg Abbott. He PANDEMIC will replace Justice Eva Guzman, who resigned in June to run for Texas attor-

"Evan Young is a proven

nold; brother, Donald M. Shearman; aunt, Kay Shearman; uncle, Bert Matthews; honorary sisters, Sherry

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Bidding Fri., Nov. 12, starts at 9:42 a.m. Real Estate:

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concrete floors throughout. Dozers, semi trucks, dump

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84% in El Paso to 49% in the

Victoria area of South Texas.

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Let's define a couple of

Not many of the above

West Texas.

Have you ever noticed that preachers have certain sermons that they do an especially good job on, you'll hear it every three or four years, you know an oldie but a goodie. It may be an important point that they each of the regions having performance. feel strongly about or it may involve a scripture that has an extra strong meaning to them.

Coaches call plays that over the years they have had a great amount of success with. Most teachers will spend a little more time on subject matter that they have more practical experience with or really enjoy. It's human nature.

My oldies but goodies when teaching were soils, pasture grasses, livestock nutrition, leadership, dairy cattle, arc welding, oxy-fuel cutting and welding, woodworking, electricity and several more.

My students weren't short changed in the other subject matter areas, they just got an extra dose of the areas that I really, really enjoyed teaching. When a preacher, coach, teacher or anyone else enjoys a particular thing, then their church members, players, students, children, etc. also tend to enjoy it.

This is why we have spent the last three or four Ag 101 columns visiting about soils, plants, ecoregions, climate, etc. I've always thought that it was "cool" how all of these factors have to be "right" to do a good job producing Agricultural products.

As we've talked about before, Texas is made up of ten distinct ecoregions with



similar but varied soil types, textures, structures, and to- temperatures range from 59 pography (external shape degrees Fahrenheit on the and appearance/lay of the High Plains to 74 degrees land). Along with the differ- in the Lower Rio Grande ences in soils you get differ- Valley. Average precipitaing traits such as the ability tion runs the gamut from 56 of soils to posses and hold inches in the Piney Woods of onto soil nutrients includ- East Texas to 8 inches in far ing nutrients, temperature, ing nitrogen, phosphorous, potassium, zinc, boron, iron, calcium, magnesium, sodium, sulphur, copper and Panhandle to 365 days in the manganese.

Soil pH, which is the acidity or alkalinity of the soil; ing hours which is important East Texas soils tend to have a lower pH (more acidic) es from 200 hours in deep which can be counteracted South Texas to 1200 hours by adding lime.

If the fertilizer that you possible sunshine runs from have been using has ammonium sulfate instead of ammonium nitrate as a source of nitrogen your soils could mentioned ecoregion charhave a tendency to be more acteristics can be changed by acidic because of the sulphur. Soil pH can also in- adjusted. These factors must terfere with the availability be within certain ranges for of certain soil nutrients that native or selected introduced are needed by plants. Soil plants to be successful. porosity is also a trait that comes along with soil tex- terms here. Native plants are ture; it is the rate at which those that grow in an area moisture moves through a naturally; their requirements specific soil. Sandy soils for survival and success are usually have a higher poros- met by the soil and climatic ity rate. Now let's add in the traits that naturally occur in climatic variables listed be- the area. Introduced plants low that definitely influence are those that are not nanative plant species found in tive but have been brought an area or introduced plants into the area; their requirethat are selected for the area ments for survival and sucalong with their growth and cessful production should

be checked out and matched up with the growth factors available in the region/area.

A couple of other items that should be considered before attempting to use introduced plants are insects and other predators present along with the presence/ amount of ground water available for use in irrigation.

Each of these soil or climatic conditions can be a limiting factor; if just one of the requirements includprecipitation, light, etc. are not met the plant will not perform as it should even though all of the other factors are supplied. Everything has to "click" in order for Agriculture to be a successful supplier of food, fabric, shelter and energy.

There's a lot more to it than sticking seed in the ground, adding a little bit of fertilizer and some rainwater to make it work. Or buying a calf, putting him in a Coastal patch and expecting quality beef in 9 months. It's hard work and you have a lot of things beyond your control that you have to work against to have a positive outcome. This most likely is the biggest reason that less than 2% of the population of the U.S.A. are involved in production Agriculture.

If you haven't figured it out yet this area of Agricultural Science is one of my "oldies, but goodies"; my students would receive a plentiful dose of this information. Maybe even more than they signed up for! 'til next time.

ESD 1 to add **20 firefighters** next year

FROM STAFF REPORTS dramatic increase in emer-

gency Services District 1 1 Board of Commission-

maintain minimum staff- make sure our citizens ing levels, according to have adequate delivery of ESD 1, with most shifts service when they need it currently staffed with 16 most." firefighters.

daily staffing levels up to do, the Annettas, Spring-23 firefighters on duty town, Peaster, Poolville, across the ESD 1 territory the Morning Star MUD, - 24 hours a day, seven and the Silver Creek and days a week, 365 days a La Junta communities. year - including the battalion chief/shift com- continue to deliver on mander position that ESD our mission to protect 1 filled earlier this year.

earlier this year approved our communities have received 60% of the vote. improve their protection,"

al firefighters, as well as Watson said. construction of new fire stations, is part of the pected to be filled in early strategic plan adopted 2022. Certified Firefightby ESD 1 after conduct- er/EMTs interested in ing its master plan study working for ESD 1 should with Emergency Services monitor the district's web-Consulting International site (<u>www.pcesd1.com</u>) in 2020.

"We have experienced a for updates.

A plan to hire 20 addi- gency call volume due to tional full-time firefighters the rapid growth across in the 2021-22 fiscal year the county, with over a was recently approved by 26% increase in calls for the Parker County Emer- service year to date," ESD Board of Commissioners. ers President Mark Jack It is often a struggle to said. "It is important to

ESD 1 is the Fire/Res-The new hires will bring cue Department for Ale-

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Benjamin Andrews, Richard Andrews, Andrew Avila, Kelyn Cline, Haylee Collins, Kaylee Creacy, Adley Daniels, Hailey Dillard, Lillie Edwards, Paxton Elliott, Joslyn Garcia, Aiden Gardner, Charli Hanson, Finley Hard, Taylor Heimann, Cassandra Humble, Clifford Johnson, Logan Lanfear, Sophia Lopez, Alex Maqueda, Carson Marsland, Andrea Masicampo, Layla Matheson, Jett Mazza, Juan Mendieta Maldonado, Koby Miller, Madison Monagle, Sapphira Newbury, Emily Nieboer, Addyson Pannell, William Patrick, Gabriel Phillips, Hope Rigdon, Sophia Roark, Landon Roepker, Raiden Rogers, Marilyn Rubio, Reese Schluter, Khloe Solis, Dylan Stone, Riley Taylor, Caleb Thornbrough, Savannah Tidwell, Garrett Washburn, Serenity Wells, Lauri Wolfe, Cooper Womack,

5TH GRADE AB

Allison Amyett, Athena Ary, Maci August, Layla Beltran, Korbyn Braswell, Leilani Bravo, Kenzi Brott, Benjamin Burock, Aubrey Chairez, Ayari Chavez, Christopher Clark, Noah Click, Bristyl Connellee, Kylieann Deanda, Canyen Dery, Denver Donaldson, Justin Dooley, Serenity Douglas, Dean Ford, Zayden Forsythe, Baylor Frey, Aiden Garcia, Victorria Garcia, Shelby Gibson, Maximiliano Gomez, Griffin Goodwin, Raylen Graham, Tifa Guerrero, Chase Hall, Emory Hamaker, Cheyanne Hamilton, Hunter Hill, Logan Hublard, Parker Hullum, Kenan Jenkins, Jordyn Johnston, Elisa Juarez, Hunter Knight, Kaylee Kukulka, Braxdon Lavender, Abigail Lee, Elizabeth Lenard, Adam Lester, Liam Lynn, Madison Martin, Liliam Martinez, Chloe Mclain, Joe Mcmorris, Emily Mena, Ethan Meyer, Kazdyn Miller, Max Minard, Francisco Montiel, Amy Moreno-Flores, Brelynn Morgan, Sage Mosier, Jazmin Neri, Briana Osornio, Channing Pacheco, Kamryn Paschal, Jose Paz Hernandez, Kierstin Perez, Stephanie Pulido, Nicholas Reed, Samantha Rodriguez, Braylee Searcy, Logan Shelton, Leilanny Solorzano Gomez, Ryan Squires, Kaidence Summers, Brianna Tello, Isaac Thompson, Aubrey Thornbrough, Hope Tisdale, Abilene Torres, Brendan True, Ivy True, Edgar Valdez, Sabrina Valenzuela, Laci Vivanco, Corbin Washer, Nolan Weaver, Mason Webster, Cadence Wiley, Jaiden Williams, John Wayne Wilson, Sovay Witherspoon, Zaylyn Woods,

6TH GRADE AB

Raymond Alexander, Nathan Allen, Isabell Arguello, Bryan Azmitia, Caleb Barbaro, Nayomi Caldwell, Vyncent Capps, Johnathan Champ, Dalton Chapman, Laeken Crawford, Matthew Crider, Teresa Cruz, Victor Cruz, Michelle Cuevas, Brystol Curry, Bella Dewveall, Zacheriah Dollar, Joselyn Duran, Hernando Echeverry, Jaxon Evans, Aiden Frias, Eduardo Garcia, Jaiden Garcia, Lizet Garcia, Caydence Giancaspro, Kelly Gomez, Zaela Goodman, Maria Goodner, Aubrey Hamilton, Brooklynn Harris, Regan Hartenberger, Madison Hawkins, Martin Hernandez, Lance Hodges, Charley Horton, Jeremy Hossain, Joel Hoyt, Ava Inglish, Michael Jacobs, Cooper Johnson, Kimree Johnston, Dylan Koch, Trinity Lassetter, Landon Leach, Bryce Lenington, Adrian Lopez, Jose-Luis Lozano, Jax Lup, Giuxi Martin, Zoey Martinez, Makenzie Mcdonough, Natalie Mcgee, Jonlyn Meissner, Angel Mejia, Bella Menchaca, Viviana Mendoza, Aiden Metheny, Adrian Miller, Tristyn Milligan, Carly Mobley, Garrett Morrow, Corbin Myers, Justin Nadin, Toby Norton, Matthew Ocana, Isac Ojodeagua, Paytin Overacker, Evan Owens, Shilynn Owens, Aiden Parong, Emily Perez, Jared Perez, Raymond Petty, Allison Phillips, Joshua Phillips, Megan Pickney, Timothy Pierce, Alexis Poole, Hagen Reed, Lucas Revelle, Lily-Ann Rogers, Kimber Schmidt, Camila Silva, Sarai Silva, Isabella Smith, Brylon Soria, Aaron Stapleton, Allie Stephens, Sabra Tarter, Treven Tittle, Lilianna Trigueros, Dillon Tunnell, Rhiley Van Dewater, Jade Vela, Mckynlee Walden, Hunter Walls, Tony Wise, Gregory Wishard, Jacob Zaiger

LIBERTY ELEMENTARY

1ST GRADE A HONOR ROLL

Esti Aldridge, Grayson Burrhus, Robert Calk, Emily Chairez, Adalynn Chesnut, Korbin Davis, Denton Donaldson, Azalia Galvan, Mackenzie Garner, Easton Grabiel, Audrie Grezeszak, Mila Harmon, Evan Hoyt, Julianna Hughes, Mason Kacmarynski, Kennedy Leach, Leonardo Lopez, Riley Reed, Kaiis Robinson, Emma Maqueda, Jordan Morrow, David Olofson, Henry Smiley, Logan Sorrow, Keagan Thompson, Xander Varnado, Leann Williams

Sawyer, Hayley Squires, Cora True

3RD GRADE A HONOR ROLL

Gilberto Beltran, Denise Iniguez, Aydenn Piedra,

4TH GRADE A HONOR ROLL

Serenity Andrews, Jaxon Childress, Brooke Comrie, Dace Gonzales, Willow King, Colton Mahoney, Dylan Morland, Anna Patrick, Owen Polson, Brooke Schluter, Raelyn Williams, Claire Womble

1ST GRADE AB

Kohen Alexander, Levi Beale, Whitney Brannan, Lauren Cochran, Sarah Coti, Brendyn Downs, Melanie Gonzalez, Ava Hall, Haley Hills, Jason Jackson, Thomas Jeter, Conner Landers, Israel Longoria Hernandez, Gladys Nabiryanga, Hazel Nelson, William Petit, Cierra Raines, Trinity Rangel, Landon Raymond, Abel Riddle, Deklynn Shults, Corban Stringer, Isabella Taylor, Henry Thomas, Gabriella Torres

2ND GRADE AB

Kelsey Alvarez Caudillo, Levi Barbaro, Paityn Bostick, Grecia Cardenas, Jessica Cato, Brandon Echeverry, Preston Friberg, Sofia Gamboa, Avery Halstead, Mason Hawkins, Vada Hernandez, Aaron Howard, Isabella Juarez, Hunter Kamody, Angela Mena, Tinsley Moss, Aden Nelson, Valerie Piedra, Dylynn Pitman, Isabella Pumilia, Breya Rigdon, Amia Rivera, Landyn Roblez, Rilynn Santana, Lexi Stevens, Hayden Summers, Delilah Weed, Daniel Zatarain-Meza

3RD GRADE AB

Damian Addington, Zoe Ambrose, Abigail Andrews, Grayson Armstrong, Sydnie Avance, Jaidyn Bankston, Carter Beck, Haisten Boutte, Emma Carr, Jazlyn Donahew, Demi Drumma, Klara Ferrell, Colten Foster, David Garcia, Delilah Grawet, Dylan Hemphill, Kinsey Hills, Mia Huffman, Kylie Jorgensen, Max Kelly, Tavanne Martinez Gutierrez, Giovanni Martinez, Michael Mena, Blake Miller, Alan Montealvo, Jacob Olguin, Cassie Osterhoff, Lyric Pina, Audree Richardson, Brasen Teigen, Lewis Velasquez, Hudson Ward, Avery Williston

4TH GRADE AB

Carlos Angel, Evelyn Chavez, Rylan Collier, Caydence Combs, Aiden Cowan, Aleeya Derouen, Thomas Donofrio, Claire Dousay, Carter Farrington, Alyssa Flores, William George, Stella Gray, Laylah Groce, Emmarie Hall, Emma Hernandez, Kale Hoyt, Cristian Jaramillo, Parker Kellerman, Violet Koslan, Camila Longoria Hernandez, Marco Mena, Broderick Mudwilder, Jesus Munoz, Carly Perez, Janira Ponciano, Ali Safa, Jeremiah Sanchez, Lindsy Schmoker, Maddilyn Sloan, Juliette Torres Guerrero, Abigail Walker, Grayson Walls, Caleb Walsh, Kaylie White, Monica Williams, Kaylee Wood, Colt Wright

EAGLE HEIGHTS

1ST GRADE A HONOR ROLL

Kylie Alvarez, Ethan Austin, Airali Chavez, Wyatt Densmore, Maddison Geeslin, Samantha Gibson, Gracie Harris, Adyson Herbst, Cole Kripner, Mason Lancaster, Regan Lowe, Maisie Merritt, Gabriel Mesta, Violet Rivera, Arianna Rodriguez, Jax Seward, Brynn Sirkel, McKinleigh Stanford

2ND GRADE A HONOR ROLL

Lailah Bowers, Catalina Cedeno, Tristan Dietz, Kaniel Dotson, Leah Finger, Gennessis Gutierrez, Coraline Higgins, Kevin Hoover, Zaydyn Jones, Victoria Maldonado, Aurora Marcy, Adilynn Mastropoll, Joselyn Olguin, Stephen Pruett, Emma Renteria, Evis Rivera, Adrian Romero, Ava Souza, Jameson Willis

3RD GRADE A HONOR ROLL

Kendall Allsup, Kayla Anderson, Briggs Baker, Logan Haiderer, Austin Quick, Declan Quillin, Brooklynn Sweetser, Adisyn Tidwell

4TH GRADE A HONOR ROLL

Aaron Anderson, Justin Bland, Adelaide Harris, Tyler Macwhirter, Harrison Moore, Sophia O'donald, Troy Overton, Colby Pendleton, Zoe Sadler,

1ST GRADE AB

Zuria Alonso, Gerardo Avila Juarez, Nicolas Balderas, Mateo Chavez, Cody Cox, Levi Crawford, Jace Dawson, Randy Duran, Irina Gonzalez, Isaiah Guevara, Javana Harris, Coral Heckathorn, Ethan

2ND GRADE A HONOR ROLL

Wade Eason, Alejandra Exiga, Miley Gallaher, Camden Head, Alexzandrea Heimann, Knox Houston, Alexander-Rashad James, Colin Laack, Lauryn Latham, Fara Latt, Brayan Mejia, Keilah Meservey, Whitley Reed, Lily Reynolds, Jaxson Stanley, Gage Tuck, Ana Varela

3RD GRADE A HONOR ROLL

Andrea Aleman, Alyssa Barnes, Loy Culbertson, Sabrina Dominguez, Stephen Erskine, Rachel Gowan, Cloe Guptill, Ethan Hamaker, Adilynn Houston, Bradford Hughes, John Martinez, Rose Mcnamee, Eian Perie, Tucker Poole, Amaya Rodriguez, Natalie Roland, Kade Smith, Levi Sorrow, Maggie Taliaferro, Elisabeth Tunnell

4TH GRADE A HONOR ROLL

Bryce Beadle, Jeremy Benson, Kyson Billiot, Wyatt Blackmer, Ethan Clay, Kimry Clouatre, Benjamin Cordova, Anistyn Doss, Zade Gonzales, Sophia Hampton, Liam Hennessee, Braulio Lopez, Lily Mazza, Abagail Moore, Zoey Morgan, Zoe Phillips, Khloe Pulido

1ST GRADE AB

Savanah Abney, Presley Anderson, Zachary Beadle, Lennon Dodok, Bradley Dunnahoo, Luke Free, Austyn Freeland, Melody Gonzales, Arianna Hill, Ryder James, Darrell Lacik, Leanna Logue, Luke Martinez, Mason Mcmahon, Glavine Melton, Trinity Mitchell, Thea Molnar, Leah Morgan, David Olivarez, Jose Orellana Ortiz, Nevaeh Polk, Carlos Rodriguez, Lacey Saline, Zoe Simmons, Kellyn Taylor, Fynn Tisdale, Chloe Tubbs, Jenally Villa, Cohen Whitehead, Corbyn Whitt

2ND GRADE AB

Zoey Abbott, Dixie Aldridge, Elizabelle Alexander, Hudson Anderson, Brandon Barfield, Emily Botts, Deagan Brown, Misty Brown, Elyana Burrhus, Alexis Burt, Sawyer Connellee, Lincoln Cudd, Eli Davis, Ean Hamaker, Jentzen Hampton, Mattie Hartenberger, Alyssa Hernandez, Easton Johnson, Zoey Lester, Alana Lroy Evans, Lilly Martinez, Colton Mcnutt, Riley Mooney, Jericho Morrow, Logan Newland, Eileen Padilla, Billy Palmer, Piper Rampy, Winter Reneau, Rylee Rhoades, Presley Skipper, Teagun Swatsworth, Konner Talkington, Joshua Trammell, Zane Velasquez, Jadisess Villa, Harleigh Wade, Landon Walden

3RD GRADE AB

Daniela Aldaco, Issac Armstrong, Raiden Bailey, James Ballard, Alexis Bennett, Ellyana Cantero, Aubree Cook, Hope Corrao, Holly Crew, Owen Free, Gage-Diamond Grimm, Michael Hendrix, Cameron Hodges, Charlotte Jennings, Audrina Johnson, Sein Kwon, Raylee Lafreniere, Danny Lee, Mayranny Mata Mata, Sawyer Neely, Damien O'bryant, Zoey Ortiz, Orion Pedregon, Robert Preston, Melanie Retana Ramos, Payton Reusch, Ximena Ruiz Ortiz, Nelson Simpson, Landon Smithers, Madison Snell, David Torres, Rebekah Wilder, Tanner Wilson

4TH GRADE AB

Madison Abel, Makenili Bailey, Mackenzie Benson, Liam Bryan, Kaiden Harris, Lyam Havens, Abigail Jewell, Mayson Jones, Wyatt Jones, Samiyah Juarez, Greyson Knight, Shelby Laack, Bruce Magness, Audrina Martinez, Teagan Matheson, Jakeb Mathis, Jesus Mejia Zavala, Judah Morrow, Alison Musick, Ashlynn Nabors, Benjamin Newland, Olivia Prater, Atlas Preston, Kayson Preston, Wayne Reed, Jesse Roby, Abigail Sorrow, Parker Sproles, Brylea Starkey, Ivory Stephens, Peyton Sweeden, Kaylee Thompson, McKinley Ulrich, Kaitlynn Williams

SILVER CREEK ELEMENTARY

1ST GRADE A HONOR ROLL

Brooklynn Beard, Tucker Blackmon, Zayne Boatman, Camden Calaway, Virginia Carlson, Mackenzie Carter, Casen Cartwright, Pierce Dildy, Mackenzie Edwards, Hector Garay, Camden Gomas, Joseph Hefley, Feraz Hosein, Hank Hughes, Sophie Kattau, Jacob Kloskowski, Emily Lavigne, Sunwoo Lee, Clara Leonard, Ivan Leyva, Kimberly Macias, Anaya Mitter, Kaycee Moreland, Ava Nungaray, Aedan Oconnor, Jackson Parkey, Nicholas Popp, Beatrice Rains, Reece Reavis, Sadie Schulter, Tinsleigh Seiler, Alexandria Smole, Kennedy Stine, Bradford Thornton, Sawyer Vorce, Scarlett Waters, Jaycie Yates

2ND GRADE A HONOR ROLL

Cannon Bains, Harmonii Bello, Kylie Brownlee, Brooklyn Catterton, Case Cowan, Jack Crain, Ella Elkins, Remington Erskine, Alice Gruber, Madilyn Heerwagen, Parker Jeter, Dylan Long, Lexi Migura,



Marion Morrison, Charlotte Nelson, Nicholas Rocco, Tobin Russell, Sadie Smart, Emirsen Turner, Katelyn Vest, Ryan Worthy

3RD GRADE A HONOR ROLL

Anastasia Arbuckle, Olivia Blacknall, Zoe Brownlee, Trystin Calkins, Isaac Cedarleaf, Ethan Compston, Elly Crawford, Finley Dean, Evelyn Dorris, Jeremiah Gamblin, Owen Gathright, Brody Godsey, Olivia Griffin, Addalee Haddock, Paislee Hampton, Colton Meitz, Aubree Moreland, Greyson Moyes, Merrida Murphree, Zayleigh Phillips, Colt Rainwater, Gavin Ronan, Karlie Smith, Blakely Woods

4TH GRADE A HONOR ROLL

Emmarae Dildy, Lillie Eggleston, Jackson Erickson, Emma Hopkins, Caden Kattau, Joseph Leonard, Alexis Morgan, Josiah Nunn, Natalie Popp, Krystal Ramirez, Madelyn Smith, Aiden Teel, Preslee Vaughan, Jacob Voelkel, Ryker Wells

1ST GRADE AB

Beckham Adams, Andrea Clinton, Elijah Davis, Reese Gamblin, Brayden Glasscock, Levi Harrison, Zaylah Langeberg, Avery Long, Emirley Mahar, Liam Maschmeier, Lincoln Maschmeier, Brooklyn Mayo, Kai Mcguire, Andrew Mills, Hank Osmar, Addison Ryan, Dixie Scallion, Charlotte Shew, Khoen Silhavy, Amora Sledge, Charley Sommerfeldt, Ernestina Spencer, Owen Stagner, Abigail Talkington, Koda Taylor, Aria Thompson, Bryan Toole, Britney Turdo, Grayson Wentworth, Kory Williamson, Caiden Windes

2ND GRADE AB

Dylan Baisden, Hayden Baxter, Vanessa Bostick, Judson Bramow, Gavin Bryant, Kellen Calkins, Bowen Callahan, Timothy Campbell, Jaxon Clagon, Bryce Crawford, Willow Davis, Jaxton Deaver, Kylee Dixon, Darleigh Dunn, Rylan Elkins, Brooklyn Flores, Brilynn Fox, Avery Garrett, Amilia Gomez, Dakota Grant, Natalie Guevara, Wyatt Gunter, Gunner Hale, Jaxon Holt, Ellie Hopkins, Walker Johnson, Abree Jones, Jackson Keener, Caroline Kerce, Justice Lukowsky, Chael Melton, Juliano Mitter, Kaleb Moore, Carter Niles, Bailey O'brien, Victor Olofson, Camila Perez, Harper Platt, Logan Powell, Ridglee Sagers, Miguel Sanchez, Jaquelyn Snell, Amelia Thompson, Adyson Valles, Asa Webb, Quentin West, Luke Wiggins, Carter Williams, Abram Wolff

3RD GRADE AB

Cooper Ackerman, Chase Arnold, Terry Baker, Kelton Buchanan, Isabella Bunch, Parker Couch, Knox Crutchfield, Alexander Davenport-Wade, Reagan Davis, Reese Davis, Anneliese Dickson, Nolan Doyle, Micah Dulong, Ellie Garcia, Liam Garcia, Richard Garcia, Matthew Genao, Dallas Graves, Alexia Griffin, Blakely Harmon, Adlei Hendrix, Haylen Herrington, Korra Hoffman, Kenley Jacobs, Charlee Jenkins, Carlos Juarez, Elijah Karna, Ethan Largent, Kamden Ledbetter, Kase Ledbetter, Jackson Littlejohn, Linda Lovell, Tadeo Martinez, Logan Mask, Connor Mcneil, Kevin Midkiff, Rebeka Montes, Brazos Morelock, Alivia Nelson, Peyten Reavis, Brentley Rodriguez, Jayleen Sanchez, Elizabeth Scott, Gage Segler, Joseph Shew, Kennedy Short, Jameson Sneed, Nathon Snider, Caleb Sparks, Emri Steel, Avery Stewart, Addison Stults, Brayden Turdo, David Varela, Jacob Ward, Eli Webb, Tinsley Widemon, Mason Wilbur

4TH GRADE AB

Leah Agosto, Samien Alaoui, Gage Bailey, Saxon Bains, Anthony Barron, Kaden Barry, Liam Blackmon, Daniel Braddock, Brianna Cardona, Samuel Carlson, Denisse Chavez Castillo, Parker Christopher, Ian Crawford, Haylee Davis, Harris Dervisevic, Skylar Dow, Dylan Doyle, Skylar Farris, Luke Finkbeiner, Zoe Houston, Kourtni Jackson, Hunter Kaplan, Makeyla Kuilan, Francisco Limon, Ava Morales, Willow Nance, Savannah Nelson, Brian Perez, Audrea Phelps, Parker Rhoads, Alice Robinson, Nathan Rosales Wilson, Dallisia Spencer, Ashton Tarner, Allie Valles, Layne Van Slyke, Kendal Wasser, Skyler Waters

WALNUT CREEK ELEMENTARY

1ST GRADE A HONOR ROLL

Hunter Adams, Everly Anderson, Elliana Baez, Kane Barrick, Karsen Basham, Everly Beck, Olivia Booth, Sawyer Caballero, Giorgio Cardoza, Brookelynn Cherry, Kolbie Copass, Eli Creamer, Marleigh Cucuta, Kal-El Daniells, Jesslyn Davis, Aiden Dick, London Gordon, Brody Green, Mary Grace Hauck, Willow Henley, Kira Hopkins, Wesson Kates, Patrick Kemp, Emily Larrew, Stone Lawton, Alaina Ledbetter, Maxwell Lee, Dakota Lucas, Mallory Lyon, Paige Maldonado, Kashton Martin, Raylan Martinez, Ava Mccallion, Zoe Mendiola, Remington Miller, Lola Moor, Quinley Moran, Kelcie Murphy, Evalyn Nieves, Piper Noah, Malaki O'brien, Penelope Parrish, Hailie Pena, Kaden Phillips, River Robbins, Gradie Rose, Spencer Ross, Carter Rowe, Vivian Russ, Kinsley Shiflet-Hendry, Elias Smith, Max Smith, Zoe Smith, Travis Stugart, Shaye Swiderski, Owen Thun, Pierson Torok, Aurora Trujillo-Mondry, Riley Underwood, Conner Webb, Emalynn West, Azalea Zambrano

2ND GRADE A HONOR ROLL

Adalyn Baird, Avery Barnett, Jason Berger, Braxton Betz, Madeline Bevan, Josilyn Bina, Bailey Boyd, Kennedi Brown, Kooper Cline, Ivy Coffey, Amelia Coleman, Raelyn Collins, Alexa Courtney, Kylie Crow, Clarissa Dehoyos, Mason Devine, Zayne Edwards, Harlie Ford, Ava Gaston, Wyatt Geary, Ayden Gilley, Cahir Gunn, Oakley Hampton, Mollie Harris, Ella Hernandez, Kreed Hoover, Brooklyn Ingle, Madilynn Johnson, Steele Jones, Jettson Judge, Kade Keller, Brantley Kelley-Beard, Marie-Louise Kropp, Lane Lindsey, Lyla Mayes, Kinley Mcguirk, Marlie Moorman, Francis Jeanna Nazareno, Kasen Negrete, Marlowe Nelson, Weston Norvell, Avery Ooten, Sofiya Palacios, Liam Parong, Kolton Peterson, Hudson Ramos, Liam Rash, Nathan Ray, Caleb Rodriguez, Gabriella Ruelas, Torbin Schmitz, Aiden Shoemaker, Lennon Street, Tyler Van Hooser, Kord Vines, Griffyn West, Jacob West, Reese Camryn Story, Zoey Tarpley, Jason Tucker, Analeigh Wadenpfuhl, Peyton Williams, Harper Wiss, David Womack-Perry

AZLE JR. HIGH

7TH GRADE A HONOR ROLL

Norah Allen, Daniel Anderson, Rylie Auvenshine, Natalia Ayala Gomez, Ellie Bennett, Jalynn Booker, Sophie Cantu, Cailyn Coleman, Haley Doyle, Thomas Frank, Ella Fuchshuber, Rachel Harder, Collin Helmick, Knox Houghton, Austin Kinard, Sage Laing, Valeria Macias, Lee Mcvay, Taylor Merrill, Kenlee Mooney, Ashlynn O'neill, Boston Ooten, Kate Orellana, Mabry Pendleton, Josue Plascencia Ornelas, Johnnie Powell Marin, Shelby Ramirez, Paul Robinson, Joaquin Solorzano, Madilyn Sweetser, Caden Vantrease, Michael Voelkel, Eli Waller, Jade Watson, Summer Wilson, Elizabeth Yelle, Brady Young

8TH GRADE A HONOR ROLL

Alexia Alonso, Kian Baker, Annika Birkeland, Emma Booten, Kayley Brekel, Haven Brown, Alexia Cox, Madeline Dannenmueller, Gabriel Davis, Hannah Griffith, Haley Gulley, Alyssa Harris, Ryder Isaacson-Townsend, Wyatt Jackson, Natalia Keener, Colton Lacobee, Landrie Lain, Erica Leonard, Miley Massey, Zoey Matarazzo-Carey, Evelyn May, Amy Mesta, Oswaldo Najera, Emma Nelson, Azucena Neri, Claire Norvell, Emily O'neill, Lorena Ortiz, Peyton Pearson, Zion Ross, Bailey Smith, Keagan Stuart, Helena Te, Madison Thomas, Christian Tomlinson, Katie Trammell, Madelyn Tucker, Brandy Zachmeyer, Brandon Zhao

7TH GRADE AB

Kaden Akers, Kenzie Arellano, Jeariel Arroyo Martinez, Hunter Avalos, Gabriel Berlan, Emma Biehle, Emma Bowlin, Harley Boyce, Alivia Bridges, Jonah Buckner, Kailey Campbell, Gabriel Cedeno, Candace Clark, Brandon Damborsky, Logan Dixon, Brooke Ellis, Kameryn Falcon, Emma Flavin, William Fox, Conner Gardner, Brody Gatlin, Thomas Gerring, Laticia Goodnight, Natalie Gorman, Kimber Gray, Kellar Gunter, Anthony Gutierrez, Dax Harbour, Kiefer Harris, Yoaly Hernandez Morales, Raegan Holland, Edward Holt, Zachary Hopton, Bridger Houghton, Haleigh House, Evelyn Hymer, Sara Jackson, Nicole Johnson, Payton Jones, Keegan Kennard, Noah Kovach, Kennedi Kula, Aden Lacker, Marriah Martinez Ortiz, Reese Mast, Lily Mcdonald, Courtney Meredith, Michael Mize, Hayden Newhouse, Grace Niedecken, Katelynn Oconnor, Mark O'neil, Khloe Palos-Glass, Jacob Parsley, Trinity Phillips, Alexa Plantz, Brayden Pruett, Riley Rahim, Tyler Roberson, Riley Roberts, Chloe Roth, London Rust, Caydence Sheppard, Connor Shildmyer, Grayson Smith, Margie Tallant, Bella Tipton, Matthew Turdo, Julian Vilchiz, Luke Walley, Mallory White, Cruz Wilburn

8TH GRADE AB

Fernando Alfaro, Chandler Allsup, Wakely Autry, Macie Baker, Abigail Balderas, Gabriell Balderas, Eli Bliss, John Boyer, Adam Brown, Keira Buggar, Iram Carrizales, Jonah Castro, Jailee Childress, Ryleigh Cire, Brady Danford, Preston Dixon, Dailyn Durr, Michael Fitzpatrick, Lillie Gann, Lainey Gentry, Julianna Gibson, Jay Glaze, Taylor Gorski, Dauntless Gossett, Jack Graeber, Paizlee Gray, Waylon Gray, Summer Guthrie, Story Hilliard, Laynie Beth Hodges, Aaden Holder, Mason Holleman, Abigail Holliday, Violet Isom, Paisley Jeter, Eli Johnson, Alysah Langeberg, Elizabeth Legan, Ema Lehr, Jaclyn Martin, Phillip Martin, Christian Mendoza, Mariposa Montes, Seth Olsen-Tagg, Gustavo Orozco, Noah Popp, Freedom Prescott, Giselle Redding, Nicolas Renteria, Taylor Robinson, David Rodriguez-Jimenez, Henry Rosales, Ashlynn Royal, Hayden Sanchez, Miranda Sanchez, Konner Sherman-Morgan, Braxton Smith, Lance Smith, Viktor Stewart, Will Stroud, Cooper Stults, Kami Swain, Noah Swint, Carson Terrell, Addison Van Hooser, Elexia Warren, Kaylee Willey, Justin Wright, Chase Yancey

FORTE JR. HIGH

7TH GRADE A HONOR ROLL

Aaron Barnes, Grayson Blair, Korbin Chaudron, Courtney Clark, Brayden Combs, Philip Dunn, Levi Hinckley, Garrett Holden, Audrey Hood, Jace Jones, Kaden Jones, Ethan Landreville, Maria Lin, Ellee Metheny, Elissa Moya, Zachary Ross, Emily Washer, Baylen Young

8TH GRADE A HONOR ROLL

Brianna Ayala, Gabrielle Currid, Dakota Donaldson, Alex Duran, Abigale Faulkner, Kaci Ford, Reese Jeter, Keylly Martinez, Chelsea Phillips, Layla Sorrells, Nolan Wright

7TH GRADE AB

David Agredano, Ashley Aldaco, Gabreal Allen, Aaron Andrews, Gustavo Avelar, Eddie Chairez, Bryson Clark, Hallie Collins, Caleb Connellee, Catherine Connolly, Revelee Cote, Lillie Dickson, Lily Erp, Charli Fair, Kaylynn Falwell, Roman Fraser, Marialy Garcia, Andres Gomez, Abigail Grant, Kasen Gray, Andrew Hicks, Chloe Jackson, Brylee Kittrell, Taylor Laack, Emily Maggio, Cody Nadin, Parker Neely, Samantha Ortega, Lillian Phelps, William Reed, Isabella Reinbold, Jentry Roach, Rylee Russell, Aidan Smith, Autumn Smith, Charles Thompson, Emery Trammell, Audrey Marie Villasenor, Amara Weigart, Chloe Wimbish

8TH GRADE AB

Natalia Abreu, Hannah Alcala, Roger Arias, Brooklynn Beaver, Londyn Beaver, Brody Berkner, Kaden Burnham, Fernanda Cardoza, Ivey Colon, Carly Cooper, Jamie Dewitt-Miles, Eleigha Domm, Kayla Eversole, Lila Harden, Jantzen Harman, Ciara Hodges, Alyssa Hoffman, Cullen Hoyt, Katie Ann Hoyt, Cole Johnson, Lilliana Johnson, Rachael Jones, Brodey King, Javan Kruckner, Erick Kuilan, Heather Lockridge, Michelle Lorenz, Avery Louquet, Emmett Mathews, Areli Mejia, Lyric Mize, Andrea Ortiz, Lourdes Pettis, Coral Rivera, Andrea Rohan, Kelsey Samartin, Caleb Scoggins, Brooklyn Shafer, Amie Steele, Emma Sustala, Nathan Tackett, Yasmeen Tejeda, Brayson Tittle, Hanel Trejo, Luke Tupper, Sophie Weger, Aden Witherell

AZLE HIGH SCHOOL

Winter, Kamden Wyble

3RD GRADE A HONOR ROLL

Sophia Anderson, Bryn Ball, Emilie Ballard, Tristyn Beck, Jace Coast, Jase Cotton, Scarlett Cromeans, Gage Degeorge, Christopher Dilday, Arcadia Garcia, Trace Gardner, Adriana Gonzalez, Collyns Harvey, Faith Hauck, Alexis Hernandez, Micah Huddleston, Channing Hunt, Michael Johnson, Jaci King, Faolan Maldonado, Talon Martin, Roman Martinez, Jack May, Cason Miles, Devan Nichols, Bella Pelt, Lucas Petrek, Daegan Petty, Logan Reedy, Julius Reel, Cameron Rowe, Lilly Rowlette, Cannon Scheiderich, Chloe Stafford, Kinadee Stephens, Braylee Taylor, Victoria Thorsell, Ava Wahkinney, James Wallace, Izabell Wanser, Jayla Wheeler, Charli Winters, Jaden Zieger

4TH GRADE A HONOR ROLL

Hailey Babin, Maddox Baird, Brayden Ball, Ryleigh Barrick, Samantha Bevan, Colton Carter, Aubrey Cazares, Caden Crow, Sadie Diaz, Jaidyn Flanagan, Lynden Futrell, Jezaymar Gaona, Michael Gonzales, Callen Green, Alli Grennell, Jonathan Guevara, Josi Hanson, Libbi Hanson, Amelia Henley, Myka Maclin, Liam Mccallion, Karter Moreland, Kellan Nelson, Izaak Nixon, Lillian Pena, Kylin Pope, Aubree Powers, Tenley Ramon, Gatlin Reed, Radley Scheiderich, Owen Smith, Elizabeth Tolbert, Skylar Yunger, Selene Zieger

1ST GRADE AB

Cole Ansley, Kinzlee Burns, Oliver Clark-Marquart, Adalynn Cody, Isabella Davis, Landon Davis, Robert Hampton, Kaly Hess, Remington Holloman, Gabriella Kirk-Holliday, Carson Kleineck, Maci Laing, Hunter Lup, Rosalie Miramon-Ramos, Ava Moore, Abbygail Noe, Nathaniel Nuncio, Paisley O'donnell, Jeremiah Shaughnessy, Asa Shurley, Layton Smith, Marleigh Spencer, Aaron Summers, Blaine Tarpley, Levi Towb, Justin Trevino

2ND GRADE AB

Brynn Aguillon, Leviticus Armitage, Payton Baird-Winingar, Caison Beall, Tamire Belhady, Hunter Biondo, Granberry Boyd, Makenna Boyd, Beau Brown, Luke Bryan, Kyle Sean Camagong, Olivia Carrington, Kylee Collins, Lorelai Curtis, Sofia Davila, Annabelle De Simone, Rylan Decarlo, Susanne Diaz, Paul Frazier, Mason Goforth, Adan Gonzalez, Shelby Grasmick, Quinn Hapes, Coltyn Harvell, Greyson Hepler, Zoephia Holliday, Christian Iglesias, Romeal Jeter, Rebel Jolliff, Caydince Jordan, Tucker Landers, Collins Maclin, Logan Martinez, Cameron Mccarty, Elijah Moreno, Hunter Mosley, Jace Murdent, John Nicholson, Natalie North, Owen O'rourke, Kyra Peninger, Emma Perez, Emma Rios, Kaleb Roady, Gabriella Rodriguez, Sarah Rogers, Elton Sager, Landyn Sawyer, Brantley Schuler, Faith Shaughnessy, Riley Shaw, Skylah Sommer, Jaxon Spraggins, Camden Street, Amara Torres, Ashley Troop, Autumn Washer, Olivia Weger, Laci Westfall, Hunter Weston, Jackson Whitlatch, Taylor Williams, Emma Wilson-Whittaker, Donavin Wishard

3RD GRADE AB

Delayni Anderson, Vanessa Baez, Noah Barrett, John Basinger, Caelyn Basye, Faith Boggs, Emily Boney, Penelope Caballero, Zoey Campbell, Matthew Carrillo, Baylee Carrothers, Vivianna Davila, Eliana Davis, Maddox Davis, Jaxson Dent-Williams, Harley Dickens, Arwyn Edenfield, Cayleb Esmond, Beckett Espinoza, Kayli Fordinal, Tanner Gaston, Kellie Geary, Emalee Gentry, George Ginunas, Russell Grasmick, Jaxson Haley, Adelyn Hamilton, Tristan Herfkens, Kashtan Jacobs, Zaydon Johnson, Blade Josephson, Kristian Kaminskas, Jay Kelley, Snyder Kelly, Eleanor Kemp, Macie King, Raylan Koger, Jacob Lane, Ezmera Lopez, Landon Miller, Cason Mullins, Annelise Nash, Brian Natzle, Sutton Odle, Annabeth Parker, Kasey Parkhill, Daisy Porter, Jensyn Prather Dake, Xander Quintana, Ryder Ratliff, Jackson Reynolds, Edgar Rincon, Lianah Rios, Keylyn Roberts, Cash Roden, Alexander Rubio, Rowdy Sanborn, Ethan Sandoval, Landon Sands, Lillian Simpson, Jason Stahl, Kaitlyn Stratton, Hope Summers, Kynlee Taylor, Logan Triplett, Kinley Tucker, Zaden Van Meter, Ronin Vierra, Ava Weger, Gia Young

4TH GRADE AB

Kinslee Admire, Amelia Applewhite, Emma Babin, Greenlee Baird, Elijah Baker, Jeremy Beimler, Sophia Belhady, Gabriel Betts, Alicia Boyd, Holstein Bratcher, Baylen Brown, Xavier Brown-Caldwell, Abigail Carrillo, Fayth Chamberlain, Ashton Chandler, Rylann Cody, Emma Coffey, Trevor Covin, Camdyn Creamer, Janielys Cruz-Gonzalez, Elvis Davis, Kendyl Duddles, Miranda Elizalde, Jackson Ellis, Olivia Ford, Carson Fredericks, Grayson Hamm, Kolynn Hardin, Abbott Henry, Esmerelda Rose Hernandez, Shelby Hitt, Hope Housley, Sara Huffman, Alexander Jackson, Annabelle Johnson, Loganne Jones, Isabella Keating, Lilian Knowles, Heidi Leathers, Kiera Lee, Crimson Logan, Izek Lopez, Jacob Lowrey, Diego Madrigal Ambriz, Evelyn Maximo Duenez, Grace May, Haven Mcguire, Bentley Rust, Jaelyn Sawyer, Ethan Schoenfeld, Aurora Self, Kaileigh Slough, Elena Solorzano, Zoe Sternitzky,

9TH GRADE A HONOR ROLL

Ethan Alcala, Grayson Allen, John Atwell, Melanie Barone, Kendyl Bush, Evan Calvert, Jacob Carlson, Klaire Carlson, Brighton Clouatre, Elaina Conner, Elijah Correa, Bethany Cullors, Hailey Ellis, Elizabeth Farley, Diesel Fields, Anthony Fitch, Madison Flowers, Sara Floyd, Keagan Flynn, Matthew Frank, Ella Freimuth, John Guzman, Britt Haas, Cailyn Halyard, Parker Harris, Peyton Hill, Parker Huffaker, Mason Jennings, Katlyn Johnson, Aubrey Judkins, Canaan Kaznowski, Adam Keltner, Isaac Lalonde, Eyvindr Lefever, Christian Legan, Hannah Lenard, Ryan Lowe, Dylan Maines, Madison Martin-Wallace, Monica Martinez, Maddison Masure, Addison Mistic, Case Moore, Jocelyn Olund, Leavy Owens, Yosmeri Perez, Luke Petersen, Amelia Peterson, Eviana Quillin, Jayden Rahim, Elizabeth Robinson, Hailey Rodriguez, Myah Safa, Zaidee Salas, Ryan Satterlee, Tyson Schreier, Gianna Schroeder, Katie Jo Scott, Jackson Shepherd, Nora Stowers, Noah Summers, Bailee Thacker, Kasenn Thomas, Natalie Trejo, Natalie Velasquez, Jaiden Vinson, Kyleigh Vinson, Imani Votion-Alameddine, Amy Wang, Cooper Yates, Brooklyn Young

10TH GRADE A HONOR ROLL

Kyler Akers, Nolen Anderson, John Arroyo Martinez, Caroline Barone, Reeslyn Bice, Kristina Birkeland, Madeleine Boivin, Dakota Brewton, Parker Brewton, Madison Bryant, Daniel Carlson, Joshua Carver, Peytie Chambers, Taryn Clark, Isaiah Correa, Joanna De La Cruz, Braden Forsythe, Vielka Gonzalez, Cheryl Grubbs, Vance Guthrie, Colin Halyard, Emory Hann, Alan Hard, Melanie Harder, Logan Harrison, Jesse Hemmerling, Hannah Johns, Carter Landon, Brynn Lee, Melanie Lee, Paul Leonard, Ryland Liptow, Ryder Loftin, Rebecca Marx, Caitlin Mccrary, Kahlan Mckinney, Amaryn Moreno, Jose Neri, Emilee Norvell, Mason O'daniel, Helen O'neil, Shree Patel, Sarae Perez, Brandie Phillips, Karolina Porras, Anna Preston, Sadie Pyle, Bryan Rager, Jade Robinson, Melani Rushing, Landri Seward, Allison Smith, Eva Solorzano, Faith Summers, Eliana Tejeda, Morgan Terrell, Tyler Ulrich, Joshua Votion-Alameddine, Brice Watson, Cole Webb, Kameron Weger, Reese Wethington, Allison Wright, Kiara Wright

11TH GRADE A HONOR ROLL

Katheryn Ardito, Skyler Arellano, Lane Autrey, Ethan Bissonnette, Samara Boccia, Dharma Boyd, Meagan Brady, Luke Briseno, Brittany Cato, Andres Chavez, Kayla Cockerline, Daisy Collazo Garcia, Conner Combs, Braden Crews, Declan Dahl, Reece Davis, Adam Derda, Jodi Donovan, Drew Dorris, Gabriel Evans, Makenzee Fair, Aiden Fuller, Diana Garcia, Elli Garcia, Matthew Garcia, Erin Garnica, Sydney Gatlin, Barak Geary, Cintia Godo, Colin Haas, Isaiah Haddon, Jessie Heath, Matthew Hendrix, Jule Hinrichs, Cameryn Hoskins, Brayden Hutton, Cadence Jordan, Ashtyn Kay, Lucas Kleen, Henry Lalonde, Tyler Landon, Pella Lefever, Karlee Locke, Kendall Locke, Oliver Lorenz, Steven Manley, Benjamin Martin, Adriana Martinez, Riley Mckelvain, Luke Mclaughlin, Michaela Moore, Phoebe Mosley, Braden Murray, Ashlyn Norton, Luke Olmsted, Erin Owens, Bailey Phillips, Harleigh Phillips, Trinity Powers, Laurel Ragland, Lily Rollmann, Natalia Rueda Dujovne, Adam Ruelas, Alexis Scoggins, Michael Seeton, Kaitlyn Shafer, Mary Shaw, Matthew Smith, Trey Thornton, Trinity Thornton, Conner Tomlinson, Austin Tong, Grant Tune, Joley Vick, Charles Westrup, Amanda White, Jacy Williams, Eva Zohne

12TH GRADE A HONOR ROLL

Haylee Allphin, Alyssa Alviar, Natalie Barnes, Zackary Barrett, Emilia Bazan, Conner Bennett, Mackenzie Benton, Derek Bernsen, Angel Brown, Natalie Cain, Mia Carrizales, Nathan Carter, Bobbi Cassidy, Kenneth Caswell, Caden Christian, Garrisyn Christian, Josiah Clark, Kora Clark, Taylor Clark, Brianna Cochran, Chloe Coffin, Lauren Collins, Katy Conwell, Micah Cook, Sarah Correa, Isaiah Davidson, Samantha Davis, Arie-Ana Demoss, Andrea Duran, Steve Duran, Breton Estes, Jacob Estrada, Elizabeth Feldman, Timothy Francis, Riley Free, Madelynn Fruge, Karla Galvan, Kaitlyn Gamez, Cynthia Garcia, Lauren Giles, Aaron Grow, Camryn Hinkle, Ashlyn Hobbs, Trynity Hoskins, Dakota Houdeshell, Brenna Ingle, Katelyn Ingram, Christopher Ixchu, Bailey Jackson, Emma Johnson, Jakson Lahue, Meagan Ledbetter, Christopher Lee, Holt Lee, Kaytlynn Lemley, Allie Lemons, Joshua Leonard, Judith Martin, Eva Marx, Gavin Masure, Kaydence Mata, Heather Mcafee, Cody Mcintyre, Erin Mcmullen, Haylee Meredith, Nathan Nguyen, Leah North, David Paige, Bailey Pierce, Alyssa Quick, Tyrone Quire, Michael Reed, Jonathan Robles, Andrew Roecker, Sarah Russell, Michael Saline, Jessica Scribner, Angela Serrano-Almaguer, Brinson Sharp, Brandon Sheets, Mattie Sheriff, Anastasiya Smith, Kayla Suddeath, Addison Taylor, Liberty Thomas, William Tunnell, Megan Valle, Annalea Villalobos Cruz, Emma Walker, Rya Walker, Zoe Weaver, Brooklynn Williams, Jaylin Wolosek, Westin Wyatt

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Hornet Community:

As we get ready to give thanks with family and friends in a few weeks. I want to thank Azle ISD families for approving Proposition A on November 2 – and for helping continue our tradition of excellence in our classrooms.

With your support, we can alleviate overcrowding at the high school by expanding the cafeteria, upgrading restrooms and cafeteria food service areas to reduce long lines so all students have time to eat, renovating and expanding science labs, and expanding the welding school agenda, the majority program instructional shop.

The results of last week's election show there is significant support for our students and making sure our community has a wellhave done for decades, our teachers and administrators will continue our commitment and dedication to our Plan states Azle ISD will students and make sure every academic, athletic, fine and our community for stuarts, and job skills program dent success. We welcome remains a priority.



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. www.azleisd.net

misleading attacks on our students, teachers, and administrators during the recent election were factually inaccurate. While this was an attempt by a small group to advance their anti-public of our voters stood behind Proposition A. We encourage our community to come to school board meetings and get involved with the district to learn the truth educated workforce for for themselves instead of another generation. As we relying on someone else's misinformation on social media.

> Goal #4 of our Strategic partner with our families and appreciate community

Many of the negative and input. This is key to building a firm foundation of ing academic successes success for our community. School board meetings typically occur on the third munity organizations for Monday of each month at their initiative and leader-6 p.m., and are open to the ship. Outstanding career public.

ment's best practices approach has helped Azle ISD campuses. The list of stuearn the highest ranking dent awards and accolades from the state's Financial Integrity Rating System for no doubt we will see many the past 10 years for our more successes this year. fiscal responsibility – even earning the highest score making Azle ISD the best possible.

successes I am thankful for thankful to be a part of this school year include the such an amazing district. success of the AHS March- Our Thanksgiving break is ing Green Pride, AHS vol- November 22 - 26. I wish leyball placing third in Dis- you and your family a safe trict, boys and girls cross and happy Thanksgiving.

country placing second in District and Barak Geary advancing to the State meet, AHS football advancing to the playoffs as Co-District Champions, incredible showings by our Azle rodeo team, AHS co-ed cheer team placing second in their first competition since CO-VID, and the list goes on!

Students are demonstratacross the district and have been recognized by comdays and Red Ribbon week Our business depart- activities recently took place at our elementary goes on and on, and I have

Again, thank you for - and most positive - com-Just a few of the many munity in Texas. I am

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

DO THE MATH ON THE SCHOOL BOND MEASURE

who came out in support of our students and teachers to vote for the bond proposals bers. You can get your that will solve the issues of calculator out and double overcrowding at the high check it. Do not be swayed school. Prop A only passed next bond election by scare by a few hundred votes so tactics pointing to your every vote mattered. Prop B failed by a few hundred votes which is short-sighted.

of Prop B was 2.51 cents the same impact as Prop per \$100 valuation. Here is B). Mine will change less the math: \$150,000 home = \$37.50 increase; \$300,000 cently went down 4%. home = \$75.00 increase; FOR THE YEAR.

ed no on these bonds will remember on what they spent their tax savings, but

I do know for sure that every band kid, theater kid and every athlete will know EVERY DAY what it is like I want to thank everyone to be in undersized and outdated facilities.

Look back at those numtotal taxes. Your total tax bill was not on the ballot. Your total tax bill will not change significantly based The estimated tax impact on Prop A passing (about than 2% after the rate re-

What will change signifi-600,000 home = 150.00 cantly is the daily lives of increase. That is TOTAL our children and teachers at the High school. For the I doubt anyone who vot- better because of Prop A passing.

> Philippe Lalonde Azle, Texas





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Azle Area Chamber of Commerce

The Azle Area Chamber of Commerce had its inception in February 1959. We are a 501(c)6 nonprofit organization comprised of a voluntary membership of area businesses, professionals, and interested citizens all who have joined together to improve the economic and civic well-being of the city of Azle and the surrounding area.

The Chamber of Commerce is a service and action organization funded through membership and fundraising events. It provides a medium through which people can take effective action for the progress of the community. It provides the opportunity for members to network with other business leaders and attend business-related functions.

The organization provides leadership opportunities for Chamber members through volunteer work on the Chamber's Board of Directors and committees.

We perform ribbon cutting ceremonies for grand openings, ground breakings, and business anniversaries.

The Chamber also communicates important and timely business alerts and information to Chamber members and provides a platform for meeting other prominent business and political leaders.

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The Azle Area Chamber of Commerce 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.

likes to focus on its members. Every action we take is with our members in mind. Through membership, members have the opportunity to attend 12 networking luncheons per year, four Business After Hours events, three annual chamber events (annual banquet, clay shoot, golf tournament) and three community events (Sting Fling, Christmas Celebration, Small Business Saturday). Sponsorships are available for most events, giving members extra exposure.

We are excited about services that we offer members. We have standard ribbon cuttings, display of information in house, listings in our directory and community guide, and the opportunity to include information in new resident packets.

Technology has helped us go further, giving members even more exposure with listings and links on the chamber website and chamber network. We also follow our members on Facebook and share important posts.

We are currently working on our Directory and Community Guide as well as planning our Community Christmas Celebration.

Interested in becoming a chamber member? Stop by and see us at 404 W. Main Street, next to Café 10:31, or give us a call at (817) 444-1112.We are open Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Friday



Saturday, December 4th 12:00-5:00 PM

Vendor Booth Rental Call 817-444-1112

Vendors on Main St 12 - 5 PM **Children's Christmas Event** Inside 404 Main Place, 2 - 5 PM **City Christmas Tree Lightings** 6:30 PM Azle Museum & Azle City Hall Lighted Parade 6:30 PM starts at Azle Museum and travels down Main Street to Industrial Blvd.



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BOOK REVIEW Magician's tale helps maintain magic's illusion

BY TERRI SCHLICHENMEYER Pick a card. Any card.

Don't show it to anyone. Just look at it, quick, and put it back in the deck anywhere at random. Now think about that card. Think about the number, the suit, how many symbols were on it, the color, the shape. Concentrate hard on the card you chose and then wonder - as in the new book "How Magicians Think" by Josuha Jay – what the magician is concentrating on.

How did he do that?

If you're like most people, that's your first reaction when you catch a magic act: how did the person with the tricks manage to fool you, right in front of your face? That question, says Joshua Jay, is the wrong "mindset."

"Magic tricks aren't puzzles," he says, "but most of us see them that way.." Still, it's natural for you to wonder about Jay's world.

Being a magician, for example, seems like a glamorous life but Jay says that distractions, but they can gone beyond the tired tropes touring means that he misses also ruin the trick. Never to become the big-stage atbirthdays, holidays, and "all the important stuff." He and never try too hard to find practices constantly and because his hands are essential to his work, he's given up previously-enjoyed hobbies in order to avoid possible injury. Jay says he's traveled all over the world to perform days, we sometimes like and to watch others perform to romantically think that – he says magic is done differently in every country – and he's been to the famed That's not good, from a ma-Magic Castle. He's invented gician's point of view, says a number of tricks that he author Joshua Jay; in reality, knows can be teased apart kids are the hardest customby other magicians but he's ers to fool. not worried because "Magic has a strict code of ethics."

work hard to keep the illu- Here, Jay explains why sion, and if you want that, even the most jaded among too, then listen: a magician's us need magic these days, words are very important and how today's magic has watch the same show twice traction that it is, even when the secret.

"When nothing is left to the imagination," Jay says, "there is nothing left to imagine."

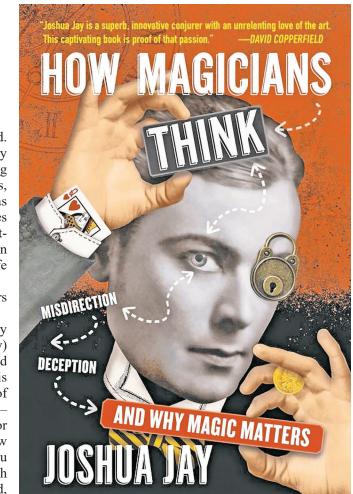
On our most mawkish we've managed to maintain the innocence of a child.

And so that coin-behindthe-ear trick you planned If you love being surprised on doing at Thanksgiving? and you love the show, good Throw it out and read "How

for you, he says. Magicians Magicians Think" instead. some of it is bigger-than-life and often dangerous.

In that, he assures readers that what they see is real.

But how can that be? Jay (no relation to Ricky Jay) isn't telling. What you read in this book – including his list of favorites and tales of performing and creating won't ruin the illusion for you. You can enjoy "How Magicians Think," you can walk yourself through a trick, shake your head, and still be wow'd. In fact, slack-jawed awe... yeah, it's in the cards.



"How Magicians Think: Misdirection, Deception, and Why Magic Matters" by Joshua Jay

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Seeking a Playful Companion

Dear Frankie,

My name is Houdinia. I am a rabbit and like to pretend that I'm a magician and can disappear when I'm hiding. That's why my folks named me Houdinia. Hiding is not much of a game if you live alone and there isn't anyone to look for you.

I see the dogs in the neighborhood playing hide and seek. So, I was wondering if you thought it was a good idea for me to get a dog as a play-



DEAR HOUDINIA,

DEAR FRANKIE By Geneva Woodruff

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

mate? I understand girl dogs for a rabbit. Dogs on the othcan be gentler, than the boys. er hand require much more get the OK from your family would be much fun. Cordially, Houdinia work and expense.

Are you sure your family perience you have had with lazy one. is on board with taking on a dogs. Are you aware that canine? It's one thing to care some dogs find it a great consideration. You should you would each be doing

sport to chase rabbits and choose a big dog that won't the other a favor. Now that

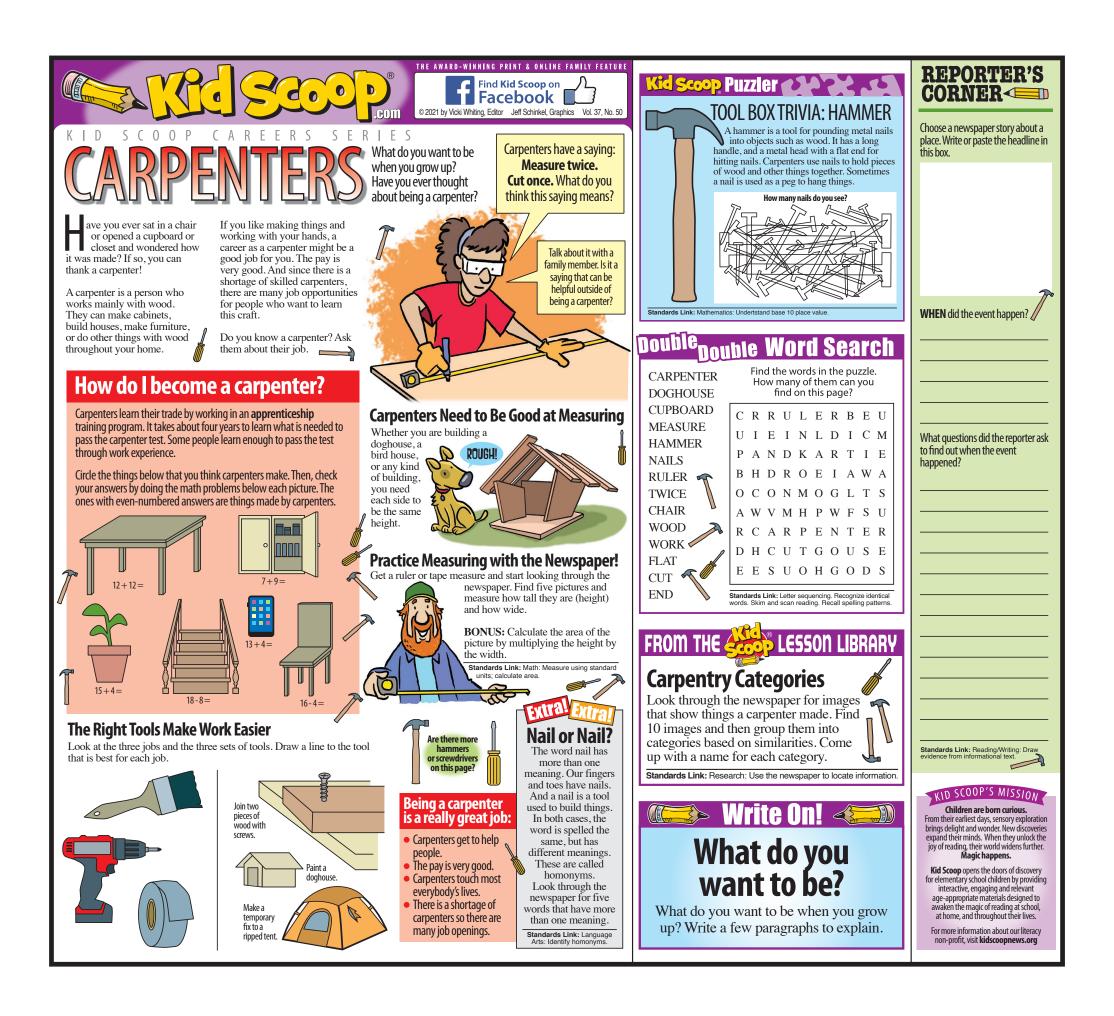
and still have your heart set

hurt them? There are also be able to get under the I have pointed out all the dogs that are specifically couch if that's one of your things you need to consider bred to hunt and kill rabbits. disappearing places. When in selecting the right dog, So, whatever you do, you think of all the criteria you might want to go back stay away from the hunters. a dog would have to meet to to the drawing board. Don't get a greyhound, bea- be your playmate, it doesn't gle, or a bloodhound. If you sound like that kind of dog likes to play hide and seek

Size should also be a not chosen for adoption, so as the seeker.

Are you sure a rabbit that might not be a better choice? The only other option I A rabbit could also double Your question does make on getting a dog, I suggest can suggest is a big friendly your chances for amusement me wonder how much ex- you find an older dog or a dog with a bad leg. Dogs because each of you can get with a disability often are a turn being the hider as well

Best, Frankie



HOOD OUTDOORS The cool-down continues and fishing continues to improve

The Brazos River lakes (namely Possum Kingdom, Granbury and Whitney) are boasting some of the best fall fishing around. The fall feeding frenzy occurring now will move toward winter, which will provide even better fishing if you can stand the cold.

Lake temperatures are falling slowly through the 60s right now and will more than likely be in the upper 50s by the end of the month. Fishing patterns and strategies will of course change with these lower temperatures.

Though many folks will not venture out on those colder days, the avid anglers will most certainly be out. For me, this is my favorite the water temperature is time of the year to chase big right. Smaller and younger striped bass. Those of you who know striped bass fishing realize that you have a migrate, however many will. better chance of catching a big striper early in the winter ing up rivers and creeks is season. Stripers are not the that the bait fish are there. only species where bigger fish are caught in the winter. Some of the biggest black bass of the year are caught during the winter season.

better for big fish during the never far behind. winter? Fish are easily fed baitfish. The biggest fish are typically females that start carrying extra weight with the roe they carry. The males sacks they develop. Though feeding may not occur as often when the water gets real cold, the early winter condi-

MICHAEL ACOSTA michael.acosta@att.net

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

tions have these fish gorging themselves. This does not only apply to striped bass as many crappie, catfish and bass anglers are out in the cold as well.

Many of the bigger striped bass tend to migrate upstream as water temperatures fall through the desired spawning temperature even though it is too early to spawn. Some say that they go through the motion when stripers may stay in the main lake. Not all big fish will

Another reason for movlower and will warm much faster than the main lake in the river near Tin Top. in the dead of winter. The warmer water will draw bait fish will congregate near So why are your chances fish and the predators are deeper holes in bends and

This migration is so prein the winter due to lethargic dictable and repeatable year fish will huddle as well. On to year. Typically around Lake Texoma the fish will the first part of December move to the upper ends of after a good freeze, many the Washita in Oklahoma or of the striped bass on every west up the Red River arm get heavier too, with the milt reservoir tend to move to the west of the 377 bridge. upper ends. On Lake Granbury, the upper ends may be won't continue to travel. near Mallard Pointe or near Some striped bass may go locate where the major- instead of active fish. Keep Hunter Park and eventually back and forth from the ity of the baitfish are hold- your binoculars ready.

The river or creek is shal- Fishing patterns and strategies will change as the lake temperatures drop. Photo courtesy Michael Acosta

> On Lake Whitney, the incoming tributaries around Kimball Bend where bait-

This doesn't mean they

spring.

predator's nose.

main lake to the upper ends ing. Some days that may several times before mak- be shallow, other days that ing their spawning run in the may mean 40 feet of water. Some warmer or more active Colder water does mean days may have the fish movslowing down your presen- ing back to surface action. tation. Slow bouncing a jig As usual, birds can help you off the bottom off of shallow locate fish as they are abunflats or rocky areas can draw dant throughout Texas on a bite. Dead sticking a jig most every reservoir in the with a soft plastic is deadly winter. Don't be fooled by when placed in front of the gulls working cormorants. At times the gulls will be The key as always is to working these diving birds

FISHING REPORT

Possum Kingdom striped bass to 12 pounds are excellent mid-lake from south D&D to the state park. Lake Whitney and Possum Kingdom Lake crappies are excellent on small minnows and jigs. Crappie limits are common.

Quilter's Guild of Parker County

to meet next week

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Parker County will meet on Zoom, email your name Quilts. She is a certified in-person and via Zoom on and telephone number to Quiltworx instructor, and Thursday, Nov. 18 at Lakeshore Drive Baptist Church, Hudson Oaks.

at 6:45 p.m., but attendees page. can arrive earlier to social-

The Ouilter's Guild of in-person and online. To join Groves, owner of BobKat qgpc2000@gmail.com.

200 S. Lakeshore Drive in the Guild, visit the website meyer quilts. Attendees are quiltersguildofparkercounty. welcome to come and see The meeting will begin org or the group's Facebook this display of awe-inspiring

The program is an in- about her quilting journey.

ize. Visitors are welcome person trunk show by Kathy she will show her beauti-For more information on ful paper-pieced Judy Niequilts and hear Kathy talk



Kathy Groves with the Niemever Paradise In Blooms guilt.





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Summer soccer league brings Lady Hornets together

BY KAYLEE PIPPINS

start until November, but Coach Wood, it is a win to don't tell that to the Lady Hornets soccer team.

schools and parking lots, the players lug their bags on set of friendlies so scores are their shoulders, looking for another match.

So, why are they out on mer." the pitch in the heat of summer?

"(We) created the summer league to allow our players the opportunity to get gameexperience throughout the course of the summer," Head tunity to apply what we are Girls' Soccer Coach Madeline Wood said. "We offered the league to surrounding schools with the goal of creating an eight team league, but were delightfully surprised to have nine teams age players to be a part of respond, ten including ourselves committed to it."

The program is meant to improve soccer skills and to interact with other teams.

A mix of schools from the DFW area is part of the summer league. Teams com-Brewer, Bridgeport, Castle- ing the summer league. As

Springtown.

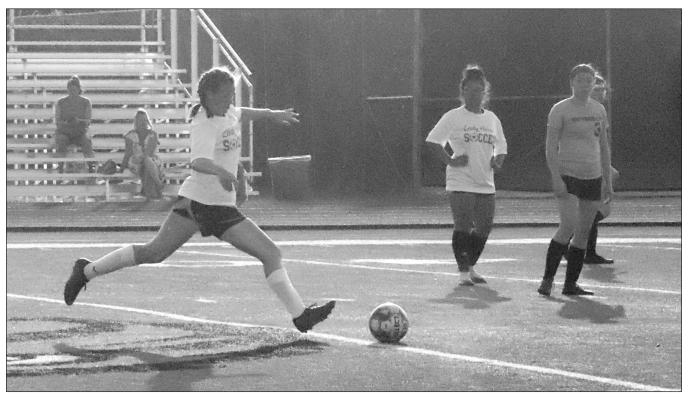
There are no winners or Soccer season doesn't losers in this league. For see her team improving.

"So far, we have played Surrounded by empty high six games this summer,' Wood said. "The league is a not reported. We have seen success though this sum-

> Wood believes the summer league will help her girls because there is a limited amount of practice time during the school year.

"It gives them the opporlearning in our high school skills sessions into a real game setting," she said. "There aren't a lot of opportunities in our area for middle school and high school teams outside of school ball."

Along with Head Coach ful game. Wood and Assistant Coach John Epps, and Azle High the players throughout the School alum and owner of summer and continue to Complete Soccer Training, raise the team's level of un-Austin Fugate, has been derstanding tactically each peting are Azle, Benbrook, working with the girls dur- game," Woods said. berry, Decatur, Lake Worth, a soccer player himself, Fu- provement throughout the



Azle Lady Hornet Soccer competes in a summer league match against Benbrook on July 14. The match, hosted at Castleberry High School, is one in a series of friendly soccer matches that will last until July 27. Photo by Kaylee Pippins

"He's been able to coach

The coach has seen im-

what he knows of the beauti- summer. She continues to with the correct attitude are do so, the better we will be," emphasize that hard work what will lead to success in she said. and optimism.

"We believe the girls are extremely coachable and as a unit is the goal, and the are buying into the process," she said. "We talk a lot about ment in her girls' teamwork. 'Building the Palace,' in understanding that it can't hap- crucial, both defensively pen overnight, and that con- and offensively, in soccer North Side, Saginaw, and gate is sharing with the girls last school year and this tinued dedication and effort and the more efficiently we

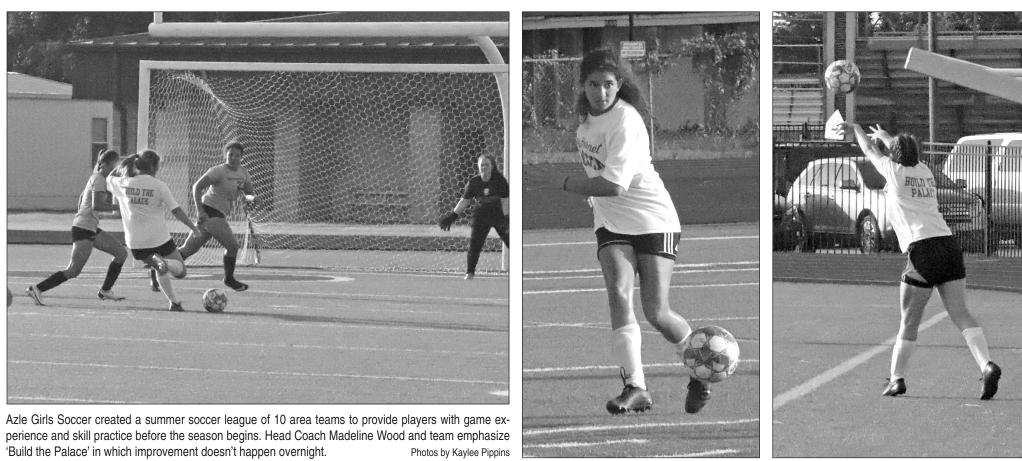
time.'

Learning to work together coach said she sees improve-

"Working as a unit is very

Azle has two games left to play — Lake Worth on July 20 at 5:30 p.m. at Hornet Stadium and Bridgeport on July 27 at 6:45 p.m. at Lake Worth's Kittrell Stadium.

The matches are free.



Another home run for Azle baseball



Along with the Azle Pinto 8u baseball team, the Azle Flynn 14u All Stars will be competing in the PONY World Series Tournament. Led by coaches Shawn Flynn, Jaime Ramirez, and Shawn Edelman, the team will compete on July 27 to August 1 in Youngsville, Louisiana. Team members include Keagan Flynn, Cash Hunter, Sam Lindahl, Conner Merrill, Leavy Owens, Ryker Owens, Nick Rabalais, Jaime Ramirez, Gatlin Staggs, Isaac Stolarczyk, Jacob McGee, and Riler Edelman. Teresa McGee, Jacob McGee's mom, expresses gratitude toward many establishments that have donated to help the team make the trip to Louisiana. "They've made everything possible for these guys to go," she said. Photo courtesy of Teresa McGee

Summer heats up with more **Azle HS camps**

LADY HORNETS BASKETBALL CAMP

JULY 26-28

The Azle Lady Hornets will host a basketball camp July 26 through July 28 at Azle High School. The camp will be divided into three sessions. Session 1 is for 1st-4th grades from 8-9 a.m. and costs \$25. Session 2 is for 5th-7th grades from 9:30 a.m.-noon and costs \$65. Session 3 is for 8th-9th grades from 1-4 p.m. and costs \$75. Registration is available the first day of camp and all campers receive a t-shirt. For more information, go to the Azle Athletics website.

AZLE FOOTBALL CAMP

JULY 26-28

Azle Hornet Football is hosting their annual football camp on July 26-28. The camp will be separated into two sessions, both will be held at the Azle HS Indoor Facility. Session 1 is open to 2nd-6th grades from 8-10 a.m. Session 2 is open to 7th-9th grades from 6:30-8:30 p.m. The 2021 camp cost is \$55, including a camp t-shirt. For more information, visit the Azle Athletics website.

Wrestling champion assists Hornets in **Upper Body Champ Camp**

BY KAYLEE PIPPINS

Nathan Grimes gave Azle wrestlers something to dream about.

70kg national champion assisted Hornets coaches at the Upper Body Champ Camp July 13-14.

"Big thanks to Nathan Grimes for making the trip to Azle to share his passion for greco with our pro-Harrison said via Twitter.

It was a treat to have Grimes around, a Texas wrestler with eyes er throwing techniques." on the Olympics.

tlers in the area but was predominantly Azle High School, middle tling. The 2018 high school graduschool, and youth wrestlers," said ate has a slew of other accolades Harrison. "We wanted to bring including UIL State placer, 2020 some opportunities for our kids to US Open All American, and 2021 learn from some high-level wres- US Open All American. tlers this summer, so we worked to get Nathan here for an upper body was pleased with the turnout and camp because he wrestles strictly level of participation in the camp.

the Greco-Roman style of wrestling which is all upper body."

The two-day camp emphasized Greco-Roman wrestling. Azle The 2020 U23 Greco-Roman coach Megan House also assisted at the event.

"This camp focused on Greco-Roman techniques and positions that were applicable to Folkstyle wrestling (the style that we compete in high school and college in gram," Azle wrestling coach Tyler the USA)," Harrison said. "The students worked on 2-on-1 ties, underhooks, body locks, and prop-

Having a successful mentor "This camp was open to all wres- around made teaching techniques a little easier. Grimes knows wres-

As a wrestling coach, Harrison

"The camp went great. We had a great turnout out of kids from 8-18 vrs old and we look forward to growing in the future. I enjoyed the opportunity for myself and my athletes to learn from a great technician like Nathan," Harrison said.

With the Azle High School out is indicative of the growth of school year.

Wrestling program growing in no- wrestling in our area," Harrison toriety and popularity, Azle ISD is said. "With the addition of middle implementing a wrestling program school wrestling in Azle ISD this into secondary schools the coming year our numbers will continue to grow."

"I think having such a great turn-



The Upper Body Champ Camp, guest hosted by 2020 U23 Greco-Roman National Champion, was open to all wrestlers in the area and had a mix of 8-18 year olds. Photo courtesy of Tyler Harrison



Azle Wrestling hosted an Upper Body Champ Camp on July 13-14, featuring guest clinician Nathan Grimes (seen above in white USA t-shirt). Grimes taught Greco-Roman wrestling techniques including 2-on-1 ties, underhooks, body locks, and proper throwing techniques. Photos by Kaylee Pippins



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Honest Thief This movie stole its dialogue from better films

"Honest Thief" is yet another movie that fits neatly into Liam Neeson's wheelhouse but doesn't quite reach the heights of greatness as his earlier projects.

Directed by Mark Williams and written by Steve Allrich, "Honest Thief" has the bones of a good story but it doesn't have the dialog or character development to make it a hit.

THE PLOT

Tom (Neeson) is a bank robber dubbed the "In and Out Bandit," a moniker he loathes, but what can you do, right?

In 12 years, he's stolen about \$9 million from various small-town banks, and moves his stash to a stor-Instead, he takes it with him wherever he goes. When he to retire.



2020 **PG-13** 1 hour 39 minutes Starring: Liam Neeson, Kate Walsh, Jai Courtney, Jeffrey Donovan





he hasn't spent a penny of it. age facility, he meets Annie (Walsh) and decides it's time best policy in the end?

First, Tom wants to come clean — to Annie and to the FBI — so that their life together starts off with total honesty.

But what seems like a sim-

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ple plan quickly goes wrong. Will honesty really be the

WHAT WORKED

The premise is good, and the cast in this movie is great. Everyone brings their best, even to a somewhat lackluster script.

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WHAT DIDN'T WORK

The movie could have done with a much better dialog. Parts of it felt cut-andpasted from other films or a thought and won't take long do-it-yourself action script kit. The characters didn't get sion, which takes so much Prime. away from the great actors.

SUMMING IT UP

This is a good one to watch if you just need an action fix that won't take too much to watch.

"Honest Thief" is curmuch in the way of dimen- rently streaming on Amazon







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Azle hopes to scale Summit in playoff opener



BY JEFF PRINCE jeff@azlenews.net

The stakes were high for Azle during last week's regular season finale against Northwest. Win the game by 18 points or more, and the Hornets would earn top seeding and homefield advantage to begin the postseason.

The task seemed difficult if not improbable. Northwest was the top scoring team in 3-5A. Its defense allowed the fewest points this season.

Still, the Hornets came close to accomplishing the unlikely.

Azle went into halftime leading by three points, received the kickoff to start the second half and scored a TD and two-point conversion. Then, two-way starter Bernock Iya picked off a Northwest kick and scored again.

pass and ran it to the one-foot line. Azle scored on the next play.

Iya played a "great game," Head Coach Devon Dorris said, pointing to his two interceptions, sack and TD catch.

Iya led the team's stingy, hardhitting defense — a unit that is fast becoming the squad's backbone.

"I'm really proud of our defense," Dorris said. "We played really well."

Midway through the third quarter, the Hornets reached 18 points. They kept pushing and increased their lead to 25. First seed, and then homefield advantage beckoned.

Alas, Northwest rebounded in the fourth quarter, made a long drive that culminated in a score. They recovered the ensuing onside

The 18-point spread was gone, but the Hornets still secured a 39-36 victory and a three-way split of the district championship.

Quarterback Chris "Kal-El" Lee was heroic even when tossing two picks and logging a mortal QB rating of 83.2. Lee finds ways to put the most points on the board whether he's having his best game statistically or not. Lee threw for two TDs and ran for another.

Running back Mason Wyble returned to the field after missing a couple of weeks from an injury, and he ran for 160 yards and two scores. Gavin Green caught a TD pass.

Drew Dorris led the team in tackles, and Gavin Hacker and Seth Hurst were close behind.

SEE HORNET FOOTBALL. PAGE 2B.



Photos by Jeff Prince

Hornets volleyball poised to bounce back

BY JEFF PRINCE jeff@azlenews.net

Azle bounced out of the playoffs in the first round against Northwest after a hardscrabble season saw ups, downs, triumph and tribulation.

"The girls fought hard," said Head Coach Elizabeth Snyder after the Hornets fell in the bi-district battle to Northwest. "Northwest had two of the biggest, hardest hitters we have come across this season."

The Hornets (21-20) won six of seven games to kick off the year. Afterward, the streaks ended. They'd win a couple games and lose a couple. Back and forth. All season long.

Some of those victories were thrilling. The Hornets won their first district game by sweeping Wichita Falls. They'd go on to beat Wichita Falls in their second meeting. Then victories over district foes Brewer and Granbury.

Rider and Aledo were different stories — both swept Azle in their first meetings. The mark of a good team is how well it responds to adversity, and Azle picked itself up. They lost to Rider in their second meeting but scored more points and put up a better fight. Then, the Hornets pushed Aledo to five sets and came within three points of beating the Lady Cats in their second meeting.

"We had an amazing season

Seniors Annabella Gamble and Meagan Lebetter, left, are leaving, but junior Brittany Cato will return for another season.

BY JEFF PRINCE jeff@azlenews.net

The Marching Green Pride lived up to its name at the Bands of America Super Regional Championship.

The contest featured 72 of the best marching band programs from this part of the country at a twoday event over the weekend at the Alamodome in San Antonio.

Azle's band received a first-class rating and placed sixth in its class and 32nd overall. The band's previous highest finish at the super regional contest was 50th place.

Before departing for San Antonio, band director Aaron Martin described the super regional as the "hardest show in the country" and predicted the Marching Green Pride would perform well.

"We want to go and have a good showing and have the kids feel good about what they have done," he said.

Mission accomplished.

Trumpeter Jack Gage and the Marching Green Pride performed well at the super regional in San Antonio.

Photo by Jeff Prince

Azle rodeo team keeps corralling competition



BY JEFF PRINCE jeff@azlenews.net

Azle's team stirred up plenty of dust over the weekend at the Springtown fundraising rodeo at the North Texas High School Association Arena in Saginaw.

More than 100 athletes entered the barrels competition, and Azle's team placed four riders in the Top 10.

In poles, more than 50 athletes entered the event, and Azle placed three riders in the Top 10.

"Azle did great," said Kristy Scribner, team sponsor. "The girls showed up in barrels and poles."

The team competes against more than 80 other teams in the North Texas High School Rodeo Association.

Three of Azle's sophomores and newer

Hevenli Scribner won rookie cowgirl and finished first in poles.

team members - Wyatt Allison, Nickolas McElhannon and Molly Rodda – placed for the first time this season.

Airian Moore won the bareback event, something he has done with regularity all season.

Hevenli Scribner won the rookie cowgirl title and finished first in poles.

Rodda finished eighth in walk-up goats.

In barrels, Lindsey-Kay Reichert finished third, Scribner finished fifth, Laurel Allred was seventh and Rylee Sisson was 10th.

McElhannon and Allison finished ninth and 10th respectively in chute dogging.

Allred finished fifth in poles, and Rylee Sisson was eighth.

Photo by Jo H Photography

HORNET FOOTBALL, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1B.

The three players combined for 31 tackles.

When the game ended, the Hornets, now 8-2, weren't worried about 18 points, seeding, homefield advantage or anything else. They had played a difficult game with passion, beaten a talented team on the road and staked a claim to a championship.

"It was really exciting to see them celebrate a share of the district title," Dorris said. "It was a really good game."

ON TO THE PLAYOFFS

Beating a team like Northwest gave the Hornets a boost heading into what could be the toughest game of the playoff run. Summit is "one of the top teams in the region, so they're going to be a tough test," Dorris said. "I'm sure we will be considered an underdog, but it wouldn't be the first game we won that we were the underdog."

Summit (7-3) might be the toughest team the Hornets face. Fight past them, and Azle could the trip. embark on a win streak.

Azle coaches have little person-

teams have never met in a football game, but Dorris knows their basics.

"They are extremely athletic, and they're big," he said.

Azle isn't intimidated. So far this season, the Hornets have shouldered a last-minute one-point loss on opening day, dealt with the tragic death of a player and his father in an airplane accident and overcome numerous injuries to key players.

"We're a really good football team," Dorris said. "I'm really proud of our kids and how they've handled the adversity throughout the year, the injuries that we've had and some of the situations that we've had to deal with. I wouldn't want to go to a playoff game with another group. They are seasoned and ready for whatever challenges lay ahead."

The game will be played at the Vernon Newsom Stadium in Mansfield, about an hour's drive from Azle. Dorris hopes local fans make

"We've always traveled really well in the playoffs," he said. "Our al history with Summit. The two community has always been great



Drew Dorris, shown talking to Conner Bennett, led the team in tackles against Northwest.

Photo by Jeff Prince

time."

During last week's game against Pride was in San Antonio compet- Summit) will be an electric atmo-

supporters of us come playoff ing at a regional contest. The team sphere," Dorris said. missed the band's spirit.

"Having the band back and hav- day at Vernon Newsom Stadium, Northwest, the Marching Green ing all of our supporters travel (to 3700 E. Broad St., in Mansfield.

Azle plays Summit at 7 p.m. Fri-

Azle Christian eyes playoffs after toppling Prince of Peace

BY JEFF PRINCE jeff@azlenews.net

Azle Christian displayed its prodigious offensive weaponry against Carrolton's Prince of Peace in the final regular season game to secure a playoff spot.

"It was an offensive show," said Gary Rushing, Azle Christian's head coach.

A Camden Logan show is more like it. The big running back churned out 360 yards and four touchdowns, threw for more than 100 yards and another TD, caught a TD pass and returned a kickoff for a score.

Final tally for Logan: six TDs and about 500 yards of total real estate.

The Crusaders' convincing 86-50 victory sealed a playoff spot for this weekend against Kingdom Prep in Lubbock.

Logan wasn't the only player team with 10 tackles on defense. with impressive stats. Teammate Logan Malewiski caught a TD cepted a pass and made nine tackles. pass on offense and intercepted a pass on defense. Ryan English couldn't have been scored without defense was Ty South, the coach



Camden Logan held an athletic seminar on the field against Prince of Peace.

scored twice on offense and led the capable blocking up front.

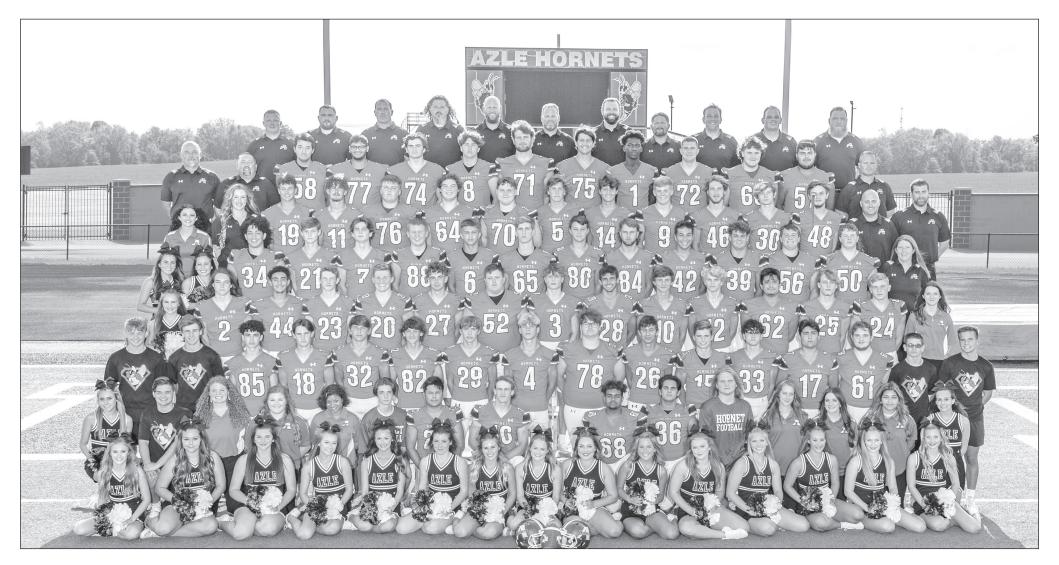
A.J. Rollins scored a TD, inter-Most of the Crusaders' points "Blocking well up front were

Noah Rollins and Colton Clester," Rushing said. Helping to bolster the line on Photo by Sherry Rushing

said. Azle Christian (7-3) plays at Kingdom Prep (8-2) on Saturday in Lubbock. The time and date were still being determined at press time.

Football Contest **WEEK 11**

Three contestants – Bobby Boyd, Kinny Pack and Wes Robinson – guessed the winners of seven of 11 games in this week's football contest to tie for first place. The tiebreaker game between the Dallas Cowboys and Denver Broncos generated 46 points. Boyd and Pack both picked 54 points in the tiebreaker and will split the first- and second-place prize money for a total of \$15 apiece. Robinson finished in third place and wins \$5.

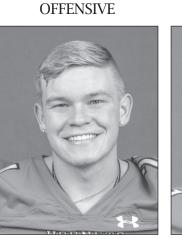


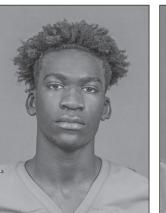
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9/03	7:00	WF High	W 41-7
9/10	7:00	Burleson	W 42-37
9/17	7:00	Arlington Heights	W 36-13
9/23	7:00	Saginaw	W 65-0
10/08	7:00	Crowley HOMECOMING	W 38-21
10/15	7:00	Granbury	W 49-21
10/22	7:00	Brewer	L 27-42
10/29	7:00	Abilene Cooper	W 52-23
11/05	7:00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

Players Of The Week

DEFENSIVE





Bernock Iya



SPECIAL TEAMS

Mason Wyble

Vance Guthrie



HORNET VBALL, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1B.

where the entire group of girls were a part of the wins on the court," Snyder said. "At some game or another, everyone was a contributor to our success this season on and off the court. I couldn't be prouder of these young ladies. They have grit, determination and are very positive. They are something special, and I'm thankful to have been part of their journey. These young women have really set the bar high for next year."

SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

• Azle finished the season with a better record than three of its district rivals.

• The Hornets won the most games (21) since 2014.

• The third-seed finish is highest since 2011

• Meagan Ledbetter become Azle's single-season leader in kills with 606.

• Camryn Hinkle surpassed 1,000 career assists and has committed to Kansas Wesleyan University.

• Makenna Dillow, Hinkle and Ledbetter were named first team All-District.

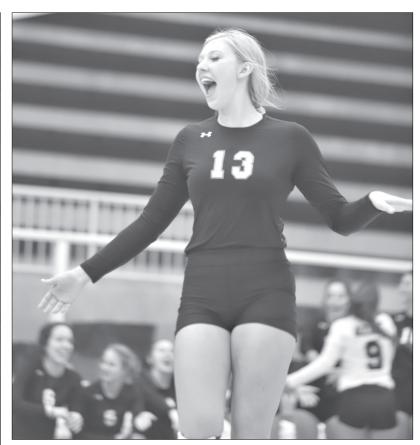
• Taylor Clark and Karlee Locke earned second team All-District.

• Garrisyn Christian, Kendall Locke and Leah North earned honorable mention All-District.

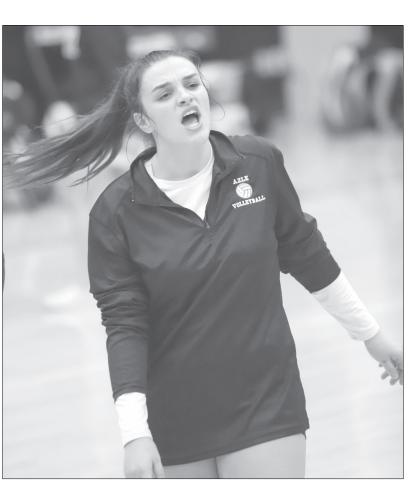
Nine seniors were on varsity, meaning more than half the roster will change next year. Younger players poised to become workhorses of the future include Brittany Cato; Dillow, who has surpassed 1,000 career digs already; Madison Miller; Taylor Fischer; Cameron Hoskins; and the Locke sisters – Kendall and Karlee.



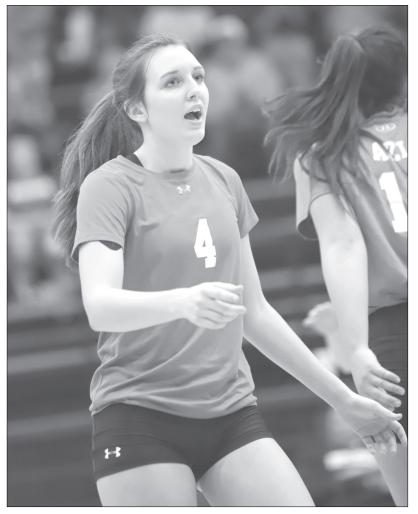
Junior Taylor Fischer hopes to make an impact on the court in her senior year.



Junior Cameron Hoskins brings enthusiasm to the team.



Junior Makenna Dillow expects to add to her 1,000 career digs.



Junior Karlee Locke is expected to return as a middle hitter. Photos by Jeff Prince





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Honoring all those who served

Mitchell's experience brought inspiration and reward

BY JESSICA McKINNEY azlereporter@azlenews.net

member of the U.S. Army distinction." Airborne from 1966 to 1982, in service, he became proficient as a rifleman, parachutist, diver, downhill skier —

all skills that were necessary for the type of work he did novels if you want to hear while serving overseas.

that will save your life and the lives of others in combat. "It's a quiet internal kind

James D. Mitchell was a of gratification... It's a big

Mitchell served in Vietretiring as a sergeant first nam, a member of the Green class. Throughout his time Berets, taking part in classified missions that have inspired him in his writings after he left the service.

"You can read my five



"As a young man, you're very in tune with that you're getting paid to enjoy a recreation, which contrasts risk exercise versus non-risk, and there's a distinction," said Mitchell. Although training in what for many people is considered a recreational pursuit for pure enjoyment, or even accolades and medals, it is very different when you are training for skills

the stories."

In the late '80s and early '90s, Mitchell wrote a series of novels, "Command and Control," which depict fictionalized accounts of his experiences during the war.

In addition to writing his novels, Mitchell has taught writing in different colleges and universities, from the University of Oklahoma to

SEE MITCHELL, PAGE 5C. Jim Mitchell (front, center) served in Vietnam.

Kilian was called to serve



Brian Kilian was an instructor pilot while in the U.S. Air Force.

BY JESSICA McKINNEY azlereporter@azlenews.net

U.S. Air Force for 26 years, retiring as a major in 2013. the number one thing that During his time in service, Kilian was an instructor pilot, flying the F-16 and the ship and volunteering with MC-12W.

"My deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan were my the contact from home kept most memorable times of me going," he said. "Early service," Kilian said. "Dur- in my career, that was in the ing these times, I flew daily form of snail mail letters. combat sorties finding the Later on in my career, I enbad guys and saving the joyed more instant commugood guys, which was very nications through email and rewarding work. Through video calls with my family. these missions, I developed a tight bond with the people

I was serving with. I had a relatively dangerous profession, and there were lots of Brian Kilian served in the emotional highs and lows."

Kilian credits his faith as kept him anchored while he was deployed, leading worthe church while overseas.

"In addition to my faith,

SEE KILIAN, PAGE 3C.





Marvin 'Doboard' Dunlap sits in a ESD1 fire rescue truck honoring him for his firefighting service.

BY MADELYN EDWARDS madelyn@azlenews.net

World War II veteran Marvin Dunlap's nickname "Doboard" is printed on the side of an Emergency Services District No. 1 fire rescue truck commemorating him for his firefighting service.

Dunlap, a longtime Springtown resident, was one of four who started the volunteer firefighting service after the war in his early 20s.

"Our first fire truck was made of a school bus," said Dunlap, who is now 96 years old.

He's a lifetime member of the department and would serve periodically when he was home or in town. He also worked in the oilfields after the war for 37 years

SEE DOBOARD, PAGE 10C.



Moore's experience was 'unparalleled' | 'Sense of duty'

BY JESSICA McKINNEY azlereporter@azlenews.net

Scott Moore was a member of the U.S. Air Force from 1991 to 1999, leaving after attaining the rank of Staff Sergeant. He was a helicopter crew chief, initially assigned to the 55th Special Operations Squadron at Hurlburt Field in Florida.

"We flew the all-weather, extended range MH-60 Pave Hawk (a highly modified version of the UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter)."

Moore's time in service was most memorable when he was stationed in Keflavik, Iceland, because that is where he met his wife, Ruth, who was serving in the U.S. Navy.

"We explored Iceland while we were dating, visiting geysers, glaciers, and waterfalls, and were able to experience together the distinctive culture that is unique to the Icelandic people," Moore said.

They were married and their first child was born while stationed there.

"One morning, shortly after our first child was born, I was getting ready to do some grocery shopping while my wife planned on staying home with our new baby daughter.

"As we were going over our grocery list, our building suddenly began to sway back and forth. This was disorienting because we lived on the third floor of a substantially-constructed concrete apartment building. We later learned that the swaying was in response to a magnitude 6.5 earthquake that rattled practically the entire island, vertically disby several feet.

"Thankfully, we were far from the epicenter, and Force, Moore has remained it was more curious for us in the aerospace industry. than it was destructive. Af- He earned his FAA Airter the quake ended and our frame and Powerplant Menerves calmed a bit, I went chanics license, specialized where I was (with the exto the store as planned.

"On the way, an aftershock struck, with pronounced vertical shaking. However, since I was driving, the car's suspension rendered me completely oblivious to the event. As I pulled up in the parking lot of the commissary, I saw dozens of people come pouring out of the doors in a panic. Apparently, the violent vertical shaking had completely emptied the contents of all the shelves onto the floor, and the commissary was a disaster. Thankfully, again, no one was seriously injured. I returned home empty-handed and the local Civil Air Patrol country, and it might end up found my wife and child safe and sound. They were as the Aerospace Education portunity to learn and experishaken up (but who wasn't Officer and Safety Officer, ence things is unparalleled."

placing roads in some areas at that point), but they were and Ruth as the Character ok."

> Since leaving the Air in helicopter repair, modification, and flight testing. When he earned his bachelor's degree, he then moved into inspection and quality engineering before landing and making a phone call," a position with the FAA as an Aviation Safety Inspector. Today, he works with companies developing and manufacturing aircraft, aircraft systems, and drones.

over the years, with two kids in college and three more in high school and junior high, homeschooling and being part of an educational co-op.

of his children are part of writing a blank check to your squadron, Moore serving getting cashed. Two, the op-

Development Officer.

His ties to home are strong and helped keep him rooted while he was deployed.

"I served overseas in several locations, and no matter ception of a month spent on the USS America), talking with family back home was as easy as walking to the USO tent/building on base, said Moore. "Back then there was no such thing as FaceTime or video chat, so a phone call had to suffice, but it was enough to blunt the pain of being far from home Moore's family has grown and the ones you love."

To those considering enlisting in the military, Moore said there are two things to know:

"One, military service is He and his wife and one not without risk. You are



Scott Moore, (right) served as a helicopter crew chief while he served.

BY MADELYN EDWARDS madelyn@azlenews.net

James Hachtel always wanted to be a police officer. Before joining the force in Springtown, he was part of the Texas Army National Guard.

"I've always wanted to help people," Hachtel said.

He recalled being named "Hometown Hero" at 5 years old when he got help for his grandfather when a van fell on his grandfather's the U.S. Army is serving one chest during a brake job.

"I didn't panic or anything," Hachtel said. "I ran The schedule allows people next door to the fire chief to serve while also maintainand got him. And he got the ing full-time jobs. van off."

He'd always had a hankermilitary, he said, he gained his family being support-"more of a respect for service and sense of duty."

Hachtel served from family time. 2010-2016, with encouragehim to Germany, Missouri engineer, which deals with around it," Hachtel said. bridge building and demolition work.

as a guardsman was helpincident where the vehicle in academy in Weatherford. his convoy hit a patch of ice and jackknifed. The wheel Army National the vehicle moveable again.

Going to work and finding with National Guard.

National Guard compared to up and shake their hand."



James Hachtel

weekend a month and two to three weeks during the year.

Hachtel recalled the camaraderie and teamwork in his ing for public service. In the service unit. He remembers ive of his service even as it required him to miss some

"My whole family has ment from his dad who had been around public service. also served. His service took My son's mother is in public service as well, so we always and Louisiana as a combat knew that we would work

Hachtel got out of the Texas National Guard to One of his assignments be able to spend more time with his son. He worked at ing people in North Texas the Tarrant County jail as a motorists during a previous corrections officer, and then snowstorm. He recalled an graduated from the police

Being in the Texas Guard locked up, so Hachtel loos- taught Hachtel leadership ened the brake line to make skills and patience with people as they learned.

For Veterans something different to do Day, Hachtel usually cooks every day as a police officer out with his dad, who is also reminds Hachtel of his time a veteran. He said he respects veterans, and if he sees any The main difference in veterans who served in war serving with the Texas Army or combat zones, "I'll walk

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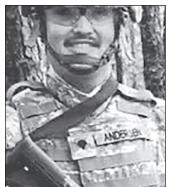
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KILIAN, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1C.

family and friends was albiggest comforts I had was knowing the people back home were supporting my family."

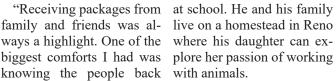
a welcome distraction for on deployment.

"It was always a highlight for us on deployment er professions." to share the goodies out of our care packages with each other," he said. "We loved getting cookies. My family once sent me a package of different types of jerky and I at Lockheed or on projects would take it along on mis- at home, I volunteer in my sions to share so everyone community leading the logot to sample jerky made from ostrich, turkey, alligator, etc."

Kilian grew up in Wisconsin, with a father, grandfather and several uncles who served in the military. His brother also served in the Air Force.

"One of my childhood memories is of my grandfato watch the airplanes," said Kilian. "During this time with him, I discovered my love for airplanes and develpilot when I grew up."

and another in Army ROTC many ways."



To anyone thinking of joining the military, Kilian Care packages of treats said, "the work is hard, the from back home was always responsibility is great. But the things you learn about Kilian and his fellows while yourself and the confidence you will gain in your abilities can be found in few oth-

> Kilian works as a program manager for Lockheed Martin for Operational Test and Evaluation of the F-35.

> "When I'm not working cal Civil Air Patrol unit and with my church in various capacities.

"I think it of the utmost importance to mentor our youth to be great leaders of tomorrow — that is part of the reason I volunteer my time with Civil Air Patrol. I believe we need to invest our time with our teens to ther taking me to the airport help them chart a successful course for their future. For me, living a life of service to my church, my community, and my nation oped a strong desire to be a has always been very fulfilling. I believe when you Today, Kilian has one son make yourself available who is an ensign in the Navy to God, he will use you in



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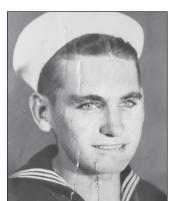
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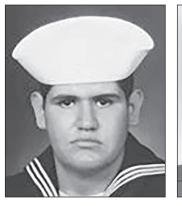
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When thinking of courage in all things, Mitchell quotes Amelia Earhart: "Courage is the price that life exacts for granting peace, the soul that knows it not, knows no release

Mitchell says to those who might consider enlist-His greatest task is ing to "choose carefully."

"There's so much available to you in the military, "That's a tricky one.," he and even benefits out of the military. To have the privi-Military service and lege of serving one's country is its own silent reward transcending awards and decorations, transcending any ceremonies, extolling the virtues of what you've done. It's silent internal gratification for having been a part of serving our great country."



Jim Mitchell, U.S. Army Airborne, Sergeant 1st Class.



MITCHELL, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1C.



Mitchell felt it was an honor to serve with some of the bravest men he knew.

University of Texas at Dallas.

Today, Mitchell owns a moving company as well as a business reconditioning and repairing furniture. But the desire to write is still with him, and he is current- from little things." ly working on a novel set in the Old West.

"seeking harmonious matrimony."

said.

fighting for a cause have deep-running roots in the Mitchell family, with two uncles lost at the Alamo during the Texas Revolution; another family member fought alongside Custer during his last stand.

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Sticking it out: Springtown council member Bill White recalls Air Force service

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ing his father when he was in of his military service, and the Air Force during times he liked it so much that he of homesickness. More specifically, he remembers his he left the Air Force. Then, dad telling him during these he met his wife, and they times to "stick it out" and not to give up on his military then Arkansas - before setservice.

talk to my dad, and he ing nearby. would tell me, 'Look, you enlisted, you gotta stick it out," White said. "And I'm so glad he did because I wouldn't take anything the Air Force."

White, who now serves as member, served in the Air Force from 1959 to 1963. The Alabama native started the process to enlist with a friend of his, though his friend eventually bailed.

also served in the military, the Navy.

be different," White said, when asked why he decided to enlist in the Air Force.

worked in transportation, driving 18-wheelers, buses, pickups and the like. His with their girlfriends. tasks sometimes involved hauling things, like when in my car," White said. "We years in service. he picked up jet engines from Tinker Air Force Base in Oklahoma City and took them to his base in Wichi- in the Air Force, enlisting country," he said. "And I'm ta Falls.

"I drove anything that had a motor," White said.

White was stationed Bill White recalled phon- in Texas all but one year stayed in Fort Worth after moved around - to Burleson, tling in Springtown, where "I would call home and he had family members liv-

He also spent some time being stationed in Greenland but has no desire to return and spending his 18th birththere. Temperatures there day in basic training. got as low as 65 degrees befor the four years I spent in low zero and as high as 50 education you can get in degrees in the summer.

a Springtown City Council months of total darkness, say you'll do when you say three months of total light, you'll do it," he said. 24 hours a day," White said. "The rest of the time it was when he decided it was getting dark or getting light."

the Air Force was the friend-White's three brothers ships White made, he said.

two in the Army and one in like college, making friends married and worked a few that last a lifetime," White menial jobs before landing "I guess I just wanted to said. "I enjoyed that more at General Dynamics workthan anything else."

White and his friends

didn't have enough money to rent a motel."

when he was 17 years old very proud of that fact."



Bill White

"There's nothing like the service, from a discipline "Also, we had three standpoint, doing what you

White left the military time to do something differ-The fun part of serving in ent. After making a stop in Alabama, he came to Fort Worth with only 53 cents. "I guess it was kind of He found a place to live, got ing in graphic reproductions.

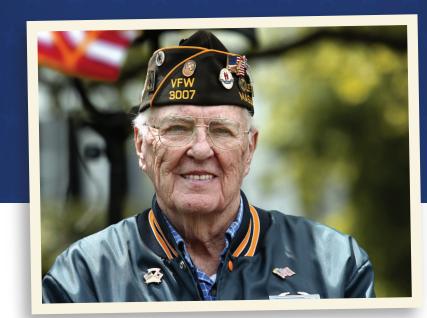
White celebrates Veterans used to travel from their Day not just in remembrance In the Air Force, White base in Wichita Falls to Fort of his own service but also Worth for the weekend and to honor his brothers who would go to house parties served. One of his brothers died in World War II, and "A lot of times we slept his other two brothers spent

> "Between me and my three brothers, we spent over White said he grew up 40 years in service of our

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Pinkston found a 'love of languages'

BY JESSICA McKINNEY azlereporter@azlenews.net

Aaron Pinkston served in the US Army from 1988 to 1992, completing his service as an E4/Specialist. While in the service, Pinkston was an Electronic Warfare Interceptor/Arab Linguist with the Military Intelligence Corps.

"I studied the Arabic language and dialects at the Defense Language Institute/ Foreign Language Center in Monterey, California for two years prior to beginning my duties, where I was immediately deployed to Saudi Arabia at the beginning of the first Gulf War for Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm," said Pinkston.

"I remained there for the duration of the war and then returned stateside to Fort Norwegian and limited Man- eventually chose. While not Stewart, Georgia, south of darin Chinese to my Arabic for everyone naturally, it was Savannah, where I completed my regular enlistment."

briefly in Saudi Arabia.

are together," he said.

Following his time in the career. Army, Pinkston went to college at Tarrant County Col-University. Today, he works justifying the cost of college Service Advisor.



Aaron Pinkston was an Arab linguist during Operation Desert Storm and Desert Shield.

and English."

For anyone considering have ever made." Pinkston's sister Grace enlisting, Pinkston said, "I Pinkston Neal also served as can tell you this was one of and is married to his high an Arabic linguist at the time, the most rewarding things I school sweetheart and and the two worked together have ever done and still take fellow AHS Class of '88 great pride in being a mili-"We still occasionally tary veteran. I made lifelong practice and speak Arabic friendships and gained con- have one son, Ben, who with each other whenever we fidence and skills that can't graduated from their alma be found in any other job or mater in 2018. His parents,

wasn't sure what career I was es and nephews all continlege and then Texas Tech interested in and had trouble ue to live in Azle. in the oil and gas industry until I had some idea what asked since I have traveled as an International Technical I wanted, so the military al- so much, if we could live lowed me to grow and see anywhere, where would "I have traveled around and experience much of what we live," Pinkston said. "I the world and still get to use life was before continuing respond that I can live anymy love of languages where my education and beginning where and Azle has and al-I have added some Spanish, my life in whatever field I ways will be my home."

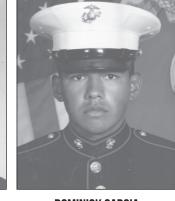
one of the best decisions I

Pinkston lives in Azle graduate, attorney Marcy Walter Pinkston. They brother Mark and sister "While in high school, I Grace, and numerous niec-

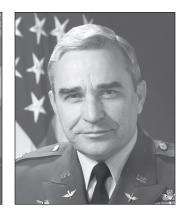
"Many people have



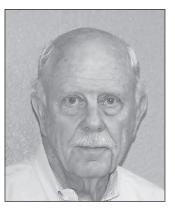
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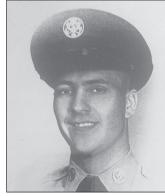
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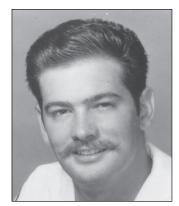












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JOHN MARTIN U.S. Army 1974-1996







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and raised a family.

"I've done a little of everything," said Dunlap, who paved roads and laid natural gas pipes in Springtown as well as worked at General Motors for a time. "But I was never out of a job if I wanted to work."

Dunlap served in the Navy from 1944-47, making \$25 a month until he got a raise to \$120 three and a half years later. Three of his brothers also served – one in the Army, one in the Navy and one in the Air Force.

"Instead of being drafted, I went to the Navy so I could travel," Dunlap said. "And I did travel."

One of the highlights of Dunlap's military service was being there to watch the peace treaty being signed at Tokyo Bay in 1945, marking the end of the war.

Dunlap's thought during this auspicious moment was "Oh boy," knowing the war was over.

Dunlap also was off the coast of Japan when U.S. forces dropped atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Afterward, he toured the bombed area. He called the experience "unbelievable."

"It just ripped that town all to pieces, both places," Dunlap said, adding that the people there didn't say much and were processing shock. "I don't know what they thought."

Dunlap traveled all over the world, including Japan, Australia, China, Canada, lap said. "I remember one

member getting three cans. He served as a third-class

gunner's mate, the person one time they were breakwho instructs when and ing eggs, break three in the Duluth during the war. He rotten egg.' He said, 'The was transferred to the USS Iowa after the war. He recalled life on board the shoes shined and hair cut.

Navy officers.

the time might be celebrat- ship. ed with cake, but usually nothing was done to mark said. the occasion, Dunlap said.

once in a while, but everywhere we (were) at, it'd would come back to center. take so long to get it," he said.

ing with a few Springtown what sailors did during ship from Parker County.

"Everybody was your friend," he said when asked if he made any friendships in the Navy.

After the war, Dunlap also had the chance to serve on ship for about a year to stay in the Navy. with his little brother, who was a baker.

watch, I'd go by the bake- so good, different than what I shop, and they'd start baking at 1 or 2 o'clock," Dun-

Trinidad, the Panama Ca- time they dropped the bread nal and Hawaii. He re- on the floor. I said, 'Man, called having beer parties that fell on the floor,' and he in Guam, with each service said, 'Yeah but it fell on a napkin.""

He added, "I remember where to fire, on the USS hand. I said, 'Boy, that's a Navy don't have rotten eggs.""

Before the war was over, ships, like being able to Dunlap recalled a storm sleep on deck with a blan- near Okinawa that damaged ket, and dress code restric- his ship, the USS Duluth, tions such as having to keep which had to be repaired in Guam. The storm "tore "They were pretty strict 108 (feet) off the bow" of people," Dunlap said of the USS Pittsburgh, another nearby ship, and the Duluth Birthdays in the Navy at transported people off that

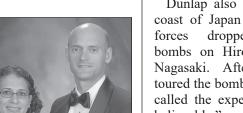
"It was scary," Dunlap

In the storm, Dunlap's "We'd maybe get a cake ship took a 55-degree roll, or something from home meaning it swung side to side, and he wasn't sure it

"If we could, we'd stay down in a compartment," Dunlap recalled serv- Dunlap said when asked residents as well as several rolls. "But if you had duty, you had to stay on your duty post."

> One of Dunlap's sisters broke down in tears at the thought of him re-enlisting, but after coming home on leave, Dunlap decided not

"I don't know really why," he said. "I was coming home "If I had that midnight on leave and everything was was used to."





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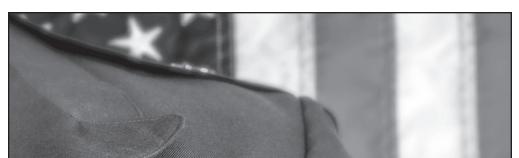
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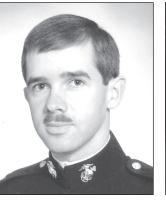
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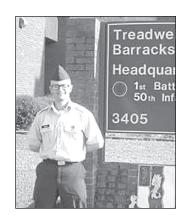
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Local former veterinarian recalls service during the Vietnam War

BY MADELYN EDWARDS madelyn@azlenews.net

Getting pounced on by two German Shepherds is a memory James Gieb, a former Springtown veterinarian, has of the Vietnam War.

"Both of them knocked me to the ground. I'd say the handlers were very embarrassed because everything's a very smart, exact thing with them. The handlers dogs," Gieb said. "It's just when they started to walk shoulder." off, I was supposed to be step and then, all of a sud- animals. In the Army, Gieb's



James Gieb

knew how to handle the it and they turn around and not wanting their kids to go gave me one foot on each

inside and the dog took one someone who worked with kind of a no brainer for me." den, they had a loose leash job was to inspect food, Bay, Vietnam, Gieb's ser- were at. I mean, you're not with. on it. And the dogs caught commissaries and cafeterias, vice took him to San An- gonna say there was no dan-

and coolers were functioning properly.

He signed up thinking there was a good chance he because of an earthquake. would be drafted.

Gieb, a Fort Worth native, served in the Army actively from 1970-72, which included about five months in Vietnam. He calls military me, you could hear voices of service a "duty."

"I really think it's everybody's duty to go, and I understand some parents to sacrifice for them," Gieb said. "And I was gonna get An amusing anecdote for drafted anyway, so it was Gieb said he was never deal with situations when behind them," he added. "I Aside from Cam Ranh

Oklahoma, and San Pedro, reason it really didn't re-California, where he remembered waking up on the floor knew my presence and my and deal with it," Gieb said.

In Vietnam, Gieb recalled tion." being moved after hearing a overrun in 1968.

"In the story he was telling back to the U.S. men crying, voices of men in detail what he'd been do- himself. shouting orders," Gieb said. "After looking at the ground, ality of what could happen ally carried the weapons at the ground was covered with and I was in the area this the front end and got in those solid shrapnel."

Despite the horror stories scared to go.

surroundings and paid atten-

He remembered how once

"The mortician explained ing and that became one reman got killed," Gieb said.

Something Gieb learned some have about Vietnam, from the Army is how to a person in power takes ac-

"Some people do things front."

and making sure the freezers tonio, Chicago, Fort Sill, ger," Gieb said. "For some you don't like that have power and you have to make ally bother me. I just kind of the best of what you have "I've tried to practice that idea, put it in my life."

> On Veterans Day, Gieb story about a base that was when he was in flight with takes time to remember a body that was being sent those who gave the ultimate sacrifice, but he doesn't necessarily seek out honors for

> > "I think people who actusituations, they deserve the honors," Gieb said.

"I'm proud that I can walk think that's an honor that I "You knew where you tions that he doesn't agree have to walk behind them. But I don't put myself out in



ARTHUR SCOTT TURNER U.S. Air Force Lt. Colonel 1945-1978



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Joining Air Force helped change his life

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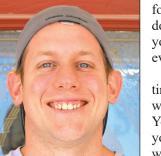
Being in the Air Force put Eric Parrish's life on a better trajectory.

Before entering the military after high school, Parrish described himself as a "crazy, young 18-year-old kid who didn't know any better."

"I didn't make good enough grades in school to afford college with scholwas to go to the military, group," Parrish said. get some college, come out better."

Force from 2010 to 2016 important dates with family. and joined the reserves in 2016. He has been sent to you'll miss Thanksgiving, Afghanistan, Kuwait, Colo- you will miss holidays, rado, Europe and the East you will miss birthdays," Coast, working in security he said. "Depending on forces. His job was to pa- where you're at, if you're trol the area outside the deployed, you might miss base, controlling access to funerals. If it's not an imthe flight line and respond mediate relative, someone to alarm calls, among other you lived with or your partasks.

"Don't let stuff get de- funeral." stroyed and don't let people die, essentially," Parrish used to the homesickness said regarding the basic and keep himself busy. goals of his military job. "Don't allow bad guys on homesick, to not missing base."



Eric Parrish

grounds to achieve goals.

"You get every kind of arships," the Azle native different person in there; said. "So it was either stay y'all are taught how to around here, possibly get work together to benefit not in trouble. So my best bet just yourself but the whole U.S. and seeing how we could."

Parrish's Air Force service also entailed enduring Parrish was in the Air bomb attacks and missing

"You'll miss Christmas, ents, you're gonna miss that

Parrish learned to get

"The trick to not getting anything for me was find a Parrish described how routine, get settled into this the military brings together routine as fast as possible, people from various back- and focus on what you need

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to do," Parrish said. "If you everything else going on.

doesn't help to dwell on what to do with their lives. what they're doing," he added.

tioned around mountains in citizens here are really ap-Afghanistan and how people there lived in mud huts.

lived compared to the Afghanis was a completely different, eye-opening ex- Day any way they want. perience," he said. "Some running water or they didn't have AC or heat."

draw similarities between ever you want to celebrate the Afghanis and people in it, you celebrate it. If you rural areas who depend on don't want to celebrate, then agriculture and livestock for you don't want to celebrate. their livelihoods.

goat, that's their livelihood, a lot like out here," Parrish you how to live. said. "You lose livestock, it's expensive over here. You comes, I'm just gonna enjoy that's also really expensive the accomplishments and because they're selling the then treat it like almost a wool to make clothes, rugs, normal day," he added. or maybe they're slaughtering the goat or the sheep to survive."

After leaving active duty focus on what you need to in the Air Force, Parrish do while you're at your job, went to the police academy you can almost block out in Weatherford and eventually landed a job on the "They're going to con- Springtown police force. He tinue their lives no matter said being in the military what while you're overseas. helped pave the way for him You're going to continue to become a police officer, your life no matter what and he called the military a while you're overseas. It tool to help people decide "I love being a cop, I love

working here in Spring-Parrish recalled being sta- town," Parrish said. "The preciative, they have our backs, and I love to help "Coming back from the them out as much as I

> Parrish encourages people to recognize Veterans

"Every veteran - Naof these villages didn't have tional Guardsmen, reserve, active-duty veteran - has have electricity. They didn't or is fighting for your right to celebrate it however you Parrish was also able to want," Parrish said. "How-I'm not gonna sit here and "If they lost a sheep or a say you should or shouldn't. That's not up for me to tell

"When Veterans Day lose livestock over there, it, enjoy being home and all

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