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## Faith, freedom, family

### Fourth of July fireworks wow a grateful crowd

BY JESSICA MCKINNEY  
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Thousands gathered at Azle Central Park Sunday night to mark Independence Day.

After nearly a year of COVID isolation, revelers seemed relieved to be out among friends and neighbors.

Hundreds of volunteers from the Azle Area Ministerial Alliance were busy handing out buckets of hot dogs and cases of water to the throngs at the park.

Mayor Alan Brundrett gave a proclamation to kick off the Follow the Flag event.

"Many great men fought and died so we could celebrate this day together with our families, and many still fight and die today so we can maintain our freedoms," Brundrett said.

Scout Troop 243 performed color guard duties. Following the pledge of allegiance and the playing of the Star-Spangled Banner, two biplanes flew overhead.

Children, adults, and dogs were dressed in red, white and blue to celebrate the day. Families were spread out across the grassy field in front of the amphitheater, enjoying what felt like an old-fashioned community Fourth of July. Even an impromptu sack race broke out.

Pastor Tim Stevens, of Azle First Assembly of God, kept the musical program running as various artists stepped up to the stage.

As the sun melted into the horizon the anticipation for the fireworks display grew. People knew the pyrotechnics show was about to kick off as patriotic music blared from the speakers.

Showtime. The crowd cheered with each pop and flare. Parents and kids wrapped their arms around each other as they watched the show.

That familiar Lee Greenwood song began to play, signaling the start of the grand finale. As the song drew to a close, the cheers rose once again.



A fireworks extravaganza wowed attendees at this year's Follow the Flag at Azle Central Park, hosted by the Azle Area Ministerial Alliance.

Photo by Sara Jackson

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## 'Cite and release'

### Tarrant County implements new policies for low-level crimes

BY JESSICA MCKINNEY  
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Low-level misdemeanor crimes in Tarrant County may now warrant a citation instead of immediate arrest.

"The search for improvement in the criminal justice system is a continual process," said Azle Police Chief Rick Pippins. "Police, prosecutors and courts always seek to improve the fairness, accuracy

and speed of the system which benefits all stakeholders, including the accused."

The change is part of a law called Cite and Release, which was passed in 2007 by the Texas Legislature. Under this law, a defendant who is charged with Class A or B misdemeanors may be issued a citation rather than arrested.

Here is how it works: An officer

SEE CITE AND RELEASE, PAGE 5A.

## Area woman arrested for cruelty to animals

BY SUSAN MCFARLAND  
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A Springtown woman has been arrested in connection with several dogs and cats discovered living in squalor inside an abandoned home in sweltering 103-degree heat.

Teresa Ann Lenois, 58, is charged with cruelty to non-live-stock and failure to register as a sex offender and is being held in the Parker County Jail in lieu of a

\$20,000 bond.

She was initially booked into Tarrant County Jail on June 18 and released to Parker County Sheriff's Department on June 25.

Parker County Sheriff's Office animal control officers and sheriff's deputies removed the animals from the home in the 1700 block of Newsom Mound Road June 15, after receiving a com-

SEE ANIMAL ARREST, PAGE 9A.



Teresa Ann Lenois

## THIS WEEK IN AZLE HISTORY

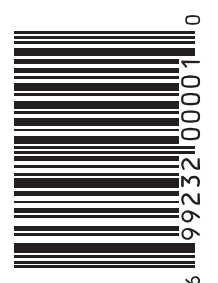
### 15 YEARS AGO...

In July 2006, a Pelican Bay animal control officer was arrested and charged with theft by a public servant and possession of a controlled substance (veterinary drugs).

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# Fourth of July fireworks and family



Family and friends gathered at Azle's Central Park on Sunday, July 4th for the annual Follow the Flag sponsored by the Azle Ministerial Alliance. From free food and drinks to live music and fireworks, people of all ages celebrated American Independence with a bang. Photos by Jessica McKinney and Kaylee Pippins

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Some of the most active and exciting fishing can be had on your local stock tank, pond or small creek. You don't need much equipment and you can generally access these effectively without a boat. These are also great places to take kids fishing as the fish are generally eager to accept most presentations.

As with any fishing trip, you should plan accordingly. A good tackle box with an assortment of small baits is on order as well as a small ice chest with some refreshments. Even more important is to make sure you use sunscreen and insect repellent. Coming back eaten up with chiggers or something even worse is not fun.

My tackle choices would include small spinner baits, jigs, small soft plastics and some topwater baits for artificial offerings. If you want

to use live bait; a bucket of small minnows, a can of worms or some grasshoppers may be all you need.

Many local ponds have bass, perch and catfish. Some tanks will only have one predator species, whereas some of the bigger tanks may have all species.

If you are looking for bass, soft plastics or small spinner baits are fairly deadly. Generally most tanks are not fished often and the fish are fairly easy to catch. Standard bream colors such as chartreuse or pumpkinseed will work. Darker colors will work depending on the water clarity. Just have several colors available.

As I alluded to earlier, smaller baits generally perform better when fishing smaller tanks. Small road-runners, beetle spins, inline spinners and small chug bugs are effective. Small tube baits or small worms jigged near structure in the tank or even fished under a float may do the trick. Sometimes most anything will get hit in these small bodies of water.

When using smaller baits, you generally will downsize your tackle to better present these smaller baits. I do prefer to use spinning tackle with 8- to 10-pound test line. A long (12 to 20 feet) cane pole is another option that is effective in placing your presentation in many of the openings in moss or in weeds or brush within the tank or pond.

Learn the bottom structure of the tank or pond. As with any fishing hole, bass will be holding near structure or may be sitting idle near the bottom. An incoming creek may be the best spot on the tank. An overhanging tree offering some shade this time of the year cannot be passed up. During the summer the fish are likely to be more aggressive in the early hours of the day and again later in the evening. Catfish on the other hand may be more easily caught during the night during the summer months. A good rain this time of the year will turn on most every fish on most every body of water.

Fishing tanks this time of



From left, Jeff Gerhardt of Cresson along with Dave Lewis and Kenneth Shane are pictured enjoying catching approximately 40 striped bass on Lake Granbury and kept their limit of 15 to 9 pounds this past weekend. Courtesy Photo by Mike Acosta

the year is a great pastime. I find it relaxing and exciting whether it is the small sunfish hitting my presentation or a small bass. It is hard to pass up a small body of water without giving it a try.

**OTHER AREAS**

Whitney lake levels are back to normal. Call the Corps of Engineers for park reopening dates after the flood. Whitney striper limits continue on most days.

Lake Graham hybrid striped bass is fishing is reported as good to excellent on slabs and live shad. Lake Proctor sand bass and hybrids are reported as good as well on live bait.

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# Got garbage?

## County just opened a dump for it

BY SUSAN McFARLAND  
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Instead of holding on to that old couch until Parker County's annual Clean-Up Day, commissioners have created a place to take it year-round.

From appliances and electronics to mattresses and vehicles, the North Parker County Residential Disposal Center accepts most anything for free or a small fee. The center, located at 3000 Veal Station Road, opens July 6. Hours are from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 9 a.m. to noon on Friday.

Parker County Commissioner George Conley said when the county Clean-Up Day began many years ago, there were significantly less residents.

"With the increase of residents means an increase of trash ... The amount of trash

that was coming in would take months to clean up," Conley said. "Employees would have to stay on the yard to clean it up instead of being able to do our road maintenance work."

The disposal center replaces clean-up day and allows people get rid of waste year-round, instead of holding items all year while waiting on the event.

Free disposal includes brush (no commercial), metal, appliances, electronics, used oil and tires. For \$5, household items such as furniture and mattresses can be dumped. Vehicles vary by price, ranging from \$10 to \$40. Boats can be left for \$40, and trailer prices range from \$40 to \$60.

"What we we're already accepting for free will still remain free. The only thing we are changing is adding dumpsters for the large items that your residential

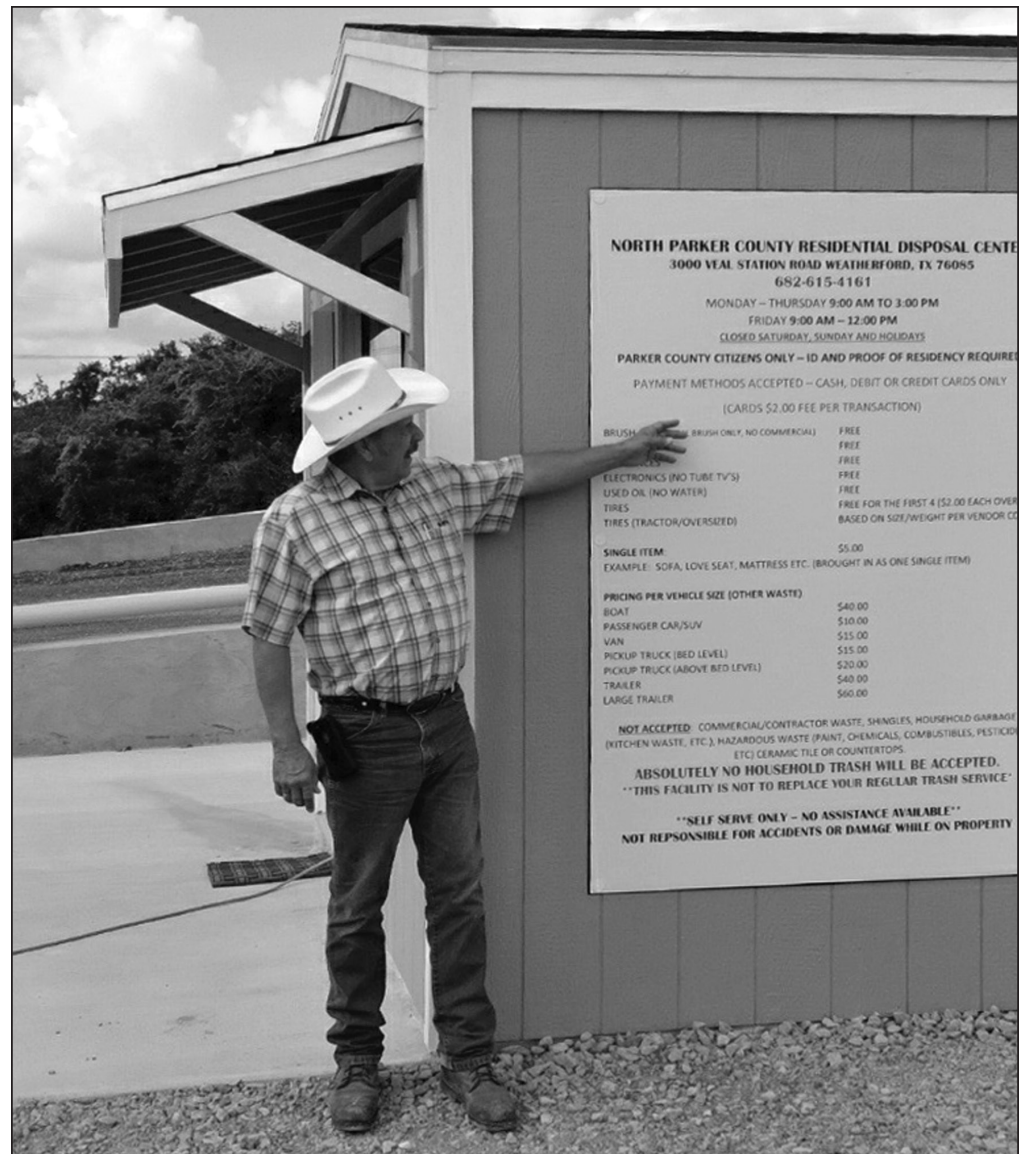
trash service will not take," Conley said. "We are keeping the cost as low as possible. We are not here to make any money off of this; it is just to help with the cost of the disposal."

Having a convenient place to take waste any day of the year for free or little cost may help prevent illegal dumping.

"We've seen everything. Mattresses, furniture, construction debris, even an RV and a boat," Conley said.

The North Parker County Residential Disposal Center is the second in the county. A disposal center on the south side of the county, located at 2833 Tin Top Road in Weatherford, opened in April.

The disposal centers are for Parker County residents with proof of residency required. No commercial businesses or household trash will be accepted.



Parker County Commissioner George Conley showing the informational sign at the North Parker County Residential Disposal Center at 3000 Veal Station Road. Courtesy photo

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Notice is hereby given that the Azle Independent School District, of Tarrant County, acting by and through its Governing Board, will receive sealed PROPOSALS for CSP #21-0805 Landscape Maintenance and Field Mowing Services; Thursday, August 5, 2021, 10:00 am central standard time, at the Azle ISD Purchasing Department, 300 Roe Street, Azle, Texas 76020. The Request For Proposal package may be obtained electronically via Ionwave at <https://azleisd.ionwave.net>. The Azle ISD reserves the right to accept or reject any and all proposals and to waive any irregularities, technicalities, or informalities in any proposal or in the proposal process.

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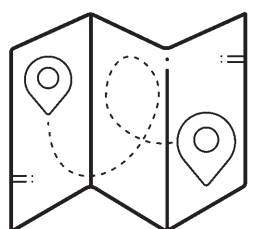
Notice is hereby given that on the 19th day of July 2021, at 7:00 p.m., at City Hall, located at 1300 Pelican Circle, Pelican Bay, Texas, the Planning & Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider the rezoning of property located as follows:

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- Jacob Wilcox Survey #54, Abstract 1713 Tract 4-10945 Liberty School Rd.-1.79 acres

Zoning regulations and maps are available for viewing at City Hall. Comments may be submitted in writing prior to the public hearing at City Hall or in person at the public hearing from all interested persons. All requests and comments should be directed in writing to: Teri Anthony, City Secretary, 1300 Pelican Circle, Pelican Bay, Texas 76020, by mail, in person, or by email to [secretary@cityofpelicanbay.com](mailto:secretary@cityofpelicanbay.com), between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.



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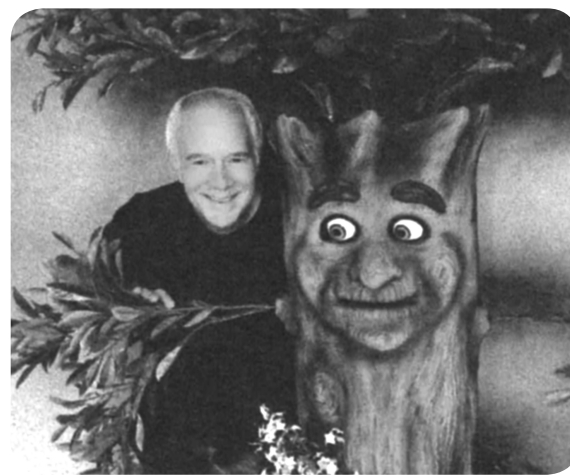
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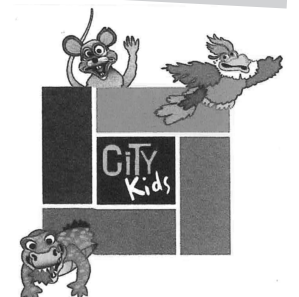
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The Texas Parks and Wildlife magazine's Great Outdoor Scavenger Hunt (GOSH) returns for another year of summer fun across Texas. Travel to various locations regionally or statewide, take a selfie and post it with the hashtag #GOSH2021. Discover history, wildlife, parks, waterways and quirky attractions – plus iconic Texas food stops as a “bonus” to enjoy along the way. The GOSH 2021 challenge ends at midnight on Labor Day, Sept. 6.

Select from six regions, including Dallas, Central Texas, Houston, Panhandle, South Texas and West Texas. Register on the Texas Parks and Wildlife Magazine Website (<https://tpwmagazine.com/>) or the TPWD Facebook page, then find the spot, take a smiling selfie and tag it on Twitter or Instagram. Participants can also post and tag it on the TPWD Facebook page with #GOSH2021. Partakers can visit locations regionally or statewide and compete in one or all GOSH activities.

“We are so ready to have fun outdoors again,” says Texas Parks and Wildlife magazine editor Louie Bond. “GOSH inspires those day trips that make lifelong memories. Pack the ice chest and your swimsuits and hit the road for a summer of fun. Share selfies everywhere you go, and you'll have bragging rights at Thanksgiving for being

great Texas adventurers.”

In the Dallas-Fort Worth area, take selfies with wading pools and waterfalls at Airfield Falls Conservation Park and with vintage farm equipment or the Penn family home at Penn Farm at Cedar Hill State Park. Stop in at Czech Stop Bakery and take a gander at the State Fair's mythical Texas Woofus. Enjoy the views at the scenic overlooks at Lake Mineral Wells State Park and Trailway and match your grin to the fish in the 26,000-gallon Dive Theater aquarium at the Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center in Athens. Check out more locations for the Dallas area at [tpwmagazine.com/gosh2021/DFWTX/index.html](https://tpwmagazine.com/gosh2021/DFWTX/index.html).

See how to enter, rules, where to upload your selfies and more information on the challenge locations regionally or statewide at [tpwmagazine.com/gosh2021/](https://tpwmagazine.com/gosh2021/).

Those who complete activities regionally will receive a TPWD certificate and a shoutout in a future issue of the Texas Parks and Wildlife magazine. If participants complete all 30 activities (36 with bonus activities in each category) on this year's TPWD Great Outdoor Scavenger Hunt, they will receive a downloadable certificate and a two-year digital subscription to the Texas Parks and Wildlife magazine, plus some epic bragging rights.

## 42-pound catfish



Hunter Richey of Azle caught a 42-pound Flathead catfish in Walnut Creek off of Reno Road on June 30. Richey explains that he caught the giant catfish with bacon. Photo Courtesy Hunter Richey

### CITE AND RELEASE, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1A.

will issue a citation for the offender to appear before a Tarrant County magistrate on a specific date. When the offender arrives in court, the law enforcement agency is notified by the magistrate and a case filed with the District Attorney's office for prosecution.

The types of offenses that are eligible for cite and release include possession of marijuana less than two ounces or between two and four ounces; possession of a controlled substance in penalty group 2A (chemical

compounds that mimic cannabinoids such as K2 and Spice) less than two ounces or between two and four ounces; criminal mischief with an amount of loss between \$100 and \$750; graffiti in the amount of loss between \$100 and \$2,500; and theft with a value between \$100 and \$750.

“We are not dismissing theft or drug cases,” Tarrant County Criminal District Attorney Sharen Wilson said. “This is just another way to prosecute these cases efficiently.”

For Azle police officers, this is just “one more tool in the toolbox,” Chief Pippins said. “Like all tools, it's not something you use every time. You have to choose the right tool for the job at hand.

“Before, our officers had no choice but to arrest individuals for these types of offenses. Now, they have the option to issue a citation, secure the offender's promise to appear in court, and release those who commit certain nonviolent offenses.”

Pippins stated that having

this option benefits the city because issuing a citation takes less time than arresting and booking an offender, meaning an officer's time is being better spent; and for the accused, they benefit by not having to spend extra time in jail or paying for a bond.

To be eligible for a citation instead of immediate arrest, the offender must be an adult resident of Tarrant County, and the offense must have been committed inside the county.

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# Obituaries

## Randy Lee Waldon 1953 - 2021

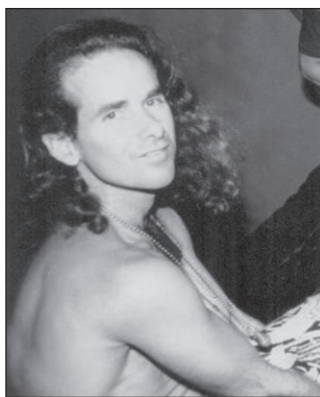
Randy Lee Waldon 68. passed away Thursday, June 24, 2021 from natural causes after a long battle with Parkinson's.

Celebration of Life will be held July 11 at 1:30 p.m. at the Azle VFW. Everyone is invited.

Randy was born May 17, 1953, in Long Beach, California to Lee & Chris Waldon. Randy was a free spirit and loved his rock and roll. Anyone who knew him loved his quick wit and sense of humor.

He was preceded in death by his father Leland Waldon; and mother Christina Pappas Kundyssek.

Survivors include his daughter Lola Waldon Brus-



sels Belgium; sister Christy Waldon Hanna and husband, Chad; stepfather Dale Kundyssek; cousins and caretakers Sherry and David Odom, and Mary Devine; and many loving family and friends.

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## Judy Lee Temple 1943 - 2021

Judy Lee (Forschler) Temple was born December 3, 1943 in Racine, Wisconsin to Dorothy Brown. She passed away on June 30, 2021 in Decatur, Texas.

A celebration of life will be announced at a later date.

Judy married the love of her life Darrell Temple of Newton, Iowa on July 13, 1978. She worked for many years at Wal-Mart in Lake Worth and Decatur, as well as the Old South Pancake House in Fort Worth.

Judy was an active member of The Crossing Fellowship Church in Azle, Texas. She enjoyed volunteering her time with the church and went to bible study as often as possible.

Judy was preceded in death by her mother Dorothy and stepfather William Brown; daughter Rebecca Jones; brothers David Forschler and wife Patricia



and Donal Forschler; and wife Martha.

She is survived by her husband of 42 years Darrell; son Scott Jones; stepdaughter Justine Wyma and husband Mark; brother Dean Forschler and wife Marlene; granddaughters Melissa Sawtech and Ashley Wyma; grandson Ethan Wyma; great-grandchildren Abigail and Hailey Sawtech; plus many nieces and nephews.

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## James Duane "Bo" Gordon 1946 - 2021

James Duane "Bo" Gordon passed away peacefully on July 3, 2021.

Visitation will be held on Monday, July 12, 2021, at Azle & Lake Worth Funeral Chapel beginning at 1p.m with a Funeral Service to follow at 2 p.m. Interment will be held immediately after the service at Azleland Cemetery & Memorial Park.

Bo will be deeply missed by his siblings, Sam and Martha Gordon, Brenda and Melvin Barton, and Mary and Jim Laird; nephews and nieces, Lee Barton, Angela and Troy Snow, Cari Wood, Anson and Shelby Gordon, Jayme and Alex Brooks, and Alan and Ashley Gordon; great-nieces, Makenzie and Cameron Livingston, and Madison Brooks; great-



nephews, Tanner and Tyler Snow, River, Cade, and Jhett Gordon, Ethan and Dylan Gordon; great-great-niece, Hayden Livingston; and a host of loving friends who lives he brought so much joy too.

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High Ground Fitness will be hosting him at their mat room this weekend from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. for an advanced wrestling seminar, as well as a Meet and Greet, which will be open to the public, from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. on July 11.

High Ground Fitness is a nationally recognized gym that teaches martial arts, such as wrestling and kickboxing, as well as youth dance. Find out more about their classes, schedule, private lessons, and staff by visiting [www.highgroundfit.com](http://www.highgroundfit.com).

For additional information about the two-day clinic with Kendall Cross, email [highgroundazle@gmail.com](mailto:highgroundazle@gmail.com) or call 817-752-2051.

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In re: BRAZOS ELECTRIC POWER COOPERATIVE, INC., Debtor. § CASE NO. 21-30725 (DRJ) Chapter 11

**NOTICE OF DEADLINES FOR THE FILING OF PROOFS OF CLAIM, INCLUDING REQUESTS FOR PAYMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 503(B)(9) OF THE BANKRUPTCY CODE**

**THE GENERAL CLAIMS BAR DATE IS JUNE 15, 2021.**  
**THE TORT CLAIMS BAR DATE IS AUGUST 5, 2021.**  
**THE GOVERNMENTAL BAR DATE IS SEPTEMBER 3, 2021.**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE OF THE FOLLOWING:**

*Deadlines for Filing Proofs of Claim.* On May 5, 2021 the Court entered an order (Dkt. No. 515) the ("Bar Date Order")<sup>2</sup> establishing certain dates by which parties holding prepetition claims against Brazos Electric Power Cooperative, Inc. (the "Debtor") must file proofs of claim, including requests for payment pursuant to section 503(b)(9) of the Bankruptcy Code ("Proofs of Claim").

*The Bar Dates.* Pursuant to the Bar Date Order, all entities (except tort claimants and governmental units), including individuals, partnerships, estates, and trusts that have a claim or potential claim against the Debtor that arose prior to March 1, 2021, no matter how remote or contingent such right to payment or equitable remedy may be, including requests for payment under section 503(b)(9) of the Bankruptcy Code, MUST FILE A PROOF OF CLAIM on or before **June 15, 2021** (the "General Claims Bar Date"). All tort claimants that assert a tort claim or potential tort claim against the Debtor that arose prior to March 1, 2021, no matter how remote or contingent such right to payment or equitable remedy may be, MUST FILE A PROOF OF CLAIM on or before **August 5, 2021** (the "Tort Claims Bar Date"). Governmental entities that have a claim or potential claim against the Debtor that arose prior to March 1, 2021, no matter how remote or contingent such right to payment or equitable remedy may be, MUST FILE A PROOF OF CLAIM on or before **September 3, 2021** (the "Governmental Bar Date"). All entities holding claims arising from the Debtor's rejection of executory contracts or unexpired leases must file Proofs of Claim by the date that is the later of (a) the General Claims Bar Date or the Governmental Bar Date, as applicable, and (b) the date that is thirty (30) days following entry of the order approving the Debtor's rejection of the applicable executory contract or unexpired lease (such later date, the "Rejection Damages Bar Date"). In the event that the Debtor amends its Schedules, all entities holding claims affected by such amendment must file Proofs of Claims by the date that is the later of (a) the General Claims Bar Date or the Governmental Bar Date, as applicable, and (b) the date that is thirty (30) days from the date on which the Debtor mails notice of the amendment to the Schedules (the "Amended Schedules Bar Date").

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*Contents of Proofs of Claim.* Each Proof of Claim must: (i) be written in legible English; (ii) include a claim amount denominated in United States dollars; (iii) conform substantially with the Proof of Claim Form approved by this Court; and (iv) be signed by the claimant or by an authorized agent or legal representative of the claimant on behalf of the claimant, whether such signature is an electronic signature or is ink.

*Section 503(b)(9) Claim.* Any Proof of Claim asserting a claim entitled to priority under section 503(b)(9) of the Bankruptcy Code must also: (i) include the value of the goods delivered to and received by the Debtor in the 20 days prior to the Petition Date; (ii) attach any documentation identifying the particular invoices for which the 503(b)(9) claim is being asserted; and (iii) attach documentation of any reclamation demand made to the Debtor under section 546(c) of the Bankruptcy Code (if applicable).

*Electronic Signatures Permitted.* Only original Proofs of Claim signed electronically by the claimant or an authorized agent or legal representative of the claimant may be deemed acceptable for purposes of claims administration. Copies of Proofs of Claim, or Proofs of Claim sent by facsimile or electronic mail will not be accepted.

*Supporting Documentation.* Each non-tort claimant Proof of Claim must include supporting documentation, to the extent required by Bankruptcy Rules 3001(c) and 3001(d). If, however, such documentation is voluminous, such Proof of Claim may include a summary of such documentation or an explanation as to why such documentation is not available; provided however that such information must be made available on request by the Debtor, Committee or U.S. Trustee. Each tort claimant Proof of Claim must attach a signed statement setting forth a basis for the claim and nature of the injury.

*Timely Service.* Each Proof of Claim must be filed, including supporting documentation, by either (i) electronic submission through PACER (Public Access to Court Electronic Records at <http://ecf.tsbx.uscourts.gov>), (ii) electronic submission using the interface available on the Claims Agent's website at <https://cases.stretto.com/brazos> or (iii) if submitted through non-electronic means, by U.S. Mail or other hand delivery system, so as to be actually received by the Claims Agent on or before the applicable Bar Date, at the following address: Brazos Electric Power Cooperative, Inc., Claims Processing, c/o Stretto, 410 Exchange, Suite 100, Irvine, CA 92602.

Proofs of Claim will be deemed filed when filing via PACER is completed or when actually received by the Claims Agent. Any facsimile or electronic mail submissions will not be accepted and will not be deemed filed until a claim is submitted by one of the methods described above.

*Receipt of Service.* Claimants submitting a Proof of Claim through non-electronic means wishing to receive acknowledgment that their Proofs of Claim were received by the Claims Agent must submit (i) a copy of the Proof of Claim Form (in addition to the original Proof of Claim Form sent to the Claims Agent) and (ii) a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

*Additional Information.* If you require additional information regarding the filing of a Proof of Claim, you may contact the Debtor's restructuring hotline at: 855.529.1663 (toll-free) or 949.771.2210 (international) or visit the Debtor's restructuring website at: <https://cases.stretto.com/brazos/>.

<sup>1</sup> The Debtor in this chapter 11 case, along with the last four digits of its federal tax identification number is: Brazos Electric Power Cooperative, Inc. (4729). Additional information regarding this case may be obtained on the website of the Debtor's claims and noticing agent at <http://cases.stretto.com/Brazos>. The Debtor's address is 7616 Bagby Avenue, Waco, TX 76712.

<sup>2</sup> Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Bar Date Order.



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# Man who lit wife on fire convicted of assaulting her again, sentenced to 20 years

## FROM STAFF REPORTS

A Boyd man who poured gasoline on his wife and set her on fire was convicted for assaulting her again in 2019 after they reunited.

A Parker County jury convicted Mark Morgan Upchurch, 39, on June 15 for the 2019 assault, which police said involved Upchurch pushing his wife to the ground and hitting her in the face with an open hand. The two had reconciled after he was arrested in 2014 and convicted in 2017 for the gasoline incident.

District Judge Craig Towson sentenced Upchurch to 20 years in prison and a \$10,000 fine, the maximum sentence available.

On October 6, 2019, Upchurch went to the Springtown Police Department and said that he was there to turn himself in because he had hit his wife.

When police went to the scene of the assault and talked with the victim, they

noticed facial bruising and swelling on the woman's face. However, the victim indicated that she did not want to pursue charges.

During the trial, evidence was presented by Assistant District Attorneys Susan Pruet and Travis Warner that Upchurch had been convicted in Taylor County in September 2019 for assaulting the same woman. In trial, he was convicted of assault family violence enhanced with a previous conviction.

Upchurch's wife testified and told jurors how, in 2014, while she was in the back seat of a vehicle, he poured gasoline onto her and lit her on fire with a torch. He then closed the car door while she burned. Eventually, when she got out of the car, he hosed her off with water, but he neither called 911 nor drove her to a hospital.

"We indicted Mr. Upchurch in 2014 for aggravated assault for burning our victim and intended to give him a lengthy

sentence commensurate with the awful crime he committed," said District Attorney Jeff Swain. "However, not only did our victim not want to prosecute him, she also actively hid from our DA investigators for years on end. Finally we couldn't delay the case anymore in an effort to find her and we gave Mr. Upchurch a sentence of about three years."

"I can't tell you how happy I am to finally be able to say that we have gotten justice for that case, even if it was just as an aspect of punishment on the current charge," Swain said. "Our prosecutors on this case did an excellent job establishing a rapport with the victim so that she would both come to court and actually testify, which she bravely did."

During the trial, prosecu-

tors showed jurors photos of the victim while she was in the burn unit at Parkland Hospital in Dallas. They then had her step down and show them how the burns continue to scar her legs 7 years later.

"Our victim's testimony about the burns was very powerful," Warner said. "I think it brought home to the jury how dangerous this defendant is and how dangerous the continuing nature of this relationship was to the victim."

"The fact that she went back to him after all of these assaults is truly a testament to the power of the cycle of domestic violence," Pruet said. "Despite repeated assaults, for a multitude of reasons, she never wanted to leave or prosecute him. This is the reason that, like

ours, prosecutors' offices across Texas don't base the decision to prosecute this kind of case solely on the desires of the victim."

"Whether a victim of domestic violence has decided to leave or is exploring their options, Freedom House has counselors available 24/7/365 to help them make that difficult decision," said Patti Wilson, the executive director of Freedom House, a domestic violence shelter and counseling facility in Weatherford. "If they are going to leave, we are ready to provide them with a safe, comfortable place to stay while they figure out their living arrangements. We are also available to provide counseling services to victims of domestic violence and sexual abuse."

Jurors deliberated about an hour before they returned



Mark Morgan Upchurch

with their guilty verdict.

"Mr. Upchurch will be eligible for parole when his actual time served plus his good time credit equals five years," Swain said. "After that point, the decision to keep him in prison or release him is entirely up to the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles."

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# Gas prices at highest level since 2014

As Texans hit the roads this summer with pandemic restrictions eased and vaccinations widespread, the national average price of gas is expected to top \$3 per gallon, though the average in Texas for regular is \$2.799, according to AAA. Drivers should expect prices to keep rising as demand rises, according to the Consumer Energy Alliance.

“With oil’s continued push higher, fueled by continued strong demand globally and production only slowly answering, gasoline prices have had no choice but following oil’s rise last week setting a new 2021 high,” said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis for GasBuddy. “...It appears the only way forward is for gas prices to continue to rise as Americans’ insatiable demand for gasoline continues to act as a catalyst. And with hurricane season soon coming into its prime, we have plenty more catalysts for a rise in price, and few that could restrain the situation. Motorists should prepare to dig deeper for the second half of the summer, unfortunately.”

## TEA RELEASES TEST RESULTS; WIDESPREAD DECREASE IN PERFORMANCE

State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR) results for spring 2021 show that outcomes for in-person learners were appreciably higher than those who attended classes online during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic. The number of students not meeting grade level increased from 2019 across all subject areas and grade levels, with the exception of English, according to the Texas Education Agency.

“Thankfully, from early on, Texas prioritized the availability of in-person instruction during this tremendously difficult year,” TEA Commissioner Mike Morath said. “When students come into Texas public schools, they are well-served by Texas educators — a fact that these scores confirm. But it is also painfully clear that the pandemic had a very negative impact on learning. I shudder to consider the long-term impact on children in states that restricted in-person instruction.”

School districts that had a higher percentage of students learning virtually had



## CAPITOL HIGHLIGHTS

By Gary Borders

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higher declines in STAAR results in all grades and subjects, TEA reported. For example, districts in which fewer than one-fourth of students were learning remotely saw a 9-percentage point drop in math performance from 2019 to 2021. In districts where more than three-fourths of students were learning remotely, the decline was 32 percentage points.

## HIGHER ED GETS \$94.6 MILLION IN EMERGENCY RELIEF

Federal pandemic funding continues to trickle down to Texas colleges and universities, with the latest round bringing nearly \$100 million in emergency relief. Last year the state allocated \$175 million in federal funds to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to support higher education during the COVID-19 pandemic.

“Investing in our higher education system is the single best way to bolster the workforce that Texas has become known for and accelerate our state’s economic recovery in the wake of COVID-19,” said House Speaker Dade Phelan.

About half the funding will go to expand capacity for high-demand and high-value educational opportunities, including work-based learning and apprenticeships. Other programs to be funded include financial aid; establishing a one-stop advising resource to help students connect with higher education opportunities; and expanding outreach to adult learners to meet workforce demands of state employers.

## VACCINATIONS SLOWLY INCREASE IN STATE

The number of Texans who are fully vaccinated against COVID-19 reached 11.937 million this week, or about 41% of the state’s total population, according to Texas Health and Human Services. Hospitalizations in the past week of lab-confirmed COVID-19 cases rose slightly to 1,502. New cases in Texas increased to 10,493 compared to the previous week, with 193 deaths recorded, according to the

Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University.

## PUTTING MANUFACTURING SECTOR IN PERSPECTIVE

A report from the state comptroller’s office notes that Texas’ manufacturing sector contributed \$241 billion to the state’s gross domestic product in 2019, about 13% of its total economic output. That is larger than the manufacturing output in both Russia and Mexico. Before the pandemic, manufacturing employed about 909,000 Texans. As of February 2021, seasonally adjusted total manufacturing jobs were below pre-pandemic levels by 53,000, or nearly 6%.

Many of the job losses were in industries tied to the oil and gas sector — fabricated metal products and machinery manufacturing. Those two industries accounted for nearly two-thirds of the manufacturing job losses since the pandemic began in March 2020.

## MOST FUNDING EVER FOR TRANSIT OPERATIONS

The Texas Transportation Commission approved \$89 million last week for transit operations across the state, the most ever allocated at one time. About 60% of the funding comes from federal pandemic funds, with the rest provided by the state. The funding includes more than \$10 million from the feds to help transit agencies manage the impact of COVID-19. Nearly 20 million transit rides were recorded statewide, even during the pandemic.

“When most services shut down during the pandemic, these transit agencies continued serving thousands of Texans across the state,” TxDOT Executive Director Marc Williams said. “In a time when they were needed most, these agencies helped people get to jobs, groceries or the medical care they needed. This additional funding will continue to improve access for Texans.”

# My American Dream



## BE AMAZING

By Gerry Lewis

Azle resident Dr. Gerry Lewis guides explorers to discover their AMAZING. He is an author, musician, and speaker, and a coach-sultant for individuals, churches, and organizations. More at [www.discoveryouramazing.com](http://www.discoveryouramazing.com).

It’s almost midnight as I write this post. In almost 11 years of writing these, I could probably count on one hand the number of times I have written in the evening. I just don’t do it. Morning is my most effective, alert, and creative time.

But two factors have me sitting up in bed trying to get this finished before today turns into the next today.

The main one is that we are leaving early in the morning for a short family vacation. For the first time ever we are vacationing with all our adult kids and our grands.

I could get up extra early in the morning and try to knock this out, but it could prove a little hectic as the 10 people who are sleeping in this house tonight are trying to get out the door in the morning to get on the road.

Of course, I could always play the Grandpa card and tell those kids that getting their littles ready to roll is their responsibility. So, just go ignore me as I sit here and drink my coffee and compose words of “wisdom.”

Yeah, it’s not happening. So, here I am with bleary and weary eyes trying to be coherent way past my bedtime.

I did mention two factors, didn’t I?

The second is that I’m reflecting on this evening while it is fresh on my mind. Today is July 4, 2021—the 245th birthday of the U.S. of A.

Not only are we about to embark on our first vacation together since the kids have been grown and married and had kids of their own, it is the first time we’ve all been together for the 4th of July.

Actually, it’s the first time we’ve all been together for more than a few hours since Christmas 2019 (other than a few days surrounding the memorial service for my dad last summer).

Like many families, the events of the past year and a half have canceled plans and changed trajectories. We’ve celebrated birthdays and holidays online and missed out on things we previously took for granted.

This evening as we sat on the grass across from the Azle City Hall and watched the “Follow the Flag” fireworks show, I took a good look around me.

My Sweetie (with whom

I will celebrate 37 years of marriage during this family vacation) sat to my left. My almost two-year-old grandson (our youngest) sat on my lap, squealing with delight with ever spectacular burst of color. To my right were the rest of the clan—four grown kids and three grands who absolutely light up my life more than any fireworks show ever could.

The America that our littles are growing up in has plenty of challenges. Our history is not pristine and our future is not a forgone conclusion.

If I can leave anything to my kids and grands, my dream and my prayer is that I can leave them hope.

Hope in the faithfulness of God. Hope in the possibility of discovering what they were made for. Hope in the belief that every person matters to God. Hope in the conviction that justice for all is worth pursuing.

And with that, I bid you “Good night.”

Be amazing today, my friend.

## ANIMAL ARREST, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1A.



Animals left in an abandoned home with no air-conditioning, no food or water, and urine and feces everywhere. Photos courtesy Parker County Sheriff’s Office

plaint about the stench coming from the residence.

Investigators heard dogs barking inside the house, according to a probable cause affidavit. They saw through a window animals confined to a room, panting heavily and lying on the ground.

A sheriff’s deputy spoke with Lenois, after getting her phone number from the owner of the property.

Lenois told the deputy she owned the animals, and there were 13 cats and two dogs in the home, according to the affidavit. Lenois also said the deputies could not go inside the house without her present. She told the deputy she was not coming to the house.

The condition in the house forced deputies to get a warrant so they could go in the house. Outside temperatures were creeping up to 92 degrees and the house had no electricity and its windows

closed. When they finally got inside, the heat was sweltering and the stench unbearable. A carbon monoxide reading inside the house signaled toxic levels.

Left without food or water, the animals were discovered in sad shape. Conditions in the home were so bad deputies and animal control officers had to run out of the house because of the stench.

“Our personnel was unable to enter the home and retrieve the animals due to the toxic ammonia odor,” Parker County Sheriff Russ Authier said. “Our animal control officers required protective clothing and (breathing apparatus) gear in order to enter the home.”

The animals, as well as the floors and furniture of the house, were covered in urine, feces and fleas. One of the cats was found locked inside a dog kennel. All of

the animals were in various stages of malnourishment, some losing their fur.

Parts of the ceiling in the house were caved-in, insulation was exposed and holes in the floors could be seen.

Investigators learned Lenois and her boyfriend left the home in February, around the time the winter freeze occurred.

Nine cats and two dogs were removed from the home and were taken to North Texas Veterinary Hospital for treatment.

Danie Huffman, PCSO public information officer, said they are reportedly doing well.

Texas Veterinary Hospital said via a Facebook post the animals will remain in the custody of animal control until there is a court date and determination.



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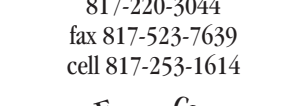
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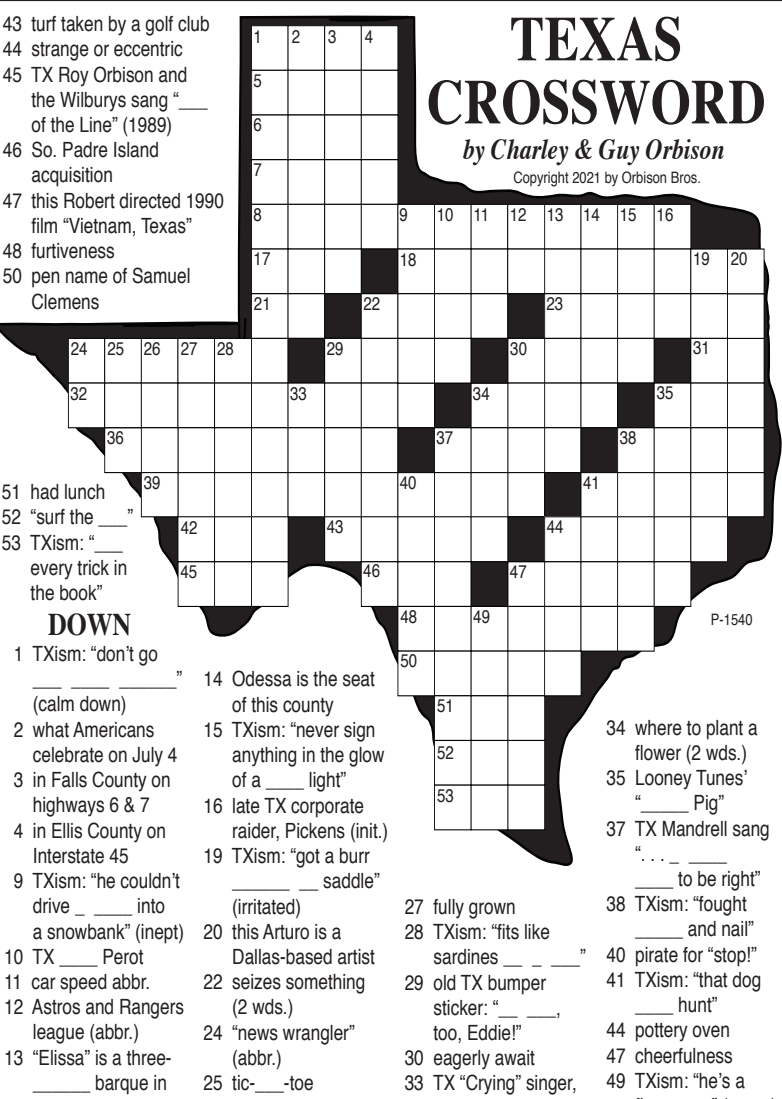
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 6 flowerless plant  
 7 precedes "copter" or "pad" or "port"  
 8 Texas will not allow \_\_\_\_ of its citizens  
 17 Texas historian, Tinkle  
 18 Alex Harvey song: "\_\_\_\_ Texas" (1986)  
 21 "KISS \_\_\_\_" in Dallas (KHKS, 106.1)  
 22 a deep cut  
 23 Joe Tex's "One Monkey Don't \_\_\_\_ Show" (1965)  
 24 "Enola Gay" was an \_\_\_\_ bomber  
 29 actress Meredith of "Rio Grande Ranger"  
 30 TXism: "hit me like \_\_\_\_ of bricks"  
 31 \_\_\_\_ Pepper  
 32 clairvoyance, e.g. this Maurice was drafted by the Mavericks in 2006  
 35 "P" of MPH  
 36 Roman underground cemetery  
 37 Apple portable media player  
 38 ripped up  
 39 TXism: "\_\_\_\_ with two tails"  
 41 fish baits  
 42 TX Meredith Mac\_\_\_\_  
 43 turf taken by a golf club  
 44 strange or eccentric  
 45 TX Roy Orbison and the Wilburys sang "\_\_\_\_ of the Line" (1989)  
 46 So. Padre Island acquisition  
 47 this Robert directed 1990 film "Vietnam, Texas"  
 48 furtiveness  
 50 pen name of Samuel Clemens  
**DOWN**  
 1 TXism: "don't go \_\_\_\_ (calm down)"  
 2 what Americans celebrate on July 4  
 3 in Falls County on highways 6 & 7  
 4 in Ellis County on Interstate 45  
 9 TXism: "he couldn't drive \_\_\_\_ into a snowbank" (inept)  
 10 TX \_\_\_\_ Perot  
 11 car speed abbr.  
 12 Astros and Rangers league (abbr.)  
 13 "Elissa" is a three-\_\_\_\_ barque in Galveston Bay  
 14 Odessa is the seat of this county  
 15 TXism: "never sign anything in the glow of a \_\_\_\_ light"  
 16 late TX corporate raider, Pickens (init.)  
 19 TXism: "got a burr \_\_\_\_ saddle" (irritated)  
 20 this Arturo is a Dallas-based artist  
 22 seizes something (2 wds.)  
 24 "news wrangler" (abbr.)  
 25 tic-\_\_\_\_toe  
 26 by mouth  
 27 fully grown  
 28 TXism: "fits like sardines \_\_\_\_"  
 29 old TX bumper sticker: "\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_ too, Eddie!"  
 30 eagerly await  
 33 TX "Crying" singer, Orbison  
 34 where to plant a flower (2 wds.)  
 35 Looney Tunes' "\_\_\_\_ Pig"  
 37 TX Mandrell sang "\_\_\_\_ to be right"  
 38 TXism: "fought \_\_\_\_ and nail"  
 40 pirate for "stop!"  
 41 TXism: "that dog \_\_\_\_ hunt"  
 44 pottery oven  
 47 cheerfulness  
 49 TXism: "he's a fire \_\_\_\_" (mean)

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## Azle Junior Varsity Cheer adds more bling to their trophy case

BY KAYLEE PIPPINS

Complete with flat-ironed bows and crisp, white uniforms, Azle Cheer captured more bling for their trophy case.

The junior varsity squad swept the competition — first in Game Day cheer, first in camp routine, and first overall — at the annual summer cheer camp held at the Gaylord Texan Resort in Grapevine from June 28-July 1.

Hosted by the Universal Cheerleaders Association, Azle junior varsity attended multiple classes over the 4-day camp. Classes included sideline chants and cheers, game day dance, and jump and stunt workshops. The classes help teams create a tool kit of material to

draw from throughout the school year. The sessions also give them an opportunity to learn from professional cheerleaders on the UCA staff.

As junior varsity members, most of the Azle cheerleaders have never cheered before. Head Cheer Coach Haley Hopkins, along with newly appointed Assistant Coach Fallon Johnston, were pleased to see the progress their girls were making.

“The JV team worked very hard at camp, and it paid off,” Hopkins said. “We have 12 freshmen on the JV team, and a few of them have never cheered before. This was an incredible start to our season, and it really set the tone for this year.”

Focused on more than cheer material, the UCA camp



Azle Junior Varsity Cheerleaders won first in Game Day cheer, first in camp routine, and first overall at the final evaluations of the UCA summer camp held June 28-July 1. Pictured here is the 2021-22 Azle Junior Varsity squad with Head Coach Haley Hopkins (left) and Assistant Coach Fallon Johnston (right). Photo courtesy of Haley Hopkins

encourages team bonding and teaches leadership through team unity exercises.

“Camp was super fun and not how I imagined it would be,” JV Captain and All-American Maddison Masure said. “The girls on the other teams were really sweet and we learned a lot of new things there. It was a great time for team bonding too. I feel closer to more girls on my team now after camp.”

Besides bringing home first place overall, two junior varsity cheerleaders received All-American honors: Maddison Masure and Avery Maldonado. During the All-American try-out, cheerleaders must perform a jump of choice, the All-American cheer, and the camp routine dance. The top scorers are awarded All-American recognition.

“It felt great, and I felt re-

ally proud of my team,” Masure said.

During the final evaluation, Azle Cheer performed the camp chant, camp cheer and camp dance together in one routine. Surrounded by other teams, coaches, and members of the Azle Cheer varsity team, the junior varsity squad secured their victory with a combination of sharp motions, stable stunts, and a bushel full of Homet pride.

“After the final performance, you could see the confidence they had in themselves and their teammates,” Hopkins said. “Being able to watch other teams perform really showed these girls what kind of preparation goes into a competition routine. Going to the Gaylord for camp this year was a great experience, and we are so thankful that it was possible.”



Pictured above: Azle junior varsity cheerleaders Maddison Masure and Avery Maldonado receive an All-American recognition after trying out with a jump, camp cheer, and camp dance.



Pictured right: Azle Junior Varsity Cheer competed at the Gaylord Resort and Hotel in Grapevine, Texas from June 28-July 1. The cheerleaders attended cheer, chant and dance classes and stunt and leadership workshops during the 4-day camp.

Photos courtesy of Azle Cheer Head Coach Haley Hopkins

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# Putting a pin in summer, Azle HS Wrestling hosted camp June 28-July 1

The Azle Hornets Wrestling program held their 2021 4-day Youth Wrestling Camp on June 28 through July 1. Open to all AISD elementary and middle school students, the camp was split into two sessions: Session 1 for kindergarten-3rd grades from 9-10:15 a.m. and Session 2 for 4th-9th grades from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. All camps were held in the Azle High School Wrestling Room across from the indoor facility.

Wrestling campers participated in learning wrestling basics and techniques from Azle High School Head Boys Wrestling Coach Tyler Harrison and Head Girls Wrestling

Coach Megan House, both were assisted by wrestling Assistant Coach Randon Knoll.

Campers also learned several wrestling drills that help them prepare for high school wrestling. The coaches held a mini tournament on the last day for both sessions, followed by a water balloon fight to cool off.

Fourth through ninth graders compete in a mini wrestling tournament on the last day of camp. The bracket winners competed in the consolation and championship brackets — medals were awarded to first through fourth place.

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Written and directed by Jonathan Hensleigh ("Armageddon"), this action-thriller stars Liam Neeson, Marcus Thomas, Laurence Fishburne, and Amber Midthunder.

### THE PLOT

A methane explosion at a diamond mine in Canada entraps a mining crew. The only way to get to them is to first cap off the methane with equipment that needs to be hauled in from the U.S. But the only way to deliver the equipment is by crossing

the treacherous ice road after the season has ended.

Mike (Neeson) and his brother Gurty (Thomas) have been fired ... again. Mike is a big rig driver, his brother a mechanic suffering from PTSD and dysphasia.

As the two brothers hit the road looking for work, Mike gets an alert that drivers are needed for a lifesaving mission.

They meet with Goldenrod (Fishburne), who is organizing a team to take on the dangerous job. Together with a spitfire Native woman named Tantoo (Midthunder), they set out to make their delivery.

Things aren't going to go smoothly, of course, but will



### The Ice Road

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they all survive to save the day?

### WHAT WORKED

The brothers' relationship is well done by Neeson and Thomas, portraying the frustration and loyalty that comes with one brother

playing caretaker to another.

### WHAT DIDN'T WORK

There just wasn't enough action throughout to give us the type of Neeson movie we all know and love.

### SUMMING IT UP

This will give you a little

bit of a thrill, and seeing the bad guys get what's coming to them is always a delight, but you won't be missing anything if you skip it.

"The Ice Road" is currently streaming on Netflix.

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