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Heavy rains led to flooding across Azle, especially in the low-lying park areas. Azle Central Park was under water due to the rain, which caused the creek to rise. Water reached all the way up into the covered play area and was waist-deep in some parts of the park.
Photo courtesy of Chase Glenn



Principal Randy Cobb welcomed family, friends, and students to the graduation of Azle High School seniors.
Photo by Jessica McKinney

May sales tax payments 'exceed expectations'

The May general sales tax payment is \$353,240.62 and represents a \$89,886.39 (34.13%) increase over May 2020. Of this amount, \$282,592.50 is General Fund revenue and \$70,648.12 is Street Maintenance Sales Tax Fund revenue.

Current period collections are up \$91,150.75 (34.76%) over May 2020. This marks only the fourth

time that the city's general sale tax payment has eclipsed the \$300,000 threshold. In addition, this payment exceeds the previous best (February 2021) by \$35,349.99. This is also the first time the Street Maintenance portion of the payment has exceeded \$70,000 in its 18-year history.

The May Crime Control and Pre-

vention District sales tax payment is \$66,026.22 and represents a \$17,011.12 (34.71%) increase over May 2020. Current period collections are up \$17,244.75 (35.28%) over May 2020. This is the second time the CCPD sales tax payment has exceeded \$60,000 and is the

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AHS Graduation 2021

BY JESSICA MCKINNEY
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On Thursday, May 27, the Azle High School Class of 2021 walked into the Fort Worth Convention Center as seniors, and they exited as graduates.

Band members played the fanfare and processional as the 375

seniors entered the arena, filling the seats row-by-row until the floor was a sea of Hornet green.

Senior class representative Kendal Hann gave the invocation, and choir members sang the National Anthem as all in attendance stood with their hands to their

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Garden on the Go adds location

BY SUSAN McFARLAND
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Residents in Azle and Springtown now have an extra day each month to pick up a bag of fresh produce.

Garden on the Go, an organization that helps community members have access to fresh fruit and vegetables, has added the Azle Lions Club to the line-up of pick-up days.

Each free bag contains 15-19 pieces of fruit and vegetables. The bags are available to all community members.

Beginning June 5, the produce bags will be available on the first Saturday of the month at Azle Lions Club, 412 Commerce Street. On the second Saturday of the month produce is available at Agnes Community Center, 5406 Agnes Circle in Springtown.

Holy Trinity Catholic Church has the drive-through give away on the third Saturday of the

month at 800 High Crest Drive in Azle; and the fourth Saturday of the month Azle Christian Church passes out the produce bags at 117 Church Street.

Produce is available from 9 to 11 a.m. or until all the bags have been given away.

The program started in 2012, originated from a grant Texas Health Harris Methodist Azle Hospital received called Transforming Texas.

"That grant has since ended and the program has sustained," said Melanie Nieswiadomy, licensed clinical social worker/program manager, Texas Health Resources Community Health Improvement.

Nieswiadomy said about 90 bags of produce are given away each week.

There is no income requirement, and no questions asked about income.

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Homes and businesses across Azle honored the fallen this Memorial Day.

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THIS WEEK IN AZLE HISTORY

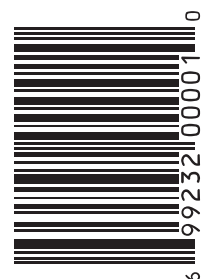
10 YEARS AGO...

In June 2001, District 99 State Rep. Charlie Geren was named "Freshman of the Year" by his Republican colleagues at the end of the 77th Texas legislative session.

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hearts, ready to celebrate the achievement of this senior class.

Principal Randy Cobb welcomed family and friends of the graduating class, and senior Emily Cole recognized each member of the Azle Independent School District's administration and Board of Trustees in attendance.

Cobb then began his commencement speech. He spoke of how this graduating class endured many changes and challenges in a "world that will never be the same." He applauded the students for meeting those challenges

head on with "determination and grit."

In parting, Cobb said, "I love you guys and I wish you the very best in honor, in dignity, and in respect."

Salutatorian Lee Stimson gave his address to his fellow graduates, followed by Valedictorian Jasmine Howard imparting her own words to those present.

The diplomas were presented, the tassels were turned, and the Azle High School alma mater rang out. A new class of Azle graduates entered into the world ready to be change-makers, faithful and true.



The 375 AHS graduating seniors were ready for their commencement on Thursday, May 27. Photo by Jessica McKinney

Twin Points summer kickoff



Twin Points Park welcomed visitors back to the lake on Saturday, May 29. Hundreds of beachgoers were ready to take advantage of the break in the rain and get out to the beach for swimming, sunbathing, and fireworks. Photo courtesy of TRWD



Emily Cole introduced the platform guests, members of the AISD Board of Trustees and administrators. Photo by Jessica McKinney

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A message (and a heart) as big as Texas

BY JESSICA MCKINNEY
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From an early age, Joe Bruce was a traveler. He would accompany his parents across the state to visit different churches, take part in bible camps, and spread the good word.

Bruce, who is pastor at Real Family Fellowship in Azle, was driving back with his family from San Angelo to Azle following his nephew's wedding a few months back when he began to reminisce about those early days of traveling. As he crossed

each county line, he started to wonder: How many counties are there in Texas? Has anyone ever run through them all? Would they live to tell the tale if they did?

The thought nestled into his head and stayed there for a time, growing roots.

The Bruce family was going to be facing a challenge soon in the form of heart surgery for his youngest son, 13-year-old Elijah. The day they knew would be coming since his birth was now marked on the calendar.

Elijah was hospitalized for six days following his birth,



Bruce is a frequent runner, taking advantage of the peaceful rural roadways in Parker County to get his miles in each day.

Photos courtesy of the Bruce family



Joe Bruce (right) with Elijah following a run as he prepares for his upcoming mission across Texas. Photos courtesy of the Bruce family

recovering from a procedure that offered a temporary solution for his heart murmur.

Bruce stayed by his son's side during that time, and the verse Luke 1:17 came to him: "And he will go as a forerunner before him in the spirit and power of Elijah turning the hearts of the fathers back to their children..."

Now facing an open-heart surgery for his son, Bruce found that he was once again turning his heart back to Elijah's heart, and that is when his mission began to blossom.

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Bruce wanted to carry the message of turning fathers' hearts back to God and his children. To do that, he decided that he was going to set the goal of running a marathon distance (26.2 miles) each day, across 21 counties a day. He will run 1.2 miles in each county.

"It will be a sort of cannonball run on foot," said Bruce.

The Bruce family was ready to see their father pull

off this mission and they have given him their full support. With that blessing, Bruce hired Mike Cabrero, an ultra running coach with Relentless Soles Coaching. Together, they planned how Bruce could successfully run a marathon distance each day for six days in a row, with a rest on Sunday, followed by six more days of running.

Bruce will be joined by friends and family on different legs of his journey

across all 254 counties in Texas. To make this mission a success, they have set up a website that will allow others to make donations which will help pay for food and gas and to rent a bus for the journey. People will also be able to follow along with the trip on the website as Bruce plans to document the trip with videos and photos.

To make a donation and to follow along with this epic "heart-turning" mission, visit www.heartofelijah.org.

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"The program was created and designed to offer affordable and quality produce to all," she said.

Nieswiadomy purchases

the produce based on demand through an already existing produce vendor that Texas Health utilizes.

"We purchase produce

that is hardy enough to withstand non refrigeration and that can sit a day prior without spoiling; our vendor is FreshPoint," she said.

For questions, reach out to Nieswiadomy via email at MelanieNieswiadomy@texashealth.org or call 682-236-7493.

"Life is lumpy. And a lump in the oatmeal, a lump in the throat and a lump in the breast are not the same lump. One should learn the difference."

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Tommy's Shop celebrates 45 years

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Tommy Francks was just 15 years old when he began planning to open his own auto repair shop. His entrepreneurial spirit was passed down from both parents.

Francks' father Charles owned Francks Grocery and Market, which was located on the same property where Tommy's Shop stands today, and mother Dorothy owned Francks Florist, which was also located on the property before moving to Lake Worth when Tommy was a young child.

On June 1, 1976, 19-year-old Francks bought Tommy's Bug Shop from Tommy Tarter, then located at the intersection of Tenderfoot Trail and Jacksboro Highway. Shortly after that, he changed the name to Tommy's Shop since "Bug" was copyrighted by Volkswagen in Germany.

Two years later, Tommy's Shop needed more room, and Francks was eager to stop renting. He made plans and built the new shop on the Francks' Homestead property. In 1999, when the highway expansion began, the shop was moved back to where it sits today at 10901 Jacksboro Hwy.

For the first year, Francks worked exclusively on Volk-

swagens. He later opened his business up to other import cars, and eventually to all types of vehicles. Today, customers will see a variety of vehicles in the shop, old or new, foreign or domestic, large or small.

"We have a very loyal customer base and we wouldn't

be where we are today if it weren't for them," said Shawna Francks Matteson. "We have some customers that we have worked on their parents' and even their grandparents' vehicles. We love the Azle community and appreciate their support through the years."



Tommy Francks on the phone in Tommy's Shop at its original location. Tommy Francks at the shop's current location at 10901 Jacksboro Hwy.

Photos courtesy of Tommy's Shop

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Junior High Math & Science teams competed in State

BY JESSICA MCKINNEY
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Azle Junior High and Forte Junior High Math and Science Team members competed at the State level this school year.

AJH students competed in virtual meets throughout the school year, meeting at the campus on Saturdays to qualify and compete on their Chromebooks. Four students from AJH qualified for State. FJH had two qualifiers.

Annika Birkeland and Violet Isom of AJH qualified in Calculator, and Luke Petersen and Ryan Lowe qualified for Science. Nathan Barnes of FJH competed in Science, and Nolan Wright competed in Number Sense.

All students worked hard during this challenging school year to compete and qualify for State level competition. Congratulations to all!



Annika Birkeland (left), Violet Isom, Luke Petersen, and Ryan Lowe represented Azle Junior High during State competition of Math and Science teams. Forte Junior High students Nathan Barnes and Nolan Wright are not pictured. Photo courtesy of AISD

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highest payment in the history of the CCPD.

The May Municipal Development District sales tax payment is \$70,766.89 and represents a \$16,574.79 (30.59%) increase over May 2020. Current period collections are up \$17,356.02 (32.14%) over May 2020.

This is the first time the MDD sales tax payment has exceeded \$70,000 in the history of the MDD.

"Sales tax collections in Azle remain strong," said Assistant City Manager Lawrence Bryant. "With the exception of September 2020, this month represents

the best percentage increase over the previous year since the start of the pandemic. I consider September 2020 an outlier because of a huge swing in audit collections from the negative in 2019 to the positive in 2020.

"The May 2021 payments

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The Porch Resale Shoppe

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The Porch Resale Shoppe offers a non-profit retail experience that feels like you are shopping in an upscale boutique. You will find new and used items always at a great price.

Their inventory changes daily and you can find new and gently used clothing for men, women and children, shoes, linens and pillows, crafting supplies, accent furniture and home décor, and jewelry. New sunglasses and readers are now part of the inventory as well.

You can also shop a selection of soaps, candles, and metal art sourced from local artisans, specially branded just for The Porch! Every item sold at the Porch Resale Shoppe benefits the Community Caring Center, providing food to neighbors in need. Linda Williams, director, and Kristie Cooper, assistant director, worked alongside Karen Norseworthy – the heart and soul of the shop – to bring the dream of this resale shop to life.

"We were previously located next door, inside of the Community Caring Center, in just a fraction of the space we have now and

under the name CCC Resale Shop."

The shop reopened on May 15 under the new brand The Porch Resale Shoppe. An eBay store was also established, which will be used to feature unique and vintage finds that will be sold to raise money for Community Caring Center.

The Porch utilizes a color rotation discount system that features 50%, 75%, and 90% discounts on items throughout the store.

"Nothing stays full price for long, so you'll always be able to find something at a great price!"

The new location is at 313 Commerce Street in Azle, down the street from the post office. The new building was generously gifted to the Community Caring Center by a local foundation.

You can stop in and shop the great deals Tuesday through Friday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Have a question about the shop? Call 817-752-2400.

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Obituaries

Melody Michelle Powell 1983 - 2021

Melody Michelle Powell, age 38, was born on February 22, 1983 and finished her life's journey on May 22, 2021.

Service is at 2 p.m. Wednesday, June 2, 2021 at Azle and Lake Worth Funeral Home. Visitation is from 1-2 p.m. before the service. Interment following service at Azleland Cemetery.

Melody was a daughter, mother, cousin, niece and friend. She attended Azle High School and was loved by more people than most. Her sense of humor was infectious. She once created a dating profile and listed her hobby as stompin' ketchup packets in the Jack in the Box parking lot.

Melody was preceded in death by her birth father, William (Bill) Powell.

She is survived by her sons, Memphis Powell and



Chase Marlow; birth daughter Jenna Blake; mother, Laura Cokenour, and step-father, Roger Cokenour; brothers, Jason, Carl and Billy Powell; grandmother, Della Hill; and multiple uncles, aunts, cousins, and friends.

Melody will forever be remembered and forever be missed.

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John Dustin New 1987 - 2021

John Dustin "Dusty" New, 33, passed away, Sunday, May 30, 2021.

Funeral is at 1 p.m. Friday at Alexander's Midway, Springtown. Visitation is from 6-8 p.m., Thursday at the funeral home. Burial will be at Perrin Memorial Garden.

Dusty was born July 22, 1987 in Fort Worth.

His grandparents, Donald Ray New, Martha Kay and Gordon Jacobs, John Pursley and Charlotte Hammack preceded him in death.

He is survived by his mother and step father, Loretta and Chris Humphries; father, Roland New; brothers, Raylee and Jarrett New; sister, Courtney Humphries; grandparents, Armeta Purs-



ley, Jerry and Susie McCurdy and Lorene McCurdy; nephew, Zaidyn New; aunts and uncles, Kalyn New, Geri and Derek Taylor, Nancy McCurdy and Kim and Adam Schurtleff. All of whom will miss him dearly.

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Local students named to Dean's, President's List

BY JESSICA MCKINNEY
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Savannah Shafer, a senior at Abilene Christian University (ACU) who is majoring in music, was named to the spring 2021 Dean's Honor Roll.

Kailey Massey, a senior at ACU majoring in management, was named to the spring 2021 Dean's Honor Roll.

Nickole Taylor, a senior at ACU majoring in communication disorders, was named to the spring 2021

Dean's Honor Roll.

Channing Pinkerton was named to Southern New Hampshire University's (SNHU) winter 2021 Dean's List.

Chance Robinson was named to the SNHU winter 2021 President's List.

Thorn LeFever was named to Murray State College's spring 2021 Vice President's Honor Roll.

Brookshire's establishes scholarship endowment at Weatherford College

The Brookshire Grocery Co. has made a \$25,000 gift to the Weatherford College Foundation to establish a new permanent scholarship endowment for WC students.

The gift is part of the company's "Focus on the

Future" program, partnering with more than 40 colleges and universities in Texas, Louisiana, and Arkansas with gifts totaling more than \$1 million.

"So many families and individuals have been financially impacted by

the pandemic," said Brad Brookshire, BGC chairman and CEO. "We are proud to be able to help those aspiring toward their dreams."

The new WC scholarship will reward recipients based on financial need and leadership.

New WC scholarship endowments can be established with gifts of \$10,000 and up, with the option to pay out the initial gift over as many as five years. For more information, contact the WC Foundation at 817-598-6275.

LOCAL INDICTMENTS

Seven indicted by Tarrant County grand jury

The Tarrant County grand jury indicted seven Azle area residents on various felony charges May 3-5.

Lauren Nicole Williams, 26, was indicted May 3 for possession of a controlled substance in Penalty Group 1, between 1 and 4 grams, a second-degree felony.

James Lee Fuller, 35, was indicted May 4 for theft of property less than \$2,500 with two or more previous convictions, a state jail felony.

David Allen Boston, 51, was indicted May 4 for possession of a controlled substance in Penalty Group 1, less than 1 gram, a state jail felony.

Israel Luis Angel Servin, 28, was indicted May 5 for driving while intoxicated, felony repetition, a third-degree felony.

Jonathan Peters, 30, was indicted May 5 for assault of a family or household member, impeding breath or circulation, a third-degree felony.

Raymond Wayne Herfkens, 34, was indicted May 5 for possession of a controlled substance in Penalty Group 1, less than 1 gram, a state jail felony.

Anthony Lee Vasquez, 29, was indicted May 5 for theft of property less than \$2,500 with two or more previous convictions, a state jail felony.

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The Azle High School Class of 2021

The Azle High School Class of 2021 received more than \$1.9 million in awards and scholarships from local businesses and organizations, colleges and military branches to pursue their education and career goals.

Reyna Alcantar

Reyna was awarded a \$500 Azle FFA scholarship, a \$2,500 Azle FFA Alumni scholarship, a \$500 Jessica Chance Memorial scholarship, a \$4,000 Tarleton State University President's GAP scholarship, and a \$1,000 Tarrant Ag Scholarship Corporation scholarship.

Meagan Anderson

Meagan was awarded a \$1,000 Azle Education Foundation scholarship.

Olivia "Paige" Anderson

Olivia was awarded a \$100 State Farm scholarship and a \$12,000 Tarleton State University President's GAP scholarship.

Michael Baker

Michael was awarded a \$2,000 Jaylee Murr Williams Memorial scholarship, a \$1,000 Azle Education Foundation scholarship, a \$500 Azle FFA Alumni scholarship, a \$300 Azle Florist scholarship, and a \$1,500 Azle Optimist scholarship.

Kennedy Barton

Kennedy was awarded a \$1,000 Azle FFA Alumni scholarship.

Rachel Baumann

Rachel was awarded a \$1,500 Azle Optimist scholarship and a \$500 Azle Rotary scholarship.

Nikolas Birkeland

Nikolas was awarded a \$1,250 Azle High School Math and Science Team scholarship and a \$22,000 Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute Leadership Award.

Kehler Boenisch

Kehler was awarded a U.S. Navy scholarship.

Emma Bolin

Emma was awarded a \$100 State Farm scholarship.

Cassidy Boston

Cassidy was awarded a \$250 Azle High School Swim Team Booster Club scholarship.

Kasen Browne

Kasen was awarded a \$100 State Farm scholarship.

Dylan Bundrick

Dylan was awarded a \$48,000 Kansas State University Purple and White scholarship and a \$1,000 KSU Carl R. Ice College of Engineering 1st Year scholarship.

Joey Bunero

Joey was awarded a \$750 Azle High School Yearbook Staff scholarship and a \$500 Azle Rotary scholarship.

Jacob Burton

Jacob was awarded an \$800 Azle High School Math and Science Team scholarship and a \$40,000 University of North Texas President's Honors Award.

Morgan Cain

Morgan was awarded a \$2,500 Coe College Impact Award, a \$2,000 Coe College National Kohawk Award, and a \$25,000 Coe College Trustee scholarship.

Caleb Castaneda

Caleb was awarded a \$500 Azle FFA Alumni scholarship and a \$1,000 Azle Area Ministerial Alliance Roland R. Earl Memorial scholarship.

Gabriela Cazares

Gabriela was awarded a \$500 Azle Hornet Women's Soccer Booster scholarship and a \$500 Azle Optimist Young Texanne scholarship.

Emily Cole

Emily was awarded a \$1,000 Azle Education Foundation scholarship, a \$12,000 Dallas Baptist University Christian Service scholarship, a \$40,000 DBU Track scholarship, and a \$48,000 DBU Presidential Scholar Award.

Celsea Colley

Celsea was awarded a \$400 Azle High School PTO scholarship, a \$750 AHS Spirit Booster Club scholarship, and a \$4,000 Tarleton State University President's GAP scholarship.

Monti Collins

Monti was awarded a \$1,500 Azle FFA Alumni scholarship and a \$500 Jessica Chance Memorial scholarship.

Matthew Dahl

Matthew was awarded a \$500 Stewart and Egelhoff Memorial scholarship and a \$1,000 Azle Education Foundation scholarship.

Hope Dahms

Hope was awarded a \$190,200 United States Army scholarship.

Josephine Davidson

Josephine was awarded a \$1,500 Azle Optimist scholarship.

Jacee Dinkins

Jacee was awarded a \$400 Azle High School PTO scholarship, a \$500 Azle Area Chamber of Commerce scholarship, a \$1,000 Azle Education Foundation Scholarship, a \$1,500 Azle Optimist scholarship, and a \$500 Chelsa Holder Scholarship.

Dane Dorris

Dane was awarded a \$500 Azle Area Chamber of Commerce scholarship, a \$1,000 Azle Hornet Football Booster scholarship, a \$1,000 Azle Optimist Scholarship Essay award, a \$500 Pinnacle Bank scholarship, and a \$1,000 Rebecca Eagle Memorial scholarship.

Emily Edwardes

Emily was awarded a \$100,000 Texas Christian University Dean's Scholar scholarship.

Hannah Elkins

Hannah was awarded a \$250 Azle High School Volleyball Scholarship.

Mason Fair

Mason was awarded a \$500 Colton Davis Memorial scholarship.

Julia Flas

Julia was awarded a \$2,000 Texas Health Harris Methodist Hospital Azle Auxiliary scholarship.

Rachel Ford-Wrick

Rachel was awarded a \$250 Azle High School Yearbook Staff scholarship.

Sabrina Garcia

Sabrina was awarded a \$250 Azle High School Volleyball scholarship.

Serenity Genescritti

Serenity was awarded a \$100 State Farm scholarship.

Jenna Gestring

Jenna was awarded a \$100 State Farm scholarship.

Brianna Gonzalez

Brianna was awarded a \$500 Azle High School Activity Fund scholarship, a \$1,000 Azle Education Foundation scholarship, a \$1,000 Texas FCCLA/HEB scholarship, and a \$1,500 Azle Optimist scholarship.

Noah Gordon

Noah was awarded a \$4,000 Tri-County Electric Cooperative scholarship.

Rafael Granados

Rafael was awarded a \$350 J.O. Ranch scholarship and a \$500 Azle Hornet Boys Soccer Booster scholarship.

Jessica Green

Jessica was awarded a \$1,500 Azle Optimist scholarship.

Garrett Hall

Garrett was awarded a \$1,000 Texas High School Bass Association scholarship.

Trinity Hall

Trinity was awarded a \$250 Azle High School Student Council scholarship.

Kendal Hann

Kendal was awarded a \$1,000 Azle Area Ministerial Alliance Roland R. Earl Memorial scholarship.

Jason Harris

Jason was awarded a \$3,000 Mark Carter scholarship.

Hailey Hart

Hailey was awarded a \$100 State Farm scholarship.

Grace Harten

Grace was awarded a \$500 Azle Rotary scholarship.

Alexander Heath

Alexander was awarded a \$2,500 National Cyber Scholarship.

Jacob Heath

Jacob was awarded a \$500 Azle Optimist Young Texan scholarship.

Cole Hilliard

Cole was awarded a \$1,000 Azle Hornet Football Booster scholarship and a \$1,000 Azle Education Foundation scholarship.

Landen Hobbs

Landen was awarded a \$1,000 Azle Hornet Football Booster scholarship.

Joshua Holden

Joshua was awarded a \$500 Azle Theater Thespian of the Year scholarship.

Alexander Holland

Alexander was awarded a \$500 Azle Hornet Baseball Booster scholarship.

Brady Holt

Brady Holt was awarded a \$500 Jessica Chance Memorial scholarship.

Jasmine Howard

Jasmine was awarded a \$500 Texas Association of Secondary Schools Principals Academic scholarship, a \$7,000 Oklahoma City University Wrestling scholarship, a \$7,800 OCU Provost scholarship, and a \$11,000 OCU Petree College of Arts and Sciences Undergrad scholarship.

Morgan Howe

Morgan was awarded a \$2,000 Azle FFA Alumni scholarship, a \$1,000 Jessica Chance Memorial scholarship, a \$500 Tarrant Ag Scholarship Corporation award, and a \$6,000 Big Tex scholarship.

Libby Hughes

Libby was awarded a \$500 Azle High School Emerald Dazzlers scholarship.

Bailee Johnson

Bailee was awarded a \$500 Ema Waring Leadership award, a \$500 Azle High School Yearbook Staff scholarship, a \$1,000 Azle Education Foundation scholarship and a \$3,000 In Memory/Honor of Dr. Jack and Mrs. Carolyn Mobley scholarship.

Raquel Juarez

Raquel was awarded a \$1,000 Murr Family scholarship.

Ryan Jungman

Ryan was awarded a U.S. Navy scholarship.

Madison Kinder

Madison was awarded a \$16,000 University of North Texas Excellence Scholarship.

Jorden King

Jorden was awarded a \$400 Azle High School PTO scholarship, and a \$1,000 Murr Family scholarship.

Christine Krupa

Christine was awarded a \$400 Azle High School PTO scholarship, a \$500 Azle Hornet Women's Soccer Booster scholarship, a \$100 State Farm scholarship, and a \$40,000 University of Texas at Arlington Presidential Scholar award.

Jacob Lee

Jacob was awarded a \$3,000 Tarleton State University Academic scholarship.

Debra Lester

Debra was awarded a \$100 State Farm scholarship.

Jessica Lorenz

Jessica was awarded a \$100 State Farm Scholarship.

Hunter Martin

Hunter was awarded a \$1,500 Azle Masonic Lodge scholarship and a \$1,000 Azle Education Foundation scholarship.

Presley Massey

Presley was awarded a \$750 Azle High School Spirit Booster Club scholarship and an \$8,000 Friends University Academic scholarship.

Emily R. McDonald

Emily was awarded a \$1,000 Azle Education Foundation scholarship.

Claire McKennon

Claire was awarded a \$250 Azle High School Volleyball scholarship.

Taryn Mikula

Taryn was awarded a \$500 Azle High School Dazzlers scholarship.

Natalie Milstead

Natalie was awarded a \$1,000 Murr Family scholarship.

Benjamin Mishio

Benjamin was awarded a U.S. Navy scholarship.

Riley Norton

Riley was awarded a \$1,000 Azle Hornet Football Booster scholarship, a \$1,500 Azle Optimist scholarship, a \$1,000 Azle Education Foundation scholarship, a \$500 Colton Davis Memorial scholarship, a \$2,000 Tri-County Electric Cooperative scholarship, and a \$1,000 Jessica Chance Memorial scholarship.

John O'Neil

John was awarded a \$1,000 Azle Education Foundation scholarship and an \$84,000 Texas Wesleyan University President's scholarship.

Travis O'Neill

Travis was awarded a \$1,000 Azle Education Foundation scholarship.

Brooke Overton

Brooke was awarded a \$500 Azle Theater Outstanding Technician scholarship.

Monai Owens

Monai was awarded a \$59,300 University of Arkansas New Arkansas Non-Resident Tuition award.

Kaelyn Parker

Kaelyn was awarded an \$80,000 Baylor University Academic scholarship.

Michele Parkison

Michele was awarded a \$100 State Farm scholarship.

Parker Pate

Parker was awarded a \$500 Azle High School Baseball Booster scholarship.

Diante Paul

Diante was awarded a U.S. Navy scholarship.

Cody Penwell

Cody was awarded a \$100 State Farm scholarship.

Leylanie Perez

Leylanie was awarded a \$1,000 Texas FCCLA/HEB scholarship, a \$500 Azle Area Chamber of Commerce scholarship, a \$1,000 Azle Education Foundation scholarship, and a Texas Association of Community Schools scholarship.

Macee Peterson

Macee was awarded a \$20,000 University of Oklahoma Sower award.

Maximillian Quevedo

Maximillian was awarded a \$500 Azle High School Activity Fund scholarship, a \$1,000 Azle Education Foundation scholarship, and a \$100 State Farm scholarship.

Evelyn Rodriguez

Evelyn was awarded a \$250 Azle High School Volleyball scholarship.

Alex Roecker

Alex was awarded a \$500 Azle Theater Outstanding Actor scholarship and a U.S. Navy scholarship.

Vivianna Sandoval

Vivianna was awarded a \$1,000 Azle Education Foundation Scholarship and a \$200 Forte Junior High scholarship.

Griffin Schroeder

Griffin was awarded a \$250 Azle High School Swim Team Booster Club scholarship and a \$1,500 Azle Optimist scholarship.

Devon Schultz

Devon was awarded an \$85,000 U.S. Marine Corps scholarship.

Erika Shaver

Erika was awarded a \$2,000 Azle Tri-County Retired School Employees Association scholarship, a \$1,500 Azle Optimist scholarship, a \$1,000 Azle Education Foundation Scholarship, and a \$4,000 University of North Texas Scrappy scholarship.

Jake Simpson

Jake was awarded a \$100 State Farm scholarship.

Jaxon Simpson

Jaxon was awarded a \$100 State Farm scholarship.

Taylor Simpson

Taylor was awarded a \$1,500 Azle Optimist scholarship, a \$1,000 Azle Education Foundation Scholarship, a \$5,000 Texas Women's University Oakly scholarship, and a \$2,000 TWU Distinguished Scholar award.

Eryn Slimp

Eryn was awarded a \$250 Eagle Crest Villa scholarship.

Kelsey Smith

Kelsey was awarded a \$500 Community National Bank and Trust of Texas scholarship.

Megan Smith

Megan was awarded a \$750 Azle High School Spirit Booster Club scholarship, a \$1,000 Azle Education Foundation scholarship, a \$1,500 Azle Optimist scholarship, and a \$20,000 University of North Texas North Texas award.

Ranger Sprabary

Ranger was awarded a \$1,500 Azle High School Volleyball scholarship and a \$500 Eagle Mountain Shrine Club scholarship.

Lee Stimson

Lee was awarded a \$500 Colton Davis Memorial Scholarship, a \$1,250 Texas A&M University Opportunity Award scholarship, and a \$24,000 Texas A&M Regent's scholarship.

Maiya Sullivan-Cox

Maiya was awarded a \$1,000 Murr Family scholarship.

Kalli Talmage

Kalli was awarded a \$400 Azle High School PTO scholarship and a \$250 AHS Volleyball scholarship.

Emily Terrett

Emily was awarded a \$500 Azle High School Emerald Dazzlers scholarship, a \$1,000 Azle Education Foundation scholarship, a \$2,000 Texas Health Harris Methodist Hospital Azle Auxiliary scholarship, and a \$28,000 University of North Texas Dean's Excellence scholarship.

Bonnie Thomas

Bonnie was awarded a \$500 Azle Rotary scholarship.

Grace Thomas

Grace was awarded a \$1,000 Beta Sigma Phi scholarship, a \$5,000 Keith Hoover Foundation scholarship, and a \$20,000 University of North Texas North Texas Award.

Kaitlyn Thompson

Kaitlyn was awarded a \$100 State Farm scholarship.

Presleigh Thornburg

Presleigh was awarded a \$250 Azle High School Volleyball scholarship and a \$1,000 Azle Education Foundation scholarship.

Jaden "Laney" Upshaw

Jaden was awarded a \$1,000 Azle Area Ministerial Alliance Roland R. Earl Memorial scholarship, a \$500 Azle Area Chamber of Commerce scholarship, and a \$2,300 Eddleman-McFarland Fund scholarship.

Joesiah Valenzuela

Joesiah was awarded a \$500 Azle Hornet Boys Soccer Booster scholarship.

Tyler Vaughan

Tyler was awarded an \$85,000 U.S. Marine Corps scholarship.

Leopoldo Villafranca

Leopoldo was awarded an \$85,000 U.S. Marine Corps scholarship.

Tye Walker

Tye was awarded a \$190,200 U.S. Army scholarship.

Holden Wall

Holden was awarded a \$300 Azle FCCLA scholarship.

McKenna Watson

McKenna was awarded a \$40,000 University of Texas at Arlington Presidential Scholar award and a \$500 Azle Theater Outstanding Technician scholarship.

Sydney Wells

Sydney was awarded a \$500 Azle Theater Outstanding Improv Troupe Member scholarship, a \$1,000 Azle Area Ministerial Alliance Roland R. Earl Memorial scholarship, and a \$1,000 Azle Education Foundation scholarship.

Kaela Westrup

Kaela was awarded a \$500 Azle High School Yearbook Staff scholarship, a \$1,500 Azle Optimist scholarship, an \$800 Texas Tech University College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources scholarship, and a \$20,000 Texas Tech University Presidential Merit scholarship.

Jerilyn White

Azle High School's faculty choice from the Class of 2021 honor their Most Influential Teachers



COACH AVERITTE,

I don't know of anyone else at this high school that can pull off flip flops like I can.

Four years ago, I would definitely not have had the confidence to come up here and read this letter. I owe this developing confidence to Coach Averitte.

I knew of Coach Averitte while I was at the JH. He was my brother's soccer coach, and these past two years I played golf for him. I have really gotten to know him better as a Coach and as a person. His confidence in me as a player and a person has really helped me over the last few years. He still keeps trying to convince me to play golf in college. He has also helped push me as a person because he knows that I am willing to put in the work for it.

Coach Averitte always pushed me out of my comfort zone, especially on the golf course which has helped me as a golfer and as a person. I am proud to say that I consider him a family friend and look forward to creating new memories on the golf course.

Sincerely,
Max Quevedo



BRAD AVERITTE

MR. BELL,

John Bell, it's crazy to think just a few years ago we were kids playing around at our Nana and Popsy's ranch in Oklahoma. You were always in charge at the GoKo Ranch Camp each summer teaching us about the Bible, training us in horse types, and entertaining us with crafts. You were always teaching us something.

Fast forward, now you're my teacher in high school! Growing up together, you have sparked my interest in agriculture and the value of hard work. From showing sheep, goats, and chickens to giving shots and drawing blood. In these last few high school years, I feel we have grown a lot closer and created a strong bond. I always enjoy being around you and have fun learning in all of your classes.

I am thankful for the unique time of getting to learn and grow together through projects, welding, and many life skills I will use in my future. I not only consider you just my cousin but my mentor and my friend!

Thank you for always being there for me and supporting me.

Sincerely,
Jacob Lee



JOHN BELL

COACH BOENISCH,

'Run fast turn left,' those are the wise words I received from Coach Boenisch 4 years as a freshman about to run the 800. Over time Coach Boenisch has taught me a lot of different things such as; dedication, teamwork, confidence, reasons not to jump on an elevator, and running 8 miles isn't really 'THAT' much harder than 9 miles.

Before running a cross country meet he would tell all of us 'just do your job and you'll be fine', and this really stood out to me and it's something I thought of when the fears and anxieties started to settle in before and at the starting line. Whether 'doing my job' meant not getting passed by another competitor, or if it was to stay at the front of the race I would always try my best to accomplish the race. Running at the college level never really appealed to me until the end of my sophomore year when we had so much fun during the travel meets we went too. That's when I really realized I couldn't give up running or the team atmosphere that comes with it. Coach Boenisch contributed a lot to the trips we took that year including jumping in the elevator and getting stuck!

I will always remember all the fun times we all had listening to true crime podcasts and racing in the hall of the hotel. I would not be the person I am today without meeting Coach Boenisch and learning from his wisdom which is why I chose to honor him today. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Emily Cole



KEITH BOENISCH

DEAR COACH BONE,

Ever since I started playing football in 7th grade you have been there to help me along the way. You were the first Coach I had when I moved to Azle and you taught me to be passionate about what I do. You always came to practice ready to work with and show us how it's done yourself if you needed to. Even after middle school you somehow changed jobs to be my freshman coach and have been my coach in some way ever since.

In middle school I didn't know what I wanted to do, and playing football was just something my dad wanted me to do, but when you pushed me to be better I realized I did want to play and be as good as possible for my teammates and myself. Freshman year it became a much bigger part of my life, and I could go to you with anything I needed. From making sure I got my work done to helping me through hard times after my grandma passed, you were always there. Even in powerlifting or wrestling you have been there to help me no matter what I needed.

I can't tell who I would be today without you to help me and teach me along the way and I am really glad I moved to Azle when I did. Thank you for being there for me and showing me what it means to be a teammate, student and man.

Sincerely,
Cole Hilliard
Azle High School's Top Ten



JOSIAH BONE

MRS. DORRIS,

5 years ago when I moved to Azle you and your family were the first people I met, and without knowing anything about Azle I knew if there were people there like you I was going to love every second here. Sophomore year was the first time I had you as a teacher and I still remember the first week freaking out because Mrs. Fuller convinced me that you were some teacher that was crazy about calendar checks. I'll never forget the popcorn reading or assigning roles for Julius Caesar. I would try to never get picked to read but also knowing in the back of my mind Jacob would always find a way to make me. I always looked forward to your class knowing it would be the best period of the day. You always had high energy and you made learning one of my least favorite subjects a blast. Regardless how your day was going you always had a smile on your face and made our days amazing. You have always gone the extra mile for me and always made sure I was doing okay.

You have taught me to never give up and to always try my best no matter what the situation is, and I GUESS you also taught me how to write a double spaced, Times New Roman font, 4-6 page essay.

Sincerely,
Luke Smith



KERI DORRIS

MRS. EAGLETON,

Mrs. Eagleton would pull my dyslexic group a few times a week to encourage and teach us to be successful. I had Mrs. Eagleton, at Eagle Heights Elementary, and she most definitely sparked a desire not just for learning new ideas, and challenging myself, but rather to succeed at academics everyday. I always looked forward to this, because of the individual learning time with her and my group. It is easy to say that Mrs. Eagleton helped me become a more confident and independent learner.

I knew to push myself at my studies in my secondary classes where I was able to accomplish all A's in pre-AP and AP courses through high school. One of the many memories I have, is when she told me that rather than looking at dyslexia as a learning disorder, to instead embrace it, because regardless of the effects, I can still be successful. Mrs. Eagleton told me that JFK actually had dyslexia too, but regardless of it he still went to Harvard, held military honors, and became a beloved president. The main point of Mrs. Eagleton stating this, wasn't just to give hope, but to prove that we can all be triumphant, but it is up to us to put in the work to have that triumph.

Due to having a teacher like Mrs. Eagleton, who always pushed me for success, my drive during my high school career has been most successful in the classroom, as well as cross country and track. And to continue pushing myself, I joined the United States Navy, and currently have a contract for navy special operations. I appreciate and thank Mrs. Eagleton for encouraging me to be the disciplined and hard worker that I have become, she has been a major influence in my life.

Sincerely,
Kehler Boenisch



LORI EAGLETON



Azle High School's faculty choice from the Class of 2021 honor their Most Influential Teachers



DEAR MRS. HAMPTON,



DENEEN HAMPTON

I have selected you as my guest to the Top Ten Dinner because of the significant impact you have had on my life and educational experience. You were the first teacher that helped me truly understand Math and gave me confidence in a subject that I have always struggled with. I not only learned Math concepts, I learned how to be a better student. Your 'tough love' approach of keeping me off my phone and focused laid the foundation for me to become an active learner. Somehow, you always knew when I was trying to sneak my phone or when I was off-task. Someday, I would love to know how you managed that! In all seriousness, your class was a turning point in my education because I learned how to pay attention and study for a class I was not particularly interested in.

You also helped me achieve my goal of making straight A's and passing the STAAR test. You made your class fun and entertaining for me and my classmates while still doing an excellent job of teaching us Algebra and Geometry. You always knew how to bring out the best in your students and showed patience when needed. I am so thankful for the two years I had in your class and I enjoyed all of our great conversations. Thank you for helping me prepare for the journey ahead.

Sincerely,
Dane Dorris



MS. WILLIAMS



TENILLE WILLIAMS

I don't even know where to begin or how to keep this under a word count because there's so much I could say. While I've only known you for pretty much a year, the bond we've created in that short time is crazy to me. Throughout the year, you slowly became one of my favorite people to talk to and confide in and I can't imagine what my Senior year would've looked like without you in it. You are such a fun and loving person and you truly care for everyone around you. I don't know how you pull it off with your work load and busy schedule, but you always seem so put together and make it look easy. I can't begin to describe how thankful I am to have met you and been in your PALS class for my final year of high school. My one regret is not joining your classes sooner. I really just want to say thank you for always putting up with me and constantly helping me.

You have shaped me to become the person I am today, and for that, I am so grateful. Ms. Williams, you are truly one-of-a-kind and loved by so many people. If I could go back to freshman year, the one thing I would change is meeting you sooner because I am so sad that I have to leave one of the best teachers I have had the pleasure of getting to know, so thank you Ms. Williams.

Sincerely,
Trinity Hall



DEAR MRS. ROBERTSON,



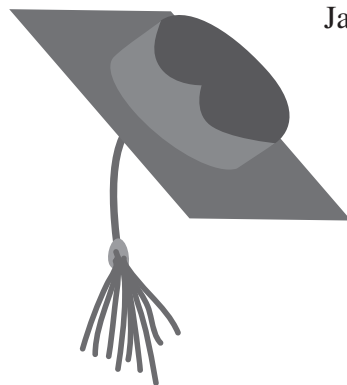
CYNTHIA ROBERTSON

I want to start off with first just saying that I was beyond blessed to have such an amazing math teacher like you, like seriously no kidding if I never had you I would still be in the 6th grade or by now my parents would just be absolutely broke because of all the money they would have had to spend for math tutors.

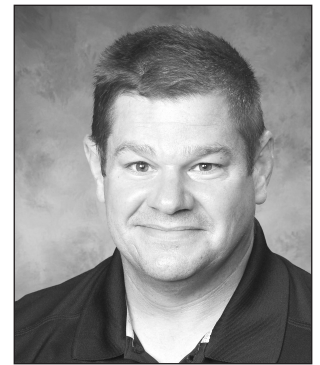
Now that I am in high school I always wondered how a teacher that I had just for one year made me understand and excel in math so much. I never was confident in any of my subjects because I had the mindset of 'I'm dyslexic'. I thought I would have no chance of being in the top 10% of my class especially with making bad grades in math like in my past years of school. However, having you as a teacher has helped me changed that mindset, you have made such a huge impact on me, you have shown me that I can do anything I want as long as I put my mind to it, so that is exactly what I did and I am in the top 10% of my class now. Without having you I used to dread doing any kind of math but now that is my favorite subject in school. Not only did you impact me with math but also how good of a teacher you are. Ever since I was little I have always wanted to be a teacher, people would ask me 'Why a teacher?' My answer has always been 'Because I like kids and helping people.'. Until I had you in sixth grade I realized why I want to be a teacher truly. I watch you help the kids in my class and you would always give full effort with so much patience. I saw that you impacted so many kids' life's just like you did for me. Not only did I watch you impact them but you also truly care for each and every one of your students you ever had.

Your dedication to helping students in math and being successful has inspired me to have a new answer for that question when people ask 'why a teacher?'. When I grow up I want to be the amazing teacher you were. I want you to know that I would not be the person I am today without the love that I learned in your class. Thank you, Mrs. Robertson, for everything you have done for me and leaving such a huge impact on my life.

Love Always,
Jacee Dinkins



DEAR MR. WESTON,



JOSH WESTON

I am writing this letter to say thank you. Since sophomore year I have enjoyed going to your class each day. As I look forward to becoming a professional welder, your classes have sparked an interest to learn as much as I can about the subject, and have allowed me to confirm that I have chosen the right path to pursue in trade school. I can honestly say that your classes have taught me things that I know I will use in the future.

Thank you for always taking the time to explain things to me. I appreciate your patience and how you always push me to do better. You have not only taught me welding skills, but also how to be a responsible, hard-working, and dedicated employee and person. I like that we can pick on each other like we do, and still get our work done. I also want to thank you for recommending me for the internship opportunity at IMS, giving me the chance to gain work experience in the welding profession.

Senior year has been full of challenges for everyone. Thank you for always being there for me and being a great teacher, mentor, and friend. Thank you for introducing me to welding, guiding me to become better, and leading me through certifications and future education goals. Finally, thank you for all that you do every day, for every student.

Sincerely,
Braeden Knoll



Herding cats is easier.

Anybody remember the Super Bowl commercial about herding cats? I've used that video and/or the cat-herding metaphor many times when it comes to leadership—especially with volunteers.

Any church or organization that operates with a largely volunteer workforce understands (or SHOULD understand) that it is a whole different ballgame than the hierarchy of leadership that exists in an all paid employee scenario.

Since much of my life is spent in coach-sulting with churches and non-profit organizations, I am familiar with the idea of figuring out how to get buy-in from the volunteers and how to motivate and empower them to give their very best efforts.

However, there is one scenario that makes cat-herding look easy by comparison: leading a volunteer organization comprised of leaders of organizations.

It's one thing to herd cats. It's another thing to herd 150 alpha dogs!

This is another in my series of posts expressing my admiration and affection for someone who is still around to hear it.

Today I want to talk about my friend and mentor, Don.

I had actually heard of Don, who served as the director of the Singing Men of North Central Texas, a few years before I met him in 2008. I had been invited to sing in the Christmas musical at the First Baptist of Bridgeport where my friend, John, was the minister of music.

John invited Don to come



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and do a guest clinic with the choir. In our brief conversation that day, Don encouraged me to “budget some time” to join SMONCT. A few months later—March 2009, to be precise—I did just that when the Singing

Men did a concert at FBC Bridgeport.

I've been singing with them ever since. SMONCT is comprised primarily of music ministers and retired music ministers who are gifted leaders of their own choirs. Each one has his own good ideas about how a piece of music should be performed and how the director should direct.

Add to that mix that there are about 200 members, many of whom are excellent soloists, and the leader has the challenge of getting all these guys to blend their voices into something that translates words and music into something transcendently beautiful.

I've had the opportunity to sing under the leadership of some wonderful choral directors in my life—some of whom gained worldwide

fame—but I have probably learned more about leadership from Don than any of them.

Here are three quick broadly applicable leadership lessons that I have caught from observing Don.

Great leaders are not motivated by building their own reputation. Don's focus is never on making Don look good, but leading the group to fulfill its mission of presenting the good news of Jesus through excellent musicianship.

Great leaders are not threatened by the talents of those they lead. Their goal is to empower those they lead to fulfill the mission. And they do it with humble confidence and love for those they lead. Don consistently shows his love with words of encouragement when the group is together checks

in individually with those who may be having personal struggles and assuring them of his love and prayers. One reason I have been happy to follow Don's leadership is that I know he loves me.

Great leaders know when it is time to pass the baton. After more than a quarter century leading SMONCT, Don stepped down two years ago so that the next generation of leaders could take their place. But in classic Don fashion, he simply stepped into a support role singing in the baritone section and being an encouragement to the new leader.

Whose leadership has taught you how to herd the cats in your life?

Be amazing today, my friend.

Budget headed to governor's desk

The Texas Legislature sent a \$248 billion two-year state budget to Gov. Greg Abbott after the House approved the measure last Thursday.

The 140-day legislative session ended at midnight May 31. Senate Bill 1 is \$13.5 billion less than the previous biennial budget, with the difference to be made up from COVID-19 relief funds from the federal government. As previously reported, Abbott plans to allow legislators to decide how to allocate those funds during a special session this fall.

Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick has suggested a special session for this summer to address some of his pet bills, such as limiting the participation of transgender athletes in school sports, banning lobbyists paid with public funds and putting limits on social media's power to restrict users. The Austin American-Statesman reported that Abbott called Patrick's proposal “pretty goofy,” however. Only the governor can call a special session and dictate the topics to be addressed.

EXPANDED HEALTH COVERAGE OK'D FOR MEDICAID MOMS

The Texas Legislature on Friday approved a bill that provides mothers receiving Medicaid assistance at least six months of health coverage after birth. The measure expands postpartum coverage from the current two months provided under Medicaid.

The bill, sponsored by state Rep. Toni Rose, D-Dallas, is intended to reduce the maternal mortality rate in Texas and provide added assistance to mothers dealing with postpartum depression.

Medicaid covers almost half of the births in the United States, according to the Kaiser Family Foundation. A provision in the American Rescue Plan of 2021 gave states the option of expanding Medicaid postpartum coverage.

MORE THAN A THIRD OF TEXANS VACCINATED

With shots opened up to anyone 12 and older, more than a third of all Texans — more than 10.2 million



STATE CAPITOL HIGHLIGHTS

By Gary Borders

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— are now fully vaccinated against COVID-19, according to the Texas Department of State Health Services. That is 35% of the state's population.

Abbott and the Texas Department of Emergency Management announced last week the expansion of the State Mobile Vaccine Program to include groups of five or more eligible Texans who voluntarily choose to be vaccinated against CO-

VID-19. In addition, homebound residents can request a unit come to their home. Previously, a minimum of 10 people were required before requesting a mobile vaccination unit.

Anyone interested can call 844-90-TEXAS and select Option 13 to schedule a mobile vaccine clinic for groups of friends, families, employees and others. The call center is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday – Saturday.

CASES UP SLIGHTLY, HOSPITALIZATIONS DOWN

The number of COVID-19 cases in the past week dropped slightly, according to the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University. As of last Friday, 282 deaths were reported. The number of lab-confirmed COVID-19 patients continues to drop, with 1,828 hospitalized as of Sunday, according to DSHS.

NUMBER OF MISSING CHILDREN REPORTED

The Texas Department of Family and Protective Services has issued its annual

report on children and youth missing from that agency's conservatorship or who are considered victims of human trafficking.

During fiscal year 2020, which ended Aug. 31 of last year, a total of 2,229 children and youth were missing at some point. On Aug. 31, 255 were still missing. During last year, a total of 47,913 were in DFPS conservatorship, meaning 4.6% went missing at some point.

Of the 1,972 children recovered during that time frame, 136 of them — 7% — reported being victimized while missing. Sixty-eight children — 3.4% — reported being a victim of sex trafficking.

TEXAS FILM COMMISSION CELEBRATES 50 YEARS

The Texas Film Commission, created in 1971 to expand the film industry in Texas, turned a half-century old this year. The commission has attracted \$1.66 billion in local spending and created more than 157,000 production jobs in Texas from 2007 to 2020. More

than 150 Texas communities are now officially designated as “Texas Film Friendly.”

“Texas has developed into such a vibrant destination for production across all media that the promise and potential recognized 50 years ago has been more than realized,” Abbott said.

HURRICANE SEASON BEGINS ON JUNE 1

The 2021 hurricane season kicks off June 1, and it's expected to be another busy one.

Last year's Atlantic hurricane season included a record-breaking 30 storms, including a dozen that made landfall in the United States.

Three storms — Hurricanes Hanna and Laura and Tropical Storm Marco — resulted in disaster declarations for several Texas counties, according to the Texas Association of Counties.

Hurricane researchers at Colorado State University warn that warmer Atlantic surface temperatures and the absence of El Niño conditions in the Pacific could result in a busy 2021 hurricane season.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

I'm amazed at the whining of the ISD board who can't understand why 2 of 3 bonds failed! Listen up board members, in case you haven't noticed, we've been through a pandemic which saw people lose their jobs and businesses close their doors. You've tried two times now in the recent past to ram bonds at us to upgrade the football stadium etc. This last time, the play involved how we didn't measure up to the other schools in our district.

In the vernacular, that would be called trying to keep up with the Jones'. A poor excuse to use, shaming us with how we don't measure up. If you need more seating, why don't you move the huge bleachers at the old football field behind Forte Jr. high school? Oh my, portable classrooms, perish the thought, they work don't they? And a cafeteria, how about just figuring out how to do split shifts to accommodate. Get the picture, grade school was the only

thing we would consider. Go back to the drawing board and sharpen your pencil and stop trying to push football fields and sports complexes, they aren't classrooms! Having served in the military and been stationed all over the country, there are kids playing on dirt with star thistles, gravel tracks, and wooden bleachers. Be grateful for what we have, we've got better than some junior colleges!

Kevin Schafer, Azle



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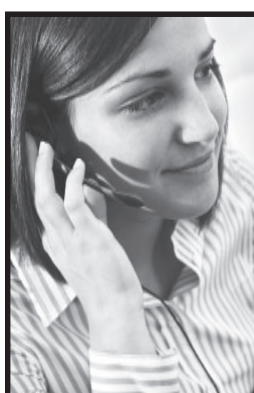
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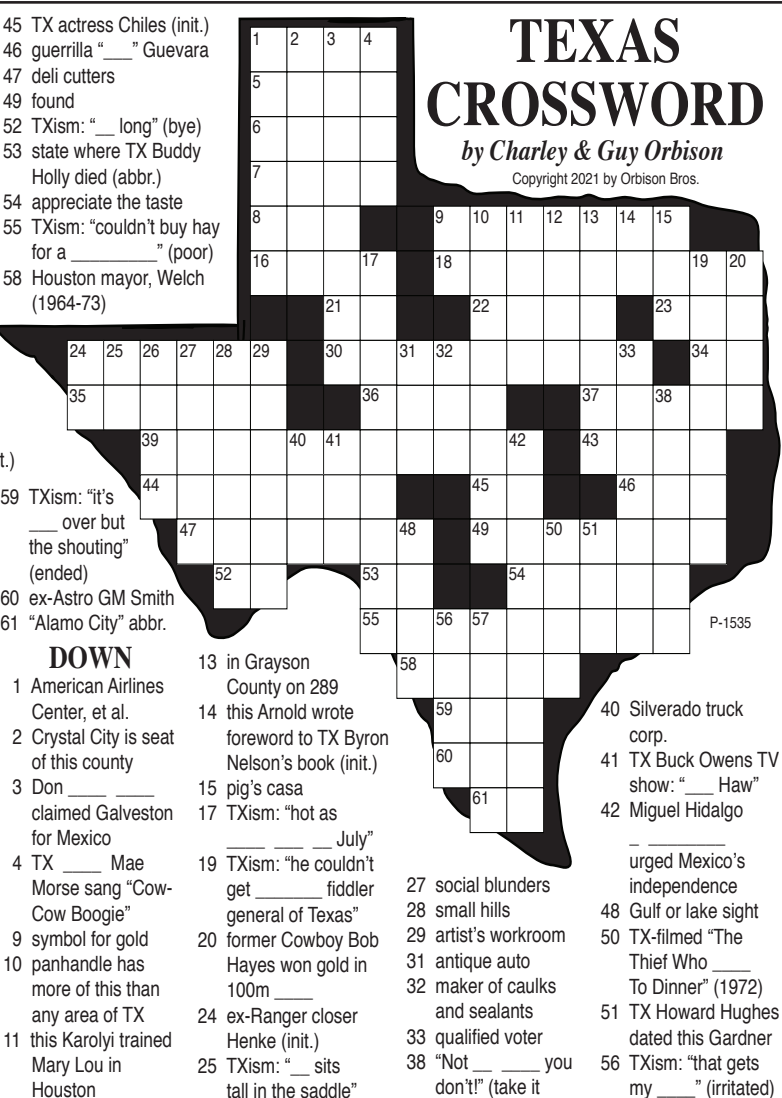
ACROSS

- 1 in NW Tarrant County on 199
- 5 Julia of "The Gumball Rally" with TX born Gary Busey
- 6 TXism: "in cahoots with the Devil"
- 7 Johnson Space Center agcy.
- 8 pie ___ mode
- 9 TXism: "got a heart ___ Texas"
- 16 dino ___ "Barney" was created in Allen, TX
- 18 dormant volcano?
- 21 TX singer Orbison (init.)
- 22 longtime U.S. Rep. "Tiger" Teague
- 23 Tex-Mex band: Little Joe ___ Familia
- 24 TXism: "much obliged"
- 30 TX wants you to compost this rather than bag it (2 wds.)
- 34 TXism: "mi casa ___ su casa"
- 35 TXism: "___ give didly squat" (indifferent)
- 36 ___ Smith County
- 37 1981 book by Glen ___: "The German Texans"
- 39 TXism: "he's got ___ the Bill of Rights" (rich)
- 43 monthly expense
- 44 TXism: "he ___ ___ bill of goods" (was lied to)

DOWN

- 1 American Airlines Center, et al.
- 2 Crystal City is seat of this county
- 3 Don ___ claimed Galveston for Mexico
- 4 TX ___ Mae Morse sang "Cow-Cow Boogie"
- 9 symbol for gold
- 10 panhandle has more of this than any area of TX
- 11 this Karolyi trained Mary Lou in Houston
- 12 perennial in TX
- 13 in Grayson County on 289
- 14 this Arnold wrote foreword to TX Byron Nelson's book (init.)
- 15 pig's casa
- 17 TXism: "hot as ___ ___ July"
- 19 TXism: "he couldn't get ___ fiddler general of Texas"
- 20 former Cowboy Bob Hayes won gold in 100m ___
- 24 ex-Ranger closer Henke (init.)
- 25 TXism: "___ sits tall in the saddle"
- 26 citrus drinks
- 27 social blunders
- 28 small hills
- 29 artist's workshop
- 31 antique auto
- 32 maker of caulks and sealants
- 33 qualified voter
- 38 "Not ___ you don't!" (take it outside)
- 40 Silverado truck corp.
- 41 TX Buck Owens TV show: "___ Haw"
- 42 Miguel Hidalgo ___ urged Mexico's independence
- 48 Gulf or lake sight
- 50 TX-filmed "The Thief Who ___ To Dinner" (1972)
- 51 TX Howard Hughes dated this Gardner
- 56 TXism: "that gets my ___" (irritated)
- 57 Hawaiian dances

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SPORTS



Varsity players Jacee Dinkins (left), Kendall Locke, Regan Sawyer, Karlee Locke, and Summer Finney were presented with their awards at the Lady Hornets basketball banquet.

Lady Hornets Basketball banquet award winners

BY JESSICA MCKINNEY
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The Azle Lady Hornets basketball team held their awards banquet on May 13 at Main Event. Coach Mitzi Marquart was

pleased to present awards to the freshmen, junior varsity and varsity team members after a competitive season.

Freshmen

Torrie Johnson was named Outstanding Offensive Player. Cheryl Grubbs earned the

award for Outstanding Defensive Player.

Raegan Williams received the Hustling Lady Hornet Award.

Junior Varsity

Landri Seward was named Outstanding Offensive Player.

Mia Carrizales earned the award for Outstanding Defensive Player.

Jessie Heath earned the Hustling Lady Hornet Award.

Varsity

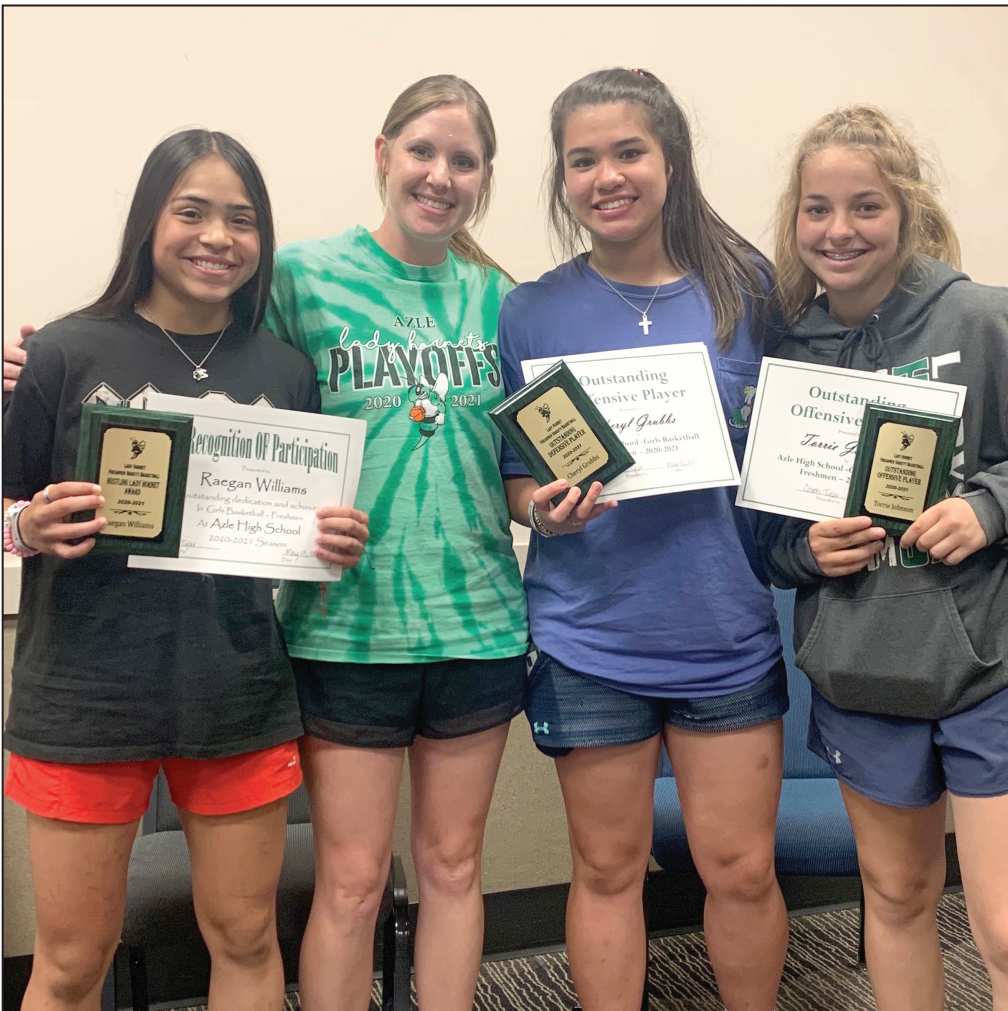
Regan Sawyer was named

Outstanding Offensive Player and Most Valuable Player. Kendall Locke earned the award for Outstanding Defensive Player.

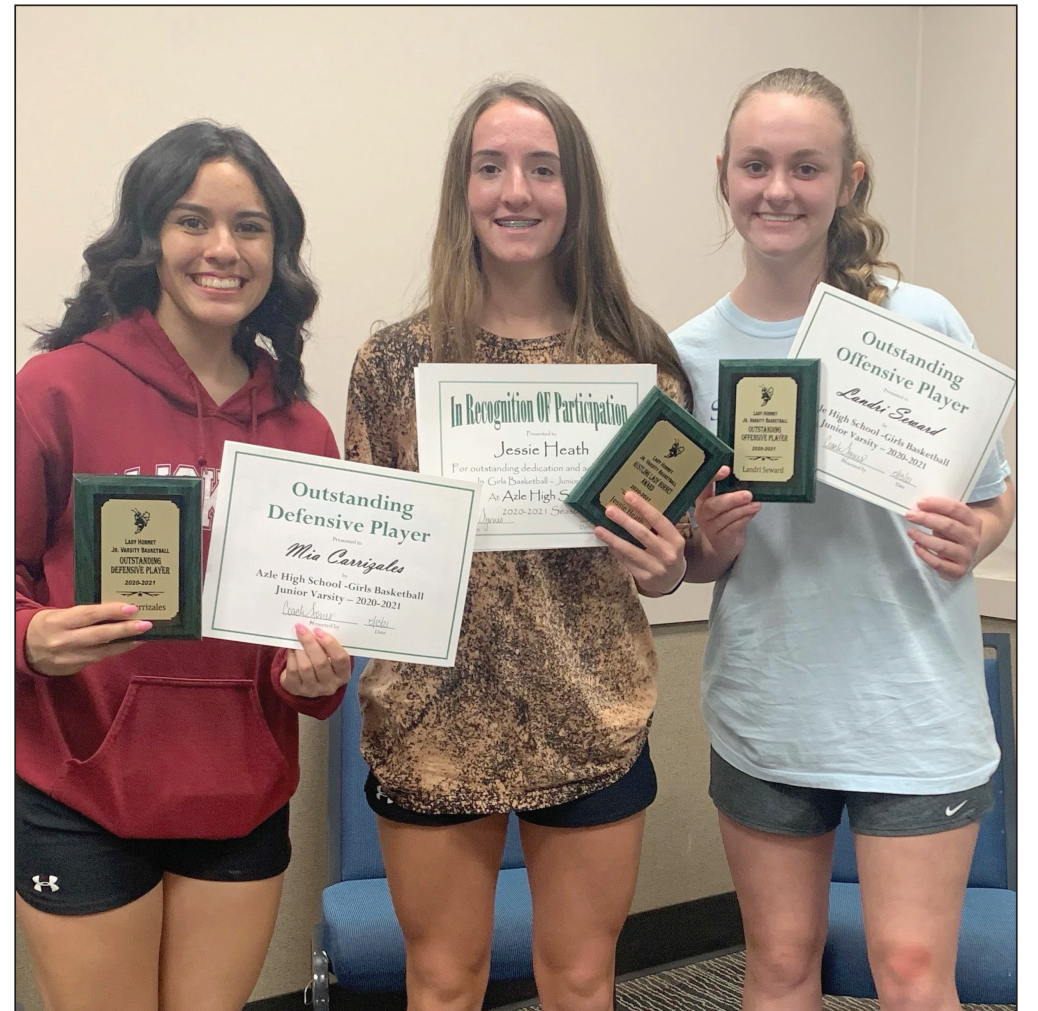
Summer Finney was named Outstanding Rebounder.

Karlee Locke was received the Hustling Lady Hornet Award.

Jacee Dinkins earned the 3D Award.



Raegan Williams (left), Coach Tyler, Cheryl Grubbs, and Torrie Johnson celebrated the end of the season as the girls were awarded during the annual banquet.



Junior Varsity players Mia Carrizales (left), Jessie Heath, and Landri Seward won awards at the May 13 basketball banquet. Photos courtesy of AISD



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Blue Miracle

The only surprise in this movie is that it was based on a true story.

Sometimes, you just need a movie that doesn't take a lot of twists and turns, and you know everything is going to work out in the end. For this past weekend, that movie was "Blue Miracle."

"Blue Miracle" is based on a true story and was written by Chris Dowling and Julio Quintana, and stars Dennis Quaid ("I Can Only Imagine") and Jimmy Gonzales ("Mayans M.C.").

THE PLOT

Casa Hogar is a home for homeless boys in Cabo San Lucas that is hanging on by

a financial thread.

Omar (Gonzales), a former street kid himself, is doing everything he can to keep the home running for his kids. But donors have been scarce, leaving them on the brink of foreclosure with the bank, and Hurricane Odile leaves the home with many needed (and expensive) repairs.

The chance to earn the money needed to save Casa Hogar comes in the guise of a gruff, washed-up former fishing champion, Wade Malloy (Quaid).

Captain Malloy wants one



Blue Miracle

2021
TV-PG
1 hour 35 minutes
Starring: Jimmy Gonzales, Dennis Quaid, Fernanda Urrejola

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more shot at winning the Bisbee Black and Blue Tournament, and he just might get that chance, but only if he agrees to take on a team of orphans from Casa Hogar.

Will they be able to work together and bring home a win for the team?

WHAT WORKED

The film flows easily

from start to finish. There are no big surprises, and the dream sequences that give a glimpse into Omar's past are well done.

WHAT DIDN'T WORK

As lovely as this story is, there really isn't a lot of depth to it. The backstories of the characters are not fully explored, leaving view-

ers feeling like there is a lot missing from the tale.

SUMMING IT UP

This makes for a great movie to watch with your family, complete with a neatly wrapped up happy ending.

"Blue Miracle" is currently streaming on Netflix.

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