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## Man drowns in heavy equipment accident on Eagle Mountain Lake



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**BY JESSICA MCKINNEY**  
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At approximately 4:15 on Wednesday, April 14, Tarrant Regional Water District (TRWD) police officers responded to a call of a heavy equipment accident at The Resort on Eagle Mountain Lake.

Construction crews were working on a newly formed lake canal addition for residential homes between Indian Creek and Bechtel

sloughs. The initial reports were that a skid steer loader was submerged in the water of the canal.

Witnesses at the scene reported that the operator, later identified as 26-year-old Luis Ernesto Fuentes Ventura of Houston, was last seen maneuvering the skid steer loader near an embankment when it overturned into the canal. The witnesses also reported that they attempted to rescue Ventura but were unable to locate him in the water.

TRWD officers conducted a search of the area with the assistance of a sonar-equipped patrol boat. At approximately 6:45 p.m., officers located an adult male matching the physical description of the equipment operator in roughly seven feet of water. The water conditions at the time were "highly turbid" from the construction and the surface temperature of

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## Pelican Bay appoints mayor, interim police chief

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During the regular meeting of the Pelican Bay city council on Monday, April 12, the council voted to appoint Alderman Glen Oberg as mayor. Also during the meeting, Lieutenant Jason Farris was appointed to serve as interim police chief for the city until a permanent candidate is selected.

Oberg's appointment comes

almost one month after the passing of Bill Morley, who served as mayor of Pelican Bay from 2014 until his death. Oberg was serving as the Place 4 council member as well as mayor pro-tem prior to his appointment to mayor. He will serve in that position until May 2022 when the mayor spot will be up for election once again.

At this time, the council will not

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## AISD Board of Trustees votes to end mask requirement

**BY JESSICA MCKINNEY**  
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During the regular meeting of the Azle Independent School District Board of Trustees on Monday, April 19, members voted unanimously to end the mask requirement for students and staff, effective Thursday, April 22.

The number of positive COVID-19 tests among students and staff in the district has seen a steady decline in recent months, with only six cases total for the month of April so far.

Several parents addressed the board after the vote, expressing

their happiness with the board's decision to allow students and staff to decide whether or not to wear a mask for the remainder of the school year.

"We understand that no decision we make regarding this matter will please everyone," said Superintendent Todd Smith. "We continue to remain committed to the public health of our community. It is important for parents, students, and staff to know that all other COVID precautions and protocols will continue.

"This includes social distanc-

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## Former Azle ISD teacher arrested

Admits to sexually abusing student for years

**BY SUSAN MCFARLAND**  
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A Springtown Intermediate School math teacher was arrested Friday, April 16, on charges of having an improper relationship with a student.

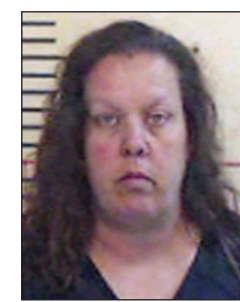
Misty Lorene Cato, 43, admitted to investigators she sexually abused the student for years, according to the Parker County Sheriff's Office.

Cato was booked into the Parker County Jail on a second-degree charge of improper relationship between educator and student. Her bond was set at \$100,000.

On March 19, investigators contacted the victim, an 18-year-old

male, who said the abuse began when he was a 15-year-old student at Azle Independent School District, and continued for several years at various addresses in Parker and Tarrant counties, according to a probable cause affidavit.

The student surrendered a voice recording from April 8, in which Cato could be heard describing



Cato

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## Good Neighbors blitz helps four Azle homeowners



The rain couldn't keep the volunteers away on April 16-17. Volunteers came out in force to help qualifying Azle homeowners who had many home repair needs that would improve not only their homes but their quality of life. Two of the homeowners are disabled military veterans, and two are widows who did not have the means or ability to take care of home repairs on their own.

Photo by Jessica McKinney

**THIS WEEK IN AZLE HISTORY**

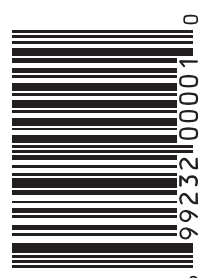
### 10 YEARS AGO...

In April 2011, Azle track athlete Elisha Peters qualified for four events at the UIL Regional Championships. That year she was just a sophomore and earned spots in four sprint events.

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# April tax revenue update

The April 2021 general sales tax payment is \$220,447.08 and represents a \$24,735.19 (12.64%) increase over April 2020. Of this amount, \$176,357.66 is General Fund revenue and \$44,089.42 is Street Maintenance Sales Tax Fund revenue. Current period collections are up \$20,374.39 (10.43%) over April 2020.

The April 2021 Crime Control and Prevention District (CCPD) payment is \$42,881.31 and represents a \$4,336.59 (11.25%) increase over April 2020. Current period collections

are up \$3,558.91 (9.26%) over April 2020.

The April 2021 Municipal Development District (MDD) sales tax payment is \$43,716.08 and represents a \$3,062.31 (7.53%) increase over April 2020. Current period collections are up \$1,824.12 (4.47%) over April 2020.

Assistant City Manager Lawrence Bryant noted that "sales tax collection in Azle remain strong," and that seeing how sales tax performs for the rest of the fiscal year in comparison to the previous pandemic year should be interesting to see.

# Ribbon cutting for Pinnacle Civil Services



The Azle Area Chamber of Commerce hosted a ribbon cutting for Pinnacle Civil Services, LLC on Tuesday, April 13. Located here in Azle, Pinnacle Civil Services, LLC is ready to help you with any commercial or residential concrete work. Give them a call for a quote today, 254-747-1015. Photo courtesy of Azle Area Chamber of Commerce



# Off to the races!

A group of homeschool students tried out their homemade go karts at Azle Memorial Library on Saturday, April 17.

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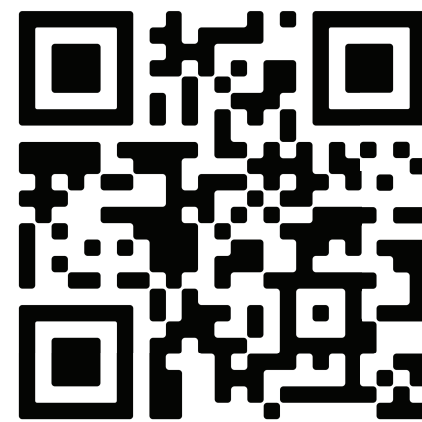
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### FOOD PANTRIES OPEN DAILY:

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- **Our House (Old Reno Hardware)**  
1530 East Reno Road Thursdays 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- **Positive Impact Ministries**  
1300 Liberty School Rd., Pelican Bay meals and food boxes Weds and Sat 4 p.m.
- **Blessing Boxes**  
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- One Azle Building at 412 Commerce Street, Azle  
- First Baptist Church of Castle Hills at 401 Beverly Road, Azle  
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- Positive Impact Ministries 1300 Liberty School Road, Pelican Bay  
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- Rayl Park 3402 Pueblo Trail, Lake Worth

### UPCOMING FOOD PANTRIES

- **Wednesday, April 21**  
Tarrant Area Food Bank  
Grace Pointe Mobile  
4110 E. Hwy 199, Springtown  
4 to 6:30 p.m.
- **Tuesday, April 27**  
Tarrant Area Food Bank  
Azle Mobile  
133 E. Main St.  
4 to 6 p.m.
- **Saturday, April 24**  
The Edge Church  
1313 SE Pkwy, Azle  
4 to 6 p.m.
- **Tuesday, April 27**  
Tarrant Area Food Bank  
Springtown Area Mobile  
316 Church Street  
3 to 5 p.m.

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the water was about 71 degrees. The victim was identified by his state-issued driver's license. The initial investigation and rescue efforts were assisted by Tarrant County Sheriff's Office and Eagle Mountain Fire Department.

The Tarrant County Medical Examiner determined the cause and manner of death was accidental drowning.

"Thanks to the assistance of the Tarrant County Sheriff's Office and the Eagle Mountain Volunteer Fire Department, TRWD police officers were able to make a timely recovery," said Chief David Geary of TRWD Law Enforcement Division. "The incident is still under investigation but appears to be a tragic accident. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the victim's family, friends, and co-workers."

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appoint a new mayor pro-tem until after the upcoming May 1 election. Farris was appointed to serve as the interim police chief while the city considers applicants to fill the position permanently. Farris previously served as Pelican Bay police chief from 2009 to 2015.

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ing, cleaning procedures of classrooms and buses, hand washing, use of hand sanitizer, etc. We will continue contact tracing when positive cases are identified along with required quarantining of those who have been in close contact.

"Mask wearing is still encouraged and recommended. We still reserve the right to require masks should there be an upward trend in confirmed cases at an individual campus or district wide.

"We are grateful school district employees were made a priority and those seeking the vaccine have been given the opportunity to be vaccinated."

### COVID-19 UPDATE

	Active Cases	04/14/2021			04/21/2021		
		Positive Cases	Deaths	Recovered	Positive Cases	Deaths	Recovered
<b>Tarrant County</b>	<b>4,790</b>	*Tarrant County update as of 04/20/2021					
Azle	13	1,339	47	1,276	1,339	47	1,279
Lake Worth	8	602	19	573	604	19	577
Lakeside	1	175	4	168	175	4	170
Pelican Bay	1	208	3	204	209	4	204
<b>Parker County</b>	<b>54</b>	*Parker County update as of 04/20/2021					
<b>Wise County</b>	<b>11</b>	*Wise County update as of 04/20/2021					
<b>Totals</b>		2,324	74	2,221	2,327	74	2,230
<b>State of Texas</b>	<b>61,835</b>						

\*Information as of Tuesday, April 20 at 1:00 p.m.

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# All roads lead to home

BY JESSICA MCKINNEY  
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For 35 years, Tom Reid has been taking care of his patients at Northwest Physical Therapy. Now, he is passing the torch to Shane Wall, an Azle High School alumnus who is ready to pick up where Reid is leaving off and carry the business into the future.

Reid built a successful and respected physical therapy practice in Azle over the years, but now he is ready to retire, to travel the world, and to spend more time with his family.

"Retiring from a profession you love and selling a business that I built from the ground up is a difficult decision, but I am confident in turning the business over to a hometown guy," said Tom Reid. "I feel that Shane and his wife Krista have the skills and the foresight to carry this clinic onto the next generation."

Wall grew up as an Azle Hornet. Both of his parents taught in Azle Independent School District until they retired in 2006. He attended the original Rock School, played football and ran track until he graduated in 1991.

From there, Wall attended University of North Texas on a scholarship for track and cross country. He graduated with a Masters in Physical Therapy from University of Texas in El Paso in 1997.

Wall spent two and a half years practicing physical therapy at Shannon Medical



Krista (left) and Shane Wall are excited for the opportunity to carry the legacy of Northwest Physical Therapy into the future following the retirement of Tom Reid after 35 years in Azle. Photo by Jessica McKinney

Center in San Angelo before taking on the role of director of physical therapy at Texas Health Stephenville Hospital for 10 years. After that, Wall worked with Comanche County Physical Therapy Services for another decade.

When the opportunity to take over for Reid at Northwest Physical Therapy in Azle was offered, it seemed like the right time to follow the road back home.

His experience over the last 23 years has given him the experience and knowledge to carry on the success of Northwest Physical Therapy for many years to come.

"Since I was a student, I have always looked up to Tom and realize the legacy he has left in Azle," said

Wall. "He is well respected in our profession as well as in the Azle community. Over the years, I have dreamed of owning my own clinic, and feel more than blessed to take over for Tom."

Wall's wife Krista is joining him in taking over the business. She works as a speech pathologist and has extensive experience in working with all age groups. She currently serves as a speech language pathologist in Decatur Independent School District. In the months to come, Krista plans to develop a speech therapy program at the clinic in Azle.

The Walls are parents to three children, ages 21, 17, and 14. The oldest, Payton, will graduate from Abilene

Christian University this summer, and from there she will follow in her father's footsteps and attend the University of Texas at El Paso Physical Therapy program. After graduation, she will join the family business at Northwest Physical Therapy.

Presley, their second-oldest, will be attending Midwestern State University in the fall, where she will run track and cross country, and the youngest Jaxon will be a freshman in high school.

"We are super excited to come back and serve the community where I spent my childhood," said Wall. "Home is where the heart is, and I am ready to give back."

# Optimists announce Young Texan and Texanne for April

BY JESSICA MCKINNEY  
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Azle Optimist Club announced their Young Texan and Texanne for April

Landen Hobbs is the son of Michelle and Blake Hobbs. His top choice colleges are Oklahoma State, Texas Tech, and Georgia. He is interested in studying and pursuing a career in political science, sales engineering, and business marketing.

Hobbs has acquired over 20 college hours and has maintained a 98 or higher grade point average throughout high school. He describes himself as disciplined, hardworking, and patient.

Hobbs has been an avid athlete in all of his years at

Azle High School, being a part of the football, baseball, and track teams. He was academic all-district in his junior and senior years. He is ranked No. 79 in his class with a 98.1 GPA.

Macee Peterson is the daughter of Shey Peterson. She plans to attend University of Oklahoma where she will study aviation.

Peterson has already started taking flying lessons in order to receive her private pilot's license. She describes herself as insightful, outgoing, and brave.

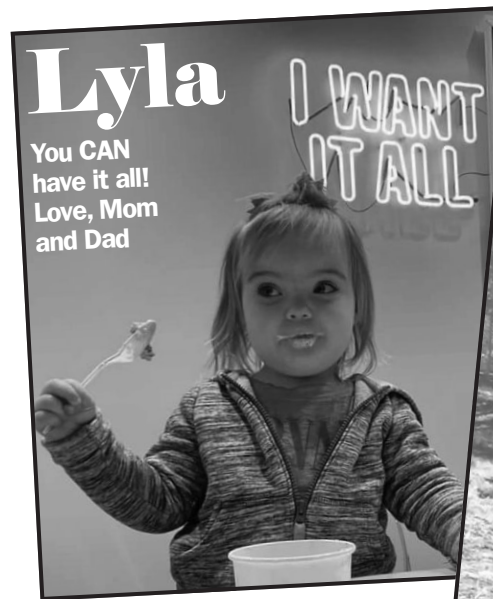
Peterson has been a member of Varsity Cheer at AHS since her sophomore year when the squad took home the UIL State Championship. She is ranked No. 27 in her class with a 100.97 GPA.



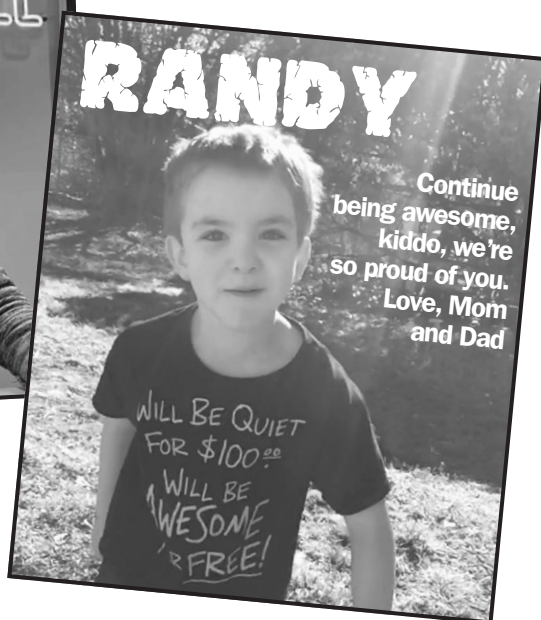
Principal Randy Cobb (left) with the Optimist Club's Young Texan and Texanne for the month of April, Landen Hobbs and Macee Peterson, along with club president Kyle Cooper.

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him as “the guy that [she has] been in love with for four [expletive] years” and saying that seeing him again makes her want to be with him again.

Cato admitted to investigators she had sex with the victim on numerous occasions, with the most recent being in January, and that she knew he was a juvenile student. She said the times she had sex with him when he was younger than 17 occurred in Azle, in Tarrant County, according to the affidavit.

The student told investigators one of the places they had sex was “off Knob Hill Road” at a Parker County residence Cato lived for a few months. He also said Cato gave him rides to Azle High School several times.

According to the affidavit, the student dropped out of school and began homeschooling during his junior year.

Azle ISD officials confirmed the student withdrew March 4, 2020.

Azle ISD Superintendent Todd Smith said Cato was employed from 2010 to 2017 as a teacher at Azle Elementary School.

Shane Strickland, Springtown ISD deputy superintendent, said Cato was hired Aug. 14, 2017. She was placed on administrative leave once the district became aware of the allegations.

Springtown ISD Superintendent Mike Kelley said, “It is with deep disappointment we acknowledge the

arrest of an employee previously entrusted to teach our students.”

Kelley said the district has not received any information about current or former students being connected to the case in any way.

“The district has tremendous confidence the Parker County Sheriff’s Office conducted a fair and thorough investigation, but we encourage anyone with additional concerns or information to contact Sheriff Authier’s office, my office, or the StayALERT school safety reporting program,” Kelley said.

The StayALERT school safety reporting program is linked through <https://www.springtownisd.net/Page/6134>.

“Many of our parents and students are aware of the fact the teacher has been on administrative leave since prior to our return from spring break. Some stakeholders have expressed disappointment that the district did not immediately notify parents of the accusations warranting we place the employee on administrative leave,” Kelley said. “I hope our community will understand that our first steps were to share information with appropriate law enforcement agencies; publicly sharing what were (at the time) unproven accusations was not an option, and certainly the district would not want to do anything that might interfere with an open investigation. Once notified of the arrest and apparent confes-

sion, we sent voice, text, and email messages to parent and staff accounts through our automated calling system.”

Parker County Sheriff Russ Authier said Parker County Sheriff’s Crimes Against Children investigators will forward all case information to Tarrant County investigators regarding crimes which were reportedly committed in their jurisdiction.

Authier said the Parker County case is still under active investigation and will be submitted to the Parker County District Attorney’s Office, seeking prosecution.

“It is a shame any time we have to investigate these types of cases,” said Authier. “It is imperative that our children attend school in a safe environment. Educators play a vital role in that safe environment and have a duty to protect our children. The student in this case has been offered counseling at the Parker County Children’s Advocacy Center where his healing can begin.

“The Parker County Sheriff’s Office has two Crimes Against Children investigators permanently assigned to the Children’s Advocacy Center of Parker County. By partnering with the CAC, our investigators are able to assist in providing services to Parker County child victims in a more expedient manner. This reduces the burden on the victim by not having to repeatedly tell their story.” (Reporter Jessica McKinney contributed to this report).

# AHS computer programming students compete in national competition

BY JESSICA MCKINNEY  
azlereporter@azlenews.net

Williams, Alexander Heath, and Alysa Potter.

On Feb. 25, Azle High School computer programming students began competing in the CyberStart America national cybersecurity competition. Of those students, 16 qualified for the national scholarship competition.

The students who qualified include Reece Davis, Jacob Estrada, Kalen McCullough, Amanda Thorpe, Addison Taylor, Braden Forsythe, Dakota Brewton, Carson Cooper, Paul Leonard, Jordan Rodriguez, Michael Gideons, Derek Bernosen, Scarlet Feemster, John

Competitors from Washington, DC, US territories, and all 50 states took part in the competition, with a total of 27,934 students participating. Only 2,760 students qualified for the national competition, which took place April 5-6.

“My students did an outstanding job,” said Sherri Prather, Computer Programming and Video Game Design teacher at AHS. “Most of them (probably 12-14) scored high enough to be awarded access to accredited online cybersecurity training, provided by SANS Technology Institute, worth \$3,000.”

Students competed in the national competition for a chance at a college scholarship. Winners of the scholarship will be announced in May.

“I’m so very, very proud of these students. This was our first time to be involved in this national competition. They worked very hard and did an excellent job. To put it in perspective, AHS qualified more students for this national competition than the entire states of New Mexico, South Carolina, Missouri, Oklahoma, Minnesota, Nebraska, Kentucky, Montana, Alaska, South Dakota, West Virginia, and Wyoming!”



Computer programming students at AHS participated in a national cybersecurity competition for a chance at a college scholarship. Photo courtesy of Azle Independent School District

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## Attention: Neck Pain Sufferers: Don't Do Anything Until You Read This

Are you Living With, Or Worried About Someone With Headaches and Neck Pain?!

How To Resolve Your Neck Pain Before It Ruins Your Life - By Local Health Expert Dr. Robert Moss PT, ScD, OCS, FAAOMPT



Do you have pain with: Simple neck movements? Turning your head to drive? Trying to get a good night's sleep? Worse, have you been told by your doctor that you "have to accept it", take medication, or rest for weeks on end, because nothing else can be done?

If you're aged 40+ and answered yes to any of these questions then you need to pay attention to what I am about to tell you.

Most recently, I was on a business trip for a couple of days in sunny Orlando, Florida. When I returned my wife picked me up at the airport and I noticed she couldn't move her head very well.

When I asked what was going on, she said, "I don't know, but you're gonna have to work on my neck because it's really bad". I knew it must be hurting because she normally tries to "wait it out". She said the pain initially was very minor but became so bad that she couldn't turn her head. **This is very common**, a lot of people we treat don't remember any specific injury and think it will just go away on its own.

Today, I want to address the **single biggest mistake** people with neck pain and headaches make. It's a shame that so many people think their only option is to "rest" or take dangerous medications and "wait" for it to get better hoping it just goes away...

Most people procrastinate, and that's fairly common. Most think, okay, this is gonna get better, and for the most part, a lot of our aches and pains do start to go away over time. The question is, how much time are you going to allow to pass before it starts to get better or before you start to do something about it?

A lot of people try to ignore the pain and they essentially just pretend or think, it's gonna go

away on its own, and that's really what my wife was trying to do.

This is what I call the biggest mistake, **ignoring your pain**. You're potentially setting yourself up for larger and more costly problems in the long run. Whether it's a financial cost or just the frustration and anguish of having pain for a long period of time.

My name is Dr. Robert Moss, physical therapist who specializes in helping people aged 40+ find quick, natural and long lasting relief from neck pain. I want to help you by simply showing you all of the different options that are currently available to you- some of which are new, most are free, and all are 100% natural.

This is why I am hosting a seminar on May 1st, 10AM at MOSS Rehabilitation Center called **Declare Your Own Personal Victory Over Headaches and Neck Pain!**

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## AISD jazz bands performing in the park

Azle jazz band students from Azle High School, Azle Junior High, and Forte Junior High will be performing at the Central Park Amphitheater at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 22.

Admission is free for this event and the community is invited out to hear these talented individuals perform before Music in the Park kicks off on April 30.

## PARKER COUNTY INDICTMENTS

### Five indicted by Parker County grand jury

The Parker County grand jury convened on April 9. Five Azle residents were indicted on charges during that session for various charges.

**Paige Nicole Collins**, 21, was indicted for theft of mail between 10 and 30 addresses, with intent to commit ID theft, a state jail felony.

**Heather Nicole Morris**, 30, was indicted for manufacturing or delivering controlled substance between 1 and 4 grams in Penalty Group 1, a second-degree felony.

**Randi Lou Pierotti**, 33, was

indicted for possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram in Penalty Group 1, a state jail felony.

**James Daniel Jackson**, 36, was indicted for theft of property less than \$2,500 with two previous convictions and enhanced due to owner of property being elderly.

**Tyler Austin Whaley**, 23, was indicted for theft of property valued between \$2,500 and \$30,000, a state jail felony, and theft of property valued between \$30,000 and \$150,000, a third-degree felony.

## CORRECTION

### Photo credit correction

In the April 14 edition of the *News*, the photos of Azle Rodeo Team athletes were not properly credited to the photographer. Jo H Photography gave permission to include the photos, and for that we are thankful.

# LOCAL ARRESTS

The following individuals were arrested by Azle PD and/or list addresses in Azle, Pelican Bay, or Lakeside and were arrested by various law enforcement agencies for DWI or felony offenses April 13 - 19.

**Christopher Machaciorivera**, 19, was arrested April 13 for terroristic threat interruption of public place, a third-degree felony.

**Sabrina Breann Toups**, 30, was arrested April 13 for possession of a controlled substance between 1 and 4 grams in Penalty Group 1, a second-degree felony.

**Heather Mychelle Centner**, 50, was arrested April 13 for manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance between 1 and 4 grams in Penalty Group 1, a second-degree felony, and manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance between 4 and 200 grams in Penalty Group 1, a first-degree felony.

**Mason Rene Turner**, 26, was arrested April 13 for possession of marijuana between 5 and 50 pounds, two counts of unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon, tampering/fabricating evidence with intent, all third-degree felonies, possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram in Penalty Group 2 and possession of marijuana between 4 ounces and 5 pounds, both state jail felonies, two counts of delivery of a controlled substance between 4 and

400 grams in Penalty Group 2, and possession of a controlled substance between 4 and 400 grams in Penalty Group 2, first-degree felonies.

**Jacob Nathaniel Bryan**, 34, was arrested April 14 for possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram in Penalty Group 1, a state jail felony.

**William David Grigsby**, 58, was arrested April 14 for possession of a controlled substance between 1 and 4 grams in Penalty Group 1, a second-degree felony, two counts of intoxicated assault, and two counts of accident involving serious bodily injury, all third-degree felonies.

**Brooklyn Peters**, 24, was arrested April 14 for driving while intoxicated.

**Aaron Sparks**, 27, was arrested April 14 for possession of a controlled substance less than 28 grams in Penalty Group 3, a state jail felony.

**Albino Perez Hernandez**, 43, was arrested April 14 for driving while intoxicated.

**Maurice Donnell Washington**, 27, was arrested April 14 for burglary of a habitation, a second-degree felony.

**Willie Marshal Largen**, 44, was arrested April 15 for driving while intoxicated, misdemeanor repetition.

**Darryl Steven Woodall Jr.**, 32, was arrested April 15 for possession of a controlled substance between 1 and 4 grams in Penalty Group 1, a second-degree felony, and two counts of possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram in Penalty Group 1, state jail felonies.

**Shanenea Doris Figs**, 37, was arrested April 15 for driving while intoxicated.

**Janie Mae Goforth**, 33, was arrested April 15 for two counts of possession of a controlled substance under 1 gram in Penalty Group 1, state jail felonies.

**James Lee Fuller**, 35, was arrested April 18 for unauthorized use of a vehicle, a second-degree felony.

**Rose M. Neeley**, 39, was arrested April 18 for possession of a controlled substance between 4 and 200 grams in Penalty Group 1, a first-degree felony.

**Geady Earl Griffin**, 29, was arrested April 19 for driving while intoxicated, unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon and tampering/fabricating physical evidence with intent, both third-degree felonies, possession of a controlled substance between 1 and 4 grams in Penalty Group 1, a second-degree felony, and three counts of possession of a controlled substance under 28 grams in Penalty Group 3, state jail felonies.

# Spotlight on BUSINESS

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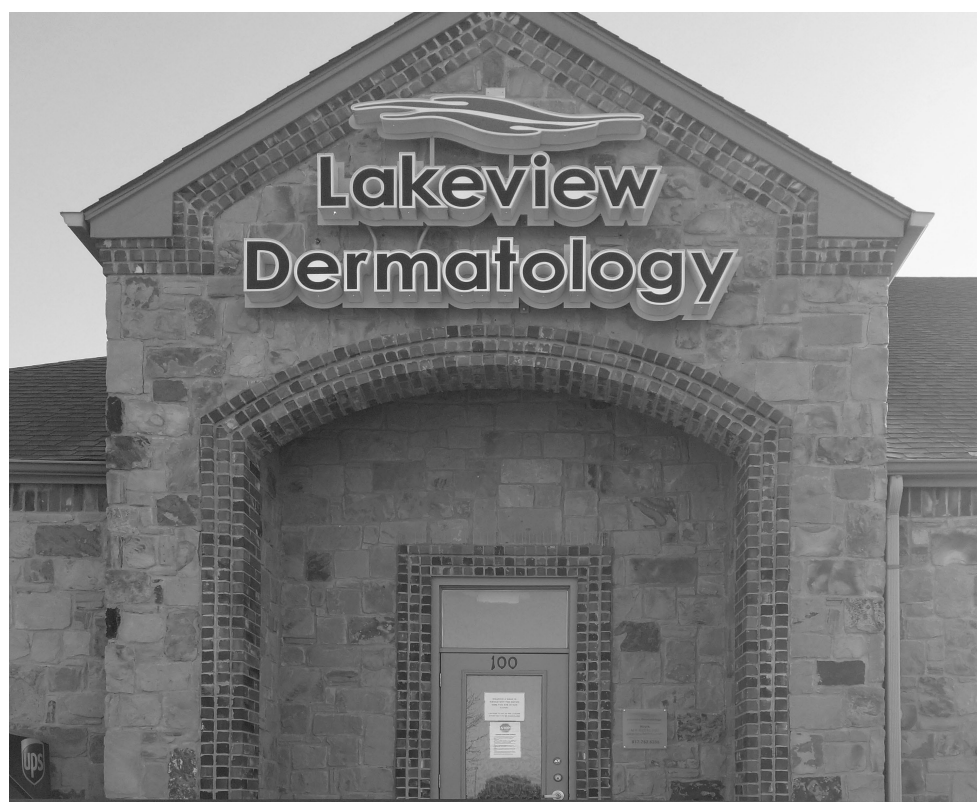
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Dr. Mittelbronn is well versed at treating common skin conditions such as acne and eczema, and he also has extensive experience treating skin cancer and complex skin disorders.

Matthew Mittelbronn, MD studied engineering at the University of Texas in Austin before pursuing a career in medicine. He obtained his Doctor of Medicine degree at Louisiana State University before completing a residency in dermatology at Tulane University School of Medicine.

After marrying his college sweetheart, Dr. Mittelbronn and his wife returned to Texas, practicing dermatology in Temple before settling in Fort Worth. Dr. Mittelbronn served as the head of the dermatology

department at John Peter Smith Hospital before leaving to pursue his dream of opening Lakeview Dermatology.

Lakeview Dermatology offers services that involve the treatment of all aspects of the skin, hair and nails. These can include common conditions like acne and rosacea, to more rare skin conditions such as lupus and blistering disorders.

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# Early voting underway across state

Early voting began Monday for May 1 elections in county, city and school district elections.

Secretary of State Ruth R. Hughs encourages all eligible voters to take advantage of the early voting period, which runs through Tuesday, April 27. Texas voters can contact their respective county elections office to view a sample ballot, locate their appropriate polling place, and plan their trip to the polls. Additional information is available at [Vote-Texas.gov](http://Vote-Texas.gov).

## NEW PUC COMMISSIONER CONFIRMED

Will McAdams, nominated by Gov. Greg Abbott to a slot on the Public Utilities Commission, was unanimously confirmed by the Texas Senate last week.

McAdams formerly served as president of the Associated Builders and Contractors of Texas and worked for legislators for more than a decade in various senior staff positions.

Abbott has also nominated Peter Lake to be the new chair of the PUC, which regulates the state's power grid operations. Lake now serves as chair of the Texas Water Development Board.

All three previous PUC members resigned after February's winter storm led to massive power outages across the state.



## STATE CAPITOL HIGHLIGHTS

By Gary Borders

*Gary Borders is a veteran award-winning Texas journalist. He published a number of community newspapers in Texas during a 30-year span, including in Longview, Fort Stockton, Nacogdoches and Cedar Park. Email: [gborders@texaspress.com](mailto:gborders@texaspress.com).*

## HOUSE PASSES BILL TO ALLOW HANDGUN CARRY WITHOUT A LICENSE

The Texas House voted 87-58 last week to allow handguns to be carried without a permit. Under current law, a permit is required to carry handguns either concealed or openly. If the bill becomes law, any Texas resident not already prohibited by state or federal law from owning a gun could legally carry a handgun.

According to the Texas Tribune, Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, who presides over the Texas Senate, previously expressed qualms about easing handgun laws. Numerous law enforcement officials and concealed handgun license instructors opposed

the measure, citing concerns over safety. A number of El Paso-area lawmakers opposed the measure, recalling the mass shooting that left 23 dead at a Walmart there in August 2019.

## STATE HALTS DISTRIBUTION OF J&J VACCINES

Use of the single-shot Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine has been temporarily halted in Texas following a recommendation last week from the Centers for Disease Control and the Food and Drug Administration.

The Texas Department of State Health Services issued the notice following extremely isolated reports of blood clots in a half-dozen recipients of the J&J vaccine — all in women between the ages of 18 and 48, according to the CDC.

As of April 12, more than 6.8 million doses of the J&J vaccine have been administered in the United States. There is no word of when the vaccine might be used again.

## NUMBER OF TEXANS VACCINATED EDGING TOWARD 50%; CASES STEADY

Even with the halt in distribution of the J&J vaccine, the number of Texans who have received at least one dose of the Pfizer or Moderna two-shot vaccines hit 44.5% as of Sunday, according to DSHS.

A total of 6.37 million Texans are fully vaccinated — roughly 20% of the state's population. Texas is receiving more than 1.9 million doses of COVID-19 vaccine this week.

The number of new COVID-19 cases in Texas last week dropped slightly from the previous week at 23,521, while deaths dropped to 374, a decrease of 27%, according to the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University.

The number of lab-confirmed COVID-19 patients currently in Texas hospitals increased slightly to 2,929. That number is down nearly 80% from the high mark in mid-January, when more than 14,000 Texans were hospitalized with COVID-19.

## JOBLESS RATE UNCHANGED AT 6.9%

The state's unemployment in March remained steady at 6.9%, with the state adding 99,000 total nonagricultural jobs, according to the Texas Workforce Commission.

"Positive job numbers for March continue to show Texas is on track for continued growth," TWC Chairman Bryan Daniel said. "TWC will continue to provide flexible and innovative training programs to help provide all Texans with skills they can use for workforce success."

The 6.9% rate is more than double the state's record low of 3.4% in May 2019. Jobless claims have risen since the mid-February storm, and the state has lost more than

400,000 jobs since the pandemic began early last year, according to the federal Bureau of Labor Statistics.

## FEMA EXTENDS REGISTRATION FOR STORM DAMAGE CLAIMS

The Federal Emergency Management Agency has extended the registration period for individuals whose property was damaged in the winter storm until May 20 in the 126 qualifying Texas counties. The state's emergency management agency made the extension request.

Individuals can apply online at [www.disasterassistance.gov](http://www.disasterassistance.gov) or by calling 800-621-3362. The toll-free line is operated from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. seven days a week.

## LEGAL PUBLIC NOTICES

### PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the City of Reno is soliciting Bids for Towing or Police Impounded Vehicles.

### REQUEST FOR BIDS

"Towing of Police Impounded Vehicles"

Sealed Bids must be submitted and shall be delivered to:

**City of Reno, Scott Passmore, City Administrator**  
195 W. Reno Road, Azle, Texas 76020

Bids must be submitted by 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 6, 2021 in sealed envelopes at which time bids will be officially opened and read. Bids received after the opening date and time will not be considered. Bid will be awarded on May 10, 2021 at the Reno Council Meeting.

If additional information is requested, please send email questions to [scott.passmore@renotx.gov](mailto:scott.passmore@renotx.gov).

Bids information may be picked up at the above address or viewed online at the city website at <https://renotx.gov>.

Scott Passmore, City Administrator

### PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF PELICAN BAY

#### 2021-2022 TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

The City of Pelican Bay is giving notice of the City's intent to submit Texas Community Development Block Grant Program grant application (s) for a Community Development Fund grant request of \$350,000 for the Lift Station improvements in the City of Pelican Bay. The application is available for review at the Pelican Bay City Hall during regular business hours. Para obtener una copia en español, comuníquese con Teri Anthony al (817)444-1234.

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The City Council of the City of Azle will conduct a public hearing at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 4, 2021 in the City Council Chambers at City Hall, located at 505 West Main Street to consider a request to rezone a 0.8311-acre tract of land situated in the J. Wilcox Survey, Abstract No. 1702, City of Azle, Tarrant County, Texas, and being described as Lot 18, W.C. Madden Addition, a plat recorded in Volume 388-209, Page 20, Plat Records, Tarrant County, Texas, from the Commercial (C) zoning district to the Heavy Commercial (HC) zoning district. The property is generally located along the east side of Hwy. 199 approximately 660 feet south of Wells Burnett Road.

## NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION

(NOTICIA DE LA ELECCION GENERAL)

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To the Registered Voters of the City of Pelican Bay, Texas:

Para los votantes registrados en la ciudad de Pelican Bay, Texas:

Đối với các cử tri đã đăng ký của Thành Phố Vịnh Pelican Bay, Texas:

Notice is hereby given that the polling place listed below will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on the 1st day of May 2021 for voting in the General Election for the purpose of electing Council Members Places 3, 4, and 5. Election day polling place:

(La noticia es dada que las urnas electorales citadas a continuacion estaran habiertas de 7 a.m. a 7 p.m. el día 1 de Mayo 2021 para votacion en la eleccion general para elegir los miembros del concilio para los Sitios 3 y 4 y 5. Sitio de las urnas:)

(Thông báo được đưa ra rằng địa điểm bỏ phiếu được liệt kê dưới đây sẽ mở cửa.m từ 7 giờ sáng đến 7 giờ .m trên Ngày 1 tháng 5 năm 2021 để bỏ phiếu trong Cuộc Tổng Tuyển Cử với mục đích bầu các Thành Viên Hội Đồng Các Địa Điểm 3, 4 và 5. Địa điểm bỏ phiếu trong ngày bầu cử:)

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April 24 (Abril) 24 (Tháng Tu') 24	Saturday (Sábado) (Thứ Bảy)	7:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.
April 25 (Abril) 25 (Tháng Tu') 25	Sunday (Domingo) (Chủ Nhật)	11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
April 26-27 (Abril) 26-27 (Tháng Tu') 26-27	Monday-Tuesday (Lunes-Martes) (Thứ Hai- Thứ Ba)	7:00 a.m-7:00 p.m.

To receive a ballot application or for more information call Tarrant County Elections Administration: 817-831-8683.

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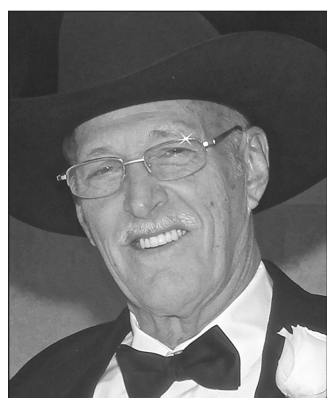
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# Obituaries

## George Owen Clark 1944 - 2021

George Owen Clark, 77, passed away unexpectedly on April 13th. "Owen" as he was known to all was born October 30, 1944 in Denver, Colorado to Owen Clifford Clark, and Grace Loraine Gasper.



Memorials can be made to any of his favorite charities or organizations.

Owen graduated from Woodward High School in Cincinnati, Ohio. Upon graduation he entered the Navy and served during the Vietnam conflict. He was a proud supporter of the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. During his service he traveled to China, the Philippines and Australia. He married Maria Zamora in 1967 and together they raised three children. They were married for 41 years until Maria's death in 2008. He married Jacquelyn Gibbons of Azle, in December of 2018. They were married for two years before "Jackie's" death in January of this year; just 10 weeks before Owen's passing.

Owen was a man of many talents and interests. Over his lifetime, he was a San Diego, California motorcycle police officer; a Real Estate Agent; a

construction/project manager for Turner Construction; a journeyman electrician; an electrical contractor and inspector; a Mayflower Moving and Storage Estimator and Driver and a liaison between the US Navy and Kaman Aerospace in the development of helicopter lamps. His favorite organizations were the American Legion; Amateur Athletic Union; Rotary International and Kiwanis Clubs of Impe-

rial Beach, CA and Charles County, Maryland, VFW, National Rifle Association and the Wounded Warriors.

In later life, Owen and Jackie traveled all over the United States in his Motorcoach visiting friends, family and as many National Parks as possible.

He loved camping, swimming and was the ultimate volunteer. Friends, family, Habitat for Humanity, the Rio Rancho, NM Senior Center, and the Azle Community Caring Center all benefitted from his large heart. Even though he only lived in our community for a short time, he made a big impact.

He is preceded in death by "the two loves of his life;" his parents and one brother.

Left to cherish his memory are his three children, Jenelle Salazar, Gary Freeman and Jeanine Patterson, his step-children Todd Gibbons of Azle and Brett Gibbons; grandchildren Richard Stroble, Natalie Chavez, Cheyenne Freeman, Tiffany Bankhurst, Jessica Thompson and Chelsea Ramirez; 11 great-grandchildren and brother Charles Clark.

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## Olivia Ann McIntire Elam 1938 - 2021

Olivia Ann McIntire Elam went home to be with our Heavenly father on April 15, 2021.



Memorial/Celebration of Life will be April 26, 2021 at 2 pm, A&M Gardens, Azle Texas.

Olivia was born on January 2, 1938 to William and Fannie Mae McIntire, in Santa Anna, Texas. She graduated from Santa Anna High School in 1956, moved to Fort Worth and studied math at University of North Texas in Denton, Texas. She spent her early years as an administrative assistant and then found a new passion selling real estate. She was a founding partner in Dunn and Elam Real Estate in Azle, Texas.

After retiring, she and Ed spent 20 years traveling, living mostly in Eagle Nest, New Mexico where they made many lifelong friends.

Olivia leaves behind a legacy for all that knew her. For our family, she was the truest example of hard work, love and commitment.

She is preceded in death by her parents; her brothers,

Thomas McIntire and Matt McIntire; her three sisters, Linda Osburn, Judy Zabel and Barbara Jones; granddaughter, Brandi Dickey.

Survivors include her husband, Ed Elam; daughters, Paula Pittsinger, Denise Thornton, Jennifer Atkinson and husband Sam, step-daughters, Donna Torres and Ronda Christian; sister, Peggy Hibbs, brother, Larry McIntire; grandchildren, Shane Dickey and wife, Dochea, Connor Nickerson, Olivia Atkinson and three great-grandchildren, Gracie, Emma and Zach.

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# Tarleton, Weatherford College agreement benefits transfer students

Tarleton State University and Weatherford College are teaming up to participate in a national prototype to boost educational opportunities for transfer students who graduate from two-year schools.

As part of its Distinguished College Partnership, Tarleton will provide annual scholarships, \$500-\$2,000, to Weatherford College transfer students with a minimum 3.0 GPA. Awards will be divided between fall and spring semesters based on enrollment and will be renewable up to three years with satisfactory academic progress.

The visionary investment aligns with the 122-year dream of Tarleton's founder to provide a high-quality

university education to students who otherwise might not have the chance. "John Tarleton dreamed of an institution of opportunity — a comprehensive regional university," said Tarleton State University President James Hurley. "It's important that we continue to deepen our historic commitment to educational attainment and affordability. Many of the Weatherford College students who transfer will be the first in their family to earn a bachelor's degree. They're forging a path for generations to come."

Weatherford College serves more than 5,700 students at its campus in Parker County and at learning centers in Granbury, Mineral Wells and Wise County. "As a graduate of both Weatherford College and Tarleton State University, today is a very special day for me," Weatherford College President Tod Farmer said. "This agreement between our two noble institutions will further strengthen our historical ties by providing tens of thousands of dollars in transfer student scholarships in the short run and hundreds of thousands of dollars in student scholarships in the long run."

Degree-related pathways make it easy for Weatherford students to transfer to Tarleton, saving dollars and class hours.

"Weatherford College matters to us," Hurley said. "Helping students in our own backyard is the right thing to do. They are destined to be our leaders, and we have a social and economic responsibility to invest in their future."

Tarleton is developing similar agreements with other two-year colleges in the region, in concert with the President's Transfer Guaranteed Award Program. T-GAP assures scholarships ranging from \$250 to \$1,500 per year for students admitted from two-year colleges. Award amounts are enhanced for students graduating from one of Tarleton's Distinguished College Partners.

For more information on T-GAP, go to <https://www.tarleton.edu/becomeatexan/Transfer-GAP.html>.

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# Obituaries

## Paula Marie Anderson 1962 - 2021

Paula Marie Anderson, 58, passed away on Friday, April 9, 2021, in Tyler, Texas.

Visitation was held on Friday, April 16, 2021 at Azle and Lake Worth Funeral Chapel beginning at 1 p.m.. Funeral service followed at 2 p.m. Interment was held at Mount Olivet Cemetery after the funeral.

Paula was born on December 4, 1962 in Fort Worth, Texas to the late Paul George Jenkins and Betty Lorraine Casey. She grew up alongside her brother, Frankie, and together they shared many crazy stories. Paula was a supportive sister and never missed one of Frankie's football or baseball games, even if it meant missing out on date or special event of her own. Her compassionate ways carried into her adult years when she became a mother to her own children. Paula took pride in being a mother and provided for her family by holding a manager position at Taco Bell for over twenty years. Despite the long days and nights, she still found time to enjoy the company of her family. Paula could spend hours playing bingo and dominos or sitting lake-side. She was quite the firecracker and never one to turn down a dare. She had a soft spot for animals, especially her dogs, whom she often dressed in various outfits. When it came to her children and grandchildren, Paula had no problem speak-



ing up on their behalf due to her protective ways. Her selflessness and golden heart will be forever remembered and forever missed.

Paula is preceded in death by her husband, Larry Charles Anderson; dad, Paul George Jenkins; mom, Betty Casey; son, Larry Charles Anderson Jr; and grandson, Josh Nathaniel Holmes.

Paula will be deeply and lovingly missed by her son, David Anderson and wife, Mary, of Granbury, Texas; daughters, Jessica Anderson and husband, Ronnie Holmes, of Granbury, Texas, Kristy and husband, John Denny of Bullard, Texas, and Adrienne Kennedy and husband, Anthony Kennedy of Keller, Texas; her boyfriend of twenty-one years, Charlie Holmes, of Fort Worth, Texas; niece, Angela Ferrell of Fort Worth, Texas; brother, Frankie Jenkins and wife, Penny Garcia, of Woodlands, Texas; eighteen grandchildren; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

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## Frank Ellis Woody 1948 - 2021

Frank Ellis Woody passed away Saturday, April 10, 2021.

Funeral was held at 1 p.m. Monday, April 19, 2021 at White's Funeral Home in Weatherford. Interment: Veal Station Cemetery. Visitation was 5 to 7 p.m. Sunday, April 18, 2021 at White's Funeral Home in Weatherford.

Frank Ellis Woody was born Sept. 10, 1948 to James "Scott" and Rena Mae Woody in Weatherford, Texas. He graduated from Weatherford High School and proceeded to attend University of Texas at Arlington where he earned his bachelor's degree in business. He began his career in the manufactured housing industry in 1972 and eventually opened his own business (General Manufactured Housing Corporation) in March 1982. Later the company changed names to Republic Manufactured Housing and is currently still operating and run by his wife, Marina Woody.

Frank's first marriage to Sue Copher (Foster) was on May 11, 1968 and they had three daughters (Lisa Woody, Jamie Schneider, Amy Davis).

Frank's second marriage to Marina Woody (Johnston) was on Aug. 20, 1987 and they had a daughter and son (Maegan Woody, Samuel "Logan" Woody).

Frank has two grandchildren (Dylan Woody Vaughn, Taylor Joy Schneider)

Frank was always a kid at heart and found great joy in living life to the fullest. He held a true love of the outdoors and shared that with his family. He taught his children and grandkids how to fish and made sure they all knew how to set up a tent and make camp. His sense of adventure had no bounds. He loved to travel and took his



family with him on countless trips to see national parks, lakes, oceans and mountains across the U.S., Mexico and Canada. He traveled abroad with family and friends and enjoyed many cruises in his lifetime.

Frank had a real knack for cooking, appreciated flavor and spice, and enjoyed all types of food. Frank had the best sense of humor and could make an entire room laugh out loud. He loved watching the great comedians of our time like Steve Martin and Chevy Chase.

He passed along that fun loving, hilarious take on the world to all who knew him. However, what he loved more than anything was being a Dad to his five children and fulfilling his honored role as "Grandpa" to Dylan and Taylor.

Frank was preceded in death by his father, James "Scott" Woody; and brother, Dwayne Woody.

Frank is survived by his beloved wife, Marina Woody; mother, Rena Mae Woody; children, Lisa Woody, Jamie Schneider, Amy Davis, Maegan Woody, and Samuel "Logan" Woody; grandchildren, Dylan Woody Vaughn and Taylor Schneider; siblings, Sally Woody and Kenneth Woody; and many treasured friends.

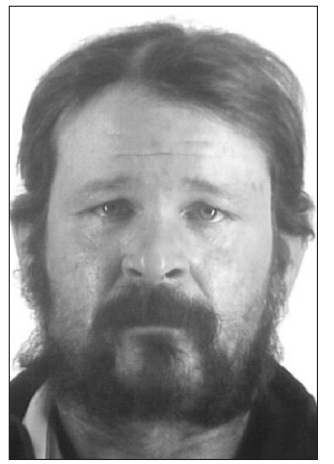
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## One year since hit-and-run death in Azle

BY JESSICA MCKINNEY  
azlereporter@azlenews.net

Sunday, April 18 marked the one-year anniversary of the hit-and-run death of Vanessa Fretz in Azle. The alleged driver of the vehicle that struck and killed Fretz, Larry Hendershot, is currently sitting in jail for charges related to her death.

Hendershot was dating Fretz at the time of the incident. He was taken into custody following an interview with Tarrant County Sheriff's office investigators, who then charged Hendershot with failure to stop and render aid causing death. His bond was set at \$35,000, which he posted and was released shortly after the arrest.



Hendershot

A Tarrant County grand jury indicted Hendershot for accident involving death, a felony of the second degree, on February 11.

He is currently in the Tarrant County Jail, held on a \$100,000 bond.

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Dr. Alan Lobaugh                  Ashley Dargai, Minister of Practical Theology;                  Katie Medlin, Minister of Family Life                  117 Church St. • 817-444-3527</p> <p>Sunday School..... 10:00 AM                  Morning Worship..... 11:00 AM</p> <p><b>HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH ELCA</b>                  4795 E. Hwy 199 - Reno 817-221-HOPE                  Follow us on Facebook for streaming services</p> <p>Sunday School..... 9:00 AM                  Traditional Service..... 10:00 AM</p> <p><b>SOLID ROCK BIBLE CHURCH</b>                  591 S. Reno Rd,                  Springtown, Texas 76082                  Pastor - Bill Gay - 817-304-7443</p> <p>Coffee and Donuts..... 9:00 AM                  Sunday School..... 9:30 AM                  Morning Worship..... 10:30 AM                  Children's Church After Music Service                  Wed. Prayer Meeting..... 6:30 PM                  Wed. Bible Study..... 7:00 PM</p>
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## How many of you are label readers?

Let's celebrate, Wednesday, April 21st is/was San Jacinto Day. Happy birthday Texas, nine years as a republic plus 176 years of statehood.

I have a question, how many of you are label readers? Labels on human food products, livestock and pet feeds, plant fertilizers, livestock and human nutritional supplements, livestock & pet biologicals and even pesticides. I have been known to hold up progress in the dairy section at the grocery store reading and comparing label information between two brands of milk.

I've also been found in the feed store and/or feed mill warehouses reading and comparing information on feed sack tags. Of course, any self-respecting livestock feeder, before making a decision on a new or different brand or type of feed is going to want a sample of the feed in his/her hand to feel, study and smell. And then with the additional feed tag information being con-

sidered, hopefully a good decision is made on which feed to purchase.

Uh oh, I caught myself just in time, I was about to chase a couple of rabbits. So, let's get back on the original topic of labelling. Why is it important to spend a little time reading and studying product labels before making the purchase?

Well, there is a lot of useful and valuable information contained on that label, some of which pertains to the law and your adherence to it. So, let's visit a little about the information that should be found on the product packaging or label. General facts that should be expected on all products include of course the name/description of the product, quantity which is usually expressed as either dry weight or liquid volume, and origin of the product. Human food products should have a nutrition facts label that describes serving size, number of servings per container and number of calories per serving, amount and type of

fat, amounts of cholesterol, sodium, total carbohydrates, fiber, total sugars, added sugars, protein, Vitamin A, Vitamin D, B vitamins plus other vitamins & minerals.

Also, listed should be the % daily value of each of the previously mentioned substances based on a 2000 calorie daily diet. Perishable foods will have a use by or expiration date whereby if the product is stored properly, it should be good at least until that date. Teaching students about this date was always a little humorous because many of them would think that on the expiration date the product would magically turn bad. It's an approximate date, don't be surprised if the product is good beyond this date.

Now for livestock and pet

feeds, if you know what you are looking for, normally you can determine the production date which is important when trying to buy the freshest feed. All feeds should at least have protein, fat, fiber and additives listed along with feeding instructions and storage suggestions on the label. Many feeds will also list amino acids, minerals and vitamins that show up in the feed analysis.

One of my pet peeves with dog and cat food is the % moisture found in the canned version. You are paying good money for at least 20% or more water in your pet's food.

How about livestock and pet antibiotics, vaccines and nutritional supplements? Basic information found on these labels should be the

expiration date, care and storage instructions, dosage directions, methods of administration and withdrawal periods.

Cautions, warnings and precautions will also be listed on the label. Plant fertilizers will also have label information listing ingredients and their percentages in the product. Application rates, the best time for application and target plants should also be found on the label.

Obviously, pesticides have label listings that must be adhered to very closely by the user including application rates, active ingredients, inert ingredients, target plants and insects and of course cautions, warnings, and precautions.

Now here's my caution to the readers, the labelling formation provided above is basic, there can be and usually is more specific information provided. My original reason for the choice of this topic for this week's article was to draw attention to the abundance of information provided by

labels on the products that we buy and use. But honestly the main message that I wanted to convey was to read and observe the directions on labels. Folks not doing this are one of the reasons that several "over the counter" products are no longer available over the counter. The directions, cautions, warnings and precautions are listed on the label for very good reasons; the safety and well being of our livestock, pets, ourselves, our neighbors, and even people that we don't know who are affected by what we do!

One additional item, the Texas Senate has recently sent SB Bill 152 to the Texas House of Representatives for their approval. If you have an interest in groundwater you may want to check this out. Texas Farm Bureau suggests that this bill, if approved should strengthen groundwater rights for the "everyday citizen". Let your voices be heard!!

'til next week.



**AG 101**  
By Jack DeShazo

Jack DeShazo has decades of experience in the agriculture field.

## Death, Taxes, and Stuff

There are certain things in life that are inevitable. One of those is a trip to the bathroom during the night for men of a certain age. And for the men of a certain age that live at my house (that would be only one of us, by the way), that trip may include ideas that turn into pondering that delay the return to slumberland.

Last night's trip turned into pondering on the origin of the phrase that the only certainties in life are death and taxes.

Yes, my friend, I thought about death and taxes at 1:35 a.m. while returning from the bathroom. My

brain works in mysterious ways.

Therefore at about 6:45 this morning, I was googling.

The quote is most often attributed to Benjamin Franklin: "In this world nothing can be said to be certain, except death and taxes."

That's actually a partial quote from a letter Franklin wrote in 1789 to Jean-Baptiste Le Roy, a French physicist. The full quote says, "Our new Constitution is now established, and has an appearance that promises permanency; but in this world nothing can be said to be certain, except death and taxes."

But the phrase did not

originate with Ben. It actually appears the first time 73 years earlier (1716) in "The Clobber of Preston" by British dramatist Christopher Bullock: "'Tis impossible to be sure of any thing but Death and Taxes."

Of course there is this quote attributed to Will Rogers (1879-1935): "The only difference between death

and taxes is that death doesn't get worse every time Congress meets."

The fact that I am thinking about death and taxes should make a little more sense to you when I tell you that I have been—finally, for the past week—working on my 2020 tax information. (Thank you, Snowpocalypse, for the few weeks' deadline extension).

As I have been plowing through my file folders of

receipts and adding up all the numbers to send to my CPA, I've been reminded of some "stuff" that goes along with taxes.

I've been reminded of the things I purchased that seemed urgent at the time, but I have yet to put to full use.

I've been reminded of a few business meals with people who have become precious to me.

I've been reminded of the miles I drove (certainly down from previous years) that took me to important connections.

I've been reminded of things that I inherited last year through the death of my dad. I'd give them back in a heartbeat for another

conversation with him.

I've been reminded that in the midst of the craziest year in my lifetime, life continued.

Maybe that's the most important lesson of all.

By the grace of God, we have been able to go on with the stuff of living.

By the grace of God, there have still been good days filled with blessing.

By the grace of God, we have known His presence and provision through the hard days.

By the grace of God, we have found amazingness in the midst of chaos and confusion.

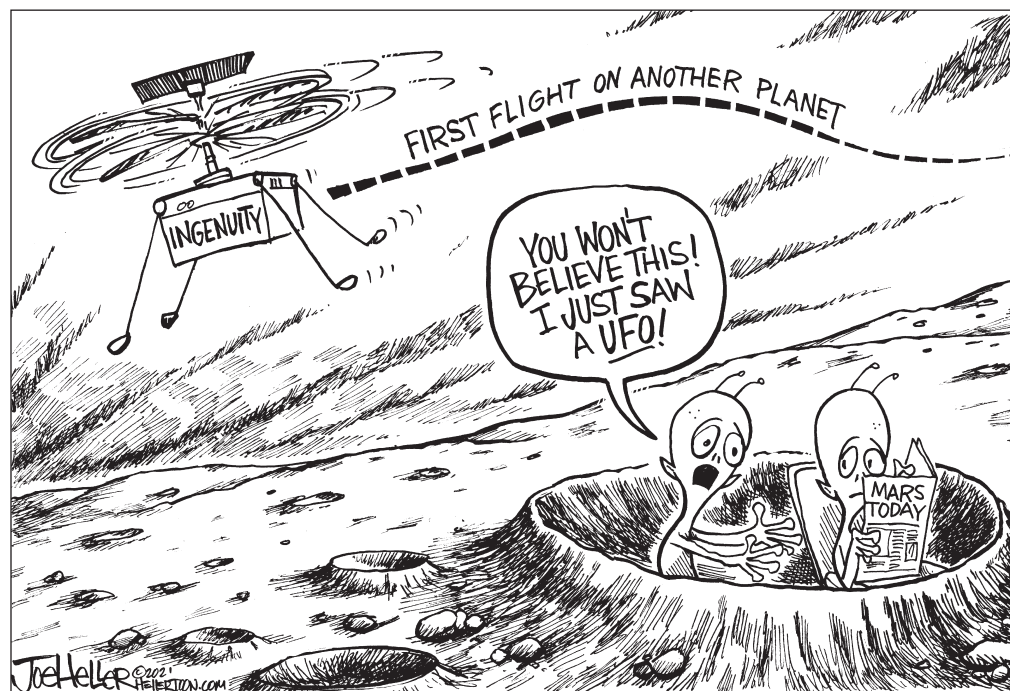
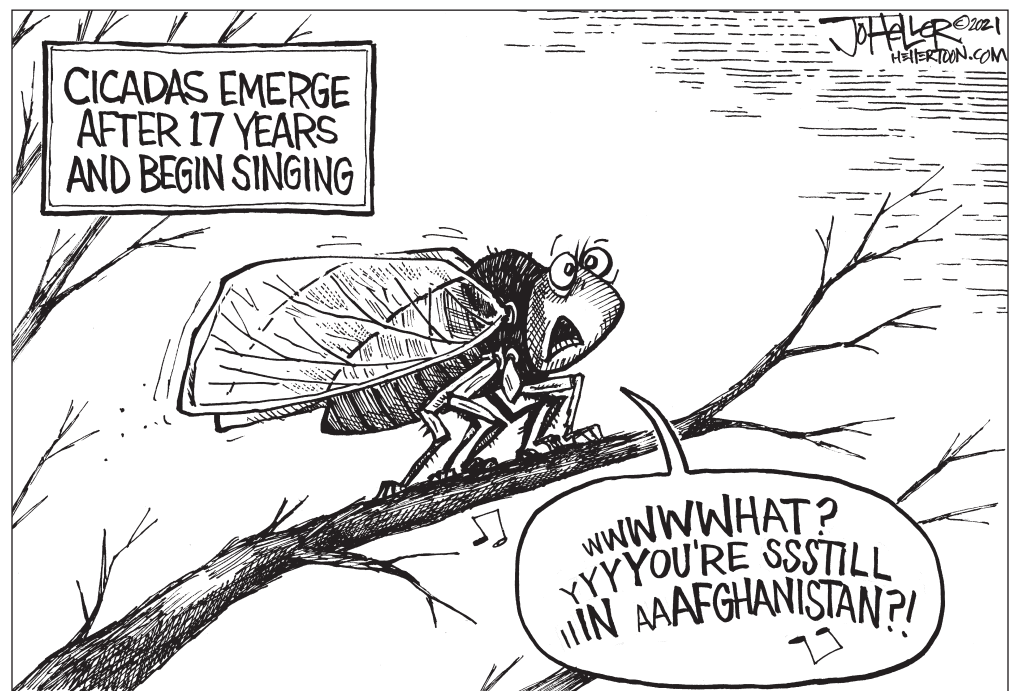
That's some good stuff.

Be amazing today, my friend.



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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:  
I am reaching out to you for some information and your stand on the upcoming Asle ISD Bond initiatives. First, we have received two mailers promoting the 3 Bond issues, that appear to be from the Azle ISD system. Were these flyers paid for with Azle ISD funds? Specifically Tax payer funds.....  
If they were, I find it incredibly reprehensible for a School board to use Tax money to promote a Tax increase. Can the board offer the same funding for disbursing information discouraging approval of the

Bond Issues?  
In the first flyer, there was a Very misleading statement at the bottom. It stated that the bonds would Only raise of 12.16 cents. To be accurate, it should have read: 12.16/\$1000 of appraisal. Meaning \$12.16 per \$1000 or \$1,216 per \$100,000. That means my ISD tax would INCREASE \$30.40 for my \$250K appraised home.  
The flyer is TOTALLY MISLEADING.  
Second, I run construction site inspections. The flyers used increases of student populations as a reason for

the Bonds.  
Student count only increases with an increase of population within Azle ISD district.  
Not taken into account/mentioned is: With each New unit of housing and new businesses within the district, comes with it an increase in TAXABLE property. If the student population is projected to increase by 30%, shouldn't the increase of overall people indicate a 30% increase and a like increase of NEW rental/private/business property, Taxable Property?  
As a tax payer, I expect to see results for my taxes.

Not new bells and whistles that DO NOT result in a better equipped Graduate. Core improvements should come before athletic stadiums. Core improvements should ALWAYS come before Administration staff increases. I am a retired Marine, I have experienced "Having to do MORE with LESS and Completing the Mission". I think it is about time our ISD does the same.  
You can produce a better Student, Better equipped for today's World, while being Financially Responsible to the Azle ISD taxpayers.  
*William Rice*

Dear Editor,  
We, as a community, are faced with some serious problems, not the least of which is the poorly thought out School Bond issues coming up for a vote during the next couple of weeks. I don't understand how the Azle Independent School District (AISD) can justify three bond issues totalling over \$105 million when we are still in a Pandemic that has seen so many of our friends and neighbors without work, and behind on their mortgage payment and other bills.  
The School Board and school Administrators must really believe that Azle is a wealthy community and that we will continuously vote ourselves out of our properties by voting for multi-million dollar bond issues that have not been justified, and that makes no sense. Texas is very close to a taxpayers' revolt, much like happened in California in 1978 (better known as Prop 13 or the People's Initiative to Limit Property Taxation) where legislation was passed to limit the amount of annual increases of property values and the amount of property taxes collected.  
While the AISD tries to deflect opposition to the Bond issues by making property owners who are 65 or older not liable for bond repayment, all that does is push the increased property taxes onto all the other property owners who

have not yet reached that magical age of 65 years old. And many of these property owners are looking for a job as a result of the coronavirus, and many are between jobs. What happens to these people? Are they forgiven the increased taxes resulting from the bond issues?  
But the larger concern, which the AISD dodges, is what the bond monies are being used for. Do we really need a new stadium at a cost of almost \$17 million?  
AISD is not alone in their cavalier attitude on how to spend your money. School Districts throughout the state are going crazy with unbelievable high school bond issues without fully appreciating the source of the bond repayment. I for one will not be voting to approve any more school bonds until the AISD starts treating the taxpayers like intelligent people and not children by providing us with a concrete information on why they need additional monies; why it is necessary at this time; what they have been able to trim from their current budget to offset the costs; what alternatives the School Board has reviewed and why they were rejected, and why the State test scores for the District only shows 47% are proficient in reading and 48% are proficient in math.  
*Respectfully,  
Fred Muller*

Dear Editor:  
I hear a lot of negative responses from the community about having to pay so much in property taxes. This is usually directed at a school bond increase. I received my property assessment yesterday and I found the reason my taxes are going up so much is because my property value is going up so much.  
If all three bonds pass in a few weeks to make our schools better prepared to accept the new growth in our area and to meet the needs of students in the 21st century then my tax rate will increase 12 cents per \$100 of valuation or 0.12%. Since 2016 the appraisal district tells me that my property value has gone up 62% (12.4% per year). It does not take a genius to realize that our taxes are higher not because we are overspending on our students but because our neighbors keep moving

out and selling their homes for 12% more than last year, every year. Home values are increasing at a pace 100 times more than the estimated bond tax rate.  
Please don't keep our students and teachers from getting the facilities they deserve because you are angry about the consequences of the wealth you are generating in your home value. As new homes are built and taxes rise we are able to pay these bonds off faster but the lump sums that capital improvements require cannot be saved from annual budgets. They must come from bonds. Please vote with me to support the needed improvements and additions to our school district. It will only be 1/100 of the tax increase I am seeing from my increased home value and that is worth what our students and teachers will receive.  
*Philippe Lalonde*

Dear Editor:  
Local property appraisals are out and they are up by 10% over last year! Since the average Azle homeowner already pays \$5800 per year in property tax, this means a \$580 increase in property taxes, even if tax rates stay the same. On top of this, the Azle School Board is requesting an average \$252 tax increase to pay for the bond. Azle Taxpayers have had enough. It's time to say NO! Vote AGAINST Propositions B & C.  
The Azle School Board takes 50% of your property taxes and the City of Azle takes 25%. That's why voting in City and School Board elections is so important. Mayor Brundrett and our City Council have done a good job improv-

ing Azle without raising the tax rate. On the other hand, the Azle School Board repeatedly tries to pass Bonds (tax increases) that include unnecessary and wasteful spending.  
When you go to City Hall (Parker) or BJ Clark (Tarrant) to vote, make sure you vote for candidates that won't raise your property taxes and vote against Bonds that don't spend your money wisely (Props B & C). There are challengers to the Mayor and City Council that have no experience in city government and have made little effort to learn how City Government works. Azle needs experienced leadership. Vote to retain our Mayor, Bill Jones and Brian Conner.  
*John Fowler*

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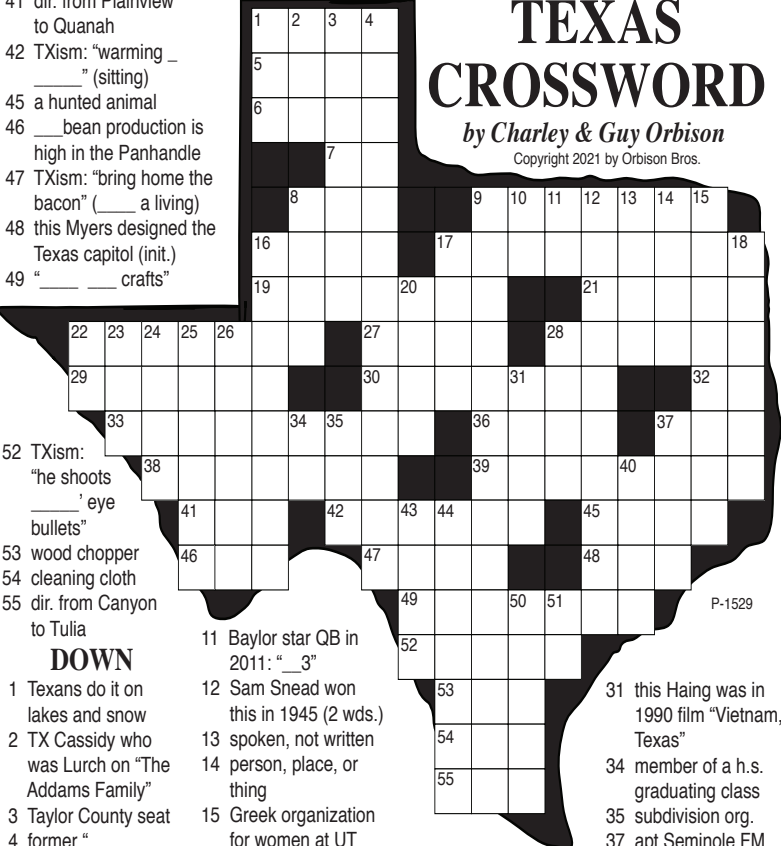
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- Lone State
- Jacksonville FM
- TX Tanya's "Texas When ..."
- jeans creator Strauss (init.)
- TXism: "sling it on the wall and ... if it sticks" (try)
- TX George W. gave 189 of these
- this TX Garrison was a former top 5 pro tennis player
- Killeen High mascot
- TXism: "he's wound tighter than ... -day clock"
- George W.'s wife
- this tea is thought to be medicinal
- "One ... one Ranger"
- LBJ near quote: "If nominated, ... run."
- historic "Farm & Ranch" in South Texas
- "... Ranch" near Bandera is a hunters' destination
- Texas is about 251 times bigger than this state (abbr.)
- rock shooter
- self-images
- TXism: "he's ... to a rattler" (mean)
- reflecting item (2 wds.)
- warm by the fire (2 wds.)

**DOWN**

- Texans do it on lakes and snow
- TX Cassidy who was Lurch on "The Addams Family"
- Taylor County seat
- former "Base" in Lubbock
- what TX Willie does
- TXism: "turn over all the cow ... everywhere"
- TXism: "frisky as ... unsaddled horse"
- dir. from Plainview to Quanah
- TXism: "warming ..." (sitting)
- a hunted animal
- bean production is high in the Panhandle
- TXism: "bring home the bacon" (a living)
- This Myers designed the Texas capitol (init.)
- "... crafts"
- Baylor star QB in 2011: "... 3"
- Sam Snead won this in 1945 (2 wds.)
- spoken, not written
- person, place, or thing
- Greek organization for women at UT
- author of 1915 book "The Lone Star Ranger" (2 wds.)
- Laredo FM
- smooth, shiny
- cover thinly with gold leaf
- a TX Lois Chiles co-star in "Creepshow 2," Kennedy (init.)
- this Haing was in 1990 film "Vietnam, Texas"
- member of a h.s. graduating class
- subdivision org.
- apt Seminole FM
- TXism: "mad as ... -eyed cow"
- this Lukas was in 1992 TX-filmed "Leap of Faith"
- behind in paying
- Santa Anna laid ... to the Alamo
- TXism: "bat ... eyelash" (blink)

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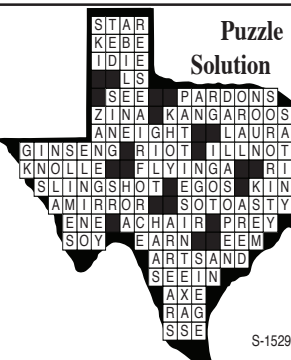


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## AHS track & field team qualifies for 8 events at regionals

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The Azle track and field team had another solid showing last week at the UIL District 5&6-5A Area Championships as the Hornets saw their team qualify in eight events for the upcoming regional finals.

The area meet was held at Fort Worth Brewer last Thursday and Friday (April 15-16) after originally being only scheduled to take place on Thursday.

However, the weather had its own plans, as rain showers littered the metroplex most of Thursday afternoon and the running events were postponed until Friday.

Regardless of the delay Azle's performances didn't seem affected much by the last minute changes as the team earned two area ti-

ties, to go with their other six qualifying placements.

Jessie Heath led the way for AHS as she won the area title in the girls' 400-meter run with a time of 1:00.40.

Heath was also the leg of Azle's 4x100-meter relay team that won the area title with a time of 4:05.31.

The other runners on that relay team included Emily Cole, Jacee Dinkins and Leah North.

Cole had a stellar race as she finished second in the 800-meter run and broke her personal best time finishing in 2:14.95.

North also came in second just behind Heath in the girls' 400-meter run as she registered a time of 1:00.7 which was also a personal record for her as well.

In girls' pole vault, Dinkins had a strong perfor-

mance as she came in second with vault of 9-06.

Dinkins also came in third in the 400-meter run with a time of 1:02 as AHS swept the top three spots in that race.

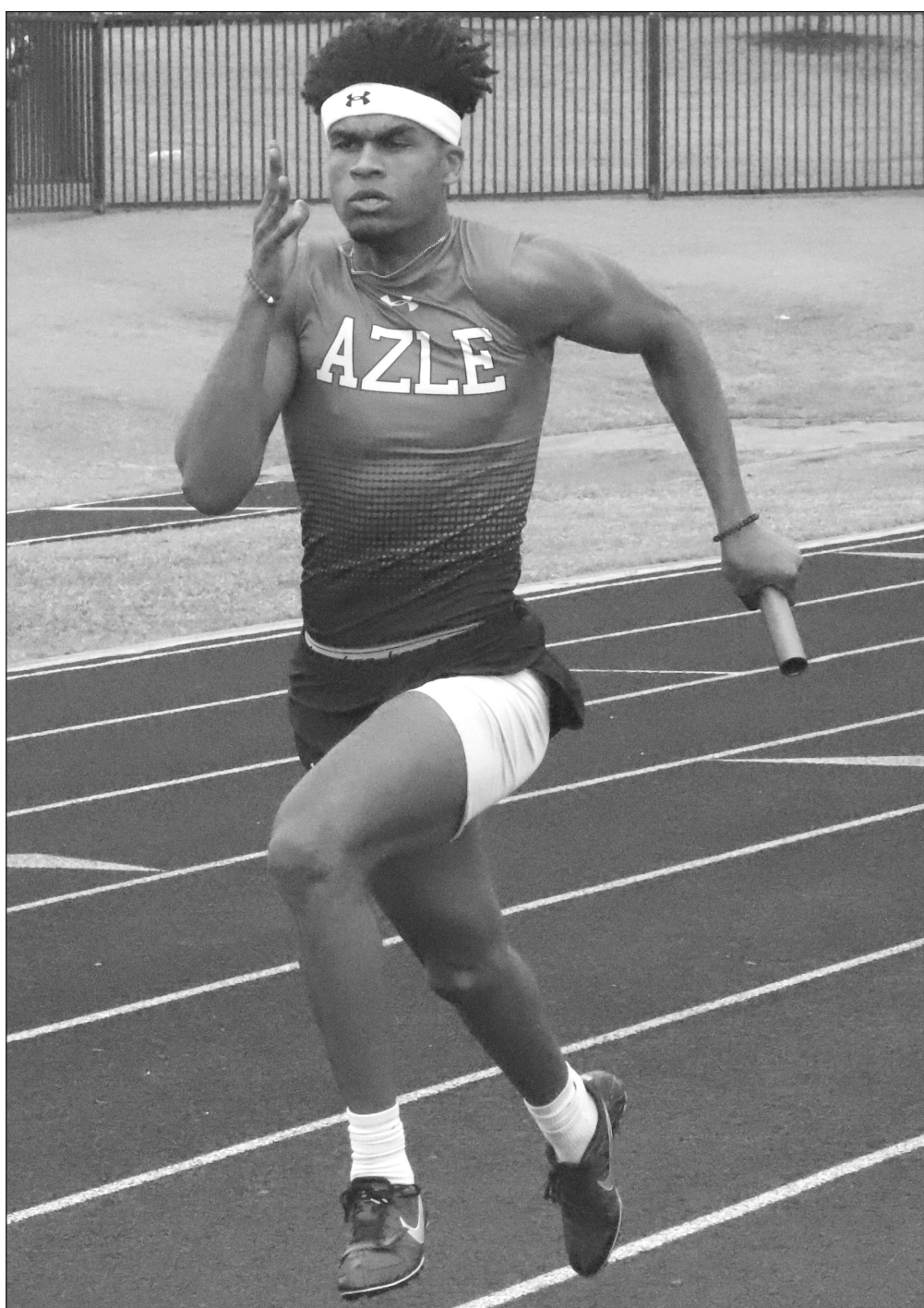
Amanda Rodriguez rounded out AHS' girls who qualified coming in fourth place in the 200-meter dash with a personal-best time of 27.15.

On the boys' side, the 4x100-meter relay team came in third place with a time of 43.37, and the 4x400-meter relay team came in fourth with a time of 3:30.63.

The 4x100 relay team included Barrett Gilbreath, Eric McAlister Jr., Billy Heath, and Miles Wiggins.

AHS' 4x400 relay team included Chase Laxamana, Billy Heath, Kaleb King, and Jack Jestis.

Laxamana also rounded



Azle High sprinter Eric McAlister Jr. runs the second leg of the boys' 4x100-meter relay at the UIL 5&6-5A Regional Championships last Friday at Fort Worth Brewer. Photo by Quinton Lilley



Azle High runner Emily Cole had a strong performance in the girls' 800-meter run as she qualified for regionals, coming in second place overall. Photo by Quinton Lilley

out the Azle boys qualifiers in the 300-meter hurdles as he came in fourth place with a time of 41.46.

The athletes mentioned previously will now be heading out to West Texas as they'll compete in the UIL Class 5A Region 1 Championships Friday and Saturday, April 23-24.

The events will be hosted by Lubbock ISD at Lowery Field.

In order for Azle High athletes to make it to the state championships, they'll need to place in the top two of their event this weekend or have the best third-place time or measurement in the state as

each state event will have nine contestants.

Three other regional meets are being held throughout the state for class 5A this weekend to determine the other qualifiers.

The UIL State Track & Field Championships will be held at the University of Texas in Austin May 7-8.



Azle High's Hughie Holland takes a lead at first base during the first inning of Azle's District 5-5A home game against Aledo last Tuesday evening. Photo by Quinton Lilley

## Azle baseball drops to third place after back-to-back losses to Aledo

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The Azle baseball team knew coming into the 2021 season that they would have a tall task trying to win a district title. And after holding on to a tie for first-place the last two weeks, AHS ultimately lost back-to-back games last Tuesday (April 13) and Monday (April 19) to Aledo, dropping them into a tie for third in District 5-5A.

After losing last Tuesday at home 10-1, Azle wanted to return the favor to the Bearcats on Friday night, but rain caused the game at Aledo to be postponed until Monday when the Bearcats eventually beat the Hornets 6-0.

Last Tuesday at home, the Hornets fell behind in the opening frame 3-0 and couldn't ever get their offense going.

While Azle was able to load the bases in the bottom of the first inning, no runs scored for the Hornets as Aledo preserved their lead.

Aledo continued to play stellar defense most of the

night as their hitting was solid throughout the contest.

Aledo added two more runs in the top of the fourth inning before Azle was able to score their first run, cutting the lead to 5-1.

However, that would be the last score for the Hornets, and Aledo scored two more runs in the fifth and three more in the sixth inning, earning a 10-1 win on the road.

Bryson Finch started the game for Azle on the mound and he pitched five innings before he was relieved.

Azle got just four hits in the game as Tyler Akers, Jesse Rivera, Cooper Magee, and Isaac Riley had one apiece.

On Monday in Aledo, the Hornets quickly fell behind as the Bearcats took a 2-0 lead in the first inning.

After three consecutive scoreless innings by both teams, Aledo added two more runs to their lead in the fourth inning and then added two more runs in the sixth inning to earn a 6-0 win.

AHS had just three hits in the game as Rivera had

one, J.J. Hemmerling had one, and Brenden Kamnick had one.

On the mound, the Hornets saw Kamnick pitch four innings, giving up six hits while striking out four batters. Devin Smith also pitched in relief duty as he had two strikeouts in two innings.

The Hornets played at Fort Worth Brewer on Tuesday night after press time and a full recap of that story will be included in next week's story.

Currently, Azle is tied for third place in District 5-5A with Granbury at 3-3. Both Aledo, and Wichita Falls Rider are tied in first place at 5-1.

If the playoffs began today, the Hornets would be matched up with either Birdville High or Grapevine, both of whom are in first place in District 6-5A.

AHS returns to the diamond Friday night at home when they'll host Brewer at 7 p.m.

Azle has just four games left in their district season before the playoffs begin May 3.



# Azle softball earns 5-5A's 2-seed as playoffs approach



Azle High third baseman Caitlyn Weiss (right) looks into the batter box as she prepares to field a hit during AHS' district home game against Brewer last Tuesday evening. Photo by Quinton Lilley

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This past week the Azle High softball team concluded their District 5-5A season earning the two-seed with a record of 7-3.

AHS finished the regular season with two of their losses coming to district champ No. 25 Aledo before losing to local rival Fort Worth Brewer on Tuesday 13-9.

However, Azle was able to bounce back quickly in a must-win game Saturday afternoon as they beat Granbury 3-2 in a defensive battle.

With the win, Azle was able to avoid a two-way tie with Brewer and now have sole possession of the second seed with playoffs looming in less than a week.

On Tuesday night against Brewer, the Lady Hornets got off to a slow start falling behind 2-0 in the top of the first.

Brewer went on to take a 5-0 lead in the top of the second inning before Azle finally answered back.

AHS did so thanks to a single from Brookelynn Smith as Elli Owens and Abigail Garner scored. The inning was capped off by a single from Alyssa Holland bringing in another run.

At the end of the frame, Azle trailed 5-3.

Azle continued their scoring effort in the third frame after Caitlyn Weiss

drove in a run and Owens hit a single that brought in Brie Michelli. By the end of the inning, AHS tied the game a 5-5.

Azle took their first lead of the game two innings later with a run scored by Rachel Baumann putting the Lady Hornets ahead 6-5.

In the sixth inning, Brewer added a run to tie the game at six. Then in the seventh inning, they scored three runs to take a 9-6 advantage.

AHS was able to answer in the bottom of the frame with a double from Michelli that scored two, and then a double by Weiss that allowed Michelli to score and again tie the game this time at 9-9.

But the Lady Bears had the final say in the game as they scored four runs in the top of the eighth inning, and then held Azle scoreless to end the contest winning by four.

Paige Anderson led the way with four hits, an RBI, and a run scored, while Michelli added two hits, two runs scored, and two RBIs. Owens also had two hits, a run scored, and an RBI while Weiss added two RBIs and a hit.

Then on Saturday, AHS was locked in a defensive battle with Granbury and the Lady Pirates scored first taking a 1-0 lead.

Azle answered in the top of the second thanks to a Weiss single that brought

in Michelli.

Azle took the lead in the top of the third inning on a Weiss sacrifice fly out and Michelli made it home before the tag.

Granbury went on to tie the game at 2-2 in the bottom of the frame.

Two innings later, AHS took the lead again on an Anderson ground out that allowed Holland to score from third base.

The AHS defense and pitching did the rest of the job as Granbury was unable to score again, ultimately losing by one.

With the split this past week, Azle ends their season 7-3 in district play and 19-9 overall. That mark earned the second seed from District 5-5A as they'll now await their playoff opponent who is still to be determined.

Currently, District 6-5A is knotted in a three-way tie for first place as Colleyville Heritage, No. 9 Justin Northwest and Richland High all have a 10-2 record.

District seeding is expected to be decided by Friday.

Azle will face whoever ends up as the third seed from 6-5A in the opening round next week.

Azle beat Colleyville Heritage back on Feb. 26 before losing to them Match 4.

The Lady Hornets have not played Richland or Northwest this season.

# Sawyer earns TGCA All-State; six AHS girls basketball players listed as Academic All-State

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The Azle girls' basketball team has continued to receive post-season accolades for their 2020-21 season, and news broke last week that another Lady Hornet etched her name as an all-state performer.

Senior point guard Regan Sawyer was named as one of the state's top-50 Class 5A players this season by the Texas Girls Coaches Association.

Sawyer, who cracked the 1,000 point mark late last year finished her senior year averaging a team-high 19.3 points per game while adding 2.6 as-

sists per game and 3.3 rebounds.

In addition to her All-State status, Sawyer was also a First-Team All-District performer.

AHS coach Mitzi Marquart raved about how Sawyer's presence on the team helped them make a playoff run and compete well in a tough 5-5A district.

"We are very excited that our Azle Lady Hornets are receiving recognition for their hard work. It's a great honor and well deserved for Regan to be named to the 5A All-State team."

In addition to Sawyer's performance on the court, the team earned

six TGCA Academic All-State awards off the court as well.

The players who made that list included Destini Covert, Jacee Dinkins, Kalli Talmage Sabrina Garcia, and Mackenzie Freeman.

Marquart also added, "Along with members of our senior class being recognized as Academic All-State, They met the criteria of an overall GPA average of 94 or above for grades 9-11. These ladies have not only excelled in athletics but also in the classroom. We are extremely proud of them and their accomplishments."



# O'Neil earns bid to state wrestling finals while AHS team earns three alternate bids



The Azle boys and girls wrestling team had another strong week as they earned two bids to the UIL State Finals and two alternate bids in the process. Senior Jack O'Neil (right) came in third place in regionals and now moves on to the state finals this weekend. Junior Masen Martinez came in fifth place and will be a state alternate, while sophomores Pella Lefever and Kaitlynn Kirkland-Lane each came in sixth place in their respective weight classes and are also state alternates this year. The state finals will be held Friday and Saturday in Cypress at the Berry Center. Courtesy Photo



Azle High pitcher Paige Anderson (right) throws a ball toward home plate during the second inning of the Lady Hornets' district home game against Brewer last Tuesday evening. Photo by Quinton Lilley

# Why Did You Kill Me?

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It's true crime time, and this week The Movie Lady kicked back with "Why Did You Kill Me?" which takes a look at the 2006 shooting death of Crystal Theobald, and the lengths her family went to in order to bring her killers to justice.

"Why Did You Kill Me?" is directed by Fredrick Munk ("A History of Cuban Dance") and features interviews with members of Theobald's family, detectives working her case, and gang members who could help them solve it.

**THE PLOT**

Crystal was a 24-year-old single mother who was trying to make a good life for her

kids in what was known as the "poorer" part of the town of Riverside, California.

One night when she was heading out with her brother, shots rang out on the street near her home, one bullet striking her in the head.

Her mother, Belinda, saw the shooter but her initial identification caused a setback in the investigation.

Crystal's family devised a plan to use the social media platform Myspace to create a fake account with Crystal's picture to gather information on the 5150 gang, who they suspected of being involved.

Will the trap the family sets help track down Crystal's killers, or will they only

cause more trouble for police?

**WHAT WORKED**

The story is one of senseless violence that many families experience every day, but in the end the Theobald family gets what it seeks: justice, not revenge.

**WHAT DIDN'T WORK**

Belinda went through so many changes in appearance throughout the film that it was hard to know you were listening to the same person. It

made the timeline of the re-casting feel a bit mixed up.

**SUMMING IT UP**

If you are a true crime junkie too, this one is worth

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"Why Did You Kill Me?" is currently streaming on Netflix.

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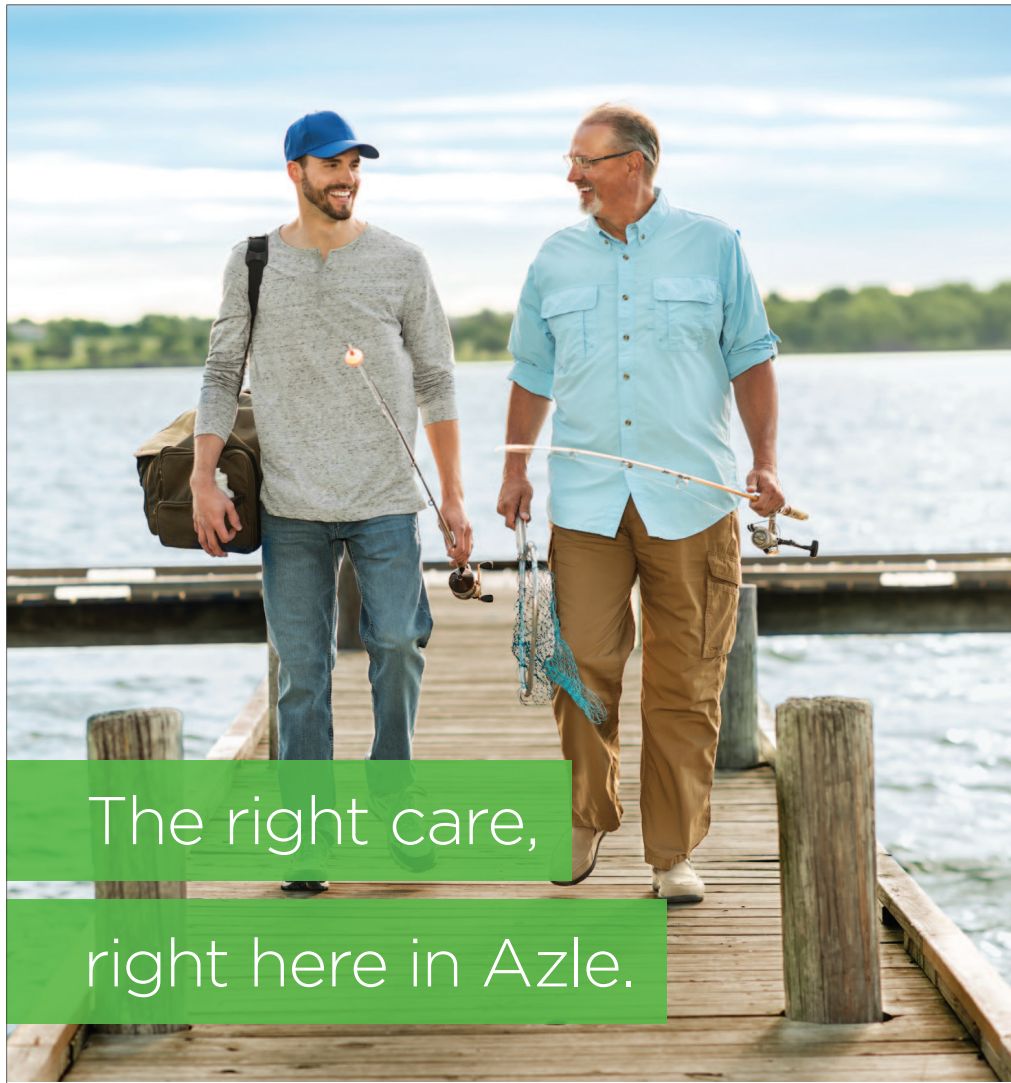
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# The Azle Sting

## One Year Later: A Covid Anniversary

By: Tori Patton

Like last year, 2021 has already thrown some curve balls. So far, Trump supporters stormed and attempted to bomb the US capitol building, Joe Biden was certified by congress, and now in March one-year-anniversary with COVID-19.

Early in the COVID-19 outbreak, many precautions were set in place as 'requirements' in the state of Texas and around the country. This included a mask mandate, social distancing, etc. It may seem like the precautions set in place are exhausted because of it not feeling 'normal' a year's past.

Late February, Texans were forced to stay inside because of a severe snow storm. In a recent Student Leadership meeting, Principal Randy Cobb stated that this is the lowest number of cases we've had in our school probably because we were forced to isolate due to the storm.

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# THE STING



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## UIL Academics Makes the Best of a Difficult Year

By: Cynthia Garcia

COVID-19 has brought many changes this year for many clubs and organizations. Despite the circumstances that the UIL team has faced this year they still seem to keep pushing through to have a great season.

UIL is a club that lets students compete in many events. The club is broken up into three smaller groups Math & Science Team, The Debate Team, and Journalism. The academic coordinator is Chemistry teacher Shayna Reasoner, the Journalism advisor is English teacher Neil Corbett, and the Debate Team advisor is CTE teacher Megan Wait. "The group has done well considering the circumstances," Reasoner said. "Everyone has learned new skills and knowledge, which is the main goal." UIL has not just given students more knowledge it has also been a way for the students to make friends. "The in person meets are so much fun and it was a way for me to get closer to people who I never knew before UIL," senior Tori Patton said.

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## Students to pay for OnRamps Courses Next Year

By: Erika Clayton

With the first semester at a close and second semester halfway through, and though scheduling for next year's classes is complete, students may or may not be aware that the school board has decided OnRamps classes will have to be paid for in the next school year.

OnRamps is a program similar to the dual credit program, but the majority of the

material is taught by the high school teachers, and the material is given to the students from The University of Texas. The program gives students the opportunity to receive high school and college credit in a class, either side being unrelated to the other (i.e. the high school teacher and the college professor both grade the work, and it's possible to receive

high school credit but not receive the college credit). These classes, open to juniors and seniors, have been free for the past three years they have been offered, but will have a requirement to be paid for by every enrolling student going forward. Each three to four hour course will cost students \$50, however, some courses may include two, such as Eng-

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Below: Mariah Hanna works on OnRamps homework. Photo by Mr. Corbett



Above: Just a few of Mrs. Reasoner's collection of Math and Science Trophies. Photo by Cynthia Garcia.

# Eco-Friendly Azle

By: Madisyn Hurst

The school can become more eco friendly by doing some really easy steps. It may take some time to get used to the changes, but if we go along with it the school would do great.

The first eco-friendly change is going back to recycling whatever paper we do use at the school. Even though everyone uses technology for everything now, there is still paper that is being thrown away in the

garbage and not being recycled because the school system doesn't have recycling bins anymore.

Another way Azle can be more eco friendly is to have solar panels. Especially here in sunny Texas, using electricity off of solar panels is a renewable energy source that can help reduce carbon dioxide radiation. They are also low maintenance cost and reduce electricity bills. Although if we had a couple cloudy days, solar panels are weather depen-

dent. They rely on the sun for energy.

The one thing that I think the school should definitely consider is going back to plastic reusable lunch trays. Right now using styrofoam trays produces a lot of waste that ends up in landfills and styrofoam takes 500 years to decompose. Shifting to plastic trays will be easy and efficient by just having to put them in the dishwasher to clean. (To read more about shifting from styrofoam to plastic trays, go to azlesting)



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Below: photo by Kerri Dorris



## Avid Students Overcome Limitations from COVID-19

By: Angel Brown

The AVID program (Advancement via Individual Determination) is designed to close the opportunity gap for as many students as possible. Although some aspects of the program have been affected by COVID-19, the students, teachers and administrators involved have worked hard to overcome these obstacles.

The aspects of AVID that have been affected the most by the pandemic are those that focus most on the close up interactions between students, teachers, and peers.

“With how Mrs. Dorris explained it, we were going to be able to move around the room and help each other with our class work,” freshman Kyle Dobyns said. “But because of COVID we weren’t able to do that.” Before, AVID students would have tutors to help them with material as well, but because of the pandemic, that process has become more difficult; however, the program has found its way around the issue. “They [AVID students] have been

working with honors students, teachers and peers for support,” AVID coordinator Sarah Milosh said. “Additionally, a college student from UTA will be working on their service learning project as a volunteer tutor this spring.”

This is crucial, since students of the program don’t get the same hands-on experience as they normally would.

“The only thing that’s really different this year is that we have to wear masks,” junior Jimmy Aldaco

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## The Best Prom Dress Stores

By: Grace Walsh

For seniors, prom dress shopping is a very stressful thing. Trying to figure out what kind of dress style you want, if you want it to be short or long, if it fits properly and the cost of it can cause a lot of stress.

A very popular store that has reasonable prices for prom dresses is Dillard's. Dillard's is a huge retail store that sells shoes, clothes, bathing suits, prom dresses, makeup, etc. "I got my dress from Dillard's and I honestly just went there because I didn't know many prom dress stores," senior Vivianna Sandoval said. "I can definitely say Dillard's is way underrated because they had some stunning dresses."

"I looked online originally for my prom dress just to see all the different styles and once I saw their collection of dresses, I knew I had to make my trip to the mall to try on some dresses," senior Kaylee Goodwin said.

Another very popular store with good prices is Windsor. This store is usually found in malls and has a variety of dresses. They have everything from sundresses to fancy dinner dresses, and prom dresses.

If you want more of an expensive type of dress you should try out Terry Costa! Terry Costa is a prom dress and wedding dress store dedicated to only those types of dresses. "I had been to 3 dif-

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## Opinion: Microtransactions are the Worst

By: Maryann Matt

Microtransactions are where users can buy items in video games for money. We've seen these in phone games, console games, and pretty much any virtual game you play. This doesn't necessarily present an issue on the surface; it's a way for gaming companies to make money to make more games. The issue arises when you buy the game, but then you have to pay extra money for things like better armor or weapons (Investopedia).

When you get a free game, it makes sense that it would

need to use microtransactions to generate revenue for the game developers. In multiplayer games, it can cause an unfair advantage for those that opt to purchase the extras for the game. Recently, games that cost money to buy initially have been including microtransactions in their game, basically making users pay for the game again to buy things behind price walls. Many companies take content already developed for the game and charge money for people to unlock it. "Assassin's Creed: Valhalla"

does this and many of the "Star Wars" games. As a whole, it makes the game feel incomplete because users can't get all of the content made for the game (Insider). Microtransactions are great for the economics of gaming, but in terms of user experience, it is impossible for people to feel like they are getting their money's worth out of a game when you can't get the add-ons and bonus materials that come with the game. Gaming is certainly changing, but not necessarily for the better.



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## Swimming

With social distancing, quarantined students, COVID-19, and the snowstorm we had a couple of weeks ago, the swimming team has been affected gradually, originally, the dates for states were February 19th for 6A girls and the 20th for 5A girls, and with the boys the following week. But, due to dropping temperatures, the competitions were rescheduled for the girl's team and keeping the same dates for boys which were February 26th-27th.

"After qualifying for the states, the swimming practices changed a ton as I would see it," sophomore Phoebe Mosely said. "I worked significantly on my turns, and as many do not know, turns are very important in races because it's an easy way for swimmers to get behind on if they're too slow."

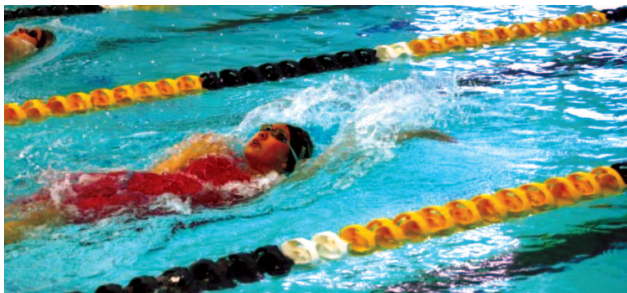


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## Basketball

The girls and the boys basketball teams both made it into playoffs. However, neither made it past the first game. Overall the both basketball teams did great this season.

"Best experience is probably making the playoffs for the first time in 10 years ending the drought," Senior and Varsity player Mason Fair said.



## Sports Recap

Featuring stories by: Arianna Pardue, Danay Cortez, Empress Whitfield, Kenny Caswell

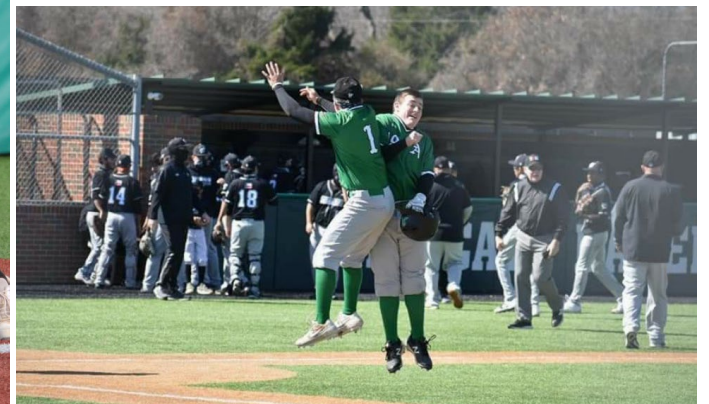


## Softball

As of this writing, the Softball team is 4-1 as well as the team is second in the district. There is also a possibility of the softball team going to the playoffs this year with how they are playing so far.

"The best thing about softball

is the kind of connections you get to make," Sophomore and varsity member Abigail Garner said. "When you play with your teammates is the sport you love, they become your sisters that you rely on even off the field."



## Baseball

Baseball season just started and with that means great accomplishments for the team. They have played many tournaments and have come out victorious in many of those. With the season still continuing the odds are ever in their favor and the possibil-

ity of going to playoffs could happen.

"I think one of the most enjoyable things right now is being around the team and picking each other up when we fall," sophomore and varsity member Tyler Akers said. "And has shown me what the Azle family is all about for this being my first year on varsity".



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## Track and Field

With the new precautions due to Covid-19 there have been fewer track and field meets. With the members that are spaced out in practices and in meets as well as unexpected weather the track and field team has definitely faced an interesting season. However there have been many achievements that have come out of this season. Like placements in relay to high jumps and everything in between. “Track meets are fun because we are all there to support each other and do the best we can.” Junior Leah North said

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Girls and boys Powerlifting: Courtesy of the Azle Powerlifting team

## Wrestling

Wrestling's season is still in progress, but so far, they have performed very well. The team hosted their senior night where both the boys and girls team won in duals against Springtown, Brewer, and Bensbrook. So far the team has only competed in duals because of COVID-19 precautions, but the team is competing at districts on April 9. “We have a young team but they are wrestling well and getting better every day,” wrestling coach Harrison said.



## Soccer

The varsity boy's soccer team had their last game on March 12 against Wichita Falls by a score of 0-9. The girl's varsity soccer team's final game for this year was on Wednesday, March 17, against Aledo with a score of 0-13.

Lastly, the girl's JV team last game was March 9th played against Granbury with a tie of 1-1.

“It hasn't changed us too much, we're still social distancing and wearing masks when we can,” Senior and varsity player Ben Mishio said, “In terms of the mentality of the games, it hasn't really changed and I'm definitely expecting to go in the playoffs.”



## Powerlifting

Powerlifting had a successful season this year. 17 students qualified for regionals with a few making it to state. Many of the team's members had a successful season, many

of which are returning for next year. “This past season went amazing,” junior Annabella Gamble said, “We all wouldn't be where we are if it weren't for our amazing coaches.”



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## Covid Anniversary Continued

Early in March, Governor Greg Abbott announced that the mask mandates will be lifted and businesses can open as they were before the virus. "I just announced Texas is OPEN 100% EVERYTHING. I also ended the statewide mask mandate," Governor Abbott said on Twitter. People's reactions to this tweet were very different around the state of Texas. "I was really angry

and confused over all," senior Haley Guerrero said. "So many people have died and suffered the loss of their loved ones, his actions are selfish." Some students believe that the precautions set in place don't benefit safety. "It's reasonable to follow precautions but it definitely won't stop the spread because the masks barely help but staying 6 feet apart will keep from getting too close

to transfer," senior Cameron Powell said. Many around the world have been affected by the virus. They themselves have been sick or have even lost family members. "My mother, stepdad, and I have all had Covid," sophomore Courtney Krouse said. "For my parents it was terrible, they couldn't move, breathe, talk and they could barely eat; I didn't have any symptoms."

## Onramps Continued

lish and U.S. history, meaning both of those classes will cost \$100.

"We're getting a really good program for \$150 [the original cost] a course," Principal Randy Cobb said. "[The University of Texas] is taking a big responsibility in funding what they can so we don't get hit with a bill we cannot afford."

During the 2018-2019 school year, UT initially funded an entire year's worth of the five courses that were offered so that no student would have to pay throughout the entire state. The school staff was excited for the program and what it promised, so they were quick to

accept the offer. However, a price for the courses was imminent.

"It was always in the plan to pass the payment off to students," Mr. Cobb said. "[We] hoped in the plan that we would never have to pass on the entire payment."

Last year, the second year of OnRamps in Azle, UT stopped funding the courses, but the district was able to pay for all the classes to allow students to have as many opportunities as possible for a costless advanced education. Because funding came from local scholarships and the district, money is limited for oncoming years, so they are un-

able to pay the entirety in the future classes, especially with the growth of the program, now offering eight or nine courses. To make it affordable for students, the administrators within the district met and decided to allow students to pay \$50 per three to four hour course instead of the original \$150, hoping to fund the rest of the money through more local scholarships and fundraisers.

"We want to give everyone the opportunity, if they want to, to be involved in the advanced program," Mr. Cobb said.

A payment date for students has not been decided, but

## Prom Dress Stores Continued

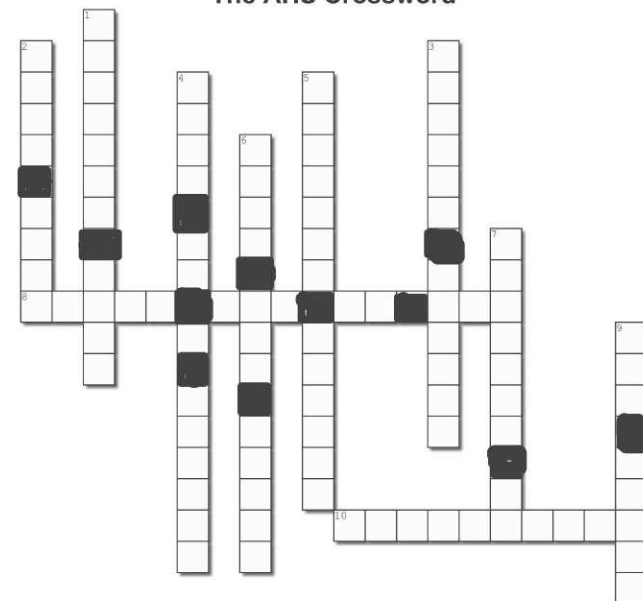
ferent prom dress stores before I went and looked at Terry Costa and I was so happy with the one I ended up with," senior Kenna Glennon said. Last but not least is the store WhatchamaCallit. This store sells dresses for

events, proms, and weddings! It has reasonable prices but also some very beautiful and expensive ones. "I love my dress from there because I loved the way it fit me and I really like the styles of all the dresses they had, I definitely

recommend," senior Natalie Milstead said.

Prom night is a very special night for the senior class and everyone wants to look beautiful and have fun! If you are struggling to find a dress I would recommend these stores!

The AHS Crossword



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### Across

8. One of Cobb's favorite catchphrases  
10. Over-head announcements make sure teachers submit this at 10:30.

### Down

1. Most people don't know this group exists, but they just went to state.  
2. Why hasn't this gotten changed yet?  
3. According to Cobb, this is our number one concern  
4. A common phrase said by Officer Mack on Fridays: 'make sure to keep your \_\_\_\_'  
5. Something Cobb does every morning during 1st period  
6. What your mask should cover  
7. 'Be sure to wear your \_\_\_\_ around your neck!'  
9. Our grading period always seems to exceed this limit

there may be an opportunity for students to start an OnRamps class and experience what the course is like, while still maintaining the option to leave the class if they don't like it. This would allow students to not spend any money before in-

roducing themselves to the environment. "I think [trying the courses] would benefit the future of OnRamps and encourage students to try the classes, since students wouldn't have to worry about the payment," sophomore

Bailey Philips said. Scholarships are available and students may contact their counselor in regards to receiving financial aid according to head counselor Heather Huffaker.



## How 'Good Omens' Makes Moral Relativism Fun

By: Kenny Caswell

Good Omens is a novel (1990) and TV show (2019) that follows the bizarre events leading to the apocalypse in a world where good or bad, and moral relativism, the idea that what is considered good or bad differs between any person, and that there are no absolute truths in ethics.

The story follows two main characters, an angel named Aziraphale, and a demon named Crowley. These two characters are very archetypal, first glance they seem to represent a fairly basic "good vs bad" cliché, but as the story quickly unravels they become much more.

What really got me hooked on this book was how it decided to represent moral absolutism, which is the idea that things intrinsically

I think it is noteworthy to mention that Gaiman and Pratchett were able to write this dynamic without being sacreligious, yes, truthfully they do poke at some religious ideals but it never feels as if they are doing so with intent to make fun.

This is one of my personal favorite pieces of media that I've ever read/watched, it is engaging and has enough twists and turns to keep you on the edge of your seat.

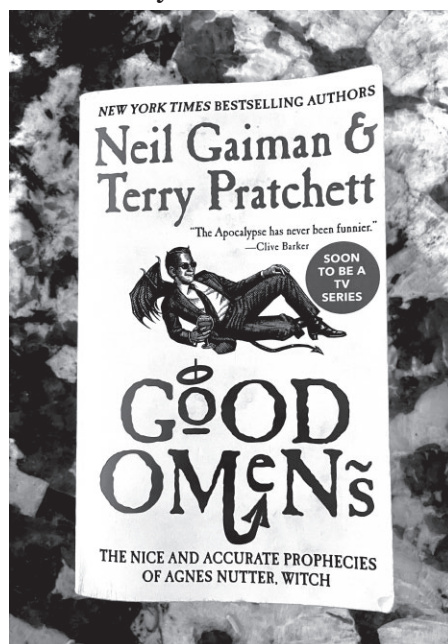


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## UIL Academics Continued

"Honestly UIL the way. Journalism was a really good way to get out of my shell."

The number of people that participate is an important factor for organizations.

"My number of students in UIL have decreased a lot because it is a lot harder especially for virtual students to want to participate in something like that," Corbett said. "Because it is virtual there is less community feel and that has been one of the biggest datements of."

Although competitions are different this year the UIL team is still trying to make the best of the situation.

"This year has been pretty different compared to the last year because normally our UIL meets are in person and at some location," Patton said. "But this year is more virtual, we get the prompts, and then we have to write them in a google meet with the advisor that is the way we compete."

Through COVID-19 the team has been able to still enjoy their competitions along with many accomplishments along

"In every meet we attended we have had students place," Reasoner said. "In the Texas Tech Invationals, awards are given to the top 6 students in each contest and for each meet, I have received an envelope from Texas Tech with about 10 individual awards to give out to my students.

The team hopes to continue to push to excellence for the remainder of the season.

"I love getting to see the students push themselves in their abilities because it is the students who participate in this who really want to improve," Corbett said. "The students push themselves really hard and seeing the pay off is really rewarding."

## Avid Continued

said. "And we aren't allowed to go visit any colleges this year because of COVID." The program has a system for its students to stay on track, despite the new-found struggles this school year has brought with it. "Every week on Tuesdays and Thursdays we get study hall sheets. This means if you have absolutely anything to work on, do it during this time," Madi Yunger said. "We also have grade checks, which forces you to go look at your grades." In these times where everything is a bit harder for AVID students, words of encouragement are crucial. "I would remind them [AVID students] that they are not alone and to reach out for help when they need it," Milosh said. "Everyone is struggling in some way or another and this will not last forever."



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## Student Led Group Collects Masks, Hand Sanitizer Donations

By: Angel Brown

With COVID-19 cases still on the rise, any effort to keep others safe and healthy is appreciated, and that's exactly what junior Natalie Barnes is doing with her COVID-19 donation boxes. There are four set up around the school, and they are located in the A Hall office, the commons, the mall area, as well as by CTE-6.

Barnes originally got the idea to make the donation box while looking through a list of scholarships, one of those scholarships requiring making and donating five masks.

"At that moment, it was like a lightbulb went off in my head," Barnes said. "I hadn't realized that financially disadvantaged homes were in need of masks and other materials to fight off COVID. I made it my

mission to make the greatest change that I could to that situation."

Students are recognizing the initiative taken by Barnes and are admiring her for it.

"When I heard Natalie was starting the donation box I was really excited about the idea," junior Anna Latta said. "I think it's great that a student is taking initiative and taking COVID seriously. I'm going to support her with this amazing thing!"

Unfortunately, it's not picking up as fast as teachers hoped it would, as it is difficult to get donations in.

"I haven't had much success in my class," Spanish teacher Michael Garcia said. "Maybe one or two people have donated."

Despite this, Barnes would like to take the COVID dona-

tion project beyond the school and to local businesses in order to pick up the pace.

"I am actually talking to Mrs. Kisner that runs That Somethin' on Main Street about having a box there," Barnes said. "I would go through everything before I brought it on campus and make sure everything is safe and only what we are asking for. I have definitely thought about it and I hope it can be-



Photo by Natalie Barnes

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