

Springtown Council appoints P&Z members

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SPRINGTOWN — The Springtown City Council re-appointed incumbent members to the Planning and Zoning Commission for all places, except for one. The council reappointed Jhanna Bogan and Bobby

P&Z chairperson gives annual report

Randolph to their current spots — Place 3 and 5, respectively. Current P&Z Alternate 2 Carlos Munoz will move up to Alternate 1, and Place 1 Commissioner Kristi Bailey was shifted to be Alternate 2. P&Z newcomer Phillip Michael "Mike" Kelley

was appointed to fill Place 1 on the P&Z.

"This is always a difficult decision for the council," City Administrator David Miller said during the council meeting on June 22. "I think this year, it's been more difficult because you have received

more applications than I can recall you ever receiving in my tenure here at the city, which is great because it tells us that our citizens are really wanting to get actively involved in what's going on."

P&Z makes recommendations to the city council re-

garding plats, zoning changes and commercial site plans, among other cases that the commission considers.

Miller praised both the new applicants — some whom were longtime city residents as well as some newer arrivals — and the incumbents.

"What you do tonight, your decision has to be based off of what you all believe to be

the right direction for the city of Springtown and honoring everybody who served," Miller said. "Everybody who interviewed, every one of them were very strong candidates. And you've been served by these incumbents for the past two years — some of them are appointed

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One volunteer from the audience posed with many corn snakes around her neck.

Creepy Critters come to Azle

Animal event at library draws in big crowd

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On a hot Tuesday, June 27 afternoon, over 200 guests packed into a conference room to take a look at dozens of creepy critters visiting the Azle Memorial Library. Mike Lewis and his son Joshua ar-

rived with stacks on stacks of totes carrying slimy, scaly, and fuzzy friends of all kinds.

Kids in the audience were wowed by the menagerie of native and exotic wildlife on display, with many volunteers allowed a chance to hold some of these unique animals. Houdini, the ball

python, Creeper, the Texas Brown Tarantula and Kevin, the leopard gecko were just a few of the creatures that Lewis brought to entertain and educate Azle's youth.

Lewis worked at the Dallas Zoo for 30 years and considers events like these to

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Case of man accused of impersonating police officer to be heard in trial

Defendant claims he used red-and-blue lights to scare off armed driver

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WEATHERFORD — The case of an Azle-area man accused of impersonating a public servant is headed toward trial after the man's attorney rejected the prosecution's plea offer for six years in prison.

On Feb. 18, Parker County Sheriff's Office deputies arrested Luciano Amador Velazquez in connection with allegations that he had impersonated a police officer. Amador was indicted on those charges by the Parker County Grand Jury in March.

Amador flashed red-and-blue lights — which he primarily used as a safety precaution in his construction work — at the driver of a Ford F-150 while on his way home. In a previous interview with Azle News and The Springtown Epigraph (now The Tri-County Reporter), he said the only reason he flashed the red-



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Luciano Amador Velazquez was arrested in connection with impersonating a public servant after he flashed red and blue lights at another driver, who Amador claims flashed a gun at him twice. Amador's case is moving toward a jury trial.

and-blue lights was because he saw the other driver pull out a gun after he and the other driver turned onto Newsom Mound Road

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Dealing with deceased wildlife on private property

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Recently, the question of what to do with deceased wildlife on private property sprang up on the All About Azle Facebook page after a resident made a post asking what to do about a deer that had died in their backyard. Though the post has since been deleted, commenters offered a wide range of possible solutions including calling The Wild Animal Sanctuary in Boyd, Texas. Though one major point of contention was over whether Texas Game Wardens would be able

to remove the carcass. Jesse Oetgen, a Technical Guidance Biologist with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department was able to clarify and provide further guidance on this issue.

"Texas Parks and Wildlife Department biologists and Texas Game Wardens do not typically remove deer in urban areas due to disease containment measures and limited manpower," Oetgen said. "In Texas urban areas, white-tailed deer commonly wander into roadways and become injured from passing vehicles. These deer may die immediately, or they may roam around until they succumb to

their injuries. Unfortunately, these deer sometimes die in non-ideal locations such as parks, residential yards and on roadways. In many cases, the local city or county will have plans in place for residents who have dead deer in their yards and can possibly assist with removing and properly disposing of the carcass."

While the city can assist in many instances, the manpower required to remove dead deer from a residence also presents an obstacle for city of Azle employees.

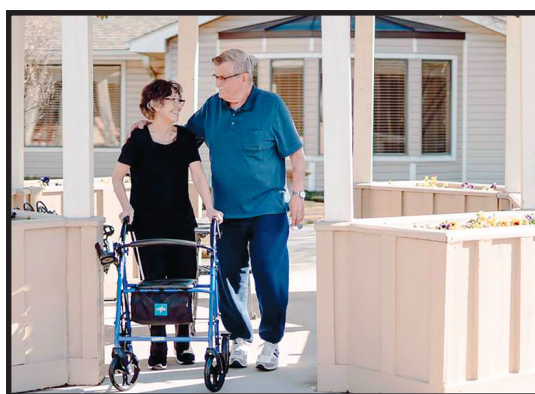
"Deceased deer on private

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Deer, like these ones pictured in Pelican Bay, are commonly seen in large numbers on North Texas roads and throughout the suburbs of Azle and surrounding areas.



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Anyone hiring?

Locals look for employment at Springtown's job fair

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SPRINGTOWN — A recent Springtown graduate stood outside the door to the city-wide job fair on Thursday morning, trying to pull up a QR code from the fair on his phone.

Bradley Parnell, 18, attended the city of Springtown's citywide job fair on June 29 to look for any kind of employment he could find. Last fall, Parnell graduated from high school early and since then, he has been looking for a job. He said he applied at multiple businesses around town, such as McDonald's and Brookshire's, but hasn't heard back from most of them.

"I've tried at least 15 different places within walking distance," Parnell said, explaining that he has to walk everywhere because he currently doesn't drive. "I'm trying to get my license, my car fixed and everything else."

Parnell wasn't the only one who felt overlooked for employment.

Victoria Curtin, who also attended the job fair, graduated from the University of North Texas in August and hopes to get into a public relations job. She also recently moved to Springtown with her family and hopes to find a job closer to home.

Curtin said she hasn't found many job openings in entry level positions for recent college graduates, and like Parnell, she also has experienced applying for jobs but not being contacted by employers.

"It's been happening a lot," Curtin said. "I've been job searching for about six months now. And primarily, you don't hear back, or you hear back with just, 'No.'"

Stacie Robinson, another job fair attendee, might have a solution to not hearing back from employers. Robinson said it's not guaranteed that employers will see all applications, so she follows up with them.

"Persistence, perseverance, getting through it will get you an employer," she said.

Robinson said she has worked in restaurants for more than 40 years and has been cooking for most of her life. She recently graduated from culinary school and hopes to get a job at a school district in the nutrition department.

"I love feeding people," Robinson said. "It is so good when somebody sits down and they go, 'Mmmm.' That says it all. I don't even ask if they like it."

Even though she has noticed waiting periods before employers will respond, Robinson seemed confident and optimistic about her job search.

"I know I can bring a lot to the table," she said. "I worked really hard for this."

LOCAL BUSINESSES SEEKING LOCAL EMPLOYEES

The purpose of the job fair was to connect local businesses with people in the community looking for jobs, and that was an appealing prospect for MRBraz & Associates, a company hiring for multiple positions located in Azle.

"I think it is very important that your industry is able to interact locally and build up other communities around you," MRBraz & Associates Human Resources Manager Carol Blackwood said. "You have a field, and they have a skill, then it helps fill the gaps. It's close to home for a lot of people."

The reason behind sched-



Bradley Parnell talks with an employer inside the Springtown job fair on June 29 at the Springtown ISD administration building.

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Mikey Chase took in a lot of information at Springtown's job fair on June 29 and hopes to find a job with employers who are compassionate and don't see their employees as replaceable.

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Ryan Henson filled out a job application at Springtown's job fair on June 29 at the Springtown ISD administration building.

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Springtown's job fair last week included representatives from MRBraz & Associates, including Integrated Marketing Associate Eli Ponce, Human Resources Manager Carol Blackwood and Procurement Manager Juan Lumbrera.

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uling the city's first-ever job fair at the end of June was to attract students who had just graduated, taken a summer break and were ready to start their job search, Springtown events coordinator Rachele Ortega said. During the event, Ortega was impressed with the turnout, which included employers such as Springtown Police Department, Springtown ISD, Springtown Park Rehabilitation and Care Center, Slappy's Express Car Wash and Atmos Energy, among others.

"I'm hoping these employers get the help they need because a lot of them are just killing themselves working so much," she said, adding that businesses are in danger of closing without sufficient staff.

Finding local work was also important for multiple job seekers at the fair.

"Honestly, I just wanted something close because driving to Lake Worth every day is not fun," said Ryan Henson, a Weatherford College student living in Springtown who used to work in Lake Worth.

Teresa Almanzar also attended the job fair in hopes of finding work closer to home. Almanzar said she'd like to work for the school district since she has a child who attends Springtown Middle School.

Almanzar, who has been looking for a job for about six months, left the job fair with a lot of information and in a good mood.

"I'm really happy that I came," she said.

Mikey Chase seemed pleased with the Springtown job fair experience as well.

"It was really interesting," Chase said. "It was smaller than I thought, which I kind of liked because sometimes it can be a bit overwhelming when there's so many booths and tons of people. I really liked how it was inside. It felt very professional."

Chase took in a lot of information from the event and hopes to find a job with employers who are compassionate and don't see their employees as replaceable.

"I like how a lot of those jobs seem like they would really value you," Chase said about the fair. "That's why it definitely was a good experience."

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Every single day of our lives we have tasks to fulfill. Some are as simple as brushing our teeth or making our bed. There are times when we have slightly more difficult tasks to complete like replacing the kitchen disposal or painting a bedroom. Then there are the major undertakings like painting the house or replacing the deck. Completing any task takes planning, organization, and effort.

It is in our human nature to categorize tasks. Brushing our teeth is simple. It takes little effort, the supplies of toothpaste and water are easily obtained, and we feel better when the task is complete because our mouth is fresh and clean. My wager is few adults look at the task of brushing teeth as a huge undertaking. It is a routine effort we perform almost without thinking, and then go about our day.

On the other hand, some tasks like mowing the yard on a very hot summer day can seem very daunting. Why is that? The lawnmower is in the garage and only needs to have a little gasoline added to the tank to be able to operate. Pushing the mower is not all that difficult and let's face it, mowing in straight lines and not missing any small portions of grass does not take a rocket scientist. It is not complicated nor mentally stressing. So why



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do some routine tasks like mowing seem to dig into our very heart and soul and create the stress which turns the simple job into a herculean task? Is it because we dislike putting forth physical effort? Does the heat and sun create such an ominous aura that it creates anxiety at the very thought of confronting it? Is it just plain laziness? Why do we look out the window for the 8th time and observe a "field of hay" where the front yard once existed, and mutter to ourselves, "man, I need to get that grass mowed before the neighbors complain". Why don't we just get up out of our chair, and get the job done. These are the questions that try men's souls.

Every Sunday night the trash from our house must be placed out on the curb at the entrance of our street. The destination is about 200 feet from our garage. We have a huge rolling garbage can so all it takes is for a person to grab the handle and push the cart. The following morning, once the trash has been picked up, it needs to be returned to its rightful storage spot in the garage. I am not sure how many times I spend

Sunday afternoon telling myself to take the trash out, and then quietly responding, "I will as soon as there is a commercial". Some would call it procrastination. I think it is being human.

Dad always said getting a job done is overcoming obstacles. He declared if one has the materials, staff, and machinery required, a lot of work can be done in a short period of time. He cautioned that rare is the time when all the manpower is there, where a piece of equipment does not breakdown or fail, or a job is completed without running out of materials. It is the running back and forth to Home Depot for something which really makes a job take a long time.

This weekend the weeds in the flower bed at my house need to be pulled. They have needed attention for quite a while. If it is not too hot, I may see about getting that done. Then again, maybe not.

Thought for the day: "Successful people do whatever it takes to get the job done, whether or not they feel like it."

Until next time...I will keep ridin' the storm out!

Personalized assistance with veterans services event to be held in July

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Are you looking to get a status on your claim or sign up for VA health care? Whatever it is, VA and partners are here to help.

Veterans Experience Action Centers (VEAC) bring together VA, state, local, and non-profit resources for Veterans and their families to offer virtual 1-on-1 personalized assistance with benefits and services. This video explains how the VEAC works and what participants can expect during the event.

On Tuesday, July 18 through Thursday, 20, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The VA, state, and community partners will host a virtual event for North Texas Veterans, caregivers, service members, survivors, and family members to help you get the services and benefits you've earned.

Simply schedule an appointment to speak directly with VA and get dedicated one-on-one service. At the time of your appointment, a

Veterans Service Officer will call you—via telephone—to kick off your appointment. This appointment will occur over the telephone only.

Veterans who don't have access to a telephone to receive their VEAC appointment call can visit VA sites where phones will be provided. Visit the registration page for more information.

Registration runs through Sunday, July 16. Appointment availability is limited and please note this event will serve residents of North Texas counties only.

Important note: This event is only for Veterans, service members, family members, caregivers and survivors residing in one of the following Texas counties. If you register for this event and you do not reside in one of the below counties, your appointment will be cancelled. Additional VEACs will be held in other states across the country. Please visit www.va.gov/VEAC for additional information.

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Solution to last week's puzzle

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Broiler buddies

Two Springtown 4-H members bond through raising chickens, rabbits

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SPRINGTOWN — Before the Parker County poultry showmanship competition started, recent high school graduates Wyatt Hampe and Naomi Kilian playfully bantered about who would win the contest.

"He said he was going to kick my butt," Kilian said. "I said, 'No, you're not.'" Joking around beforehand isn't a frivolous act but a necessary part of the competition for Hampe and Kilian. They said having someone to joke around with made them feel better during the contest.

"I did get nervous; I think we both do like right before we go in just because you're putting yourself out there to be judged," Kilian said. "That's kind of risky, but at the same time, when you have someone there to sort of ease your nerves, it goes a lot better. It gets your mind off it, and it helps just relax you right before you go in."

Hampe and Kilian competed at the Parker County Stock Show as part of Springtown 4-H, and both took home

awards from the contest. Kilian won first place in the aforementioned poultry showmanship senior division contest, while Hampe nabbed grand champion in the market broiler contest, grand champion in breeding rabbits and first place in senior rabbit showmanship.

Winning two grand championships at the Parker County Stock Show solidified the confidence Hampe has in his ability to raise broilers and rabbits.

"It felt good to know that years of work is paying off, and I was noticing the right things," he said.

Both Hampe and Kilian got involved in 4-H as children, and both raised chickens, though Hampe worked with broilers and Kilian raised breeding chickens at first. "Broilers are like the meat class of chickens," Kilian said. "If we say breeding, then that's like the prissy chickens."

She defined these "prissy" birds by saying that they don't lay many eggs or produce a lot of meat, and they are better known for being pretty.

"I say chickens are the



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Naomi Kilian shows her dog one of her chickens. Kilian recently won first place in the senior poultry showmanship contest at the Parker County Stock Show.

gateway animal," Kilian said, explaining how she started working with chickens because her friends were doing that — and getting chickens leads to an interest in having other animals.

Though Hampe comes from an agriculture-savvy family, he said raising chickens was not something they were used to doing. The Hapes decided on chickens because they were more feasible to raise and didn't need a lot of land.

"My family raised cattle and then whenever my dad was younger, he raised pigs and whatnot," Hampe said. "Doing chickens was a whole new concept for us, but that's what we could fit."

Last year, Hampe's family ran a poultry project group to get others more involved in showing broilers "because it's always fun when we have more competition," Hampe said.

After first meeting in a Springtown 4-H group related to rabbits, Hampe connected with Kilian as she began exhibiting broilers at livestock shows. Kilian has been showing broilers for just two years and leaned on the Hapes for guidance when she got started.

"They were definitely my go-to for everything I needed," Kilian said.

Both Hampe and Kilian agreed that working together to pick out competition chickens and rabbits as well as comparing feeding schedules showed them that two heads are better than one.

"We were able to share knowledge and give opinions because you have your animals and all you're usually thinking is the negative side like, 'I would need to fix this, I need to fix this, I need to fix this,'" Hampe said.

"When you have somebody else who's involved with it, it helps you see, 'OK, this is actually what's good in it' and it helps you pick more of the good stuff out."

Going into the competition, Hampe was confident that he would at least make the sale at the show, but he didn't think he'd win the awards he got.

"I'd gotten up to that confidence just because I've done it enough years; I felt that I

knew what I was doing," he said. "So, I had that level, but I definitely didn't expect to do near as good as I did."

For the poultry showmanship competition, Kilian said she answered questions from a judge about her project. Though she was nervous prior to the competition, she noticed the judge was the same one from last year's showmanship competition and knew that he wanted to just have a conversation with her. In the end, being herself helped her win the contest, at least in the eyes of that particular judge.

"I was very genuine, so I didn't sugarcoat things, or I don't think I presented very nervously," Kilian said. "I wasn't worried about what the right answer was or anything. There were even a couple times when he asked a question and then rephrased it. I said, 'Well, you know I like your first question better because this is a little bit harder.'"

Hampe pointed out that showmanship contests can seem fairer than exhibiting an animal because it allows the judge to find out what competitors know and have learned. Winning grand champion in the breeding rabbit competition "doesn't say anything for what I know about rabbits, what I know about that breed, what I know about how a show runs. That's where I can speak" in showmanship contests, he said.

Success at livestock competitions can be difficult to gauge because decisions on who wins is based on one judge's opinion, and not all judges want the same thing, Hampe and Kilian said. For example, some judges want all three broilers that each

competitor brings to the competition to be the same, while others want entries with more meat, regardless of whether the birds look the same.

"What I've been told throughout all my other projects is that it's just one man's opinion," Kilian said about judging at livestock shows.

While some agriculture students see the Parker County Stock Show as an end to their livestock exhibition careers, Hampe and Kilian hope to continue showing animals in the future, saying it keeps them grounded and tied to their hometown roots.

One lesson that Hampe and Kilian have learned from being livestock exhibitors is that most teachers and others will share information about strategies for raising animals if they are asked.

"Never be afraid to ask questions because last year was my first year (showing broilers), and I didn't know anything, but I wanted to do well, so I was just like, 'I'm going to ask all the questions,'" Kilian said. "I'd shown birds before but not quite to this extent. And I was like, 'Alright, I'm just going to ask' because that's how you get to know what you're doing is that you just ask questions and learn."

They also mentioned finding out how to manage their time and being responsible for living beings as important lessons learned from Springtown 4-H.

"(An animal's) life depends on you," Hampe said. "They're not going to get their food from somewhere else. They're not going to get water from anywhere else. Their life depends strictly on you."



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Recent high school graduates Naomi Kilian and Wyatt Hampe shared tips and tricks on how to raise broilers. At the Parker County Stock Show this year, both competitors walked away victorious.

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Reno Council approves ETJ subdivision with 28 two-acre lots

P&Z, council could reconsider one-acre plat depending on water availability

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RENO — Reno City Council approved the plat for a 28-lot subdivision to develop in the city's extraterritorial jurisdiction.

At the meeting on June 26, Waterstone Estates owner and developer Mark Mikhail explained to council that the subdivision could be developed into 28 two-acre lots with water wells, or the land could be annexed into the city limits, have 48 one-acre lots and use city water. This subdivision is expected to be

located near Ladybird Lane and Knob Hill Road.

"We are good either way, but we are willing to work with the city to the benefit of the city," Mikhail told the council.

Interim City Secretary Rebekka Roberts pointed out that the one-acre plat was not up for discussion or action on the council agenda because the city's Planning and Zoning Commission did not act on it. The only way for the one-acre plat to move forward would be if P&Z addressed it again.

In addition to taking no action on the one-acre plat,

P&Z approved the plat for the two-acre lots in the city's ETJ at its June 12 meeting. During the P&Z meeting, Chairperson Brian Schrader argued that the city does not have the water infrastructure to support the new subdivision, and the only option for Waterstone Estates would be to develop in the county with water wells.

In the council meeting, Mayor Hector Bas Jr. encouraged the council to approve the two-acre plat so the developer could get started on the work. In the meantime, P&Z and council could reconsider the one-acre plat if it was

found that the city could supply water to the subdivision.

"(Reno Public Works Director) Chris (Albright) is supposed to get an audit and give us an update if we can supply him water or not, so we need to pass him on the two-acre lot so they can get busy doing their grading," Bas said. "If we find out that we can supply him the water, then we can take the plat for the one acre back to the P&Z, and let them know that we can supply the water if we get the approval. Then we can change it to the one-acre lot at some time."

Council members Tod

Siedell and Joy Jenkins said the subdivision's entrance and exit system needed to be fixed to avoid potential traffic issues.

"If you want to turn left, you cannot see traffic oncoming on Knob Hill," Siedell said during the meeting. "You also have water trucks that have make a drastic turn there, and as long as there's cars stacked up at that intersection, the water truck can't make that turn. So, there's a little bit of a safety issue."

However, Roberts said the egress and ingress of the subdivision is not under the city's control if the develop-

ment remains in the county and isn't annexed into the city.

"The two-acre one that they passed would be county so it wouldn't be under our jurisdiction to cover that," Roberts said. "That would be a county issue that would have to be addressed. Now if it becomes a one-acre lot and we bring them into the city - which is not confirmed or denied at the moment because it's still tabled because the P&Z is waiting on other information - then that's when those would be looked at closer because then we would have our jurisdiction on it."

During heat wave, solar power crucial to grid

SENATE PASSES TAX BILL AS SECOND SPECIAL SESSION BEGINS

The Texas Senate on the first day of the Legislature's second special session unanimously passed a tax bill last Wednesday that increases the homestead exemption and includes a pay hike for teachers, the Austin American-Statesman reported. The first special session ended with the Senate and House unable to agree on how to provide property tax relief.

The Senate bill provides a \$2,000 pay increase for teachers in urban districts over the next two years, and a \$6,000 hike for teachers in rural areas. It increases the homestead exemption from \$40,000 to \$100,000.

Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick and



CAPITAL 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. gborders@texaspress.com.

House Speaker Dade Phelan are set to meet in an attempt to come to agreement on the property tax issue, after Patrick texted the best way to resolve debt differences between House and Senate versions would be to meet face-to-face.

"They have responded; we're looking forward to a meeting. ... Whenever that is, I believe we can get this resolved quickly," Patrick told the Statesman.

During the first special session, the House passed

its version of a property tax package on the first day and immediately adjourned for the remainder of the 30-day session.

THREE DIE DAILY IN STATE DUE TO DRUNK DRIVING

Officials with the Texas Department of Transportation are again urging Texans to drive sober, as drunk driving deaths increased again last year to 1,162 — an average of more than three people a day. The agency is spear-

heading a Faces of Drunk Driving campaign, highlighting families whose lives have been adversely affected by a drunk driver, such as Monse Montoya, who lost her mother and father when a drunk driver ran a stop sign and T-boned her parents' car.

Last year, 26% of all traffic deaths in Texas involved a drunk driver.

"Numbers can sometimes feel abstract," said TxDOT Executive Director Marc Williams. "But these are real people whose lives were either lost or forever altered by someone's decision to drink and drive."

DURING HEAT WAVE, SOLAR POWER CRUCIAL TO GRID

The "heat dome" that settled over much of the state during June has pushed elec-

trical demand to new highs. One key component in keeping the grid from overloading is the increase in solar panels, which have grown more than sixfold since 2019, according to the Texas Tribune.

Solar power recently provided nearly 20% of the state's power grid needs. The Electric Reliability Council of Texas reported 16,800 megawatts of solar power could be produced on the state's grid as of the end of May. That compares to 2,600 megawatts in 2019.

"The solar we've added in the last year has been tremendously beneficial, and the solar we will continue to add will also be beneficial," said Michael Webber, an energy resources professor at the University of Texas at Austin. "Solar is such a boon for us

for grid reliability."

NEW LAW COULD BOOST STUDENT MATH SKILLS

A new Texas law recently signed by Gov. Greg Abbott requires school districts and charter schools to automatically enroll fifth graders who score in the top 40% on state math tests to be placed in advanced math classes, KUT reported. The result could be more equitable access to advance math classes, advocates say.

"This will have a huge impact," Kristen Hengtgen, a senior policy analyst with The Education Trust, said. "The sheer numbers of students who will be identified for advanced math in Texas and in the country is so exciting."

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Eagle Mountain Pregnancy Help Center

Providing assistance with preborn needs for expectant mothers and families

Eagle Mountain Pregnancy Help Center is a non-profit, donor-funded ministry that provides assistance with preborn needs for expectant mothers and families.

Located at 10328 Jacksboro Hwy. in Fort Worth, the Eagle Mountain Pregnancy Help Center was founded in 1997 and has served at this location for over 20 years.

The services and resources provided include pregnancy testing and Medicaid verification, prenatal vitamins, parent training, education and lifestyle classes, adoption referrals, medical referrals, church referrals, counseling, baby food, diapers, formula, baby equipment, nursing mother supplies, prayer support, books and materials.

"Our goal is to honor Christ by uniquely demonstrating His truth and passion for all those He sends to us," said Karen Ogea, who serves on the Board of Directors.

Since the overturning of Roe v. Wade in 2022, the center has seen an increase in the number of mothers and families who are seeking options for the lives of their preborn babies.

"While this is the best news, the difficult economy is also responsible for the need

for our services as we strive to equip families with emotional, spiritual and material needs."

The small center is able to serve more families than ever before, coming from Azle, Springtown, Lake Worth, White Settlement, Saginaw and beyond.

The center does not receive state funding of any kind and is reliant on donors to provide services to clients. On August 3, Eagle Mountain Pregnancy Help Center is hosting its first-annual Embrace Life Benefit Gala in Azle. This event is open to the community. To purchase tickets, become a sponsor, or to pledge monthly donations, visit EMPHC.org and click "Gala."

Joanne Stull is the administrator, bilingual client advocate, lay counselor, and presenter at the center. Office assistant Ginger Thomas works alongside Joanne in keeping the center organized, prepared for clients, and is the hospitality queen!

Eagle Mountain Pregnancy Help Center is open from noon to 6 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays. Appointments are preferred but walk-ins will be seen. To schedule an appointment, call 817-237-1819.

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Famous Last Words

Do you know the origin of the idiom "famous last words"?

According to my three minutes of extensive research, the phrase refers to a (1) comment or prophecy that is expected to be proved incorrect; (2) declaration that is promptly counteracted; (3) speech or claim that is rapidly contradicted. (Source: theidioms.com)

From the same source: "This phrase was initially used to refer to the actual dying words of prominent people, before it evolved to be used as a rejoinder to show the possible recklessness of assertions. The very first record of its use was a statement by U.S. Civil War General



BE AMAZING

By Gerry Lewis

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

John Sedgwick. Right before he was shot dead by a sniper, he'd sarcastically said "They couldn't hit an elephant from this distance."

On September 18, 2007, Professor Randy Pausch delivered his "Last Lecture" at Carnegie Mellon University. His lecture was entitled, "Really Achieving Your Childhood Dreams." He passed away from pancreatic

cancer on July 25, 2008 at the age of 47. His lecture was expanded into a New York Times bestselling book that was released just 3 months before his death.

Where am I going with this? I don't anticipate any fame to result from my words today, but this will be my final contribution to the Tri-County Reporter. As of July 1, Mrs. Sweetie and I are full-

time residents of Amarillo, Texas. I am now fully retired from Harvest Baptist Association and moved out of the home we occupied in Azle since April 1991.

My first column appeared in the April 27, 2011 edition of the Azle News and with the exception of 4 or 5 weeks when there was either a glitch or there wasn't enough space available, I've been here weekly since then. That's 635 weeks at 500+ words. I think it's safe to say that I've contributed over 330,000 words to the newspaper during this run.

That's comparable to the total word count of the first 3 books in the Harry Potter series or the total of 6 of the

7 books in the Chronicles of Narnia.

I cannot express enough my gratitude to the editors and publishers who have allowed me this privilege of encouraging my community for the past 12 years. Having lived in the Azle area for a total of 36 of my 61 years on planet earth, I will always think of myself as an Azle-ite.

We raised our kids here, made lifelong friends here, grew up as adults here. And we tried to contribute to seeking the flourishing of the community. There will be a time when few in Azle have a memory of us, but there will never be a time when we don't fondly and gratefully remember Azle.

To all who have read my ramblings and offered your kind words of encouragement and affirmation over the years, I thank you from the bottom of my heart.

And while this will be my last contribution to the newspaper, "Be Amazing" will continue on my blog and to my email subscribers. You can find more information at drgerrylewis.com. I'm going to take the month of July off while we're unpacking and getting settled in, but I'll resume sometime in August.

Once again, it has been amazing! I will hold you in my heart.

Be amazing today, my friend.

OBITUARIES

Tammy Lynn Royer 1967-2023

Tammy Lynn Royer departed this life in Ft. Worth, Texas on June 13, 2023.

A memorial service will be held Sunday, July 9, at 2 p.m. at The Edge Church 1313 S.E. Parkway, Azle.

Tammy was born in St. Louis, Missouri on September 2, 1967, to Richard and Sharon Sieckmann Royer.

Tammy spent much of her early childhood as part of a military family and moved to five states and Germany before landing in Texas in 1979. She attended Azle schools and graduated from Azle High School in 1985. Tammy continued her education at Southwest Texas State, graduating in 1990.

Tammy wore many hats pursuing her career, but the highlight of her life came in 2002 when she welcomed her only child Joshua. Tammy was so proud and loved that amazing young man.

Left behind to cherish her memory are her son, Joshua Uranga of Austin; parents,



Richard and Sharon of Azle; sister, Kimberlin Moore of Keller; nephew, Nyle Moore of Keller; niece, Zoe Moore of Keller; her constant companion Buster, her beloved cat, and many extended family and wonderful friends.

Donations may be given to the Azle Animal Shelter or animal rescue of choice in Tammy's memory.

The Tri-County Reporter, Thursday July 6, 2023

DEER

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property can be tricky and just like utilities, we can provide service up to a certain point," Supervisor Jessie Williams of Azle Animal Control said. "They are often more difficult to remove for multiple reasons. The biggest reason is the risk of injury to our staff. Adult deer can weigh between 100-200

pounds, and they are usually in places that are difficult to access with our truck. We do not have a four-wheel drive truck so taking it off the roadway is not an option for us. Another reason is that we simply do not have enough manpower. Several calls for deceased deer took three to four people to remove. Which meant that we would have to close the shelter and/or call other departments to spare workers to

help with the removal."

If possible and safe, Williams advises residents to move carcasses to the side of the nearest road in order to receive assistance.

"If they can get it to the roadway, we will get it for them," Williams said. "Even though it isn't a city of Azle ordinance, written policy, or a state law that we must adhere to, we will pick up the deceased animal if it is along their driveway or by

the street. Dead animals on 199/730 will be picked up by TXDOT and anything in the lake or water canals will be picked up by TRWD."

Some private companies, like Critter Control of Greater Fort Worth, can also retrieve dead deer and other animals in instances where city or state services cannot and when all else fails, some chemicals can be used to help cover the scent of the animal as it naturally decays.

Azle 2045

The City of Azle seeks survey responses for the 20-year comprehensive master plan



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AMADOR

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from State Highway 199. He said he has never tried to pass himself off as a police officer.

"I said, 'I know I'm not a cop, but he pulled on a gun on me. I thought he was going to get scared, and that was the only reason I turned those lights on,'" Amador said, referring to his conversation with the PCSO officers.

However, the Parker County Sheriff's Office arrest report states that Amador intended to "induce (the driver of a Ford F-150) to submit to the pretended official authority of the defendant or to rely on the pretended official acts of the defendant by displaying and operating forward facing red and blue alternating lights mounted in his front windshield, against the laws of the State of Texas."

Officers also said in the report that Amador had told them that he flashed the lights because he didn't agree with the F-150 driver's driving and that he used the lights to "make people drive better."

Conflict between the two drivers started on SH 199 and continued from Newsom Mound Road to Sabathney Road and came to a head at Ice House Road, where Amador said he saw the other driver flash the gun again, this time pointing it at him. Soon after this, PCSO officers arrived on the scene.

Dash camera footage from inside the F-150, submitted by the driver who asked not to be named, shows the driver threatening or insinuating violence to Amador several

times during the interaction. Against the wishes of his family inside the vehicle, the driver refused to let Amador pass and followed him. He justified his actions by saying that he was protecting other drivers from Amador.

In a previous interview with the News and Epigraph, the F-150 driver said he pulled his pistol out when the conflict with Amador came to a climax at Ice House Road but denied having his gun out earlier in the interaction.

The F-150 driver was not arrested on Feb. 18. Parker County District Attorney Jeff Swain said charges will not be filed against the driver. Swain confirmed that his office does have the dash camera footage.

On June 20, Amador and his attorney Russell King attended a plea negotiation hearing at the Parker County 43rd District Court in Weatherford. While leaving the courtroom, King remarked that this case is unusual.

"This is the oddest case I've ever heard of," he said.

In a previous interview with the News and Epigraph, King said he was confident that Amador would be acquitted.

"I don't think they have a case," he said at the plea negotiation hearing.

Swain declined to comment on the state's plea offer in this case. He previously said that impersonating a public servant is a third-degree felony punishable by two to 10 years in prison and a fine of up to \$10,000.

Swain said the trial is scheduled for Aug. 14, though time will tell if the trial begins on that date or later.

CALENDAR

July 10-28, 2023

TO SUBMIT CALENDAR ITEMS

The community calendar is a free listing in the Tri-County Reporter to inform readers of programs, special meetings, and nonprofit events. The event should be open to the public and free to attend. Information should be submitted at least two weeks prior to the event for consideration. Email the who, what, when, where and why to jessica@tricityreporter.com, with "calendar item" in the subject line. Calendar information runs in chronological order as space is available.

MONDAY, JULY 10

KIDS CORNER-CENTER PLAY GROUP at 2 p.m. at Family Resource Center, 314 E 5th Terrace, Springtown. Enjoy a time to bond with your child as everyone sings, reads, plays, and makes memories together. For ages 2-6, siblings welcome.

TUESDAY, JULY 11

MAKE A MINI LIBRARY for Teens and Tweens 12-18 years old at 6 p.m. at Azle Memorial Library. Participants will make a miniature library in a tin using dollhouse-scale items. Supplies and space are limited so reserve a spot by calling 817-752-2682.

FAMILY FUN AT THE PARK for kids at 10 a.m. at Love Street Park Splash Pad, 309 Love St., Weatherford. Bring a picnic lunch, a swimsuit, towel and change of clothes and enjoy some playtime with friends at the park.

KINDERMUSIK LEVEL 4 for ages 4-6. Offers sensory-rich, gentle environments where children can explore and react to new sounds, sensations, and objects. Starts at 2 p.m. at Family Resource Center, 314 E 5th Terrace, Springtown. Visit parkercountyfrc.eventbrite.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 12

TIE DYE CANVAS TOTES at 10:30 a.m. at Springtown Public Library's back parking lot. Kids can tie-dye canvas totes with friends. If you wish to tie-dye other items, like a white T-shirt, please bring that with you. This activity is messy, so wearing clothes you don't mind getting dirty or dyed is encouraged.

MAKERSPACE at 2 p.m. at Family Resource Center, 314 E 5th Terrace, Springtown lets kids make, learn, explore, and share with a variety of STEAM materials.

THURSDAY, JULY 13

ARTIST AFTERNOONS for kids 6-12 years old at 2 p.m. at Azle Memorial Library. Participants will explore different art styles geared toward elementary students. Supplies and space are limited so reserve a spot by calling 817-752-2682.

PEROT TECH TRUCK for kids 4-12 years old at 10 a.m. at Azle Memorial Library. Science comes to life with interactive experiments brought by the Perot Museum of Science & Nature. Enjoy STEAM activities that foster creativity and confidence.

KIDS CORNER GARDENING AND YOGA at 10 a.m. at Family Resource Center, 314 E 5th Terrace, Springtown. Explore the garden as you plant, grow and learn about food. For ages 0-6. Light stretching, yoga mat and water provided.

KINDERMUSIK LEVEL 3 for ages 3-5. Offers sensory-rich, gentle environments where children can explore and react to new sounds, sensations, and objects. Starts at 2 p.m. at Family Resource Center, 314 E 5th Terrace, Springtown. Visit parkercountyfrc.eventbrite.

FRIDAY, JULY 14

FAMILY FILM FRIDAY at 2 p.m. at Azle Memorial Library. Bring the whole family to watch a family-friendly movie with complimentary popcorn and water. This month's movie is "The Bad Guys," rated PG. Space is limited so arrive early.

KINDERMUSIK LEVEL 1 for ages 10-24 months. Offers sensory-rich, gentle environments where children can explore and react to new sounds, sensations, and objects. Starts at 10 a.m. at Family Resource Center, 314 E 5th Terrace, Springtown. Visit parkercountyfrc.eventbrite.

MONDAY, JULY 17

KIDS CORNER-CENTER PLAY GROUP at 2 p.m. at Family Resource Center, 314 E 5th Terrace, Springtown. Enjoy a time to bond with your child as everyone sings, reads, plays, and makes memories together. For ages 2-6, siblings welcome.

TUESDAY, JULY 18

MAVERICK ALL STAR TUMBLERS for kids 3-8 years old at 10:30 a.m. at Azle Memorial Library. Participants will get to learn about tumbling when Maverick All Stars brings mats and beams to help learn some tumbling skills. No experience required. Shoes will not be worn during this activity.

FAMILY FUN AT THE PARK for kids at 10 a.m. at Shady Grove Park, 1000 Stribbling Dr. in Azle. Bring a picnic lunch and enjoy some playtime with friends at the park.

KINDERMUSIK LEVEL 4 for ages 4-6. Offers sensory-rich, gentle environments where children can explore and react to new sounds, sensations, and objects. Starts at 2 p.m. at Family Resource Center, 314 E 5th Terrace, Springtown. Visit parkercountyfrc.eventbrite.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 19

LEGO CLUB for kids ages 4 and up at 4:30 p.m. at Azle Memorial Library. Join in the fun with LEGO challenges, free play and fun. LEGOs are provided and creations will be put on display in the Children's Section at the library.

KINDERMUSIK LEVEL 2 for ages 18-36 months. Offers sensory-rich, gentle environments where children can explore and react to new sounds, sensations, and objects. Starts at 10 a.m. at Family Resource Center, 314 E 5th Terrace, Springtown. Visit parkercountyfrc.eventbrite.

MAKERSPACE at 2 p.m. at Family Resource Center, 314 E 5th Terrace, Springtown lets kids make, learn, explore, and share with a variety of STEAM materials.

THURSDAY, JULY 20

ARTIST AFTERNOONS for kids 6-12 years old at 2 p.m. at Azle Memorial Library. Participants will explore different art styles geared toward elementary students. Supplies and space are limited so reserve a spot by calling 817-752-2682.

STAMPED BOOK DÉCOR for adults at 6 p.m. at Azle Memorial Library. Create a piece of home décor with a small stack of books, paint, and stamps. Materials and instruction provided. Supplies and space are limited so reserve a spot by calling 817-752-2682.

KIDS CORNER GARDENING AND YOGA at 10 a.m. at Family Resource Center, 314 E 5th Terrace, Springtown. Explore the garden as you plant, grow and learn about food. For ages 0-6. Light stretching, yoga mat and water provided.

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FRIDAY, JULY 21

KINDERMUSIK LEVEL 1 for ages 10-24 months. Offers sensory-rich, gentle environments where children can explore and react to new sounds, sensations, and objects. Starts at 10 a.m. at Family Resource Center, 314 E 5th Terrace, Springtown. Visit parkercountyfrc.eventbrite.

MONDAY, JULY 24

KIDS CORNER-CENTER PLAY GROUP at 2 p.m. at Family Resource Center, 314 E 5th Terrace, Springtown. Enjoy a time to bond with your child as everyone sings, reads, plays, and makes memories together. For ages 2-6, siblings welcome.

TUESDAY, JULY 25

FAMILY FUN AT THE PARK for kids at 10 a.m. at Springtown Park on Walnut Creek Dr. in Springtown. Bring a picnic lunch and enjoy some playtime with friends at the park.

KINDERMUSIK LEVEL 4 for ages 4-6. Offers sensory-rich, gentle environments where children can explore and react to new sounds, sensations, and objects. Starts at 2 p.m. at Family Resource Center, 314 E 5th Terrace, Springtown. Visit parkercountyfrc.eventbrite.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 26

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midterm — so council, I'm proud of each and every one of them."

Kelley, the former Springtown ISD superintendent who is currently working part-time for a contractor, said he wants to still be involved in the Springtown community after his retirement from the school district. He described the community's growth as both a challenge and opportunity during his interview with the council.

"It is a great opportunity," he said about joining the P&Z. "It is an exciting time, but it's also a concerning time."

Before the council members appointed P&Z commissioners, they heard a report from P&Z Chairperson Ken Jensen.

Jensen pointed out that the number of cases considered by the P&Z — including plats, zoning changes, special use permits, zoning ordinance amendments and commercial site plans

— have decreased since last year. In 2021-22, the P&Z considered 39 cases but only 23 cases in 2022-23. The last time the number of cases was that low was when the P&Z considered 16 cases in 2017-18. From 2018-19 to 2020-21, the number of cases gradually increased from 26 to 29.

"Commercial growth has continued its 2022 level," Jensen said during the meeting. "Residential growth continues at a similar pace as the 2019-2022 level, but we're beginning to see a slight slowdown in the subdivisions. Growth in the (extraterritorial jurisdiction) has essentially stopped, though areas just outside the ETJ have continued to grow, and requests for voluntary annexations have continued."

Jensen and City Secretary Christina Derr said growth has leveled off after the city experienced a spike in new development after the COVID-19 pandemic.

"It's not necessarily that we're slowing down," Derr said during the meeting. "We're returning to normal."

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Severe cases of parvovirus wreak havoc in tri-county area

Azle City Council member and veterinarian, Derrick Nelson describes what owners can do to keep pets safe

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Azle and the surrounding areas are being hit with an exceptionally deadly strain of canine parvovirus this summer. Stacy Peek, an Azle City Council member, recently experienced this virus's effects firsthand after a puppy she had received from a friend in the Azle-Pelican Bay area unexpectedly died from the disease. "Unfortunately, after extensive and aggressive treatment, most of the litter, including our puppy, died," Peek said. "We consulted with six veterinarians, and all told us there is a critical outbreak this year that is more severe than most have ever seen. More than one vet told us, 'This is the Coronavirus in dog form'. The parvo treatment protocol that normally has worked in years past, in many cases, is not working. The veterinarians' offices and hospitals are filling up in record numbers with parvo patients and many are not surviving."

Derrick Nelson, another Azle City Council member and a veterinarian at Town & Country Veterinary Clinic in River Oaks, described this year's parvovirus strain as among the worst he's seen in his career.

"Even with aggressive care,

most of the animals die," Dr. Nelson said. "This year, I have seen a seven-year-old dog die from it, which is crazy. Now we're seeing multiple adult dogs get parvo and this nasty strain when they get it, they're dying, which is unheard of."

Canine parvovirus is a gastrointestinal disease that typically affects dogs between eight weeks and four months of age. Untreated, this disease is often fatal to young dogs. Because many puppies are born in the spring, parvovirus outbreaks tend to be at their worst in the summer and fall seasons, but according to Dr. Nelson, the areas between Springtown and River Oaks tend to have extremely high rates of the disease year after year.

"Our clinic has been a hotbed of parvo over the decades," he said. "Most clinics will see two maybe four cases of parvo in a year. We see 300 a year, so we're very experienced in parvo. It never dies out in my area, it's just there. It's all over the place and historically people aren't just vaccinating correctly. Once it gets set in, it's in the environment."

Signs and symptoms of parvo include lethargy, vomiting and after about 48 hours, bloody diarrhea. "By that point they're really sick," Dr. Nelson said. "During a

normal parvo season, home treatment has a survival rate of about 50-50. If we hospitalize them, we're probably pushing a 95% success rate. This summer is different. We're having an 80 to 90% mortality rate."

Parvovirus can survive in the environment for years and is spread through indirect or direct contact with the feces of infected dogs.

"Parvovirus is a very tough virus," Dr. Nelson said. "It can last in the environment for years, three years plus. Even if your dog stays at home, if you move into a house and the previous owner had parvo in that house, you bring a puppy home and all of a sudden, they break out with parvo. If you walk through it, the parvo virus will be on you and if you walk in your house that's how it can get inside. That's what makes it so devastating."

To limit the spread of parvo, vets encourage dog owners to keep puppies at home and limit dogs to spaces where you can guarantee have been parvo free for at least three to five years. The best method for preventing parvo is to get your puppies vaccinated and to make sure your adult dogs are up to date on their boosters.

"The good news is if your dog and or puppy are fully vaccinated then their chances

of getting Parvo are near zero," Dr. Nelson said. "These vaccines for parvo have been around since maybe the 80s, a long time. It's been out for decades. There's no reason to not do it."

While most vaccines will be effective, Dr. Nelson urges dog owners to be careful where they source their vaccines.

"Feed store and breeder vaccines are not reliable," Dr. Nelson said. "Over the history of my career, 21 years, I've seen extremely few, extremely rare cases of parvo in veterinarian vaccinated dogs, but I have seen plenty, maybe hundreds, of cases where feed store vaccinated dogs get parvo...I'm exposed to parvo on a daily basis, and I have a three-year-old dog and I have no worries about her getting it. She's actually boarding at the clinic right now. So, don't worry, don't lose sleep if your dog is vaccinated. That's the positive action that everybody can take so that they can have peace of mind."

To be considered fully vaccinated for parvovirus, a dog should ideally get three to four shots of the distemper-parvovirus vaccine in two-to-four-week intervals starting at six weeks.

"Keep those vaccinations current on adult dogs too, because again I'm seeing adult dogs break out with this par-



Dr. Derrick Nelson at the Town & Country Veterinary Clinic in River Oaks

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vovirus and die," Dr. Nelson said.

In many cases, a vaccinated dog will be eligible to receive their booster shots at about one year old and then once every three years, though when in doubt the best solution is always to call a vet.

"If anybody has any questions, I highly recommend don't go to Dr. Google, call your veterinarian," Dr. Nelson said. "You just don't want to get it, if they get it, it's

almost a death sentence. I just encourage everyone, get every (dog) vaccinated for distemper-parvo... I've heard from two other veterinarians, they all said this is the nastiest parvo outbreak that they've ever seen in their career. I see these cycles of this nasty parvovirus go through about every three years. Multiple vets are saying that this is the worst they've ever seen, but I will agree it's as bad as the worst I've ever seen."

100 deadliest days of summer

Texas Health official talks on teen driving during the road's most dangerous time of the year.

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As temperatures rise, so does the death toll on Texas roadways. The time between Memorial Day and Labor Day, known as the 100 Deadliest Days of Summer, sees a yearly uptick in the number of teen car accidents and road deaths. The Texas Department of Transportation also recently reported that in 2022 distracted driving deaths among teens had increased 10% from the previous year. These higher mortality rates are likely the consequence of a number of factors, including teens having more free time and more reasons to drive during the summer. Another likely culprit could be the fact that fewer and fewer teens are taking driver's education than in the past.

In Texas, people under 18 must take 32 hours of driver's education to get their license and under the Graduated Driver's License program, must hold their learner's permit for at least six months. In contrast, an 18 to 24-year-old only needs

to complete six hours of adult driver's education in Texas. The National Highway Administration reported in 2023, only 26% of 16-year-olds have their license, nearly a 50% drop from 1980, meaning more youths are waiting until after they are 18 to get their license.

This lower number of hours makes a difference in the competency of young drivers, Paula Green, Trauma Injury Prevention & Outreach Coordinator at Texas Health.

"What we've seen in the data, you take 16-year-olds that have gone through the Graduated Driver's process and compare them to 18, 19, 20 and 21-year-olds (without it), it's the older group that actually has more fatal crashes than the younger group," Green said in an interview with the Tri-County Reporter. "It takes many years of practice and hours behind the wheel in different situations to be able to become that defensive driver and become proficient. We just do not see the statistics in older people who have been driving for a number of years.

Green described the prevalence of this problem since

driver's education went from being mandatory to being an elective in Texas high schools in the 1990s. Since Texas high schools began offering driver's education as an elective, some students have likely been dissuaded from taking this course in schools over other electives, sports or honors classes.

"The unintentional adverse effects of that has been an increase in fatal crashes amongst teens," Green said.

While learning more about driving safety in schools will likely benefit students, there are also a lot of good lessons that can be reinforced in the home. For parents, speaking with your teen can have a major impact on their safety habits. Tell them that it's your parents enforcing this behavior if that's what you need to do," Green said. "I've told my son, 'Blame it on me' if you have to tell your friends you need to slow down or they want you to take a picture while driving. I'm not telling him that he's a bad driver, it's just inexperience. What we try to do with teenagers is relate it to a sport and they totally understand. To make varsity or

whatever level they're aiming for, it takes years of playing and hours of practice every week to get to that point."

Avoiding night-time driving, not having passengers in the car and practicing safe driving and wearing seatbelts are just a few of the other vital tips that Green recommends to keep teens from turning into another roadway fatality statistic.

Texas Health's Trauma Center has supported driving safety in Azle by sending two nurses to Azle High School's most recent Project Graduation. "Research shows that the two deadliest nights for teenagers are senior prom and graduation," Green said. "[Project Graduation] is a program to keep them off the road and keep them in one spot, so we had some nurses on standby for Project Graduation to make sure this event was a success. We look forward to providing that service in the future as well, as a trauma center ultimately, we see the benefit of those kinds of programs on our end."

One method that's been used to promote driving safety is the requirement that minors watch videos made by

Impact Texas Drivers on road safety. Impact Texas Drivers is a service and educational program organized by Texas Health.

"Anybody can ask for it," Green said "Elementary school through high school, parents and coaches, Impact offers stories from real people about victims of distracted driving accidents and their families. It's really powerful, it pulls on your heart strings." According to Green, Impact Texas Drivers has 50 different stories and scenarios that they share with those who want to learn about the consequences of unsafe driving.

Green relayed one story, which has made a significant impression on her mind, of a woman driving home one day who looked away for a second to send a text message. In that moment, she felt a thud but could not identify the source even after stopping. She was arrested at work two days later and was told that she had struck and killed a cyclist who was thrown into a nearby field. Because of the charges, the woman was no longer able to go to vet school or follow the

dreams she previously had for her life.

"It changed the trajectory of her life forever," Green said. "I've never seen high school kids so intently listening. Sometimes it's not real until they're standing in front of the classroom. She said that every single morning she wakes up and begs, 'let it be a bad dream.' She's not a bad kid, it was a bad choice. Any one of us can make a bad choice."



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Azle Masonic Lodge holds officer installations

Kenny Patrick installed as new Worshipful Master with other officers at open ceremony

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On Saturday, June 24, Azle's Masonic Lodge #601 held a yearly induction ceremony and dinner for new officers, with Kenny Patrick being recognized as the new Worshipful Master and Wayne Woods stepping down from the position.

"It's an honor for me to be in the position," Patrick said before the ceremony. "I've been a mason now for 34 years and I've finally made it to what we call the East Worshipful Master and I'm excited to be there. This year we've put together a great team and as I've worked my way up to my position so have these officers. They've all worked hard to get where they're at. We enjoy what we do masonically, we enjoy what we do for our communities and that's what I want to continue to do. When we leave in the evenings, we say 'peace and harmony should prevail always' so when we leave our meetings that's what we strive for and when we're in a community that's what we strive for."

Azle's Freemasons are never far from family or friends in their organization. On that same night, Kenny Patrick's son, Waco Patrick was also inducted as Senior Steward and Kenny's life-long friend, Carl Fox led the ceremony as Chaplain.

"We're really proud of him and proud to be part of this too, it's an honor," Waco Patrick said. "I know his whole entire family is very proud" Justen Lee, Kenny Patrick's son-in-law added, "he's worked very hard to get here and he is honored. He will continue to do that for the good of the lodge, the good of his family and the good of the community of Azle."

Kenny Patrick describes the Freemasons as "one of the oldest and finest organizations in the world," with a history of fraternity and community service dating back hundreds of years. Masons have had a lodge in Azle since 1884, where they are responsible for numerous charity drives and community events throughout the year. Recently, the organization gave out \$6,500 in scholarships to five Azle students and recognized a local teacher with the Lamar Medal, named after Mirabeau B. Lamar. Lamar, a Freemason, was the second president of the Republic of Texas and is considered the Father of the Texas Public School System.

Recognition of the history of Masons in early Texas was the central point in an opening speech given by Clint Hall, who was inducted as Treasurer. "Texas Masons have existed since before we gained our independence from Mexico," Hall said. "The official charter for the first masonic lodge in Texas, granted from the Grand Lodge of Louisiana was carried in the saddlebags of Anson Jones (last President of the Republic of Texas) as he fought in the Battle of San Jacinto. Many of the early Texas heroes that fought in the War for Texas' Independence, like Sam Houston, William B. Travis, James Bowie, Davey Crockett and many others were Masons. If you ever go to the Alamo, there's a plaque on one of the walls there that



Patrick being sworn in while the Master of Ceremonies presents items of symbolic significance to the Masons.

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mentions several prominent Masons that fought in the Alamo."

Hall would go on to describe how many of America's Founding Fathers, historical figures and contemporary icons were also Masons, including Apollo astronaut Buzz Aldrin.

"Buzz Aldrin placed a charter on the moon with dispensation from the Grand Lodge of Texas to establish what was called Tranquility Lodge 2000 on the moon itself. There is an actual masonic charter on the surface of the moon. If that's not cool, I don't know what is."

Hall would conclude his speech by tying things back to the goals and purpose of the Masons.

"That being said, not all great men are Masons and not all Masons are great men, however the fraternity strives to find good men and make them better," Hall said. "It does not matter what your stature in life is or how much wealth you have the fraternity accepts men based on their character, not on their material worth. The three main tenets in masonry are brotherly love, relief, and truth."

U.S. masonic organizations strive for that goal by donating over one million dollars to charity every day. In Azle, this not only means scholarships for students, but also free dental kits from their Fantastic Teeth Fan Club and events like Trunk or Treat.

"It was a big success. We actually had our wives and kids running to buy candy for the kids because it was such a big turnout," Patrick said. "I'm going to do my best to communicate with the city officials so that we can coordinate some of their events with ours and let people know what we're all about."

In August the Texas Grand Lodge is going to come to Azle for Lodge #601's cornerstone presentation for Hilltop Elementary. While Masons don't go out and seek recruits, membership is open to anyone who comes through their doors.

"We've been blessed here at Azle Lodge," Patrick said. "A lot of the younger guys here are new Masons. Over



Patrick and Waresback shaking hands during their installation.

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the past four or five years we've been bringing in a lot of brothers. It's tough when you're a younger mason because most of them are raising families and most of them are also involved with the community, they're with the Lions Club or their coaching little league ball or they're bringing kids up through 4-H. Our philosophy is that we want (prospective members) to be prepared at heart and we want that they're good men and that they're going to conform to what we're trying

to do, which is being better men. We want to be leaders; we want to be role models for our kids. So, that's what we're looking for and why we don't recruit. But we love anytime somebody walks through our door and asks, 'hey can I be a mason?' cause our answer is going to be yes, you can be a mason. All we need to do is ask and be ready at heart to come in here and do what we need you to do."

After much pomp and circumstance, the ceremony ended with nearly a dozen of-

ficers being sworn into their positions.

OFFICERS INSTALLED

- Worshipful Master - Kenny Patrick
- Senior Warden - Rickey Dye
- Junior Warden - Brad Waresback
- Treasurer - Clint Hall
- Chaplain - Carl Fox
- Senior Deacon - David Davies
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Cub Scouts Pack 22 cubmaster earns Wood Badge

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SPRINGTOWN — Decades after his own experience as a Cub Scout, Pack 22 Cubmaster Shane Gross reached a peak accomplishment in adult Scouting training.

When he was young, Gross got involved in Cub Scouts, but his time was cut short. As an adult, he became a parent volunteer when his son Thomas joined Cub Scouts. His second chance to participate in Scouting led him to become cubmaster of Springtown's Pack 22 last year as well as recently earn

a prestigious achievement called the Wood Badge.

Boy Scouts of America's website calls the Wood Badge an "advanced, national leadership course open only to Scouting volunteers and professionals."

Gross was honored for the achievement at Pack 22's bridging ceremony on June 14 by Sea Scouts Ship 1910 Skipper Christopher Mahanna, who was the scoutmaster and course director for the Wood Badge course.

"It's the highest level of adult training that's awarded to Scouts," Mahanna said of the Wood Badge.

Achieving the Wood Badge included Gross attending

training in October and learning more about leadership. In fact, Gross pursued the Wood Badge so that he could be a better leader for the kids in Cub Scouts and have an improved understanding of the Scouts.

"I consider all these (Scouts) my kids even though they don't live with me," Gross said. "I feel an obligation to guide them the best that I can. And that training definitely helped and reassured some areas that I kind of knew, but it kind of helped reiterate some of those keys."

In addition to the training, Gross had to complete five projects — all aimed at supporting his Scouting unit or



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Pack 22 Cubmaster Shane Gross presents former Cub Scout turned Scouts BSA member Arieyl Snyder with an award for her popcorn sales at a meeting last year.



district — before he could get his Wood Badge. He built a shelf for Pack 22's arts and crafts supplies, generated a bilingual flyer for the district's Pinewood Derby, hosted a flag retirement ceremony, volunteered at Our House food pantry and completed basic adult leader outdoor orientation.

Moving forward, Gross is looking forward to sharing what he learned from earning

the Wood Badge with Pack 22, particularly in terms of understanding kids and the Scouts seeing him as someone they can trust.

"That I'm not this — for lack of better terms — this big, hairy, scary guy," Gross said about how he wants scouts to perceive him. "They don't see me as some big ogre. They see me as somebody that can help."

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Cub Scouts Pack 22 Cubmaster Shane Gross presents his Scout, Thomas Gross, with an award for selling popcorn at a meeting in December.

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Teens make paper lanterns at Azle Memorial Library

Children's Librarian Olivia Todd led a class where teens and tweens could make their own personalized paper lanterns

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On Thursday, June 29, over a dozen participants registered and attended a class where they created their own paper lanterns with resources provided by the Azle Memorial Library. Students started out by choosing and sketching whatever design they wanted. They then crafted a frame from wire and covered it in paper to make their very own lanterns.

"It's been interesting," A teen who had heard about the event from the website said. "There's a lot of room for creativity. We're allowed to choose whatever we want to make, and the instructions were very good. They're a great balance of formal detailed instructions and it leave room for artistic creativity."

Another participant had no prior experience making paper lanterns but agreed that instructions were easy and that they'd recommend the event to others.

"Me and my mom came in the other day, and we saw the fliers and we're like, 'that sounds fun, let's sign up for it!'"



Library guests constructing their framework.

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Participants nearing completion of their lanterns.

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Todd with a paper lantern made by Adult Activities Director, Rebecca Buchanan.

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be critical in shaping minds for the future of wildlife conservation.

"I just like to bring the animals and expose the kids to them," Lewis said. "A lot of kids never get the opportunity to know too much about the reptiles and I think if they care about them, they might grow up caring about keeping a place for them to live and understand that they're not the devil's creatures that everybody thinks they are. I think once they touch it, and they go away feeling safe that's going to help the snakes and the bugs later on."

Lewis has had an interest in misunderstood animals since he caught a rat snake at the age of 14 and is thrilled

to have had the opportunity to continue working with animals and teaching Joshua, his son, the trade.

"I do this now that I'm retired, it's not making me rich but it's helping pay some of the rent and car payments and I get to spend time with my two favorite things, kids, and animals. I'm glad everybody enjoyed it."

For an hour, Lewis answered questions and presented facts about his animals, allowing a volunteer a chance to hold most before they were put back in their enclosures. At the end of the event, Lewis allowed everyone in attendance to line up and take a picture with his ball python, Houdini, around their neck.

You can find out more about Lewis and his animals by going to creepycritters.us or calling (972)-780-7033.



Victor, the common snapping turtle. As a baby, he was found and rescued by Lewis off of a sidewalk after being partially crushed.

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Olivia Todd, Children's Librarian, posing with Houdini.

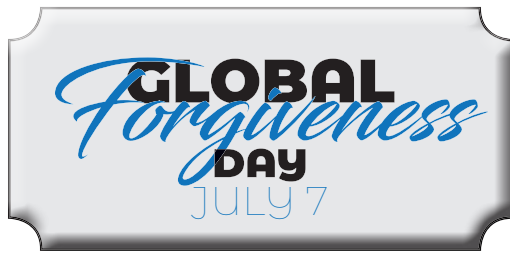
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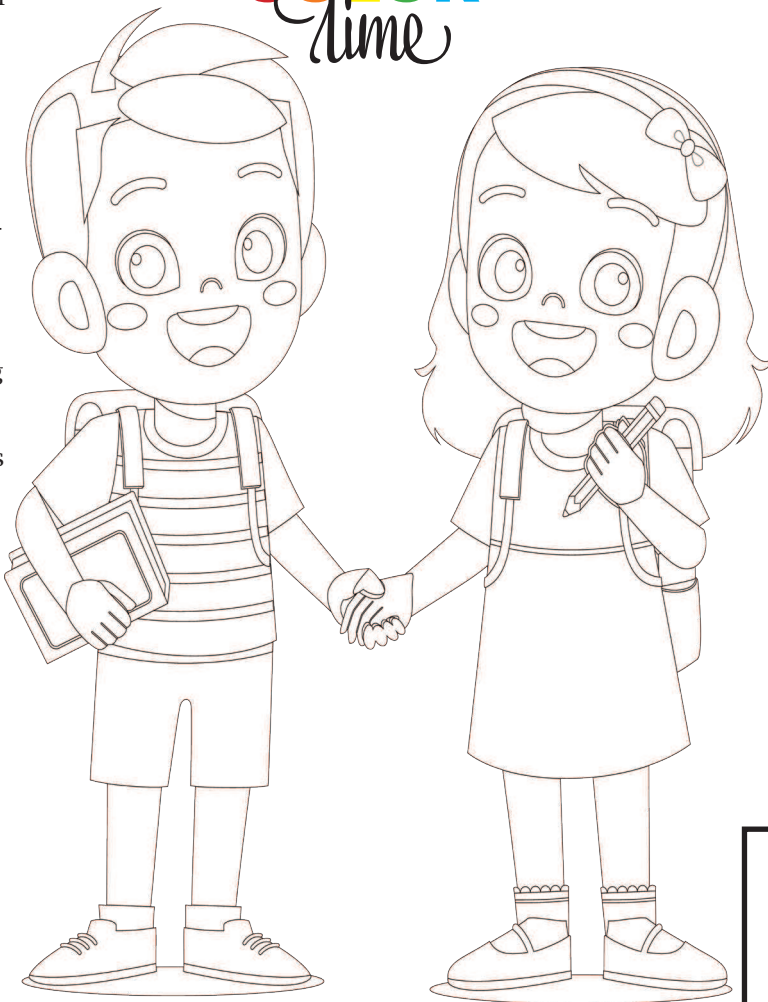
Rango, the bearded dragon, perched on-top of the head of an audience volunteer.

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FORGIVE

Forgiveness is a powerful and beautiful gift that we can give to ourselves and others. It means letting go of anger, hurt, and resentment, and choosing to move forward with a loving and open heart. When we forgive, we free ourselves from the heavy burden of holding onto negative feelings.

Imagine carrying a heavy backpack filled with rocks everywhere you go. It would be exhausting, right? Holding onto anger and not forgiving is like carrying those rocks. It weighs us down and makes us unhappy. But when we choose to forgive, it's like taking off that heavy backpack. We feel lighter, happier, and at peace.

Forgiving someone doesn't mean forgetting what happened or pretending it didn't hurt. It's about acknowledging our feelings and finding the strength to let go. It's about choosing kindness and compassion instead of revenge or holding grudges.

Forgiveness also allows us to heal and grow. It gives us the chance to build stronger relationships and create a better world. When we forgive, we create space for love and understanding to flourish.

Remember, forgiveness is a journey, and it takes time. Sometimes, it might be hard to forgive, but it's worth it. So, let's choose forgiveness, let go of the rocks, and embrace a lighter and happier life.

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Definition: Forgiveness

when you decide to let go of anger and not stay mad at someone who has done something wrong. It's about giving them a second chance and choosing to be kind instead. Forgiveness helps you feel happier and makes your heart feel lighter



Forgiveness not only has emotional and psychological benefits but also has a positive impact on our physical health and friendships.



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Raegan Williams squirts Chloe Hennessy playfully during a water break.

Power aid

Azle strength, conditioning camp keeps kids primed for action

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AZLE - More than 300 boys and girls signed up for the Hornet strength and conditioning camp that stretches all summer, and one of them was turning red under

the Texas sun on a recent morning.

Tacoma Redding had just finished a long morning workout and was sitting outside the indoor facility at Azle High School, allowing a slight breeze to cool his sweat-drenched body while

waiting for a ride home.

Redding, a junior, is a savvy veteran of strength camp, held weekdays in June and July. He has been attending the camps since he was 6.

"I got into it to make myself

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Lane Swift, 8, started racing cars when he was 5 years old. He has had his car show-winning racecar for about three years and has raced countless times in it.

Life in the swift lane

Paradise 8-year-old wins races, Summerfest Car Show

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PARADISE, Texas — Paradise youngster Lane Swift didn't have to wait until his 16th birthday to learn how to drive a car.

Not only can 8-year-old Lane drive, but he can also race - and win races.

Racecar driving is a Swift family tradition, Lane said. He competed in his first race at 5 years old.

"I love the speed, and it gives me joy and excitement," Lane said about why he enjoys racing.

Lane drives in races multiple times per year, said his father, Casey Swift. Lane's mother, Courtney Swift said racing season is usually from March to November with races occurring two to three weekends per month.

A lot of these races take place at the Ardmore Dragway in Oklahoma, which is Lane's favorite place to race because he and his family know the people there.

"We're mostly friends with all of them," Lane said.

When asked if he had won any racing awards, Lane just laughed. Last year, he received the biggest monetary prize he had ever gotten - \$1,750 - from a race at the I-30 Dragway in Caddo Mills, Texas. He won his age group and then raced against older teens.

"I felt like I won a million dollars, even though I knew it was \$1,750," Lane said with a smile.

Lane wasn't finished winning after that. In early June, he entered his racecar in the Summerfest Car Show in Springtown - a first for his family - and won best car in

the show. Lane has had his car show-winning racecar for about three years and has raced countless times in it.

"I've been through a lot in that car," Lane said.

Fate brought Lane to the Summerfest Car Show. On the day of the show, he was supposed to be zooming his racecar around a track, but unfortunately, his race was cancelled because of the rain.

Before the results were announced, Lane wasn't sure how his car would stack up to the others at the show. He noticed that there were plenty of impressive cars there, including a Chevrolet Beretta from Carson's Garage.

"It had a really nice body and motor," Lane said.

When Lane didn't win his class division, he said he and

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Comeback kid



Wrestling summer camp provides chance for redemption, conditioning, fun

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SPRINGTOWN - The last time Eli Garvin attended wrestling camp was in second grade a year ago. A kid slammed him down hard on the mat, and Garvin felt much pain afterward.

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Eli Garvin takes down an opponent under the tutelage of Daren Leatherwood.

Azle Christian reaches semifinals at 6-man football state tourney



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Andy Wisniewski quarterbacks the Azle Christian Crusaders to the state semifinals on June 23-24 in Waco at the TAPPS State 6v6 Tournament. The Crusaders played seven games in two days and were edged out of the semifinal by one point, losing 22-21 in overtime to St. Joseph Catholic, the team from Bryan that took the state championship.



Jayden Potter and Creyton Towner fished well at the state contest.

COURTESY PHOTO

Catching whoppers

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Azle anglers excel at state bass tourney

AZLE - Jayden Potter and Creyton Towner were Azle's top duo to participate at the state bass fishing tournament at Sam Rayburn Reservoir in East Texas.

Cory Kirkwood and Koen Remley also participated for Azle in the Metroplex Division of the Texas High School Bass Association. The tournament was held in May.

Student anglers fish in pairs and try to qualify for state based on the size and number of fish they catch during the season.

To qualify for state, Azle's top two duos finished in the top 40% of approximately 200 teams competing at five open tournaments during the season. The duos then placed in the top 30% at the regional tournament.

Potter and Creyton finished in 148th place out of 204 teams competing at state, catching a two-day total of 14.1 pounds.

Members of the 2022-23 bass team included Adam

Brown, Haley Carlson, Braxon Cates, Caden Cox, Creed Dildy, Chase Eminger, Denim Fields, Lucas Grow, Aleigh King, Cory Kirkwood, Tyler Landon, Braden Langston, Ethan Langston, Morgan Mask, Nickolas McElhannon, Matthew Perkins, Zane Polser, Jayden Potter, Koen Remley, Robert Rutledge, Cody Stinson, Benjamin Thompson, Creyton Towner, Nathan Walsh, Hunter Wasser, and Justin Wright.

Azle's team finished in the top 10 among the 31 teams participating in the Metroplex Division of the THSBA.

Earning scholarships is a big lure for participating on the bass fishing team, said coach Nathan King. The THSBA provides scholarships at open, regional, and state tournaments. The top 25-30 teams at tournaments earn gift cards to various fishing

good stores.

The Azle bass team also offers gift cards internally to the top anglers after each tournament and provides tackle throughout the year and scholarship money at the end of the season.

"This is possible with the help of sponsors donating to the team, who we then advertise on the team's fishing jersey," King said.

He encouraged potential sponsors to reach out. To become a sponsor, contact Karen King, sponsorship coordinator, at 817-707-2195 or at azlebassteam@gmail.com.

Sponsorship funds help support the team with entry fees, travel expenses, and scholarships.

"Your support will help to grow the Azle High School Bass Team and give the student anglers the opportunity to participate," King said.



Azle finished in the top 10 among 31 teams competing in the Metroplex Division of the Texas High School Bass Association this season.

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SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

Azle Adult Activity Center

BY JACKIE "JJ" JOY

With the success of our Summertime Extravaganza, we want to give a special shout out to Northwest Physical Therapy for providing the hamburgers and the Azle Fire Department for cooking and serving them. It was amazing to see so many of our firefighters and EMTs here. And Azle Manor and Kip Kruger for providing the grill and helping with the cooking. The visiting folks

were impressed with the support our center gets from our community.

A special shout out to volunteers Mike Talmont, Sonja Pinkston, Barbara Hawley, and Earlene Gardner for their tireless help before, during and after the event. They put up decorations, cut vegetables, set up serving tables and much more. We could not have done everything without them.

Some exciting events are

planned for July starting with ice cream sundaes being served with lunch on Fridays. Call 817-444-0070 by 9:30 Thursday morning to reserve a meal then come join the fun.

Meals on Wheels is partnering with TCU and UNT Health Science Center to implement a pilot program called Dance for Health. The types of dances range from Zumba, Line Dancing, Square Dancing, Swing Dancing, Salsa, and Hip

Hop. Classes begin at 10:00 each Wednesday morning in July and August. This is a free opportunity for all interested in participating.

A Safe Driving Course will be presented by AARP on Friday, July 21. This course is available to AARP members (\$20) and non-members (\$25) alike. It will be in our large common room at 601 Southeast Parkway, in Ash Creek Park. Please call in advance so we know how many

to expect. While the course will not help with a traffic ticket, it may get you a discount on your insurance.

If you enjoy playing bridge, we have a group that meets on Friday mornings who would love to have you join them. If you want to learn how to play, call in advance to arrange for a special class.

The Azle Adult Activity Center provides a lot of options for games and activities. We are open 9 a.m. to

1:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. If you come by after the B.J. Clark Community Center building is closed, someone will be in the office at the adjoining building. You can always call us at 817-444-0070 to speak with us during open hours or leave a message and we will return your call as soon as possible.

Come see us soon!

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his family almost decided to go home, but they ended up staying and were shocked to see Lane come out on top. Courtney Swift had to nudge her stunned son to go claim his trophy once the results were announced.

"He was standing in front of me, and they called his name, and he was just looking around," Courtney Swift said. "I was like, 'Lane, that's you.' He goes, 'They said my name?' (I said), 'That's you. Go out there, bud.'"

Courtney Swift recalled multiple people asking Lane if he was old enough to drive his racecar.

"The age really surprised some people," she said. "They didn't know kids can drive racecars being this young."

Lane's mother did point out that her son did have to get a license to drive a racecar, which took about eight months. There is safety equipment on Lane's car and limits on how fast he can go as a young racer.

Still, Courtney Swift said she does get nervous watching Lane race, especially when he first started.

"We're strapping our 5-year-old into a racecar," Courtney Swift said, laughing. "That was when it really hit."

Courtney and Casey Swift said racing has helped Lane make friends, given him a chance to travel and has taught him plenty of life skills, both practical and social.

"He changes his own oil in his car so it teaches him lessons there," Casey Swift said, adding that his son has also learned "how to win and lose gracefully."

Will Lane participate in the Summerfest Car Show next year?

Nonchalantly, Lane said, "Depends on if our race is canceled or like if there's a race."

The Swifts wouldn't be able to afford to race as much if it wasn't for Lane's sponsors, including 156 Metal Recycling, Winstead Paint & Body, RDL Tires, Carson's Garage and Gaston's Automotive And Tire Center.



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Lane Swift has won multiple awards for racing and recently, he won best car in Springtown's Summerfest Car Show.



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Haley Carlson does a squat while friend McKynleigh Sisk spots her.

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better," he said. Since strength camp began on June 5, he has dropped from 280 pounds to 265. He plays noseguard for the Azle Hornets football team. Heft is important for the position, but so is speed. "I'm trying to get faster and get off the ball quicker," he said. He also wrestles and powerlifts after football offseason. The summer strength camp has grown in popularity over the 10 years that Redding has attended, although the challenges are similar. "We've gotten a lot more kids coming from a lot of places," he said. "The drills change a little, but most of the time, they're the same. They work out really well." The program includes running, stretching, lifting, cardiovascular drills, and is designed to improve athleticism while reducing injuries. Redding shows up on camp days before 7 a.m. to work out with other teen boys, and they push themselves hard until 8:45 a.m. The girls work out after from 9 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. Redding's sister, Giselle Redding, is among them. She also wrestles and powerlifts. Tacoma Redding is glad he and his sister discovered the camps early in their lives and

took advantage of them. "The camp is really helpful," he said. "It helps out a lot of people. It helps me in football with my stance and exploding. It helps me to be very physical. For powerlifting, it helps me build strength." Plenty of water breaks and socializing with friends make the mornings pass by quickly. The hip hop music blaring over a loudspeaker helps the athletes focus while pushing themselves. The person overseeing the camp this summer is Christian Davidson, co-defensive coordinator on the football team and the JV boys soccer coach. "We've got a good turnout of kids," he said. A recent heat wave made the workouts sweatier, although most physical activity was contained to the shaded indoor facility and weight room and out of the sun. "The kids are working hard," he said. The camp provides a place to go in summer to keep in shape for sports. "It really helps the kids whose seasons start in the fall - football, volleyball, cross-country, those kids who go right when school starts," Davidson said. "We're trying to get them ramped up." Kids who play sports in fall and spring rely on the camps to stay in shape during their off seasons.



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Tacoma Redding has attended summer strength camps since he was 6.



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John Ables does a plank to work on his abs.

On June 28, the boys were lifting weights and listening to hip hop when the music stopped, and a coach told everyone to clean their lifting stations and drop to the ground to "work on abs." His command was met with a few groans, but all 40 or so kids stretched out on their backs, lifted their straightened legs 18 inches off the ground, and held them there until a coach blew his whistle. John Ables signed up for the camp because he's about to begin ninth grade and wants to make an impact at

football tryouts. "I needed to build muscle so I could get better at football," he said. "I'm also going to do shotput and wrestling. I've been getting muscle and getting faster and somewhat quicker reaction times." The kids are timed and monitored during drills all summer so they can check their progress. In addition to lifting weights for strength, he is running sprints and distances to increase his stamina. "I personally don't like running, but I need it," he said.

He loves football, and running is something he must do to excel at the thing he loves. Sweating alongside Ables during the ab workout was Colton Cook, also about to begin ninth grade. Strength Camp, in addition to adding muscle, builds a network of friends, acquaintances, and contacts. "The main reason I'm doing it is just to get better, get to know the coaches, and be a part of a program," he said. "I like it a lot. The coaches are good. The kids are good. I'm getting better, faster,

and stronger, and ready for football." Girls soccer head coach Hannah Smith helps oversee the girl athletes at camp. Many of them play soccer, and the coach is glad to see them keeping in shape and bonding. "It's a good opportunity for them to keep coming out here and getting ready," she said. "Our season is not until the winter, but it's good to keep at it and don't stop. It's a good time to work with them and keep them in the weight room."



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McKynleigh Sisk hoists a weighted bar on her back.

Now, tomorrow

Springtown's top wrestler helps new recruit learn skills

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SPRINGTOWN - Dallin Fabrizio is a case study for what hard work can do for a guy.

"My freshmen and sophomore years were both very hard years," he said. "Freshman year, I didn't even have a positive record. I lost more matches than I won."

He practiced harder. As a sophomore, he went 16-8 in UIL wrestling but didn't make it out of the district tournament.

So, he practiced harder. Nobody can be a slacker under the watchful eye of wrestling coach Sawyer Cooper. Still, Fabrizio knew he could push himself more.

"My junior year, I picked up the pace, started working even harder," he said.

He finished 37-6, won a district championship, a regional championship, and a trip to the state meet.

On June 26-28, he spread his knowledge and work ethic as a volunteer coach at the wrestling summer camp offered to kids in third through ninth grades.

One of the camp participants that Fabrizio spent time instructing was Trenton Owens, a freshman who stands 6 feet 3 inches and weighs 260 pounds and is still growing.

"Trenton started the week out not knowing a single thing," Fabrizio said. "The great thing about Trenton that I learned is, he takes what you tell him, and he puts it on the mat. He actually learns and applies it in a match. Once we get him into a few more practices, he is



From left, newbie Trenton Owens learns about wrestling from senior Dallin Fabrizio at summer camp.

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going to be an absolute unit."

Fabrizio predicted Owens "could be a lot better than I am right now as a heavy-weight" in three years if Owens devotes himself to wrestling.

"We will have a great chance to work with him during the fall and spring, and he'll be good," Fabrizio said.

Fabrizio, at 235 pounds, is small for a heavyweight. The heavyweight class spans from 220 to 285 pounds. Fabrizio squares off regularly against guys who outweigh him by 50 pounds.

Owens could wrestle at the high end of the scale.

"He is a big boy," Cooper said. "A lot of times, I've found with boys, they hit a growth spurt about eighth grade, and they may hit one more their junior year. With those big freshmen, a lot of times they'll lose a little bit of weight when they get up here because it's different. It's hard. We call it baby fat. They lose baby fat and put back on some muscle."

Owens could fill out to 290 and still wrestle.

"When you weigh 290, it's easy to lose a couple pounds, then hop off the scale (after weigh-ins) and go eat what you want and wrestle at 290," he said.

At camp, Owens was a quick study and showed fortitude. He continued to battle after becoming soaked in sweat and out of breath. After

the third day of camp ended, he sat on the mat, spent but satisfied.

"It ain't easy," he said. "It's tiring. You get sore and all that. Day two, when I woke up, I was the sorest, but when you're sore, you're building more muscle. It's a good thing to be sore."

How did he persevere?

"Just keep it going, knowing you're getting better," he said.

The Springtown native is looking forward to attending SHS after the long trip through elementary and middle schools.

"I can try out a bunch of new things," he said. "It's going to be good. Make friends. Get social with everybody."

Fabrizio remembers when he was a freshman. He relied on sports to help navigate those early years. He started out as a football specialist but included wrestling to stay in shape.

"I just joined wrestling to help me with my football," he said.

He likes the teamwork of football but discovered the man-against-man format of wrestling appealed to him.

"It gives me a lot of confidence in life," he said. "It's me being able to prove myself against another human. I am able to overpower someone else on the mat. If I can beat someone on a mat, then I can do something at work or be better in school. It's definitely

a confidence booster."

Cooper coaches football and wrestling and knows the two sports are simpatico. He encourages his linemen that he coaches on the football team to embrace wrestling, as well.

"You hear stories of NFL linemen who talk about the difference wrestling made for them," he said.

Cooper has affection for any big guy who volunteers to wrestle. Scrapping around on a mat, constantly crouching, and getting up and back down 100 times a minute isn't easy for anyone, especially large people.

"I always take a special heart to linemen who want to come out here and do this, because it is not easy to do," the coach said. "I've always had one of the top 2 heavyweights in our wrestling district every year I've been here. I take real pride in that. I can help these guys figure out how to control their body, control another man. For any lineman I can get out here, it's going to help them be confident and help them in any other sport."

Cooper has no better example to point to than Fabrizio.

"Dallin is a phenomenal kid, a once in a lifetime kid," Cooper said. "First one to show up. Last one to leave. He is going to give you everything - 110%. A lot of people say that, but that kid is literally going to give you every-

thing every single day. That's why he was able to be so successful, be a district champion and regional champion while being a heavyweight weighing 235 pounds."

Watching Fabrizio topple larger opponents was one of the joys of the 2023 season.

"He would have the stamina, energy, and the will to just will those kids down who would make him look tiny," Cooper said.

If Fabrizio has his way, Owens will become even better one day. Owens appreciates the time and effort that the coaches at camp showed him.

Owens signed up for camp out of curiosity and might have found a calling in wrestling.

"I would always see it on TV, and it looks cool," he said. "It's nothing like MMA or kickboxing or any of that, but it's like an in-school sport that I can do. I wanted to try it out. I did, and I'm loving it right now."

His goal is to learn wrestling, make it to state, and "just have fun," he said.

At high school, Owens plans to try out many sports.

"I don't really have a favorite right now," he said. "I'm just coming to the high school and trying out all these new sports. Probably later in the year, I'll find out. Right now, what I'm really looking forward to is wrestling and powerlifting."



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Dallin Fabrizio was the only Springtown wrestler to qualify for the state meet in 2023.

COMEBACK

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He didn't go back.

On June 26, the third grader joined other kids to participate in wrestling camp at Springtown High School.

"After I got injured at my second wrestling camp, I never did it again until today," he said. "I got body slammed."

What made him return?

"I wanted to prove to people what I was made of," he said.

He did not feel afraid or nervous, he said.

"I feel good," Garvin said.

He looked good, too, standing firm against various competitors at camp.

Garvin began wrestling in first grade at the YMCA in Keller. He also plays football, basketball, and soccer. He likes to wrestle because "you don't get in trouble, and you don't go to the principal office like at school," he said.

Wrestling camp is designed to work on fundamentals, including stance, posture, and basic takedowns and escapes, said head coach Sawyer Cooper.

"You could go out and wrestle a match after being here these three days," Cooper said. "Give these kids a taste of what it feels like to be on the mat and hope you get them coming back for more."

Wrestling is a sport where non-traditional athletes can find success.

"You hear stories of deaf kids, blind kids, kids missing limbs," Cooper said. "This sport can be for anybody. It's you, one on one, on a mat

with another person."

Besides teaching wrestling holds, the sport instills self-confidence, the coach said.

"It's a great leaping point to any other sport just from that confidence alone," he said.

Josselyn Barton brought his fifth-grade son, Josselyn "J.J." Barton, to the camp to keep the boy busy during the summer and to strengthen his athleticism. J.J. plays baseball, football and basketball and wanted to try wrestling.

"It's something he is going to like when he gets into high school," the dad said. "It's awesome that he wants to go into other sports."

Keri Holcomb was sitting in the bleachers watching two sons on the mat. Her oldest, Daren Leatherwood, graduated from SHS in 2022, where he wrestled for four years. He was back at his alma mater to help coach the camp.

Holcomb's younger son, Caysen Leatherwood, is a third grader who had never wrestled before.

"He wanted to follow in his brother's footsteps," she said. "He has always looked up to him. Daren is a lot older than him - 10 years difference."

When Holcomb saw the camp being offered, she jumped at the chance to register Caysen. Finding a place to wrestle prior to high school can be difficult, Holcomb said. Springtown ISD begins offering wrestling as a school sport starting in ninth grade.

"It's harder to find places for him to go, being so young, to get into wrestling," she said. "You have to go into other towns and cities to get



J.J. Barton uses wrestling camp to have fun and stay in shape for other sports.

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in to wrestling this young."

If Caysen likes the sport, she will find him a place to wrestle outside of town until

he is old enough to join the school team, she said.

Daren volunteered to serve as a clinician at camp because

he wanted to help his little brother start the sport in the right way. Daren didn't consider himself a topnotch

wrestler in high school, but "I feel like I can help him to be pretty good," he said. "He is starting younger than I did."

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