

Charity and choppers

Austin’s Sunshine Foundation and Lonestar Syndicate Social Club kick off toy drive at Operation Texas Strong resale shop

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WEATHERFORD — Giving feels great for Weatherford-based Operation Texas Strong. The nonprofit, which provides vehicles and mobile homes to home-

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Karson McFadden and Deedee Zook. Four-year-old Karson McFadden (aka Ladybug), daughter of Austin McFadden, made valuable connections and built relationships with those who had come out to honor her father’s memory.



Congregants worship at The WORD @ Springtown, a newly created church that branched off from The WORD @ Lakeside.

Welcome to The WORD

The WORD @ Lakeside establishes new church in Springtown

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SPRINGTOWN — On most days, Springtown Middle School is just a school. But on Sunday mornings, the middle school transforms into a church.

The WORD (an acronym for worship, outreach, relationship, discipleship) @ Lakeside has expanded to include a location in Springtown. Sunday worship at The WORD @ Springtown begins at 10:45 a.m.

The WORD @ Lakeside is a

73-year-old church. Brandon Bohannon is the lead pastor in Lakeside and Springtown and is the founding pastor in Springtown. Bohannon emphasized the church’s connection to Springtown, starting with his wife, Kelly Bohannon, who is a teacher at Springtown High School. The Springtown Children’s Pastor Megan Sessions, who Bohannon said he has known for years, is an SHS alumna. The WORD @ Lakeside also had about 25 families

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Neighbor to Neighbors food pantry stocking up to serve families during holidays

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SPRINGTOWN — Springtown food pantry Neighbor to Neighbors expects to serve close to 2,000 people during Thanksgiving and Christmas this year.

This would be more people served compared to last year’s holiday season, though not as big an increase as the one from 2021 to 2022, Board President James Heil said.

“It was a pretty big jump last year,” Heil said.

Neighbor to Neighbors is currently stocking up on holiday foods to be able to offer families as they collect groceries from the food pantry “for folks to be able to have that meal and not miss out on that experience,” Heil said.

“We’re planning on being

able to have a lot more variety for folks to be able to pick from,” he said.

Heil is hoping to have turkeys and hams to distribute to families, if possible, but if not, the pantry should have pork loins available.

Heil is expecting potential food and monetary donations from some companies to supplement Neighbor to Neighbors’ supply for the holidays. Donations from community food drives are still welcome and can be picked up by the food pantry’s volunteers.

“Any organization that wants to do food drives — perishable, non-perishable — we sure would appreciate that,” Heil said.

Compared to previously,

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Trick-or-treater Grayson Armstrong’s father struggles to pull him away from an alien abductor.

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Getting crafty

Azle FCCLA hosts first annual craft and vendor fair

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AZLE — Azle High School's Family, Career and Community Leaders of America chapter turned Azle High School into a veritable fairground for its first-ever craft and vendor fair fundraiser on Saturday, Oct. 21. FCCLA is a national, state and local career and technical student organization aimed toward addressing community needs and promoting personal growth through leadership development. FCCLA allows students to learn about, compete in and begin career pathways in human services, hospitality, education, visual arts and design. With over 120 vendors, half a dozen food trucks, and lots

of hard work, FCCLA members and leadership were thrilled with the turnout at the vendor fair. AHS's FCCLA advisor Natasha Deramee has been planning the event since July and was excited to let the community know more about the organization and the students in it. "This is the first one we've ever done and we're on a learning curve," Deramee said. "The kids, it gets them out of their shell a bit, they're speaking to people. In the FCCLA I've seen kids go from the shyest, quietest little freshmen to being so confident when they're a senior. We love the organization, and we want the town to know about it. Plus, they're fundraising not only for their chapter, but for



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FCCLA volunteers like Haylie Fretwell, Skye Dicks, Alexia Alons happily directed attendees and answered questions during the event.

their letter jackets and cords for graduation. We hope we may be able to donate to some of the causes they want to support." Hannah Beck is the vice president of records for FCCLA Region II and has been promoting the event and her organization to anyone who'd listen for the last few months.

Beck sees the fair as an excellent partnership between local businesses, the school and FCCLA, all for the betterment of the community. "It's a really good fundraiser not only for us, but for (the vendors) as well," Beck said. "They're able to get their name out and we're able to benefit from their registra-

tion fees, having that go toward our chapter and then also our community. FCCLA is all about the community, so being able to give back to them and them being able to give back to us is just the perfect pair. I think this is just such an incredible opportunity. It's just a way for people to speak out and get everything out to the surface and out to the community. I think that's a wonderful thing and I'm so excited this turned out the way we wanted it to." Wherever you went around Azle High School on the day of the fair, excited FCCLA participants and volunteers were happy to assist attendees with directions and any questions about their organization. "It's going really great," Annika Birkeland said. Birkeland serves as president of both the AHS chapter of FCCLA and the school's Students Advocating for a Viable Environment or SAVE chapter. "Look how many people there are, it's amazing. It's our first time running this, so it's really incredible that we're able to do this in just one year."

Deaf Blonde Designs, Stinger Laser Works, Wreath Designs by Nancy and Selbor Printing were just a few of the 120+ vendors in attendance. Local businesses, entrepreneurs and hobbyists of all kinds were represented at the booths scattered throughout the school's indoor gym and common areas. Azle ISD representatives were also present with a booth about the upcoming bond election and faith-based organizations like Revive United Methodist Church presented information and passed out sweets. AHS students and clubs also dressed up and participated in the fair by hosting small trunk-or-treat tables inside the building. The AHS American Sign Language club offered free face painting for children. SAVE members gave away origami birds, the student council gave away candy and parents could have their kids photographed with festive seasonal backdrops. "I'm just happy the whole community has come out around this," Birkeland said. "It's our first year doing this and it's super exciting that it's been so successful."



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FCCLA Region II Vice President of Records Hannah Beck.



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FCCLA advisor Natasha Deramee.

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If it is mechanical, it will break down

Last weekend our grand-daughter spent the night. It was a fun evening and on Sunday morning my girls explained to me it had been decided we were going out for breakfast. Something was mentioned about pancakes and bacon, and the next thing I knew they were all dressed, and we were loading up my wife's car to head to the diner. My granddaughter was buckled into the car seat and my wife had jumped into the front seat as I pushed the ignition button on the car. When I did, nothing happened. I guess that is not exactly true because the engine did make sort of a groan, but it did not turn over. Instantly I assumed it was the battery and wondered if maybe something like a courtesy light switch had been left on, thinking it might have



FROM MY FRONT PORCH
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drained the battery overnight. There had been no warning of a battery issue, it was just suddenly dead. The girls unloaded, got into my car and we headed off to breakfast. When we returned, I discarded the prior plans made for the morning and went about determining what had gone wrong with the car. Since the vehicle was parked in the garage, and there is a substantial slope to the driveway heading into the garage, pushing the car out to be able to "jump it" seemed unlikely. Instead, I got out the battery charger, plugged it in, and hooked it up. It took about 20 minutes before the battery had taken enough charge to let the engine turn over, but once it did, it started right up. I then headed to the parts store where I got the battery tested only to learn it had gone bad. Two hundred seventy-five dollars later I had a new battery installed and I had a degree of comfort knowing my wife and the grandbaby would not be out someplace stranded because of a mechanical issue. Mission accomplished and all is well. On the way home from the

auto parts store, my mind drifted to all the other occasions in my life where I had car-related battery problems. In the days before electronic ignitions, there were all sorts of issues which could prevent your car from starting. It could be the points, the distributor cap, the coil, and of course, the battery. When I started driving 50 years ago batteries were not as strong or as long-lasting as they are now. In high school my old '65 Fairlane would sit out all night in freezing temperatures and when I headed to school in the morning, it was not unusual for me to turn the key and hear that familiar whining sound as the car failed to turn over. Invariably, I would have to get the jumper cables and hook them up, so they bridged from my dad's car battery

to mine. It was a frustrating, freezing and aggravating way to start a morning. Unfortunately, it was a process which was regularly repeated, especially during the cold winter months. There have been a lot of old cars in my past, with lots of mechanical problems. Seems half my youth was spent under the hood of a car trying to solve an issue. I guess similar problems went on for generations as I recalled my dad telling me about a Model A he had in high school that leaked so much oil and water, he would have to stop and fill it up every 20 or 30 miles. He told me the car could not go faster than 25 miles an hour but it sure beat walking to town from the farm. Times have changed, and car engines have gotten more efficient and reliable. Oh, they can still break down, but the expectation is they will run and run well. In the "good old days," it seems like it was more of a 50-50 proposition. My money says a lot of my older readers have some of the same car experiences I did, or my dad did. In some ways it is nice to stroll down that "auto repair" memory lane, but all in all, I don't miss the problems or the aggravation. Getting a new battery was painless and I bet I do not have to worry about the same problem for another four or five years. I think that is progress. Thought for the day: The only time you should ever look back is to see how far you have come. Until next time...I will keep ridin' the storm out. sam@hcnews.com

Fun with seasoned adults

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AZLE — Cold and wet weather has not slowed down the members of the Azle Adult Activity Center. Located in Ash Creek Park at 601 Southeast Parkway, adults 60 and older are welcome to participate in the daily activities made available as well as special programs and trips. Open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 1:30

Azle's Adult Activity Center hosts a fall full of fun at BJ Clark Building

p.m., daily activities include lunch which is served at 11:30 a.m. Participants choose from two menu options which are available for a suggested donation of just \$2 per meal. We ask anyone who wants to eat to please call 817-444-0070 before 9:30 a.m. the day before they plan to eat to order their meal. Light and nutritious breakfasts are also available but must be ordered two days in advance. There are other activities, as well. Earlene Gardner leads a craft group on Thursdays and Fridays starting at 9 a.m. A quilt is one of the projects under way as well as scrapbooking. The craft room is open every day for those who want to come and work independently on these or other projects. If you have ever played bridge, some folks come to play on Fridays at 9 a.m. who would welcome you. If you want to learn or need a refresher course on the game, please call ahead to arrange a meeting with the teachers. (They meet on a different day and by appointment.) Some of the more recent special events include a trip to Eagle Mountain Plaza for a special time with John and Don Webster and Webster Ministries. For the first hour, 21 people enjoyed music videos from a variety of Christian artists while having a lunch of pizza. Starting at noon, they were a live audience for the television pro-



COURTESY JJ JOY

Azle seniors boarding a bus for the first annual Mega Bingo event at Tarrant County College.



COURTESY JJ JOY

Vice President of Adult Activity Centers at Meals On Wheels, Inc. of Tarrant County with Troy Dungan, former chief weather anchor at WFAA-TV in Dallas for 30 years.

gram. In addition, a life-size replica of Elvis Presley was available for photos. Mr. Bow Tie himself, retired DFW Meteorologist Troy Dungan called the numbers at the first annual Mega Bingo organized by Meals On Wheels, Inc. of Tarrant County on Oct. 24. The event was held at Tarrant County College, Trinity Campus with more than 240 participants from the Adult Activity Centers serviced by Meals On Wheels. Thirty people from the Azle center boarded a bus for a great time of fun, prizes and food. Many sponsors came together to provide around \$3,000 worth of fantastic prizes ranging from \$25 gift cards to a grand blackout prize of \$500. Thirteen of the Azle seniors won prizes ranging from a \$25 gift card for Cracker Barrel to a \$250 Visa card. The Adult Activity Center now offers boxes of fresh produce for those who join us for meals at least four times a month. Boxes usually contain potatoes, squash, tomatoes and other vegetables and fruit as available. These are a great supplement to the home of those who come. Dog and cat owners will be glad to know there will be a new pet food program starting in January. As with meals, a participant must eat with us at least four times a month to receive the bags of pet food. But do not wait till January, meal count will start the first of December and pets must be registered by Dec. 29. This allows us time to get everyone registered with a count of those who meet the meal requirement. If you want to know more about upcoming events, go to www.cityofazle.org and follow the link to Senior Center to see our lunch menu and monthly activities. You don't want to miss out on any opportunity here at the Azle Adult Activity Center. For further information on these or other programs, please contact us at 817-444-0070.

DRIVE

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less veterans, kicked off a motorcycle ride and toy run across North Texas on Oct. 21 for Kangaroo Community Christmas and the kids of Palo Pinto County. The organization's 1507 Ranger Highway location in Weatherford served as the first toy dropoff box and starting location for riders. Toys collected by

Operation Texas Strong will be given out to needy Parker County families throughout November and December during its annual Kangaroo Community Christmas event. The Crutsingers, who run Operation Texas Strong, are also owners of Kangaroo Towing. Instrumental to making it all happen were Austin's Sunshine Foundation and Lonestar Syndicate Social Club. Austin's Sunshine

Foundation was started by Paula Bloom Hill (aka U'Nique) and Bryan Hill (aka Butterbean) after their son, Austin McFadden passed away after a tragic motorcycle accident last year. The group helps families who have lost young adults by providing them with meals, resources, financial services and more. The foundation collaborated with local motorcycle club Lonestar Syndicate and Operation Texas Strong to help get gifts

to kids throughout North Texas this year. "It's all about the kids," according to the Hills. "We do it for the kids, the smiles on their faces." Deedee Zook (aka Epic) is the secretary of Lonestar Syndicate Club and stood out from the pack with her three-wheeled motor-trike. For Zook, the event was all about helping kids have better childhoods than their parents might have had. Zook is wife to Rob Zook, president of Lonestar Syndicate; she works at a Head Start program for children aged 6 weeks to 5 years. Her daughter, father-in-law and neighbor also joined in the event. From Weatherford, the convoy traveled to Palo Pinto Volunteer Fire Department to deliver toys at another drop-off location and then went to Boondocks Bar and Grill in Possum Kingdom for the final drop off location and afterparty.

Chad Hutto, a veteran and founder of TxCo Adventures, came from Colorado, along with his service dog Jax, to join in on the drive. Hutto provides off-road experiences and comedy shows for nonprofits in Denver and Texas. "Comedy got me out of a dark time in my life, so I try to use comedy to help other people," Hutto said. Anything I can do to help a vet, that's what I'm here for."



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Hutto unloading his jeep with Lonestar Syndicate members and Crutsinger surrounding.



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Rob Zook, Bryan Hill and Paula Bloom Hill.

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Springtown Council approves plat for 137-lot subdivision in ETJ

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SPRINGTOWN — Springtown City Council approved a preliminary plat for a 137-lot residential subdivision in the city’s extraterritorial jurisdiction during its October meeting.

This single-family subdivision will be developed on about 34 acres at the northwest corner of Walnut Creek Drive and Williams-Ward Road.

This subdivision is unique compared to other developments in the county because it will be served by city sewer and water and therefore, does not need to adhere to the county’s usual minimum one-acre lot size. The new subdivision is expected to include lots that are between 7,500-8,250 square feet on average, though some lots are larger.

“However, because of a sanitary sewer easement obtained from this property in 1983, the city is required to provide sanitary sewer service to the property,” reads the narrative from the council’s agenda background document from the Oct. 26 meeting. “Staff and the city attorney have reviewed the easement, and it does not limit the number of connections that are guaranteed by the easement. The requirement that the city provide sanitary sewer service essentially negates the county’s lot size restrictions as they relate solely to the ability to provide adequate on-site sewage facilities (septic systems).”

The agenda background also said, “The city has more than enough water and sewer capacity to service the proposed 137 homes in addition to its existing customers and any new developments which have already been approved. The city’s water treatment plant operates on average at approximately 60% of its capacity, and the wastewater treatment plant operates on average at approximately 70-75% of its capacity. Not only is there already adequate capacity as of present day, both systems have funded, designed expansion projects that will begin construction in the next 6-12 months

to further expand their capacity.”

Otherwise, the city doesn’t have control over the specifications of the development like other subdivisions in the county. This means the city cannot regulate the subdivision’s density, lot sizes, zoning or construction of the streets, nor can the city do inspections of the homes, provide code enforcement services or improve traffic in the area.

“The city would have been able to better regulate the required traffic improvements as part of any needed development agreement had the subdivision been annexed,” the agenda background said. “Since the subdivision will remain in the ETJ, that limits the city’s ability to require improvements to only what is required for safety per industry-accepted engineering standards. Because the proposed subdivision will not generate the number of daily trips (the number of times the total number of vehicles will come and go from the subdivision) to require a traffic impact analysis, the results of which would give the city the authority to require specific improvements based on the results of the study, there will be no additional improvements to either Walnut Creek Drive or Williams-Ward that the city has any legal authority to require.”

At the Oct. 26 meeting, city council members approved the plat 4-1, with council member Ted Martinez present but not voting. The council did not have much discretion in their decision. The plat did not vary from the city’s subdivision ordinance, apart from negating rules because of the utility easement and the county’s preferred street construction. Even if the council did not vote to pass the plat within the required timeframe, the plat would still be approved as a matter of law.

The council heard of this subdivision before the meeting on Oct. 26. Development company DSCI, Inc., headed up by Don Sneed, addressed the council during a workshop in January regarding the project. Heading into the May council meeting, the plan

was to voluntarily annex the property into the city limits, but instead of being automatically assigned to Single-Family 1 zoning — a newer requirement of the updated subdivision ordinance — the developers would request Single-Family 2 zoning, which calls for smaller lots than SF-1 zoning. In this plat, the lots would have ranged between 7,500 square feet and 8,875 square feet.

But the council denied the development agreement for the project in May, which extended to the annexation and zoning change.

“As several members of the city council have indicated in public discussions since then, they voted to deny the development agreement because the council did not want the first development after changing the ordinance to assign all newly annexed land SF-1 development to be given a more dense zoning classification,” City Secretary Christina Derr said.

Four residents addressed council about the subdivision in May with concerns about the effect a large and dense subdivision would have on streets, schools, water supply, the environment and Springtown’s small-town charm. They spoke against building neighborhoods reminiscent of more urban areas where homes are very close together.

Another workshop regarding this subdivision took place in August and led to the development of the plat that council approved on Oct. 26.

“Staff spent several weeks (nearly two months) negotiating with Mr. Sneed to identify the best possible development for the city as a whole given the fact that if he chose not to annex, we understood that Mr. Sneed could build virtually anything,” Derr said, while mentioning different options like an apartment complex, an RV park, storage units and other businesses that may have had an adverse impact on neighborhoods in the area.

Moving forward, the city’s engineer will review final construction documents for grading, drainage, water, sewer and streets.

Stabbing at NOS Bar

STAFF REPORTS
AZLE — On Nov. 5, at 1:01 a.m., the Azle Police Department responded to a physical disturbance at the NOS Bar located at 240 W. Main St. Upon arrival, officers discovered a male with stab wounds, a recent press release said. The injured man was later identified as 21-year-old Dalton Turner.

Police still searching for alleged stabbing suspect at publication deadline

The Azle Fire Department arrived on the scene to assess Turner’s injuries and ultimately transported him to a medical facility in downtown Fort Worth with life-threatening injuries. The alleged suspect fled the scene prior to the arrival of officers. This is an open investigation, and the Azle Police Department urges anyone with information to please contact them at 817-444-3221.

Star A/C Supply, LLC



On Thursday, Oct. 26, the Azle Area Chamber of Commerce welcomed Star A/C Supply, LLC to its chamber family. With 13 years of experience in residential and commercial A/C supply, the company is excited to grow within the community. With five locations throughout the metroplex, Star A/C Supply is ready to build relationships with local contractors and make this year a great one in Azle.

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CORRECTION

In the Nov. 2 edition of the Tri-County Reporter, in the story “Excellent Azle Students,” senior Allison Wright’s father’s name, Jackie Wright, was omitted from the story.

SPRINGTOWN SCHOOL MENU

November 13-17, 2023
PK through 12th Grade
*Menus are subject to change.

BREAKFAST PRICES	
EC-12th Grade	\$1.75
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PK-4th Grade	\$3.00
5th-8th Grade	\$3.25
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Adult	\$4.25

Students may prepay for their meals.

PK - 12th Breakfast **BREAKFAST: Everyday** - Various Juices & Cereals, Toast, Milk Variety, Fruit, Jelly Assortment, Buttermilk Biscuit, Variety of milk is offered every day for breakfast and lunch.

Mon Mini Pancakes, Applesauce Cup **Tues** Chicken Biscuit, Sliced Peaches **Weds** Eggstravaganza, Blueberries, **Thurs** Breakfast Pizza, Strawberry Applesauce **Fri** No School

K - 4th Lunch **Lunch: Everyday** - Choice of one meat, two vegetables, and one grain/bread with milk. Variety of milk is offered every day for breakfast and lunch.

Mon Mac & Cheese or Steakfingers, Roll, Roasted Broccoli, Fresh Veggies (Fiesta Sticks, Broccoli, Carrots) **Tues** Chicken Nuggets or Turkey, Roll, Cornbread Stuffing Green Beans, Mashed Potatoes, **Weds** Chicken & Waffles, Tator Tots, Fresh Veggies, Apple or Watermelon Craisins, **Thurs** Enchilada Bake or Popcorn Chicken, Roll, Ranchero Beans, Fresh Veggies **Fri** No School

5th - 12th Lunch **Lunch: Everyday** - Choice of one meat, two vegetables, and one grain/bread with milk. Variety of milk is offered every day for breakfast and lunch.

Mon Popcorn Chicken or Steakfingers, Roll, Mashed Potatoes, Fresh Veggies (Garden Salad, Celery, Carrots), Blueberries, Orange, **Tues** , Chicken Nuggets or Turkey, Roll, Cornbread Stuffing, Green Beans, Mashed Potatoes, Apple, Sliced Pears, **Weds** , Cheeseburger or Hamburger, Tator Tots, Fresh Veggies (Garden Salad, Celery, Carrots), Apple Slices, Pineapple, **Thurs** , Beef Tamales, Hot Dog or Chili Dog, Chili Beans, Fresh Veggies (Garden Salad, Celery, Carrots), Banana,, Strawberry Applesauce, **Fri** No school

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LUNCH: PreK-4th Grade \$2.55 5-6th Grade \$2.75
7-12th Grade \$2.55 2nd Meal \$3.20
Visitors & Employees \$3.75

PreK - 4th

BREAKFAST: Everyday - Assorted Fruits and Cereal, Juice, White or Chocolate Milk, Graham Crackers, Toast
Mon Mini French Toast Sticks, Fresh Apples **Tues** Lucky Charms, Orange Craisins **Weds** Sausage & Egg Biscuit, Fresh Apples **Thurs** Cocoa Puffs, Strawberry Craisins **Fri** CinniMini, Fresh Bananas

LUNCH: Everyday - Variety of milk. Your choice of 1 entree & 1 fruit or juice
Mon Chicken and Waffles, Pancakes w/ Sausage Patties, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans **Tues** Thanksgiving Turkey, Corn Dog, Green Beans, Mashed Potato, Gravy, Roll, Stuffing, Cranberry Sauce **Weds** Meaty Nachos, Hot Dogs, Vegetarian Beans, Pineapples **Thurs** Oven Baked Penne w/ Garlic Breadstick, Turkey & Cheese Sub, Steamed Peas, Pears, Fresh Apples, **Fri** Thanksgiving Turkey, Corn Dog, Green Beans, Mashed Potato, Gravy, Roll, Stuffing, Cranberry Sauce, Fruit Salad

GRADES 5TH - 8TH

BREAKFAST: Everyday - Assorted Fruits and Cereal, Juice, White or Chocolate Milk, Yogurt w/Granola
Mon Waffles w/ Syrup, Pears **Tues** Sausage & Egg Biscuit w/ Jelly, Pineapples **Weds** Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Toast, Fresh Oranges **Thurs** Cinnamon Toast w/ Oatmeal, Fresh Apples **Fri** Glazed Donut, Fresh Bananas

LUNCH: Everyday: Variety of milk. Your choice of 1 entree & 1 fruit or juice, rolls, crackers • Salad bar offered daily
Mon Chicken and Waffles, Pancakes w/ Sausage Patties, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Peaches **Tues** Thanksgiving Turkey, Corn Dog, Green Beans, Mashed Potato, Gravy, Roll, Stuffing, Cranberry Sauce, Fruit Salad, **Weds** Meaty Nachos, Chili Cheese Dog, Vegetarian Beans, Pineapples **Thurs** Oven Baked Penne w/ Garlic Breadstick, Turkey & Cheese Sub, Steamed Peas, Pears, Fresh Apples, **Fri** Max sticks w/ Marinara, Pepperoni Pizza, Chef Salad, Curly Fries, Steamed Corn, Mixed Fruit, Fresh Apples

HIGH SCHOOL

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Ryan, a young Ash Creek Baptist Church Fall Festival attendee, in front of an oncoming mountain of bubbles.



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SHS welding student named Career and Technical Education student of the month

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SPRINGTOWN — Springtown Area Chamber of Commerce recently honored a student who participates in one of Springtown High School’s most popular activities — welding.

The chamber named Wyatt Castillo as the Career and Technical Education student of the month during the Oct. 26 luncheon.

Welding teacher James

Young described Castillo as a “well-rounded welder” who makes good grades and has solid attendance and discipline.

“Wyatt goes above and beyond,” Young said. “His work is outstanding. His progress is amazing.”

Young said the welding program has more than 300 students involved, which makes it the largest program at the high school. Young, who is an experienced welder himself, hopes to produce

“educated and well-rounded” welders to graduate from SHS and obtain their certifications.

SHS Principal Melissa Hutchison also attended the luncheon to talk about the school’s wide variety of Career and Technical Education programs, including health science, law enforcement, computer science and culinary arts.

“If you didn’t know, the high school does more than just math, science, so-

cial studies and English,” Hutchison said. “I just wanted you to know here and be proud that the school is able to produce students to go out and go right into the career force.”

Hutchison said school leaders are always on the lookout for local businesses to partner with to train students in their chosen field. She encouraged business leaders who are interested in partnerships to contact her or other school district officials.



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Springtown Area Chamber of Commerce named Wyatt Castillo as the Career and Technical Education student of the month during the Oct. 26 luncheon. Castillo, left, is pictured with the teacher who nominated him, James Young.

Pojo Productions to host Fairytale Extravaganza on Nov. 14

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SPRINGTOWN — To entertain the community, local theater students will recreate familiar stories about a long-haired princess, nefarious wolves and a musical rat catcher.

Pojo Productions — a collaboration between middle school and high school theater students — will host a Fairytale Extravaganza at 6 p.m. Nov. 14 at Springtown Middle School. Parents and community members will

be able to watch retellings of classic fairytales as well as see artwork created by Springtown students.

The eight stories that will be included are “The Gingerbread Man,” “Little Red Riding Hood,” “Goldilocks and the Three Bears,” “Chang’e and Hou Yi,” “The Three Little Pigs,” “The Boy Who Cried Wolf,” “Rapunzel” and “The Pied Piper.” Attendees will be able to rotate around Springtown Middle School to watch the performances of these fairytales.

Before then, theater students will perform at the elementary schools and Springtown Park Rehabilitation and Care Center on Nov. 13.

Springtown Middle School students will perform one of Aesop’s Fables “The Boy Who Cried Wolf” and the Chinese myth of “Chang’e and Hou Yi” while the high schoolers will produce the other retellings. Middle school theater students personally select which tales they would recreate.

“I told them to kind of

branch out a little bit, and they just went on the internet and started looking until they found something they liked,” middle school theater teacher Aubyn Wood said.

The Fairytale Extravaganza is a new event for Springtown theater students. The goal is to challenge the young actors to tell the stories without the use of sets, props, costumes or makeup.

“We were looking for something for especially the middle school kids to be able to really engage in physically,” Wood said. “A lot of them

have never acted before.”

She added, “They’re supposed to use their bodies for all the characters and all the storylines. They’ve written their own kind of scripts that they’re doing. They’re doing it all, and they’re doing really well.”

The Springtown theater program’s rebranded “Pojo Productions” is also relatively new and represents an effort to “build a program between middle school and high school,” Wood said.

Wood described the Fairytale Extravaganza as ac-

cessible to younger viewers as well as a fun time for both the actors and audience. The event is free, but donations for Springtown’s theater program will be accepted online and at the door. The donations will support the theater students during competition season as well as allow for more community events.

To donate, visit springtownisd.revtrak.net/fine-arts/sms-fine-arts/sms-theater/#/v/2023-2024-sms-theater-fairytale-extravaganza-donations online.

PANTRY

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times have been good for Neighbor to Neighbors, Heil said, and he doesn’t foresee any challenges in the way of the food pantry being able to serve families during the holidays. Neighbor to

Neighbors continues to grow and add new families each week, though not at the rapid pace as during the COVID-19 pandemic.

“We’re still doing a lot more than we’ve ever done in the past, but it’s not growing as much,” Heil said.

The food supply coming into Neighbor to Neighbors

has improved. Tarrant Area Food Bank, which supplies food to Neighbor to Neighbors, was limited in its supply, but since then Tarrant Area has gotten more donations. Neighbor to Neighbors has also had several donations, including one from a local church.

“That was amazing, helped

us be able to make sure that we’re going to have the food that we need for the holidays and things like that,” Heil said.

Neighbor to Neighbors was also able to resolve issues with its electrical system thanks to an anonymous donor. The building Neighbor to Neighbors is housed

in wasn’t built to keep up with the freezers and refrigerators that the food pantry uses, so there were issues with breakers turning off and the pantry losing power for its appliances. Since then, a local resident donated more than \$5,000 for the electrical repairs, and the work was finished

about six weeks ago.

Neighbor to Neighbors is open from 9 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays and from noon to 5:15 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at 413 S. Main St. The food pantry can be reached at 817-523-6095. Monetary donations for the food pantry can be taken at Pinnacle Bank.

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Theater creates magic through production

LILY HUDMAN
& SOPHIA GERBERS
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AZLE — The theater department at Azle High School (AHS) has started work on its new show, “Alice in Wonderland.” The production will run from Nov. 30 through Dec. 3. With a new director this year, both she and the students are busy preparing all the parts that go into

‘Alice in Wonderland’ comes to Azle High School Nov. 30

making the show successful. AHS theater director Rebecca Crabtree got her theater education degree from Midwestern State and graduated in the summer of 2023. Since then, she has wanted to be in charge of her own the-

ater company which she has been able to do at the high school. “Azle theater is the only theater I’ve ever known,” Crabtree said. “So, when I imagined teaching theater, I always imagined teaching it here.”

This is Crabtree’s first year as theater director at AHS, but as a former Azle ISD student, she has fond memories of the program from an early age. “I’m very excited to return back to the place I discovered theater,” Crabtree said. “The first show I ever saw was as a Walnut Creek Elementary student walking across the parking lot to see High School Musical at the high school and I kind of want to bring back that community and vertical expansion of the theater department since we’re only in the high school and have outreach with the junior highs and elementaries. It’s very nostalgic to be back. Everything is different, but also, everything is the same.”

Auditions took place Oct. 3, and students received their parts. Rehearsals began Oct. 12, and the department is in preproduction, putting the



COURTESY LILY HUDMAN

The cast of “Alice in Wonderland” performs its “shake it out” warmup.

costumes and set together.

“Right now, our crew leaders are preparing for rehearsals and getting their designs ready so we can hit the ground running the first day of rehearsals,” Crabtree said. “We have to start sewing, painting and all that fun stuff.”

Because there’s a new director, things are expected to run differently. Along with that, there are many new students who decided to audition this year for the show.

“I’m excited to see a lot of new faces in the department and to see what it’s like having a new director and how

that will shape the show,”

senior Mason O’Daniel said. “But also, see how that’ll shape the people I’ve seen previously and how they’ll change and grow up.”

Drama club president and senior Kameron Weger said he loves to act because it’s like lying without a consequence, and he gets to create different emotions in the viewers.

“I enjoy playing with an audience and I enjoy making people feel like they’ve had a good time,” Kameron said. “So yeah, I love theater so much.”

The crew is also creat-

ing the set designs for the show. Senior Katie Hinojosa said she is looking forward to seeing the set completed and how everyone’s designs merge.

“I’m excited for all the designs and to see everyone’s designs kind of come together and create the show,” Hinojosa said.

The cast and crew said they are thrilled to do a show that has so much room to incorporate the things they want in it.

“It’s a fantastical, magical world and we can do anything we want,” Crabtree said. “The possibilities are endless.”



COURTESY LILY HUDMAN

From left around Crabtree: senior Savannah LeFan, senior Ali O’Neil, senior Skye Dickens, sophomore Sydney Shepherd, freshman Juniper Jordan.

SHS to present ‘The Little Mermaid’

Junior Malia Vincent-Wilson to play Ariel

MADELYN EDWARDS
TRI-COUNTY REPORTER

Springtown High School junior Malia Vincent-Wilson, who will play Ariel in the high school’s upcoming production of “The Little Mermaid,” sings “The World Above” at the Springtown Area Chamber of Commerce’s luncheon on Oct. 26. Performances of the musical will take place at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 8-9 at SHS. To buy tickets, visit www.vancoevents.com/us/events/landing/36437 online. Cast members from the musical, junior Aiden Perrotta who plays Triton and senior Alexa Teague who plays Ursula, talked to luncheon attendees about program advertisements, the deadline for which is Nov. 27. For more information, reach out to Fine Arts Director Robin Hidrogo at 817-550-7458 or by email at rhidrogo@springtownisd.net.



Reno Police Department to hire new officer

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RENO — Reno City Council approved hiring a new patrol officer as opposed to rehiring an officer who was previously employed with the police department.

The council discussed this decision during the meeting on Oct. 30. Police Chief Scott Elsner told the council the officer who had considered returning to Reno opted to stay at his current job instead. The chief found a new officer who was finishing up his exams and would be willing to sign a two-year contract to work at Reno Police Department. Hiring an officer was already included in the city’s budget.

Elsner clarified during the meeting that the two-year contract, if he decides to hire that particular new officer,

would be dependent on the officer meeting certain requirements for employment.

“It’s an open-ended contract. It’s not a closed-ended contract,” he said. “If he doesn’t meet the requirements, then we both walk in our separate directions, and there’s no harm, no foul. It’s just that we’re not going to spend the money on him, and then a year from now he decides he’s going to leave.”

Elsner indicated he and other Reno Police Department employees will be happy to have another officer join the department, which will have six officers after a new one is hired.

When asked how having another officer will affect public safety in Reno, Elsner said, “Any additional person is an enhancement.”



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Azle Optimist Youth Banquet

The Optimist Club of Azle held its 43rd Annual Youth Appreciation Banquet on Thursday, Nov. 2 at Forte Junior High School. The banquet gives the club a chance to recognize one boy and one girl from each Azle ISD campus, as well as one member of the Azle Composite Squadron (Civil Air Patrol) and a member of Boy Scout Troop 175, for their hard work and achievements at school and in the community.

- Not pictured:
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 - Daniel Zatarain-Meza, Cross Timbers Elementary
 - Delilah Weed, Liberty Elementary

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Tobin Russell and Parker Jeter, Silver Creek



Brady Smith and Levi Adcock



Max Shirley, Liberty Elementary



Cash Milligan and Payton Williams, Azle Elementary



Braden Forsythe and Rebecca Marx, Azle High School



Owen Robinson and Lexi Migura, Hilltop Elementary



Jameson Willis and Emma Renteria, Eagle Heights



Sadie Smart and Carter Barton, Walnut Creek



Aaron Stapleton and Kelsey Eminger, Forte JH



Caden Caffey and Jaycee White, Azle Junior High



Paisley Porter, Cross Timbers and Alison Musick, Hoover Elementary



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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE- VARIANCE REQUEST

The City of Pelican Bay Board of Adjustment will conduct a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 14, 2023 at City Hall, 1300 Pelican Circle to consider the following variance request: The property owner, KBA Remodeling, LLC, has requested a variance to the front yard setback for an existing lot 14 1977 Town & Country 14 X 72 LB# TXS0620306, Block 1 Pelican Bay Addition, generally located at 1253 Lindale Terrace. The property is zoned SF-3 (Single-Family 3), which requires a minimum front yard setback of 25 five feet. There is an existing structure on the property and the dedication of right-of-way creates a noncompliance with the front yard setback requirement. Written comments on the variance request are welcomed and must be returned to the following address before the meeting. Members of the public are invited to attend and speak at the hearing.

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Need Narcan?

Springtown overdose awareness center establishes dispenser for overdose-reversing medicine

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SPRINGTOWN — Plenty of times people can find an AED, or automated external defibrillator, in a public space that can be used to save a person experiencing sudden cardiac arrest.

Springtown overdose awareness group We ARE Our Brother's Keeper founder Jessica Castro says Narcan, which is used to help people who are overdosing, is just as necessary.

Castro has established a Narcan dispenser (using an old newspaper box donated by The Tri-County Reporter) outside the We ARE Our Brother's Keeper resource center at 824 E. State Highway 199 in Springtown. The Narcan is free, and the dispenser includes instructions for how to use the Narcan on the front.

Naloxone — the generic term for the brand name Narcan — is medicine that can reverse an opioid overdose and restore a person's normal breathing, according to the National Institute on Drug Abuse's website. Narcan is a nasal spray that can be applied to a person's nostril while they lay on their back to help with overdose symptoms, which include unconsciousness, very small pupils, slow or shallow breathing, vomiting, an inability to speak, faint heartbeat, limp arms and legs, pale skin, and purple lips and fingernails.

Having Narcan on hand can save someone's life. Castro recalled a woman explaining that she picked up Narcan from the resource center and had to use it twice in a matter of days to prevent overdose death.

"Stories like that, that's why we have to have it out there," Castro said. "She said she was just at somebody's house and didn't realize that anybody was using drugs."

Eventually, Castro would

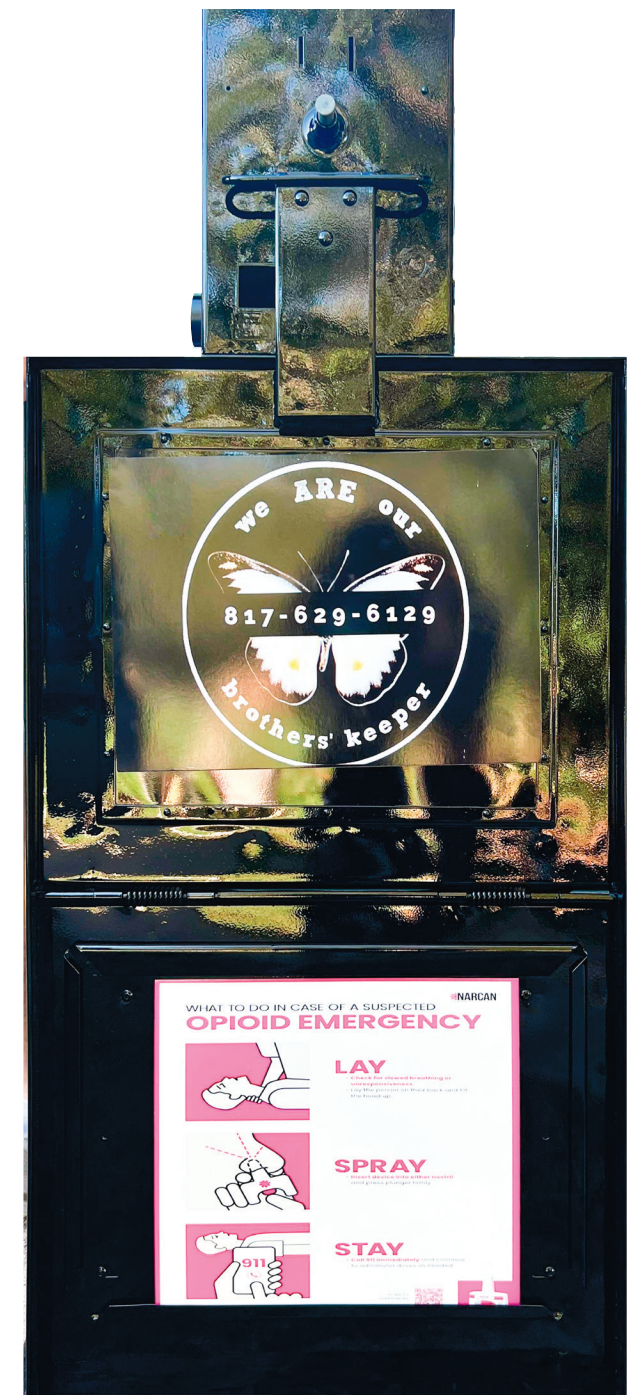


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The Narcan dispenser outside the We ARE Our Brother's Keeper resource center at 824 E. State Highway 199 in Springtown.

like there to be local trainings people can attend to learn how to use Narcan "because a lot of people don't understand or know what Narcan is." She would like to have more Narcan dispensaries around town but needs

funding or donations of dispenser boxes to make that happen.

For more information about We ARE Our Brother's Keeper, visit facebook.com/groups/247802716917220/ to join the Facebook group.



PHOTO COURTESY THE WORD @ SPRINGTOWN

Springtown campus pastor Taylor Tomlin gives the message at The WORD @ Springtown, which hosts church services on Sunday mornings at Springtown Middle School.

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who were driving from the Springtown and Poolville areas to attend church in Lakeside.

Considering all these connections, creating a church in Springtown felt like a "no-brainer" to Bohannon.

"There are some great churches in Springtown already; we're not trying to compete with anybody," he said. "It's such a great community that we'll bring a church to Springtown, and so that's what we're there to do. And we just want to be a part of the community because we feel like it is our community, and we just want to partner with the other churches that are already there. We want to see people that are looking for building their faith to have that opportunity with us and really just be a part of the Springtown community."

However, Bohannon and Taylor Tomlin, Springtown campus pastor and student ministries pastor at both campuses, couldn't find real estate in Springtown that would fit the needs of the church. They then turned to Springtown Independent School District to rent one of its facilities while they work to find a place of their own.

For anyone concerned about the separation of church and state, Bohannon assures them that the church does pay rent and has been able to improve Springtown Middle School by fixing its lighting in the theater area.

"We definitely try to make sure we leave it better than we find it," Bohannon said. "We've had a good friendship, good relationship with the school. We appreciate them, and again, I think we're benefiting them because we're a source of income into our

school district."

The WORD @ Springtown had its first service on Sept. 10. Church volunteers set up the middle school before church — including speakers, lights, banners and appropriate seating — and remove everything once service has concluded. Bohannon pointed out that the setup also includes a kid's church, a nursery, stocking bathrooms and providing refreshments. Tomlin credited Logan Edwards, who heads up technical arts at The WORD, for transforming the school into a church on Sundays.

"It's really come to life," Tomlin said. "You walk in there, and you're like, 'There's no way this was a school cafeteria.'"

For his part, Edwards said the transformation is about making people feel at ease.

"We try and let people hear and see the gospel with the least amount of distractions and making them as comfortable as possible," he said.

For the most part, Tomlin serves as the main pastor who delivers the message on Sunday mornings in Springtown. The most prominent goal Tomlin has for the Springtown church is finding people who are looking for God and being a place for them to build their spiritual connection.

"People should feel appreciated when they walk in the door, should have a chance to worship freely when they're there, and they should feel loved when they walk out and know somebody wanted them at church," he said, adding that the church's team of volunteers and staff has done a good job of setting that tone. "We just want people to find a place to go and find where they're comfortable. And if that's with us, awesome. If it's another church, we want people to be in

church, period."

Anyone who is a believer in Jesus Christ or interested in becoming one is welcome at the church, Tomlin said. Dress code at the church is relaxed, with some churchgoers attending in slacks and dress shirts and others in jeans and shorts.

"We want people to know when they come, we don't expect them to put on a mask or a show or performance," Bohannon said. "If there are things in our life that that God cares to change or make different or whatever, that's His lane; we'll stay in our lane. It's a very unpretentious group. And so, if somebody is looking for a place that's not going to be about how much money they've got in their bank account, or who their daddy was, or what their last name was, or any of that sort of thing, you're welcome. But if you're somebody that came up with all that and you still want the same things, you're welcome, too."

Edwards described the culture of the church as authentic and allowing people to be imperfect humans.

"We just want to make sure we love people, we forgive people, we have mercy and that we're all trying to get through life and be a good Christian," he said.


Another goal is to be able to help other churches that want to branch out to multiple locations as well as for the church to be a part of the Springtown community, Tomlin said.

"We don't want to be one that we're always needing from the community," he said. "We want to be the one that's giving to the community."


For more information about The WORD Churches, visit thewordchurches.com online.

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Popular trick or treat spot sees scores of ghosts and ghouls Oct. 31

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Homeowners like Justin Hutto and Jill Sterner delivered frights and delights to anxious trick-or-treaters.



Jimmy, Audryana and baby Porter Villarreal enjoyed the night in their matching bee-utiful family costumes.



The True family, Aubrey, Ivy, Brendan, Kora, Levi and Jasper.



The Lett family, Karen, Emma, Ava and Easton with Noah Stizzo.



Several nameless and silent creepy clowns stalked the night on All Hallows Eve.



Jesse Lamb and his Doberman pinscher, Diamond, enjoyed the night out.

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Springtown's Howl-O-Ween Boo Bash

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A mini Minnie Mouse, 1-year-old Carsyn Harris, pets a gentle beast while her grandmother Tammy Morgan holds her during the Boo Bash in Springtown Park.



Riley Wilmore, 8; Truitt Wilmore, 11; and Noah John Wilmore, 9, stand in line along with other children to pick up candy and other goodies from tables set up at Springtown's Howl-O-Ween Boo Bash last week.



Dressed up as Alice from "Alice in Wonderland," Springtown Public Library Director Andie D'Avignon blows bubbles at little monster Elijah Gray, 2, and his family at Springtown's Howl-O-Ween Boo Bash in the park.



Will Lanicek, 3, dressed as a truck, and Christian Ortega, 4, dressed up as Buzz Lightyear take a picture together at the Howl-O-Ween Boo Bash in the Springtown Park.



Shirley Brown meets Lucy Gandara, 1, dressed as a little cow, and her father Grardo at the city's Boo Bash in the Springtown Park. Brown was handing out candy at the table for Springtown's Eureka Masonic Lodge.



Quesadilla and candy bag in hand, a little cowboy — Ashton Cannon, 2 — sets off on his Halloween journey during Springtown's Boo Bash in the park.

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On top, Kelby Castro and the Springtown Porcupines are flying into the playoffs.

Playoff Porcupines

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SPRINGTOWN — Ending the regular season with a 64-21 walloping of Wichita Falls was a good way for Springtown to enter the playoffs. Momentum and confidence can go a long way. Head coach Brian Hulett praised his offensive linemen for doing their jobs. “We played well up front and were able to get the ball

Springtown football team hopes to push deep into postseason

to all of our skill kids in both the running and passing game,” he said. Quarterback Hudson Hulett hit Brayden Fox, Kelby Castro and Braydon Butler for passing scores. Drake Doggett, Nathan Johnson and Hayden Nichols ran for TDs. Kicker Bryce Smith was his dependable self.

The defense gave up a TD on Wichita Falls’ opening drive but clamped down afterward, creating havoc for the Coyotes offense. Springtown safety Kamryn Cleveland contributed to the scoreboard tally with a 25-yard pick-6, and the defense

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Chase Thompson and the defense will have to control Hereford’s talented offense.

Season’s end

Azle football finishes in style with exciting game, hoopla

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AZLE — Hornet football fans weren’t concerned that Azle had no chance to make the playoffs. On Nov. 3, under Friday night lights, scores of people flocked into Hornet Stadium to support a team that had fought hard every week while competing against teams in one of the toughest districts in the state. Azle’s final game on Nov. 3 was no different. Azle faced district rival Centennial, a Burleson-based playoff contender that went 7-3 this season. The Hornets lost 41-16 but kept the game interesting by never giving up despite falling behind by three touchdowns early in the game.

Quarterback Derrek Vowell, a sophomore, gained more experience for the future, tossing scoring passes to Aiden Mackey and Christian Mendoza. Vowell completed 17 of 27 passes for 200 yards and 2 TDs. Another sophomore, Jon Lardizabal, showed promise for the years ahead. He was the team’s leading rusher with 82 yards on 11 attempts. Hagen Hughes ground his way to 67 yards on 14 attempts. Payton Blann displayed sticky hands, catching 9 passes for 81 yards to lead the receivers. Others with catches included Cash Moore and Bryan Ragar. The football season is done for the Hornets, who will return next season for more gridiron glory.



Defensive warrior Tyler Ulrich and numerous other seniors have played their last game for Azle football.



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Hagen Hughes blows past Centennial defenders on his way to gaining 67 yards for the night.

Area champs!

Springtown falls to Stephenville at regional quarterfinal

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SPRINGTOWN — The Lady Porcupines began the season with a string of losses and ended it with a flourish, winning their final two district games, making the playoffs, and winning bidistrict and area championships. The season came to an end on Nov. 6 when an old nemesis, the Stephenville Honeybees, prevailed 3-0 at the regional quarterfinal match played at Aledo High School. The scores: 25-17, 25-14, and 25-18. “I’m really proud of our

girls,” said Kelby Castro, a football player who had made the trip to Aledo with numerous other Springtown students to watch their Lady Porcupines do battle. “They fought really hard. We’ll get them next year.” Another student, Robert Lewis, expressed pride in the team for winning an area title and praised Kallie Conway for an “outstanding game” against Stephenville. Conway led the team in digs with 13. Aerial Jackson logged 12, and Sterlyn Smith added 10.

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Brooklynn Quintanilla digs a serve against Stephenville.

They got the beat

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SPRINGTOWN — Even though it's still marching band season, Springtown High School percussionists have their eyes on March when they get to perform at the Music for All National Festival.

"I'm looking forward to sharing the thing that I love to do the most with everybody and just show, 'Hey, this is what I worked for,'" said Doc Miller, who is a senior and plays the quads.

On March 21-23, 18 high school percussion students will attend the festival in Indianapolis.

"I think it's just going to be a really fun experience," said Nick McCabe, who is a junior and plays the snare drum. "This is pretty big, and there's not a whole lot of people also going, so we were one of the few that were actually picked, and I think that's really awesome."

This is the first time the high school percussion ensemble has applied for the Music for All National

SHS percussion ensemble to perform at Music for All National Festival

Festival. SHS Percussion Director Rachel Garza recalled one of her teacher colleagues saying the festival was the best experience for his students. The percussion ensemble usually participates in two festivals every spring in the Dallas-Fort Worth area, and percussion students throughout the school district have a yearly concert in Springtown.

Garza described this year's percussion ensemble as a strong group that motivated her to apply for different festivals, and she is excited for her students to gain new experiences.

"I hope to just broaden their musical horizons a little bit, be introduced to other ensembles from across the country, not just our small region," she said. "For a lot of them, it's their first time traveling out of state. (For) a lot of them, it's going to be their very first time on an air-

plane, so just kind of letting them experience that. Even if they're not going to continue in music, just going to the festival and networking with other people from around the country is going to be a super cool experience for, I hope, a lot of them."

Another student who will attend the festival is freshman Ally Kitchen who plays the marimba.

"I'm excited to experience something like that, going out and getting to compete," Kitchen said. "I've never done anything like that before."

To be invited, Garza had to submit an extensive application in April that included recordings of the percussion ensemble's previous performances and references from people who have witnessed the performances. In addition to getting invited to the festival, Garza received feedback from professionals on the ensemble's performances.



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Springtown High School drumline gets ready to perform at a recent marching band contest.

"They were just really pleased with the maturity of the group and the level of literature they're able to perform," she said. "The pieces we submitted, one of them was definitely like a collegiate staple, so a lot of colleges play that piece. It's good to hear that type of feedback."

At the festival, the ensemble will perform and hear other performances as well as attend social events to meet other students. The Music for All National Festival isn't just for percussionists, Garza said. Other musical groups like orchestras, concert bands and choirs are also expected to attend.

"I'm actually really excited to meet other people who are as dedicated and who care as much as I do," Miller said. "I really like meeting people who love music just like I do and share the same passion for it."

In all, the festival is expected to include about 60 ensembles, and about 15 of those are percussion groups. On top of that, Garza described the other groups from Texas that are going to the festival as being from bigger and wealthier schools than SHS.

"I'm very excited that (we), a 4A school, got invited to kind of play with the big

boys," she said.

Miller and McCabe credited the percussion ensemble's success in getting invited to the festival to their fellow musicians and Garza, who Miller called "a really good teacher." McCabe said the passion for music from ensemble leaders and Garza spreads to everyone else in the group.

"It makes everyone so much more happy and energetic and joyful about this activity that we participate in," McCabe said.

Kitchen pointed out that success also comes from dedication and daily practice.

"It's a lot, but it's worth it," she said.

SHS's percussion ensemble will be learning and perfecting new music leading up to the festival, Garza said, including one piece that was written specifically for the group. They plan to host a send-off concert ahead of the festival on March 19. The ensemble is expected to close its performance at the festival with a pop song, as is tradition.

"I think that's important because that's what we do here in Springtown," Garza said. "I wanted to take that to the national stage."

All students attending the festival are responsible for



Help support the Sound of Springtown drumline get to Indianapolis by donating financially.

paying for their own plane tickets. The group is also in the process of fundraising about \$17,000 to pay for expenses through raffles and business sponsorships, Garza said.

People can find out more about the fundraising opportunities via Facebook at the Sound of Springtown page or the Springtown Band Backers page. Donations can be given at <https://tinyurl.com/54jf3h6m> online or use the QR code above.

Those who can't donate financially can support the percussion ensemble and the band by showing up to the performances, Garza said.

"That means a lot to the kids, maybe more than they realize, having an audience for them," she said.



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Springtown High School's percussion ensemble will attend the Music for All National Festival in March in Indianapolis.

Bidistrict champs

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AZLE — The luck of the draw was unlucky for the Lady Hornets.

After winning the bidistrict championship on Oct. 31, Azle advanced to the area round and found itself matched against Colleyville Heritage — the reigning state champions of UIL 5A volleyball.

On Nov. 2, the two teams met in Haslet to duke it out, and Colleyville won in three sets, although Azle put up a fight from start to finish: 25-12, 25-11, and 25-12.

Afterward, the team's five seniors were sad to see their high school careers end, hopeful for what lies ahead, and somewhat overcome with the feels. They stood around the court, hugging and crying, talking and laughing.

The girls had bonded during their journey to the bidistrict title. Azle volleyball hadn't won a playoff game since 2011.

"We went through lots of ups and downs, and we really worked together to pull off

Azle Lady Hornets shed tears of joy, sadness after playoff loss

something that hasn't been done in about a decade," said co-captain Kamryn Hill. "That was great that we came together and did that. This is a great program to be a part of, and I just hope they do great things — better things — than we did this year."

Azle knocked off Everman 3-1 in the bidistrict game in four exciting sets: 25-20, 24-26, 25-19 and 25-18. The last Azle team to earn the title knocked off Dunbar High School.

Decades have passed since the Lady Hornets won an area title.

Head coach Kenley Buckholt credited the team with raising the bar higher for the volleyball program.

"For a long time, playoffs were new for us," she said. "Now, it's becoming a little bit more consistent. So, the next step is, how do we keep going even further? This group was kind of the first, I hope of many, to come, and each year

I hope we keep pushing past the limit a little bit more."

New faces will replace those of the upperclassmen.

"I'm going to really miss these seniors," the coach said. "They've done a great job of helping create a new legacy for Azle volleyball."

The players couldn't help but think about what might have been if not for drawing the short straw against Colleyville.

"Unfortunately, sometimes the stars don't align for you, and you get matched up with the reigning state champs right off the bat," Buckholt said. "Considering that, I'm proud of how they handled it. They didn't stop fighting. That is all I can ask for."

Melanie Harder expects her former teammates to continue improving under the watchful eyes of Buckholt and her coaching staff.

"They're going to do great things," Harder said. "I see a light in every single one of



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Destiny Brune and the Lady Hornets play tough against the defending state champs.

them. I know the future for Azle volleyball is very bright."

The end of the season — and her career — happened "really fast," said co-captain Brynn Lee. "We didn't have the fairest of matchups, obviously, but we tried our hardest."

The loss stung but didn't erase the sweetness of the bidistrict victory from a few days earlier.

"That was a great feeling," Lee said. "That was a career highlight for all of us."

Tears rolled down the cheeks of Tatum Harrison, who noted the drops fell from happiness as much as sadness. She played volleyball most of her life but has decided to focus on her education at college. The end of volleyball meant the beginning of other things, she said.

"It's been a long road, playing since I was a little bitty girl," she said. "I knew this was going to be my last season. It's really hard, but it's happy tears at the same time. I'm just so grateful for everyone here in this program. I love everyone in this program."

She plans to attend nursing school at UNT and specialize in labor and delivery.

Shree Patel will also focus on education, although she will miss her teammates. She and Hill have played together on the same volleyball teams

since the seventh grade.

"I love celebrating my girls and cheering them on," Patel said. "It's just sad to see it come to an end and all these relationships and bonds you've made come to an end."

The joy comes from look-

ing ahead to "celebrate what's coming," she said. "I'm ready for college and everything. I'm ready to take on the world and life outside of Azle. As much as I'm going to miss them, we have to move on."



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Shree Patel hugs fellow senior Melanie Harder after losing to Colleyville Heritage in the area round.



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Miley Massey and Tatum Harrison show emotion after the playoff loss.

Sis boom bye

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AZLE — Cheerleaders helped to keep the crowd’s energy high during Azle’s final football game on Nov. 3, performing cheers, chants, stunts, jumps and call-backs. Two cheerleaders were an especially big hit in the second quarter. Lilly Estes and Vanessa Webb were in danger of shattering the cuteness barometer while sitting in with the team. The youngsters earned the right to perform during the second quarter after winning a silent auction at a fundraiser.

Azle youngsters win chance to cheer for Hornets at season finale

Basking in the lights, noise, music and electric feeling was heady stuff for a couple of tykes. “It was great,” said Lilly, the 5-year-old niece of Amy Estes, swimming coach at Azle High School. Lilly’s favorite part of the night was chanting, “Hey, hey, let’s rally for the Hornets,” and being hoisted high by varsity cheerleaders, she said. Being the top person on a stunt, so high up in the air, was intimidating for Lilly at first. During a practice session earlier in the day, she appeared apprehensive. She persevered and gained confidence. By gametime, she’d forgotten her nerves and smiled broadly while waving to hundreds of people in the stadium. Vanessa was right there by her side. “We did the stunts,”



Lilly Estes enjoys her time on the sidelines with the varsity cheer team.

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Older cheerleaders give a helping hoist to Lilly Estes.

Vanessa said. “I love the stunts.” The girls are members of Azle Mini Cheer and hope to be doing stunts on the sidelines in high school one day. Azle cheer coach Taylor Hodges expressed gratitude for their interest.

“The varsity cheerleaders are always really excited whenever the Mini girls get to cheer with us,” she said. “The Mini girls really look up to them.” Varsity cheerleaders appreciate the opportunity to inspire the youngsters, Hodges

said. “It’s amazing that we can give them the opportunity to cheer with us,” she said. “They have a lot of fun with the little kids, and they like that they are able to give back to the community.”



SMARTER PHOTOGRAPHY

Hudson Hulett and the Porcupines will take on Hereford for a bidistrict title.

PLAYOFF

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added a safety for 2 points. In the last two games, Springtown has outscored its opponents 134-35. Hudson Hulett is leading the team with patience and poise in his senior season. The football team ended the regular season at 7-3 overall and 3-1 in District 4-4A for second place behind Decatur. Finishing in third place behind Springtown was Mineral Wells. Springtown’s first playoff opponent is the Hereford Whitefaces of District 3-4A. Hereford went 7-3 overall and

2-2 in district to finish as the third seed. The Whitefaces finished their regular season in strong fashion, knocking off Dumas 45-42 on Nov. 3. The Whitefaces reached the state quarterfinals in 2018 but haven’t experienced much postseason success since then. The Porcupines are rebounding from the 2022 season, when they finished 3-8 and lost their first playoff game. Prior to that season, Springtown was one of the winningest teams around, averaging 10 victories a season for five years, consecutive playoff appearances, and a regional championship. Reliving those heady days

will require a team effort. “As always, we will have to play our best,” Hulett said. “We haven’t done that yet, but really like our team and how we are playing. We just have to keep grinding and improving.” Hereford and Springtown have met several times in bidistrict battles. In 2019, Springtown came out on top 48-7. That score won’t mean anything when the two teams face off this week. “They have a new coach and whole new system,” Hulett said. “They have been really good this year and are probably the scariest team in that district because they are

very good on offense. We will have to play our best to have a shot, but we plan on doing that.” Springtown will battle Hereford at 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 10, at Tiger Stadium in Snyder. **PLAYERS OF WEEK** On Oct. 27, the Porcupines played on the road against Burkburnett, and several players enjoyed big games. Here are the players of the week: Defense – Tye Parrott and Robert Lewis. Offense – Brayden Fox, who grabbed 7 passes for 3 TDs and 108 yard. Special teams – Bryce Smith and Rhyann Miller.

PINES

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Jackson expressed surprise that Springtown came out flat for such a big contest. “We did good at practice,” she said. “I don’t think we came out and performed like we expected. We were mentally prepared, and then, we just came out and didn’t show what we normally had.” The teams played in August, and Stephenville won 3-1. “I felt like we were a lot better this go-around,” she said. The Honeybees are among the top ranked teams in the

state, and they have beaten the Lady Porcupines four consecutive years in the playoffs, stretching back to 2020. Freshman Libby Tedder led in kill shots, followed by senior Stoli Cox in her final game on the volleyball court. Cox plans to take a break from organized sports and focus on academics moving forward. She will miss her teammates but looks forward to a new phase in her life. “I’ve been playing since I was little in Lion’s Club,” she said. “There is always an end to everything. We are blessed to make it this far. I’m very proud of each player. I know this group of girls will get far next year.”



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Kallie Conway provides another dig.

Football Contest WEEK 10

The Swanzy power couple ruled the football contest in Week 10. The game pitting Azle Christian vs. Texas School for the Deaf was cancelled, so only 23 games were tallied this week. Eddy and Margaret Swanzy guessed the winners of 20 games, putting them in a tie for first place. The tiebreaker game of Millsap vs. Merkel generated 61 points, meaning Eddy was closest and earned the top prize. He’ll receive \$20. Margaret Swanzy finished in second and earned \$10. David Shaffer picked 18 winners to earn third place and \$5.

Back in field

Azle yearbook designer returns to gridiron for final game

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AZLE — Standing on the sidelines while holding a heavy, long-lensed camera felt familiar to Jesse Hemmerling, a senior who works on the Azle High School yearbook staff as a page designer.

“I’m taking pictures today, and this will be the last football game for me to attend and last football game for a lot of my friends,” he said.

On Nov. 3, the Azle Hornets played their last game of the year, and Hemmerling was there to capture images for the ages. He began working on the yearbook staff four years ago as a freshman and spent much of his time shooting photographs at junior varsity sporting events. He continued taking pictures during his sophomore year before transitioning into layout.

He hadn’t taken photos in two years but was happy to fill in when needed.

“Normally, I just make the

spreads in the yearbook,” he said. “For this game, they really needed someone down here taking pictures. We’re running short on some pictures, and some photographers couldn’t make it today.”

He volunteered and was glad that he did. It was his first time to shoot a varsity football game, and his last opportunity.

“I haven’t taken pictures in a long time,” he said. “I like doing this. I enjoy being out here and being close to the sideline.”

As he spoke, a Centennial ball carrier sprinted nearby, just a few feet away, heading down the sideline for a touchdown while being chased in vain by a couple of Hornets.

Hemmerling didn’t raise his camera.

“That would have been a bad picture,” he said.

Hemmerling plans to play baseball later this year before graduating from AHS and attending college.

“I’ve enjoyed high school a lot,” he said.



Jesse Hemmerling photographs Azle football for the yearbook.

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Clue: Entertaining activity
- C.

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Clue: Tests knowledge
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Clue: For pleasure

Wheels turning

Springtown’s cross-country runner beats out half of state’s best runners

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SPRINGTOWN — Nobody at Springtown High School can run like Wesley Payne, who set the school record and a personal record for cross-country on Sept. 30 with a run of 16:32.89.

Payne’s exploits earned him a trip to the state meet on Nov. 4 in Round Rock. He went with ambitions of beating his own record. He didn’t expect to beat out the strongest runners in the state, but he wanted to best himself.

He began the race quickly, keeping pace with the pack, but fell back near the end of the race. His time of 17:16.5 earned him 74th place out of 150 runners.

Making it to state is most every cross-country athlete’s dream. Payne was the only Springtown runner to qualify this season, and he represented his school and city well.



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Wesley Payne raced against the strongest runners the state has to offer.

Azle tough

Rodeo team keeps winning, locking down top spot

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AZLE — The riders, ropers and bulldoggers from Azle were the high-point team on Oct. 20-21 at the North Texas High School Rodeo Association Arena in Saginaw.

They followed that magnificent performance with another strong outing on Oct. 27-28, a rodeo that offered double jackpot points.

Hevenli Scribner was on fire, earning first place in barrels and garnering a whopping 364 jackpot points for her team.

Laurel Allred took second place in walk-up goats and earned 173 jackpot points. She added another 14 points by finishing in ninth place in ride-up goats.

Sean Bunero won fourth place and 49 points in ribbon roping and fifth place and 42 points in calf roping.

Skyler Moore took 10th place and earned 7 points in walk-up goats.

Three Azle members earned points in chute dogging: Cameron Nelson (21), River Cassel (14) and Nickolas McElhannon (7).



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Nickolas McElhannon was one of three Azle rodeo members who scored points while chute dogging.

Azle maintained its overall first place in team standings for the season with 4,557 points.

New start

Azle basketball girls play first game under new coach

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AZLE — For 13 years, Mitzi Marquart was the head coach seen prowling courtside at Lady Hornet basketball games.

In May, Marquart retired, and new coach Anthony Dickson took command.

On Nov. 3, Dickson and the Lady Hornets played their first real game together, the season opener at home against Sanger. The Indians are a 4A school that won first

place in their district last year.

The Hornets played hard from the opening tip-off against a taller team, and the girls fought for rebounds and turnovers all evening before losing 36-31.

Landri Seward, who missed last season due to a leg injury, was back on the court and showing defensive determination while still wearing a brace on her knee.

Other returning players include Cheryl Grubbs, voted the team's outstanding

rebounder last year; Vielka Gonzalez, last year's Hustling Lady Hornet; and Faith Summers, last year's Outstanding Defensive Player.

Playing in District 5-5A means Azle will face Aledo, Rider, Northwest and other tough teams.

Last year, Azle missed the playoffs after losing a couple of key players, including Seward, to injuries.

Azle will play on the road at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 14, at Joshua.



Landri Seward returns to the court after missing last season with injury.



Cheryl Grubbs returns to her rebounding ways.



Abbey Natusch tries to split two Sanger players for a rebound.



Big day

Springtown rodeo wrangles high places, points

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SPRINGTOWN — Several Springtown rodeo members wrangled first-place medals on Oct. 27-28 in Saginaw.

Henley Sears took first place in breakaway roping,

earning 70 points. Since it was a double jackpot rodeo, she earned 144 points overall in the event.

Jet Braswell and Marshall Doudy won first place in team roping, earning 115 jackpot points each.

Delaney Harris won third

place in ride-up goats for 61 jackpot points and took sixth place in walk-up goats for another 36 points.

Shaye Winford earned eighth place and 21 points in walk-up goats, and 10th place and 7 points in ride-up goats.

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Delaney Harris wins third place in ride-up goats and sixth place in walk-up goats.

Congrats to the Lady Hornets for a great season!

Congratulations to the Azle volleyball girls for winning a bi-district championship on Oct. 31. The girls advanced to the area round before being defeated by Colleyville Heritage – the reigning state champions of UIL 5A volleyball. Great job, Lady Hornets!

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500 kills and counting

Azle volleyball sensation sets school record in freshman season

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At right, Jacqui McClain became a starting hitter as a freshman and surpassed 500 kills for the season, which is a milestone number for any player. Many of her slam shots were set up by best friend Miley Massey, shown on the left. During the playoffs, McClain continued adding to her tally and set the school record with 540 kills. The record of 535 had been set previously by Meagan Ledbetter, who graduated two years ago and is playing volleyball at Weatherford College currently. McClain is one of Azle's top volleyball players and will most likely tally hundreds more kill shots before she graduates from Azle High School in 2026.



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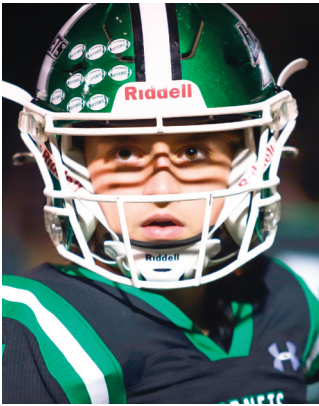
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09/22	Brewer	Brewer	L 30-13
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21 in Wichita County on highway 258

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27 leave out or exclude

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AZLE – A love of airplanes is what drew Bo Maines to the United States Air Force, and a desire to teach and coach kids is why he left.

The GI Bill helped fund his education, including a master's degree. The skills and traits he learned in the Air Force made him a better person.

"Financially, it helped pay for some of my college," Maines said of the service. "Personally, it developed my sense of structure and discipline. It taught me how to be a leader and a great follower

at the same time. The lessons I learned, and the people I learned from, have shaped most of my personal and professional philosophies to this day."

In 1995, he joined the Air Force specifically to work with aircraft. He had become infatuated with airplanes in the 1980s. Back then, an uncle would take him to air shows, and a love of all things airplane-related took hold of the youngster.

"We would drive out to Carswell Air Force Base and watch the bombers take off," he said.

In the summer of 1985, he was thrilled to see the Star of

Abilene, the first B-1 bomber that was delivered to Dyess Air Force Base in Abilene.

"My father and mother took me to see it," he said. "I was always in love with the idea of working with all these aircraft I grew up around."

Maines served for four years in the Air Force with a combat rescue unit and did a short stint with a reserve unit at the Joint Reserve Station in Fort Worth. He was deployed with the 66th Rescue Squadron at Nellis Air Force Base in Las Vegas and was deployed with the 4412th rescue squadron. He worked on the HH-60 weapons systems and was able to fly on occa-

sion to test new experimental weapons platforms.

Maines served deployments in Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Northern Iraq, Turkey, and various places in the United States and Europe. He appreciated his time in the service but wasn't a lifer. His true calling was to teach kids.

"I was going to college to be a teacher and coach," he said. "My unit was constantly on deployments in and out of the country. This interrupted my college work often."

Although he left the service to pursue teaching, he hasn't stopped appreciating the

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Patrick and Donna Valdez with photos of themselves from their military service.

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When Army met Air Force

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SPRINGTOWN — Before proposing to his wife Donna, Army veteran Patrick Valdez told her that if she saw him dressed in his blue service uniform that the only thing she should say next is "yes."

The Springtown couple

Donna, Patrick Valdez talk about their service in the military, finding love

found each other later in life while Donna was living in Utah and Patrick was in Colorado. In 2008, Patrick connected with Donna online after seeing a picture of her from her Air Force ser-

vice days.

"I tell everyone the Air Force has the hottest chicks, which is not a politically correct statement, but they do,

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Fostering his future

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AZLE — Eighty-year-old Azle resident Rick Foster wouldn't trade his military service for the world.

Through his five years of college in the mid-1960s, Rick saw his eventual military service as inevitable. With the Vietnam War in full swing, Rick had previously been

Lieutenant Rick Foster speaks on his time and the lessons he learned during his service in the Vietnam War

deferred because of his good grades at Northeast Louisiana University. With his graduation date of August 1966 quickly approaching, Rick began to speak with military

recruiters in order to find his best fit. Initially he had hopes for the air force but ended up deciding to go with the army

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COURTESY RICK FOSTER

Lt. Foster in one of the several jeeps that he used to conduct his special operations missions.



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benefits he received during his stint. Perhaps his favorite part of serving was meeting people from all over the world, learning their cultures, and understanding that “we can all be very different with opposite opinions and beliefs but still be together and enjoy one another’s friendship,” he said.

Maines figured he’s been to almost every part of the world except the Asian region and seen plenty of interesting places.

“Being engulfed in the culture and day-to-day life of others sometimes makes you truly grateful for all that you have,” he said. “Aside from a few high school friends, all the people I keep in touch with to this day are the ones I have served with or coached

with. Two of the greatest professions - to be a soldier and/or a coach.”

After leaving the service, Maines finished college while holding down a series of jobs over the years. He worked at a steel mill, waited tables at a restaurant, and worked shifts as a bartender.

In 2003, at 26, he began teaching and coaching at Springtown ISD. After 11 years there, he took a job with Azle ISD and has been a Hornet ever since. He teaches AVID1 and history of warfare, and he coaches football and powerlifting.

Some of his fellow coaches at AHS with military backgrounds include Spencer Elliot, Randon Knoll, and Richard Serta in the USMC; Jayson Conger and Bret Cockerham in the USAF; and Eddy Prather and Jeff Cook in the Army.



Bo Maines honors the national anthem before a recent football game.

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Leading the Azle Hornets onto the field.

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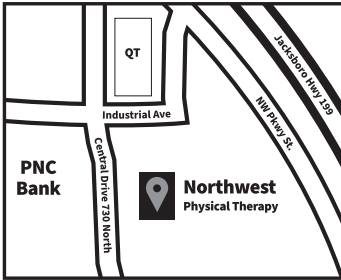


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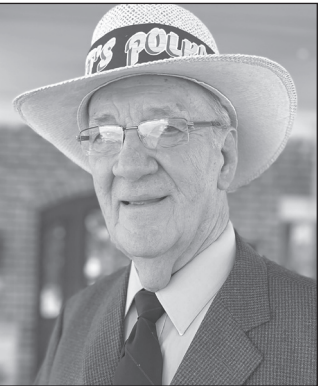
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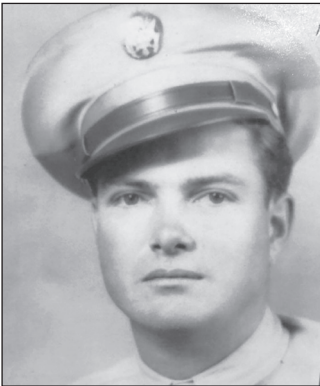
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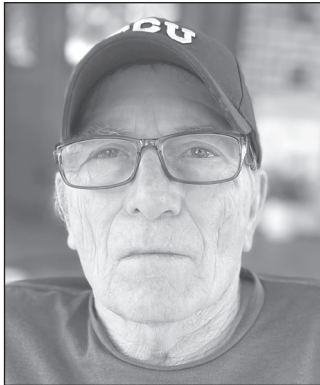
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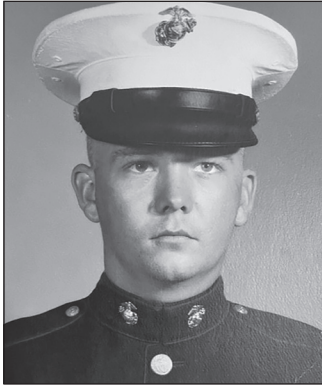
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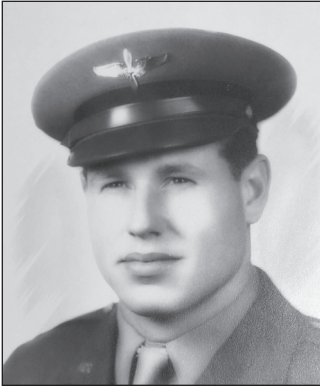
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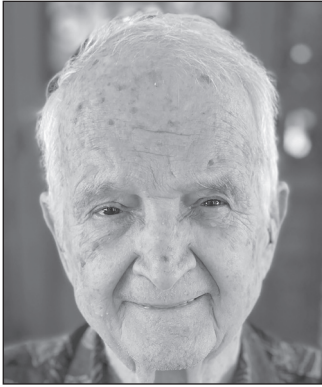
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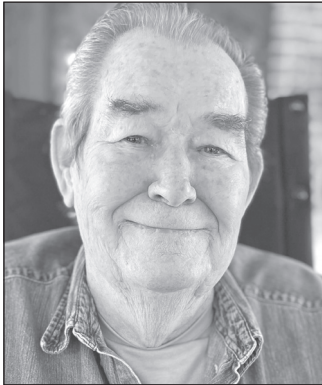
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FOSTER
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as a combat engineer.

Rick received his basic training at Fort Leonard Wood in Missouri and attended Combat Engineer Officer Candidate School at Fort Belvoir in Virginia for six months. With a bachelor's in graphic design and a minor in psychology, Foster was seen as a perfect candidate for a recently opened printing officer position in Fort Bragg, North Carolina. Out of his class of 32 recently commissioned officers, he was one of three to receive their preferred assignment. At the printing plant, Foster worked to produce millions of fliers and leaflets as part of the Chiêu Hồi or "Open Arms" initiative which was intended to encourage and incentivize Viet Cong soldiers and civilians to defect and aide American troops and their allies in Southern Vietnam. Lt. Foster attended a psychologi-

cal warfare school and got certified, which he said greatly helped him during the war. About 11-and-a-half months later, he received orders to ship out to Vietnam as third platoon leader to First Engineer Battalion Company C, 1st Infantry Division, Lai Khe, Vietnam.

That role, Foster would assist in detonating enemy bunkers, caches and resources. In April, he was reassigned to a psychological operations unit where he dropped the same kinds of leaflets that he had once helped produce from a UH1H "Huey" helicopter. The chopper was also equipped with 30 loudspeakers on its side to broadcast Chiêu Hồi messages over the jungles and villages at night.

By August 1, Lt. Foster had been promoted to the S-5 1/18th Infantry Battalion. Along with five jeeps and five interpreters, two one-ton trucks and 10 men, Foster would construct medical camps in remote villages

while gathering intel and speaking with local leaders. In some instances, Foster would find children in the villages who had cleft palates or other operative deformities and would drive these kids to hospitals in Saigon for treatment.

"When the child and family got back to the village, the VC didn't have a chance because we had fixed a horrible defect problem that they had no clue could be done," Foster said. "It was a very good human resources accomplishment for everybody concerned because it changed the whole attitude of the village at that time."

Lt. Foster also supervised the building of schools, bridges and other basic infrastructure.

"I felt like that out of all the chaos, fighting and everything else, my platoon and my mission along with those that preceded and succeeded me accomplished some positive things," he said. "We left the country in better shape

than we found it even though we were blowing up things left and right, because we left a lot of equipment there, we left concrete and asphalt roads, schools and medical clinics. If I had to do it over, I would. I had it generally better than most of my colleagues because I was not involved in firefights every day, though I was involved in two or three when I was attached to the infantry.”

Lt. Foster served in Vietnam for 11 months, 21 days and five hours, a fact he still recalls clearly to this day. When he returned stateside in October 1969, he did not find a welcoming return home.

"Standing in uniform in the San Francisco Airport waiting for my brother to pick me up, I had a group of guys try to harass me. They tried to spit on me, they spat at me. So, I didn't mention to anyone for 25 years that I was ex-military."

Rick says that in recent decades, he's seen a positive shift in how veterans are treated, especially with the return of veterans from the numerous wars waged in the Middle East since the Gulf War and subsequent conflicts.

"The guys that are returning from the Middle East are our kids," he said. "So, we know how we were treated, and we won't let that happen again. That's I think part of the reason."

Today, Mr. Foster credits much of his success and the man he is now to his time in service and the lessons he learned. Rick said that he had learned as much in service as he did in primary and secondary school.

"It's been an interesting thing," Rick said. "I wouldn't trade that experience for anything and yes, it's because I came out relatively unscathed. But it changed me. Everybody should serve in the military. This would be a different country."

After all this time, Foster remains in the printing business. The veteran moved to Azle in 1978 and got a job

A portrait of an older man with a friendly expression, wearing a green polo shirt and a black baseball cap. The shirt features a U.S. Army star patch and a 'COMBAT VETERAN' tag. The cap has '2nd Infantry Div.' and a U.S. flag patch.

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80-year-old Rick Foster is a proud veteran of the Vietnam War.



COURTESY RICK FOSTER

Foster in 1969 in a UH1H helicopter where he drops leaflets to coax Viet Cong into defecting.

with Moore Business Forms in Fort Worth for 11 years and then worked for Louis Business Products for 24 years. Rick said Azle has been good to him in all those years and in 2005, he started his own company, Great Graphics which he still runs to this day.

Even though he is not in contact with many of his living peers, he still finds some comfort in attending local VFW events two or three times a month. Rick sees Veterans Day as a time of fond reflection for the time he spent in service of his country and for those who stood by his side.

"It gives me a great sense of satisfaction that I've done my part," Foster said. "There's a lot of other guys that certainly gave more and did more in every aspect of what they went off to do."

One fellow soldier that always sticks in his mind was his platoon sergeant when he first reported to Vietnam. After missing time at bivouac to take care of his terminally ill father, Lt. Foster relied on those around him to get him situated in areas where he had not yet received training.

"I told the sergeant I need all the help I can get," he said. "I was pretty heavily dependent on my sergeant. They are the backbone of the military."

After returning home, Rick served as a 1st lieutenant for the Army National Guard and received his Honorable Discharge Certificate on Sept. 13, 1973. Lt. Foster has earned the Bronze Star, 2 Air Medals, Army Commendation Medal, The Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry, the Vietnamese Civil Action Honor Metal, among others.



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Springtown couple met while serving in U.S. Navy

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SPRINGTOWN - Serving in the U.S. Navy from 1994 to 2014 allowed Rusty Crain to learn a trade, earn a pension, and meet his soul mate.

In 2007, Crain was at an air base in Italy when he met his future wife, Sherry Crain, who was new to the service and serving at her first duty station.

Rusty Crain was running a dog kennel for the Navy. How he got there was a winding path. The muscular military man grew up in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, where he had a penchant for finding trouble as a youth. He feared he would wind up in jail.

"If I wouldn't have gone into the Navy, there is no telling where I might have ended," he said. "I was going down the wrong road right after high school. I'm like, I got to get out of Oklahoma, or I'm going to be in trouble."

He wasn't interested in the Army or Marines and didn't score high enough on his military test to attract any of-

fers from the Air Force, so he joined the Navy to load onto a ship and "see the world," he said.

He became a "regular Navy guy" steaming on a ship for a year before deciding life on the water wasn't for him. He signed up for military police school and gravitated to K9 school. He was assigned a dog to train and stationed near Corpus Christi.

By the time he left the Navy 20 years later, he was regional kennel master overseeing 170 dog teams from Florida to Maine.

Currently, he is the owner-operator of CK-K9 in Springtown. The business focuses on breeding and training dogs and offers boarding. Crain and Sherry married and had two children, and the family settled in Springtown four years ago. Since June, Crain has been looking after the kids - daughter Dixie Mae and son Espen - while Sherry has been stationed in Bahrain, a country in the Middle East. She is set to serve 18 months there before returning home.



From left, Rusty and Sherry Crain reenlist in the Navy together in 2010 on the USS Wisconsin.

COURTESY PHOTO

The family misses her but understands the sacrifices of service.

"We're kind of used to it," Rusty Crain said. "It's just the military life."

Sherry works as a supply officer, learning a trade she might use after her service ends.

"A lot of people join the military because of whatever's going on in their daily life at the time," Rusty said. "It can be for schooling. It could be because you're in hard-

ship, and you need the money. It's a steady job. There are all kinds of different reasons why people serve. And you get a steady paycheck. You get health benefits and all that while you're in."

"I just happen to do a job that I love," he continued. "I mean, who gets to play with dogs all day? I just found a cool job that I loved. I met my wife over there in Italy, and she loves her job. The military has given us everything we've got right now."

Sherry has served 16 years in the Navy and will be eligible to retire after 2027.

Separations are part of the bargain. Modern technology makes being apart easier, Rusty said.

"It's hard, but nowadays, it's a lot easier than when I first joined," he said. "You have all kinds of cell phones and apps and internet on ships and overseas. When I was in, you didn't have all that. You had to wait for a payphone."



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Rusty Crain oversees kids and dogs these days.



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Rusty and one of his German Shepards relax at Norfolk Naval Base in Virginia.



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Rusty trains a Belgian Malinois police dog named Doughboy.



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and I'm married to one of them," Patrick said. "I mean, look at her."

Patrick described himself as "chewed up" by the time he met Donna. He was part of the Wounded Warrior Project after coming back from Iraq, and he endured multiple surgeries to repair his shoulder, back and knee. He was also using a bunch of prescription medications - "enough pain meds to put a horse down," according to his civilian doctor - and Donna encouraged him to wean off the drugs that weren't absolutely necessary.

"It was killing him," Donna said about Patrick's medications.

They developed a relationship, and Donna eventually moved to Colorado so they could have more in-person dates.

"She was an absolute prize, and everywhere I took her, people would gravitate towards her," Patrick said.

Then, they married on Valentine's Day in 2009.

"He proposed to me on Friday the 13th, and we got married the next morning," Donna said. "We didn't want to mess anything up."

Patrick's surprise proposal to Donna was a bit chaotic. They went to a restaurant with some friends, and Donna noticed something strange was going on when one of their friends was only taking pictures of her and Patrick, who then disappeared during the meal to change into his dress blues. Patrick said he told his friend taking pictures not to tell anyone about his plan, but somehow the proposal news spread throughout the restaurant, except to Donna.

Despite any messiness, the proposal was still a success-

ful mission.

"I walk in; I go to my knee," Patrick said. "I startle her. She's looking the other way, and she turns around, there I am. So, I proposed to her, and luckily for me, she said yes. And the rest is history."

Donna called Patrick "the most wonderful person (she's) ever known."

The couple, who established a Scouts BSA and Cub Scout program in Springtown, try to teach kids to respect the American flag and what it represents. Patrick said he would advise any of the scouts who are interested in someday joining the armed forces to learn servant leadership. Scouts were expected to retire flags and meet veterans this month.

"You really want that connection, that relationship that you built with the younger generation, so they know and understand the sacrifices that have been made," Donna said.

As veterans themselves, Donna and Patrick Valdez have stories of their own about their respective military service, which are detailed briefly below.

MAKING HER FATHER PROUD

At first, Donna Valdez didn't plan on serving in the Air Force, but she did just that as a 25-year-old in 1986.

She intended to work at the Biloxi Police Department in Mississippi. Her father had served in the Air Force, and she decided to visit the Keesler Air Force Base, where her father was stationed after returning from Japan. Little did she know, she was about to be recruited.

"I go in there, and I tell the guy at the guard shack, 'My dad was (in the) Air Force, and I've heard about Keesler my whole life, so I want to just take a little loop around the Air Force base and see what this is all about,'" Donna

Valdez said. "He had this cute little grin on his face. He said, 'You can do that, but first, you've got to go over here to this office and get a permission slip to come on base.' It was the recruiter's office. So, that day changed the trajectory of my life. I went over there, and he basically sold me hook line and sinker on how the Air Force would be a great fit for me. Within about three weeks, I left and went to basic training, and it was absolutely the beginning of a wonderful life. I'm so grateful."

Donna Valdez said one of the selling points for enlistment was knowing that she would make her father proud. She turned 26 years old in basic training, which made her the oldest recruit there and gave her an advantage.

"I breezed through basic training because being much more older and mature," she said. "They didn't have to beat me into submission quite as much."

In training, Donna Valdez remembered learning from a female lieutenant how to mentally rehearse and prepare for a task, and she used that lesson to score expert marksmanship at the gun range.

"I think things through and solve a lot of the problems before I start," she said. "All night, I mentally rehearsed what it was going to feel like, what it was going to smell like when I went to the range. And I did score expert marksman that day, so I was able to call my daddy that night and tell him."

Donna Valdez served as a dental lab technician during her time in the Air Force, and she specialized in dentures and gold crowns. She enjoyed visiting with older veterans during this time and hearing their stories.

"I would have these old veterans come in and bring



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Patrick Valdez speaks to scouts in Springtown Cub Scout Pack and BSA Troop 22, which he helped create.

"There are guys who came back from Vietnam that never (were told), 'Welcome home,' never were told, 'Thank you... As a society, we owe that to those that have gone beyond what the average civilian will do for the country.'"

PATRICK VALDEZ

me a picture of them when they were young, and I would make their dentures to match their facial features when they were younger," she said. "And they would just cry because your teeth is part of your character."

In 1989, Donna Valdez left the Air Force as she was expecting her second child who was born deaf - something she blames on the chemicals she inhaled in the poorly ventilated dental lab that she also believes caused her to have moderate hearing loss. Finding out that her son was deaf was "devastating" and learning sign language was difficult, but she tried to make the best of the situation.

"We went to work learning sign language," she said. "You do what you have to do. You step up. You can't sit and cry too long. Time keeps ticking along."

In addition to being a veteran, Donna Valdez is also the mother of a veteran. Her youngest son enlisted in the Army, but he retired after being hurt in Afghanistan in 2012. He suffered from a traumatic brain injury and post-traumatic stress disorder but has recovered since then.

"Four mommas didn't get their babies back that day, but I'm so grateful, as broken as Daniel is, that we got him back," she said.

THE COMBAT CAMERAMAN

One of Patrick Valdez's jobs during his career in the Army, which spanned from 1976 to 2010, was to be the "eyes and ears of the commander" as combat cameraman.

"(The commander) can't be everywhere, so he has a crew, Combat Camera documenting things, not just for history but to make tactical decisions," he said. "The saying in COMCAM is, 'One eye don't lie.' The lens doesn't lie."

Before digital cameras, Patrick Valdez shot photos on film and processed them in a small mobile dark room.

"Then, digital came out, and we thought we were the coolest people. We thought we were NASA," he said, though in retrospect, he said the cameras were expensive and "terrible" compared to today's standards.

Patrick Valdez also did scientific and aerial photography, capturing paratroopers jumping from the sky. He also tested equipment, including parachutes.

"I worked with some of the best military people in the world," he said. "If they're on the news right now, we worked together."

Despite having interesting jobs and working with great people, Patrick Valdez still faced challenges during his time in the Army, including sustaining injuries. He recalled hurting his knee during his time in airborne operations.

"Is it cool to watch guys jump out of airplanes? Yes. Is it cool to go into combat from the sky with a parachute over your head? For a soldier, for a paratrooper, nothing is cooler than that," he said. "But your body pays. It absolutely pays."

Over the years, Patrick Valdez has served in Germany when the Iron Curtain fell, Haiti, Kuwait, Iraq, Korea and Qatar. He

spent 14 Christmases away from family during his career, including a period when he was stationed in Korea.

"Back then, a phone call from Korea cost almost \$5 a minute," he said. "So, you had script everything you were going to say."

But during a particularly lonely Christmas Eve in Korea, Patrick Valdez recalled being amazed when the Dallas Cowboys cheerleaders arrived to do a quick show. Though he didn't have many nice things to say about the actual football team, the cheerleaders earned his respect after that event.

"The cheerleaders are doing alright in my eyes," he said.

Patrick Valdez retired from the military as a command sergeant major, and afterwards, he got involved in military-related nonprofits, something his wife praised him for.

"He's a builder," Donna Valdez said. "He loves building people and building support for other people. He's a wonderful friend and supporter to all who know him. He never forgets anyone."

For Veterans Day, Donna Valdez said Patrick will sometimes stand on an overpass with the flag to hear people honk and see them wave. Patrick Valdez described Veterans Day as a time to serve his fellow veterans.

"There are guys who came back from Vietnam that never (were told), 'Welcome home,' never were told, 'Thank you,'" he said. "As a society, we owe that to those that have gone beyond what the average civilian will do for the country."



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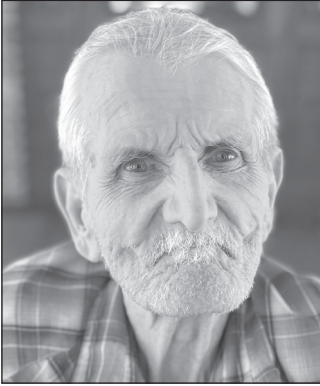
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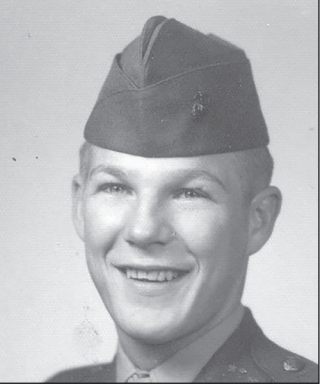
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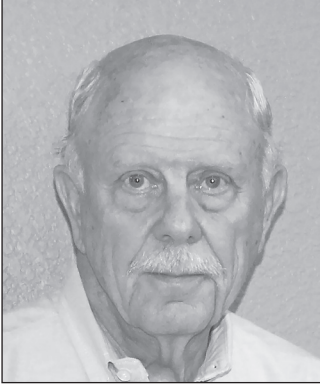
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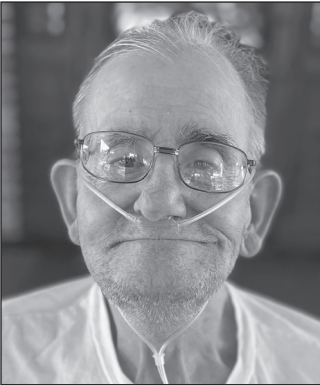
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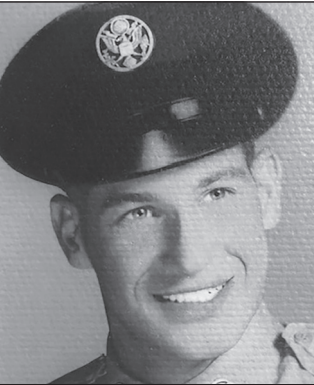
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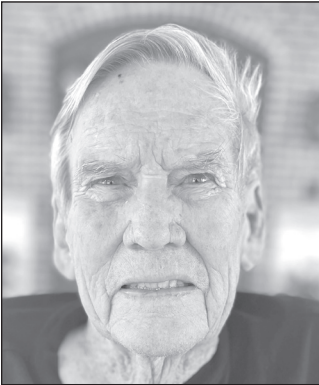
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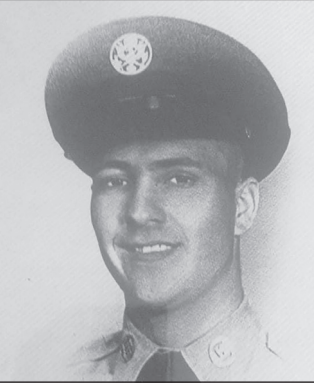
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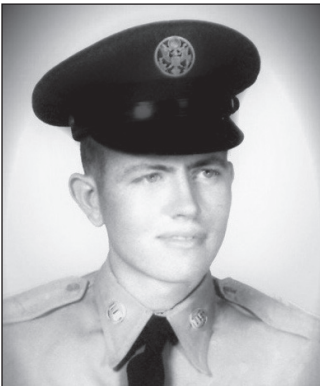
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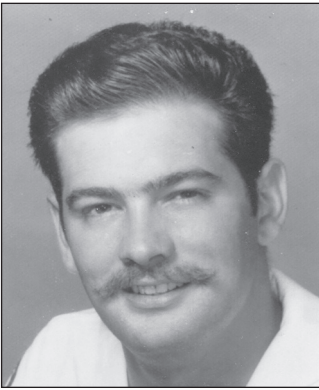
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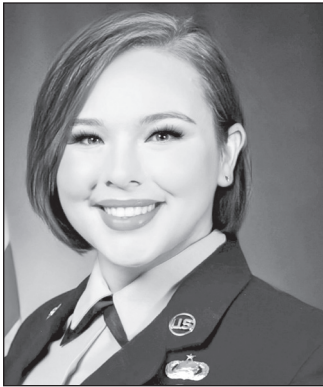
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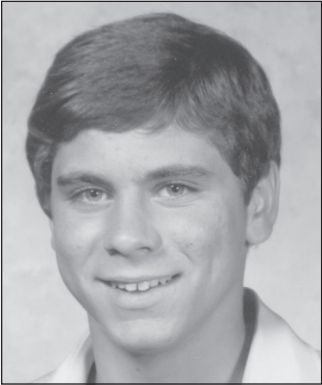
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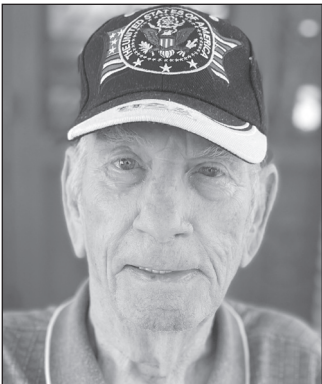
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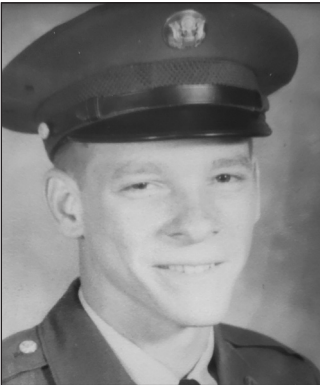


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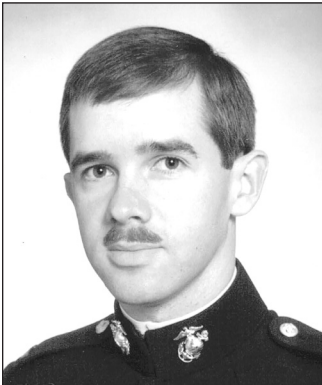
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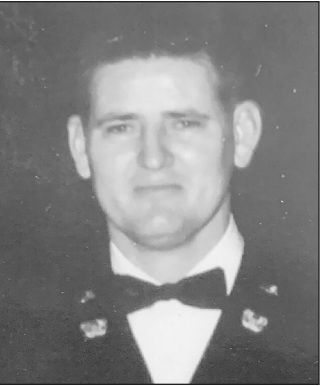
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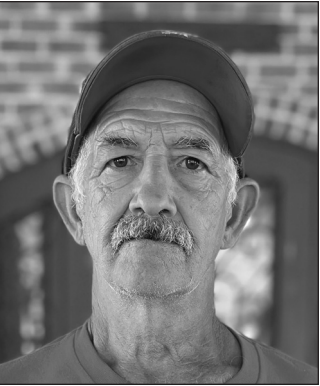
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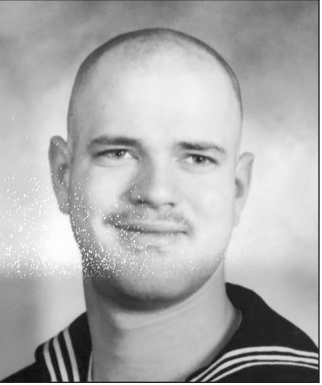
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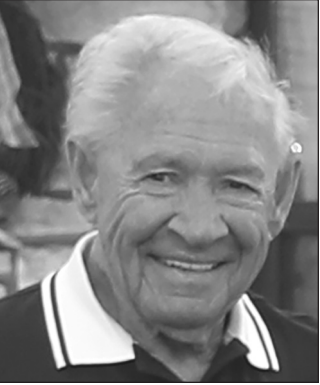
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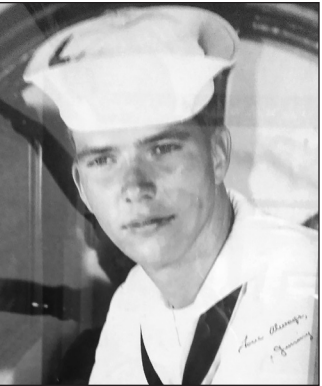
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