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Azle ISD unveils unofficial accountability rating

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AZLE — Texas Academic Performance Reports (TAPRs) have been released for 2023 and Azle ISD is standing strong. TAPR is an important tool for school districts to determine how their students fare academically. The metric measures STAAR-based student achievement, school progress from year to year

School officials speak on student achievements, effects of COVID

and equity between different demographics enrolled at each campus. It is used by the Texas Education Agency and the federal government to help identify which schools need guided improvement and which can be trusted to

self-assess.

In years past, TAPR has been used to generate an accountability rating for each district. Prior to launch, TEA unveiled a new formula for the 2023 accountability ratings that many districts wor-

ried would negatively impact their scores. These districts then filed a lawsuit against TEA in protest of the new formula. The release of 2023 accountability ratings is currently pending on judicial review. Using the new formula, Azle ISD has calculated its own unofficial score based on the recently released TAPRs. Using this formula, the district should score an 85 or a B on the 2023 accountability

ratings. Azle ISD also scored an 85 in 2022. Districts were not rated in 2021 or 2020. Azle ISD received an 88 for 2019.

AISD Director of Secondary Curriculum and Federal Programs Jordan Thiem said that while the district does not hold accountability ratings as its "north star," he is proud that the hard work and progress of the district and its students has been reflect-

ed in its unofficial score.

"Commissioner Morath has let it be known that the new accountability system has raised the bar on expectations and has therefore raised the bar on many of the metrics," Thiem said in an email to the Tri-County Reporter. "The numbers that we have seen for our district with internal data should

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Bond or bust

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SPRINGTOWN — Longtime Springtown school board member Tootie Hall provoked the Springtown City Council to chuckle when she gave a brief update on the school district's quest for a winning bond election.

Hall represented the school board at the Jan. 25 meeting in honor of Mayor Greg Hood's proclamation of School Board Recognition Month. While she had their attention, Hall addressed SISD's inability to pass a bond election, saying the school board is evaluating the district's situation and how to proceed. She ended her remarks by

Part one of a series exploring SISD's failed bond elections

saying, "There will be another bond, so start saving your quarters," which summoned the hum of laughter from council members.

Not much seems to have changed since Springtown Independent School District's last failed bond election in November, the fourth installment in a series of ballot proposals rejected by voters. From the perspective of school district leaders, campuses still need relief from overcrowding caused by enrollment growth, but some voters are still wary of

approving any measure that would increase their property tax bills.

Hall said she made her comment to the council because she doesn't see another way forward other than to keep asking voters to approve a bond proposal, though the proposition may need to be split up into pieces.

"We're still grasping for straws," Hall said. "I mean, we are out of room."

The question isn't whether the school board can call another bond election, but rather, what will it take for voters to approve it?

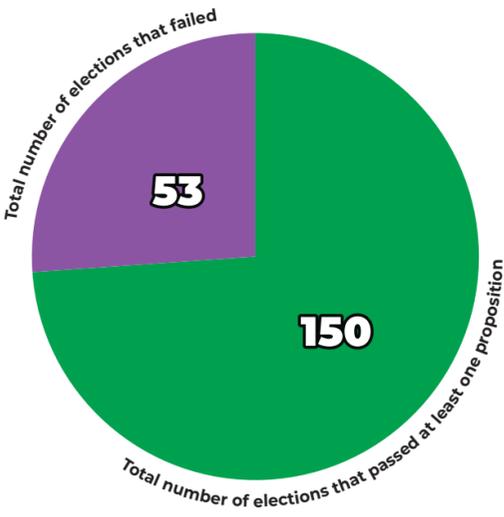
Since December, The Tri-County Reporter has sought to find out why SISD's bond proposals have failed not once but four times in a row. To answer this question, the Reporter interviewed multiple people — including SISD Superintendent Shane Strickland, school board members, bond supporters and opponents — and requested data on local property taxes and results of school bond elections in the state.

To best convey its findings, the Reporter has broken this story into parts. Part one of this series will examine the history of Springtown's bond election efforts.

In May 2021, SISD had its first of four failed bond elections. The school board called for a \$38.5 million bond election to build a new elementary school, add classrooms at the middle and intermediate schools and expand the high school's welding shop, ac-

Results of 2023 school bond elections in Texas

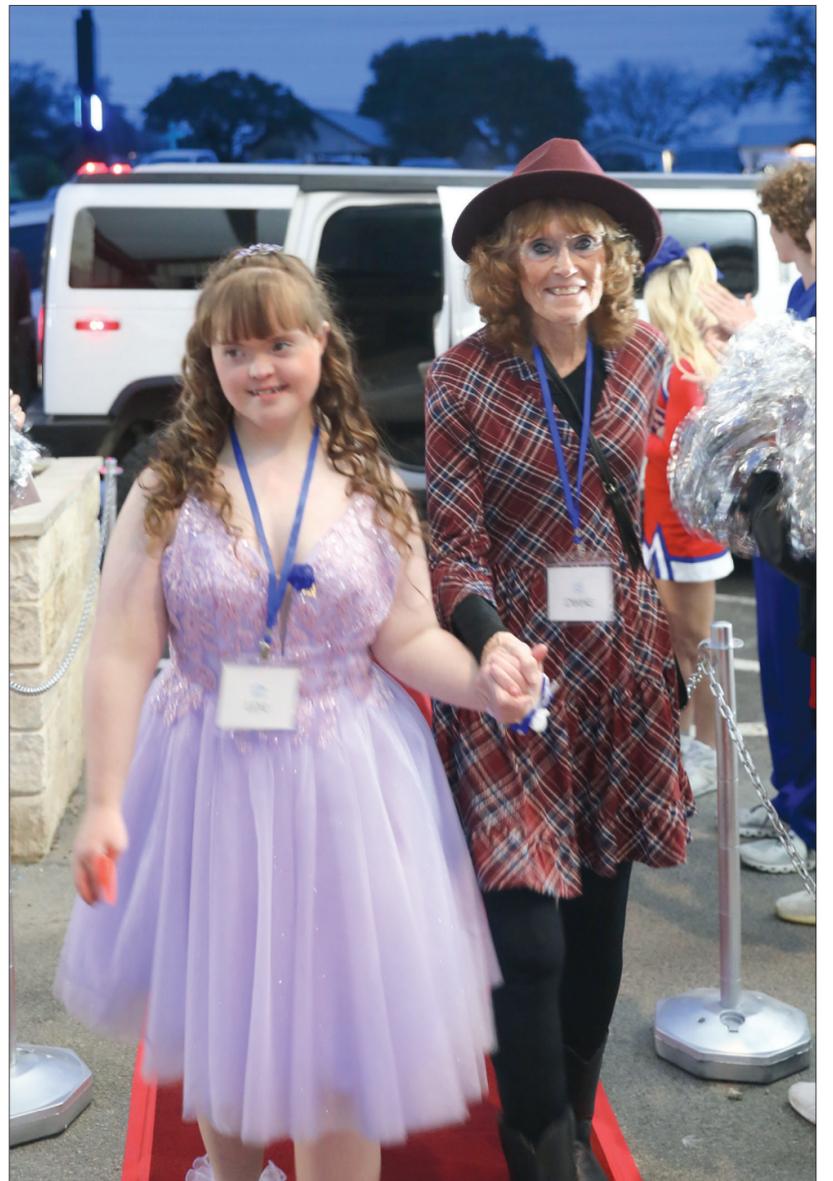
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Of the 203 school bond elections that took place last year in Texas, 74% passed at least one proposition while 26% failed, according to the Municipal Advisory Council of Texas.

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Night to Shine 2024

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Lexi Woolsey walks the red carpet with her Buddy, Diane Bird Rae. Night to Shine is an unforgettable prom night experience, centered on God's love, for people with special needs, ages 14 and older. This year's event was presented by The Edge Lutheran Church of Azle in partnership with Servolution.

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Who's running for Tarrant County Sheriff?

STAFF REPORTS

Tarrant County — Residents in Tarrant County have the chance to elect a new sheriff this year.

Sheriff Bill Waybourn, who currently holds the office, is seeking re-election. He faces challengers Indya

Murray and Patrick Moses, both Democrats. The primary election in March will allow voters to select a candidate to represent each party. Primary Election Day is March 5 and early voting runs Tuesday, Feb. 20 to Friday, March 1.

The Tri-County Reporter asked all the candidates vying for the sheriff's office in the Democratic and Republican primaries to tell us about themselves and their goals. Check

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All about the candidates

We asked candidates running in upcoming primary elections to tell us about themselves and their goals.

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Third and fourth grade "Liberty Leaders" leading the Pledge of Allegiance during a Jan. 22 board of trustees meeting. From left to right: Elizabelle Alexander, Elyana Burrhus, William Walsh, Leonardo Lopez, Logan Newland, Gabi Kirk-Holiday, and Emily Chairez.

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reflect the idea that we are improving... We try to make a difference to every child every day. In terms of accountability, that means we are focusing on making sure that every student grows academically by a full year or more and that we continue to give multiple options to our secondary students to be college or career ready."

Thiem also broke down student STAAR test scores to show where Azle ISD's strong suits and weaker points lie in a Jan. 22 Azle ISD board of trustees meeting. Last year, the district showed gains in performance levels for all subjects, demonstrated by 80% and 51% of students achieving at least the "approaches" and "meets" markers. The district had more students in this category than both the state and regional averages. The district slightly lagged behind in the "masters" category at 19%, with the state at 20%. One of Azle's best subjects is 10th grade U.S. history, with 97% of students falling under "approaches", 77% under "meets" and 41% "masters." The state average for each respective category was 94%, 70% and 38%. Fifth grade STAAR scores and high school English were two more high points for Azle students, while math scores were their lowest.

"The gains are one indicator of success and as a district we couldn't be more proud of the work that students and teachers have done to make those results happen," Thiem said. "The gains we see from TEA data need to be celebrated and acknowledged but are a small piece of the puzzle. We have so many things to celebrate in Azle that aren't measured or acknowledged by TEA in accountability."

STAAR data also showed that 2023's third graders lagged behind the high-achieving fourth grade classes one year ahead of them. Thiem said this year is significant because it is the first where the district has seen the scores of students who started kindergarten while under COVID lockdowns.

"There are reports from multiple sources regarding the learning loss and setbacks in achievement due to COVID," Thiem said. "TEA even notes this inside of the reasoning and justifica-

tion for a change inside of accountability. Most of the data, even TEA's data, shows us that we have returned to where we were pre-COVID but not where we would have been if we continued growth trends... Our teachers and campus administrators have worked incredibly hard to make sure that COVID learning gaps do not hold our students back."

While Azle High School seniors may also be lagging behind in college-level course enrollment, they outperform the state and region in graduating with technical credentials and labor market experience. Azle ISD scored 43.4% and 38.1%, respectively, in career and college readiness compared to the state's 33.5%, and 52.9%. College readiness is largely based on whether students earned college credit through advanced placement, OnRamps, dual credit classes or met Texas Success Initiative criteria for the SAT and ACT, among other academic achievements. Career readiness is based on the number of students enrolled in work programs or who have earned industry certifications. The district also has a 95.8% four-year graduation rate compared to 89.7% from the state and 89.5% from the region.

"I think it's a testament that we have a plan for students and that we support them in being at school and succeeding in school," Thiem said. "In the state's eyes they are

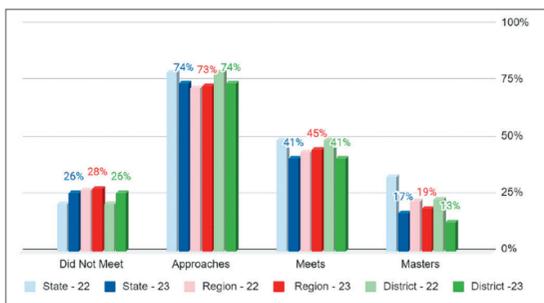
looking at percentages and not counts. There is a large trend happening in education of students leaving public education in different ways that does not count as a drop out. In Azle we have multiple options to meet students where they are so that dropping out is not their only option, things like Hornet Academy."

Thiem also presented Azle ISD's Results Driven Accountability scores. Results Driven Accountability is a TEA metric used to improve results and be responsive to the needs of students who fall under the following categories: Bilingual Education, English as a Second Language, and Emergent Bilingual (BE/ESL/EB), Other Special Populations (OSP) and Special Education (SPED). Azle ISD met requirements for all three categories, earning the highest score of Determination Level 1.

"That's a big deal," Thiem said. "It means we're not just moving on; we're not just disregarding these kids. It means every single one of these kids we're trying to provide an equitable education for, and they're not being treated differently because of who they are or what they are."

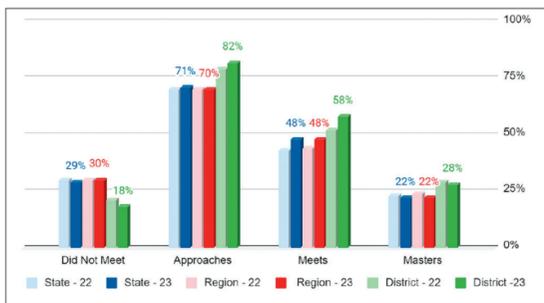
Achieving this score means Azle ISD is allowed to self-monitor its instruction in these categories instead of being assigned additional state-guided improvement plans.

3rd Grade STAAR Performance Math



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4th Grade STAAR Performance Math



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Never take another man's bet

This past weekend was Super Bowl Sunday. For those of us who can remember the half-empty stadium for the first Super Bowl, it is hard to comprehend how the game has become a truly global event. The game was viewed on television by over 115 million people in the U.S. alone, making it the most viewed television event of all time. More than 50 million people bet on the Super Bowl, and it is estimated the total value of the wagers was \$16 billion.

As a young boy, the neighborhood kids and I would gamble. Oh, we had the usual childhood bets like, "I bet you a nickel you can't beat me in a race" or "I bet I can hold my breath longer than you can," but as we got older, we did expand our wagering. When we were about 9 or 10, we would get a bunch of poker chips together, divide them evenly amongst us, and "pretend gamble" on a variety of games. Whoever ended



FROM MY FRONT PORCH

By Sam Houston

Sam Houston is a syndicated columnist and newspaper executive. He is also an author, actor, playwright and entertainment producer/promoter.

up with the most chips was declared the "winner." We would play blackjack, craps, and roulette. It was a lot of fun, and come to think of it, it was probably a good way to learn arithmetic as we figured the odds on a craps table and the payout on roulette. We guys had a lot of fun and as I recall, the competition was very intense.

In the mid '60s, there was no internet or cable television. There was no ESPN or internet to learn the outcome of a sporting event. The newspaper was the best source, and it was always at least half a day behind. Sporting events were rarely available for viewing via television, and

so when a contest was on, it was something my dad and I would watch together. During the mid-'60s, the Big 8 basketball schools played their games on Saturday afternoon or evening, and one of the games would be rebroadcast on local television on Sunday.

Watching those games was one of the highlights of the week for a couple of reasons. I loved basketball and it was cool to simply see major college players perform. Perhaps even more importantly, it was a time when my dad and I could be together and interact. He would ask me which players I liked best and why, talk about the coaches and their strategies, and point

things out about the game I did not yet understand. Mom would make us lunch, and we would eat in the living room which is something we were ordinarily not allowed to do. It was a special time.

Before the start of one game, Dad looked at me and asked if I wanted to bet. As I recall, Kansas was playing Missouri. He asked me which team I liked, and I told him Missouri. He responded by telling me he would take the Kansas team, plus he would give me six points. He explained this meant Kansas not only had to win the game, but they also had to win by more than 6 points. I felt like I was stealing money from my very own father! There was no way Kansas would win, much less win by more than the allotted points.

We watched the game, and it was a good contest with the score rocking back and forth. I was nervous as the game came down to the wire,

praying Missouri could hold on, but in the last minute Kansas exploded and blew the game open. When a Kansas player hit a shot with about five seconds left, they went ahead by seven, and I had lost the bet. I was crestfallen and could not believe I had the bet "won" the whole game only to lose in the last few seconds. My dad, in a good-natured way, kidded me about losing the wager and all I could do was take it.

After a couple of minutes of cajoling, dad told me to go and get the sports page out of the newspaper. I ran and got it, handed it to him, and he showed me the results from the games played the night before. There it was: Kansas beat Missouri by seven points. I did not know the game we had bet on had already been played and Dad knew the result before we wagered!

At first, I thought "what the heck was going on here? Did

my own father cheat when he made the bet with me?" I had never, ever, seen my dad do something dishonest or unfair, and I simply could not believe what had happened. I was bumfuzzled!

Before I could speak, dad looked at me and said, "Son, I know you have been gambling with the neighborhood kids for fun, and that is OK. What I want you to know is there are a thousand different ways to cheat in gambling and in life, so do not ever take another man's bet. If, out of the clear blue sky, he wants to make a wager with you, he knows something you do not know."

Pretty sage advice, whether when gambling or in life itself.

Thought for the day: No one has ever bet enough on a winning horse...

Until next time...I will keep ridin' the storm out!
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Love for public schools

In celebrating Valentine's Day, I send a message of thanking you, the Azle ISD community, for your love of Azle ISD. I am also reminded of the love and dedication to our students that I see from our Azle ISD employees and board of trustees. I send a heartfelt shoutout to the amazing teachers and staff who work tirelessly for all our Hornets. We recently celebrated School Board Recognition Month with a theme of *Locally Elected, Community Connected*, and I am reminded how much our locally elected board of trustees loves serving the students



AZLE ISD

By Todd Smith, M.Ed., Superintendent of Schools - Azle ISD

Mr. Smith started his career in education in July of 1994 right here in Azle ISD. He taught agricultural science at Azle High School, served as a high school assistant principal, principal of Walnut Creek Elementary, director of district operations, assistant superintendent, and interim superintendent from March 7, 2020, until becoming Superintendent in June of 2020. He is thankful for the passion and dedication exhibited by Azle ISD faculty and staff and is extremely proud of the work Azle ISD has accomplished and the impact they will continue to make on the lives of our students.

of Azle ISD.

Speaking of love, there is no doubt Azle ISD has a love and passion for Texas Public Schools. Not just the almost 7,200 Azle Hornets, but the

5.4 million public school students across the state of Texas. With this in mind, most of you do not need to be reminded that 2024 is an election year. While much of

the focus is on the November presidential election, extremely important state and local elections are just around the corner.

The March 5 Texas primary elections are fast approaching, giving all of us a critical opportunity to decide who will be on the ballot in November. In the counties representing Azle ISD, the outcome of the March primary election has traditionally determined the November election results. When you register to vote in Texas, you do not register as a party member. As a result, Texas has an open primary,

meaning that any registered voter can choose to vote in either party's primary election, regardless of how you have voted in the past.

This is a critical time with public education being attacked by top state officials. I encourage everyone to become informed about the candidates and to participate in the March primary elections. Early voting begins Feb. 20 and ends March 1. Election Day is March 5.

In celebration of Texas Public Schools week and #HereForTheKids, please be sure to mark your calendar for the Azle ISD Showcase

event Thursday, March 7, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Azle High School. This is a great opportunity for ALL grade levels and campuses, Pre-K - 12th grade, to show off their best work and talents to friends, family, and our community. The event will allow you to see the great things happening in Azle ISD and the opportunity to tour the additions and renovations at AHS. It will be a fun evening of student displays and performances, and will even include light snacks in the newly renovated AHS cafeteria. We look forward to seeing you there!

Who's running for Tarrant County Constable Precinct 4?

STAFF REPORTS

Residents in Tarrant County Precinct 4, which includes northwest Tarrant County, have the chance to elect a new constable this year.

Constable Scott Bedford, who currently holds the office, is seeking re-election. He is challenged by Joe D. "Jody" Johnson and Carolyn Gilmore. The primary election in March will allow voters to select a candidate to represent the Republican party. Primary Election Day is March 5 and early voting runs Tuesday, Feb. 20 to Friday, March 1.

The Tri-County Reporter asked the candidates vying for the precinct seat in the Republican primary to tell us about themselves and their goals. Check out their responses below:



Jason "Scott" Bedford

Name: Jason "Scott" Bedford
Position: Tarrant County Constable Pct 4
Occupation: Constable
Education: I graduated from the police academy as salutatorian of my class at the age of 30. At the age of 48, I attended Charis Bible College and graduated two years later at the age of 50 with an associate degree in biblical studies.
Community Involvement: I currently lead weekly devotional services and teach identity theft prevention to seniors at various senior liv-

ing facilities around Tarrant County. I also work with charitable organizations that assist families in need.

Why are you running: I am seeking re-election for the office to continue building on the implementations from when I was first elected as Constable. I have been in law enforcement for 23-plus years and served as a firefighter and EMT. I have served as constable for the past two years. During that time, I marked all patrol units, outfitted deputies with uniforms and lifesaving body armor while making it mandatory to wear while on duty. I have created a mandatory school visibility program which requires patrol deputies to work school zones daily, physically walk through a school weekly, and be in and around schools by completing their daily paperwork in school parking lots when feasible. I am now utilizing Tarrant County's reporting system for offense reports which are also directly filed from my office and utilizing the CRIS program for accidents. A review of daily activity reports revealed most deputies were only work-

ing an average of four total hours per day. The extra time allowed me to implement additional tasks for deputies to better serve our community. I have an extensive history as an instructor and understand the importance of being properly trained. I have increased the frequency of training in high liability areas such as use of force, firearms and civil process requirements. As a supervisor at previous agencies, I was responsible for assisting in creating new policies and procedures to better guide and protect our citizens and officers alike. With this experience, I am now implementing state recognized policies and procedures.

Goals: I have implemented specialized training for all deputies. I have doubled minimum training hours in specialized training such as school shooting response, taser and advanced handgun tactics and I will be introducing emergency medical care into our training in hopes to better serve our deputies and citizens. We will continue to provide the new services I implemented upon being elected in 2022.



Jody Johnson

Name: Joe D. "Jody" Johnson
Position: Tarrant County Constable Precinct 4
Occupation: Retired Ft. Worth police officer / 30.5 Years. Retired Tarrant County Constable Precinct 4 / 5.5 years
Education: Boswell High School / 1980, 2-1/2 years college from TCC, Stephen F. Austin, Tarleton State, TCU. Master Peace Officer, police instructor, police firearms instructor.
Community Involvement: Serve on the executive committee of Windy Ryon Memorial Roping, a non-profit which provides scholarships for area youth. Member of Northwest Tarrant Lions Club and the Tarrant County Junior Livestock Show Buying Group, which raises money to buy area youth agricultural projects each year.

Family: I have been married to my wife Jill for 32 years. Jill is a retired schoolteacher from Eagle Mountain Saginaw ISD. We are proud parents of two adult sons ages 29 and 31, who both live and work in Precinct 4. We are active in our community and are members of Christ Chapel Bible Church.

Why are you running: I am running for Constable to bring honesty, integrity and duty back to the office. The Precinct 4 Constable's office is broken right now. The current leadership comes to work only a couple days a month and is not completing the basic duties that are required of the job. I want to correct the mismanagement that has taken place for almost two years and bring the constable's office back to where it was previously, a well-respected and highly efficient office. The people of Tarrant County deserve better than what they are getting now from their constable.

Goals: Public safety has always been and will always be the most important goal when I am your constable. When I was first elected to the office in 2016, I increased the training to all sworn personnel. This helped make them more efficient deputies on the street. One of the first things I did was to provide active shooter training to every deputy and arm them with the necessary equipment to keep the community safe. I

was able to do this at no additional cost to taxpayers.

Productivity is my next important goal. I will increase productivity by hard work, reorganizing and better utilizing the current work force. I will also bring back the reserve deputy program. These are proven methods that have worked for me in the past. This has allowed me to handle an ever-increasing workload without increasing cost to the taxpayers. From 2016 to 2022, I was able to come in under budget every year I held the office of constable.

Regarding accountability and accessibility, I feel every public servant should be responsible and accountable to the public for every decision and action he takes. As constable, I will make myself available to the public and will always have an open door policy. While serving as constable I was there for the public to talk to and never refused to meet with anyone. Feedback from the people that you serve is the best way you have to judge how well you are doing the job. I look forward to the chance to serve the citizens of Precinct 4 again as their Constable.

Candidate Carolyn Gilmore did not respond to requests for comment by the time of publication.

Get to know primary candidates running for State Board of Education District 11 representative

STAFF REPORTS

As political discussions about education in Texas seem increasingly common, Parker County residents will have a chance to vote for the person they want to represent them in those conversations at the state level.

State Board of Education District 11 representative Patricia "Pat" Hardy is up for re-election this year, but she has challengers, both a fellow Republican and a Democrat. District 11 includes all of Parker, Hood and Somervell counties, part of Tarrant and Johnson counties and just a smidge of Dallas County.

The State Board of Education decides on curriculum standards, instructional materials and graduation requirements, among other tasks, according to the Texas Education Agency's website.

The primary election in March will allow voters to select a candidate to represent the Republican party and a candidate to represent the Democratic party. The primary winners in both parties will go head-to-head in the November general election.

Primary Election Day is March 5, and early voting runs from Tuesday, Feb. 20 to Friday, March 1.

The Tri-County Reporter asked all the candidates vying for the State Board of Education District 11 seat in both the Republican and Democratic primaries to tell us about themselves and their goals. Check out their responses below:

REPUBLICAN PRIMARY



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Brandon Hall

Name: Brandon Hall
Occupation: Pastor

Education: I started school at Springtown Elementary in the same building where my grandfather attended high school. I later transitioned to home schooling through the end of high school. I earned a bachelor's degree in pastoral theology from Hyles-Anderson College.

Community involvement: I currently serve as the pastor of a local church in Springtown and I have also worked as a full-time youth pastor. I have been heavily involved in the conservative and pro-life movement, including attending the 2022 Republican Party of Texas State Convention as a delegate and serving as a presiding election judge in Parker County.

Family: My family has lived in the Parker County area since the 1800s, making me a fifth-generation resident of Parker County and a seventh-generation Texan. I was raised in a blue-collar household where my father

worked in the oil and gas industry. Strong work ethic was instilled in me from a young age. My wife Ashley and I met while in high school, attended college together, and we have been married for three years. Ashley has a degree in education and has taught first grade at a private Christian school.

Why are you running for a place on the State Board of Education, and what experience are you bringing to the position: My passion for seeing students thrive began while working in youth ministry. While in Bible college, I led ministry outreach and mentorship programs for at-risk youth in inner-city Chicago. Working with mostly single-parent families, I helped to enroll and raise tuition funds for 14 kids to attend Christian school. Transitioning from failing schools full of drugs, gangs and violence and being placed in an uplifting environment was a life-changing experience for many of the students. In addition to my ministry experience, I have worked professionally on campaigns to elect conservative leaders including Gov. Abbott and President Trump. I also served as a staff member in the U.S. Congress where I had the opportunity to learn public service and assembled and led advisory committees on border, immigration and agriculture policy for former Rep. Yvette Harrell who was ranked one of the top conservatives in Congress.

Texas schools must be equipped with curriculum that promotes unbiased learning. I am committed to dismantling Critical Race Theory and Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. Our schools need to get back to the foundational principles of education, rooted in conservative values, to reclaim academic rigor and integrity and to provide students with a strong launching pad for their futures. The left is relentless in attempting to indoctrinate our children with woke ideology and your State Board of Education member must be just as relentless as the first line of defense protecting the innocence of students and upholding the rights of parents. I will be that solid conservative fighter that parents can count on to have their back every single time!

My political and policy experience will allow me to hit the ground running on day one and my ministry position will keep me plugged into the community and allow me to stay in touch with what parents... (edited for length)

What goals do you have that you feel will help serve residents, students and school staff in District 11: One of my top goals will be to see Texas find or develop an alternative standardized test to the STAAR testing system that puts unnecessary stress on students and teachers and wastes valuable classroom time "teaching to the test." I will advocate for the legislature to remove the STAAR test and replace it with a test that measures student aptitude according to grade level

standards based on what the students have already been learning. The STAAR test has varied too far from the course criteria and it's time for it to go.

Obscene books such as the title "Gender Queer" showing up in North Texas school libraries is a deeply concerning trend. The fact that these books ever showed up in schools in the first place speaks to a complacency that has plagued the State Board of Education. Eradicating obscene materials from Texas schools is a matter (of) urgency and will be my first priority on the State Board of Education.



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Patricia "Pat" Hardy

Name: Patricia "Pat" Hardy
Occupation: Retired (former teacher and social studies coordinator)

Education: I hold a master's degree in secondary education and history from the University of North Texas and a bachelor of arts degree in social studies from Howard Payne University.

Community involvement: Serving on the SBOE is an unpaid position which requires many hours of work throughout the year. For 10 years, I volunteered with Kids Hope, where I mentored students one-on-one at Clarke Elementary in Fort Worth. For 25 years, I ran the state finals for the National Geographic Geography Bee and judged numerous local, area and regional spelling bees affiliated with the Scripps National Spelling Bee. I am a member of Travis Avenue Baptist Church, and I received the Baptist Educators Serving Texans (B.E.S.T.) award in 2022.

Family: My family has always been my rock; parents, siblings, nieces, nephews, godsons, and goddaughter.

Why are you running for a place on the State Board of Education, and what experience are you bringing to the position: I believe in community service. There is no salary for serving on the SBOE, but the immense privilege to serve the students, educators and taxpayers of District 11 is a duty I do not take lightly. My entire career has centered around education, so I serve because education is my passion. I am a strong supporter of the public education system and want Texas public schools to be successful for all students. We have a duty to ensure students become responsible citizens, living their lives to the fullest and making meaningful contributions to their community and beyond. My priorities on the board include revising the social studies TEKS (which will be reviewed in 2025), keeping CRT, DEI, and similar "woke"

policies out of our schools, strengthening the Permanent School Fund, and continuing to advocate for local control.

With 22 years of experience serving District 11 of the SBOE, 30 years as a high school history and geography teacher, and five years as a social studies coordinator, I have devoted my life to Texas public education. My experience as an SBOE board member has trained me on how best to get things done in Austin, and the 18 years I have served on the Permanent School Fund (PFS) Committee has given me intimate knowledge of how best to lead the PFS with conservative fiscal responsibility, allowing us to annually give billions to public schools and in doing so reduce the tax burden on local taxpayers. With over three decades of experience as an educator, I empathize with the challenges our schools face, making me a powerful advocate for teachers, parents, and students.

What goals do you have that you feel will help serve residents, students, and school staff in District 11: My top priority for this term will be updating the social studies Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS). TEKS for each subject are updated every ten years. It is vital that we produce quality standards when the social studies TEKS come up for review in 2025. As a high school world history and world geography teacher for 30 years, I have hands-on classroom experience that will help inform my decisions on what content is appropriate and engaging to students depending on their grade levels. Social studies is one of the four core foundation courses of study in the state standards, and it needs to be factual, balanced, respectful and appreciative of our history and culture.

I will continue to oppose CRT, DEI, and other "woke" policies from being pushed on our students. Similarly, in my continued efforts to protect young children, I will ensure that reading materials are age-appropriate and not hypersexualized. Schools should be places of development and learning, not indoctrination.

Supporting true to my priority of supporting Texas taxpayers, I will continue to strengthen the Texas Permanent School Fund (PFS), the largest state education endowment in the nation. Through wise management, the PFS has grown to over \$55 billion in assets. The PFS backs local ISD bonds by providing a AAA rating, thereby lowering interest rates and ultimately decreasing the tax burden on local taxpayers. I have spent 18 years guiding the PFS committee with fiscal conservatism, and if reelected I will continue to do so.

My final major priority is advocating for local control. District 11 spans six counties and encompasses urban and rural school districts which have different needs and values. The SBOE makes macro policy decisions affecting the entire state, but I believe that some issues are best left up to local stakeholders.

DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY



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Rayna Glasser

Name: Rayna Glasser
Occupation: High school math teacher, department chair, and senior class sponsor

Education: I am a single mom who raised my son while putting myself through college. I earned an Associate of Arts degree through Tarrant County College before transferring to Texas Woman's University where I earned a Bachelor of Science degree in mathematics. Two years ago, I completed (my) Master of Education in teacher leadership with an emphasis on curriculum and instruction at Lamar University. I am currently working on my principal certification through Lamar.

Community involvement: I have served as an election judge in Tarrant County elections for the past several years. I recruited students to work as student poll workers, many of whom have gone on to college and continue to work the elections. I took a group of seniors to Langston University this past fall for a college visit. Several of our students received scholarships as a result of this visit. I oversee the "Adopt a Wildcat" Facebook group where I actively recruit to pair our students with a mentor after graduation. I am always looking for ways to help the community I serve.

Family: I am a single mom of a 21-year-old son. He graduated from Castleberry High School in 2021. He played football, basketball and baseball and I never missed a game. My younger sister and I were raised by a single mom. She taught us to be strong and to chase our dreams. My sister lives in North Texas and my mom lives across the street from me.

Why are you running for a place on the State Board of Education, and what experience are you bringing to the position: As a classroom teacher and parent, I see first-hand the challenges our students face every day and COVID directly impacted our students who are still trying to recover from the impact of the pandemic. According to NWEA (Northwest Evaluation Association), a K-12 assessment and research organization that tracks data through MAP (Measures of Academic Performance) testing, the data shows we are still dealing with the fallout.

We test students at the beginning of the year, the middle of the year and the end of the year. The latest numbers estimate that most students would need, on average, an

additional 4.5 months of mathematics and 4.1 months of reading to recover in these two subjects. Yet, as educators, we just went back to teaching the curriculum we always taught before the pandemic and acted like nothing changed.

We have to do better for our kids; for their future. They deserve an education, and we aren't doing an adequate job getting our kids back on track.

School and district leaders are doing the best they can with the limited resources and staff they have. We have a teacher shortage right now because teachers are being asked to do more and more with less and less.

We have to take care of our teachers so they can take care of our kids. That starts with setting realistic standards and a comprehensive curriculum that moves students forward while providing opportunities for students to close their learning gaps.

What goals do you have that you feel will help serve residents, students and school staff in District 11: My primary goal would be setting curriculum standards and ensuring our students are prepared for the global workforce upon graduation. I would assist (in) reviewing and adopting instructional materials. I would push for curriculum that is rigorous and relevant and ensure that the curriculum keeps our kids moving forward while also addressing the learning gaps so many of our kids face post-pandemic. I think SBOE should review and approve a comprehensive list of approved instructional materials for districts and/or schools to choose from. Our district is very diverse. It represents rural and urban constituents. It represents wealthy and poor constituents. It represents White, African American, Hispanic, Asian and other constituents. Each demographic is uniquely different and there is no "one size fits all" curriculum that is going to engage every student. I think it is important to have approved resources, but I think we need to allow districts and schools to choose what is going to best meet the needs of their students. I would also advocate to remove the STAAR test as a graduation requirement. While I feel like testing is necessary and beneficial for the data it can provide, I feel the way testing is utilized currently is unfair to our students. Students can fail STAAR in fifth grade and get promoted to sixth grade. Students can fail STAAR in eighth grade and get promoted to ninth grade. If students fail STAAR in ninth grade, they can continue to take the test until they graduate. However, if they have continually failed since elementary school, it is unlikely they will pass in high school because they never understood the foundational concepts necessary to build their knowledge. I would propose changes to this system that will ensure all our kids (get) an equitable education regardless of their demographics.

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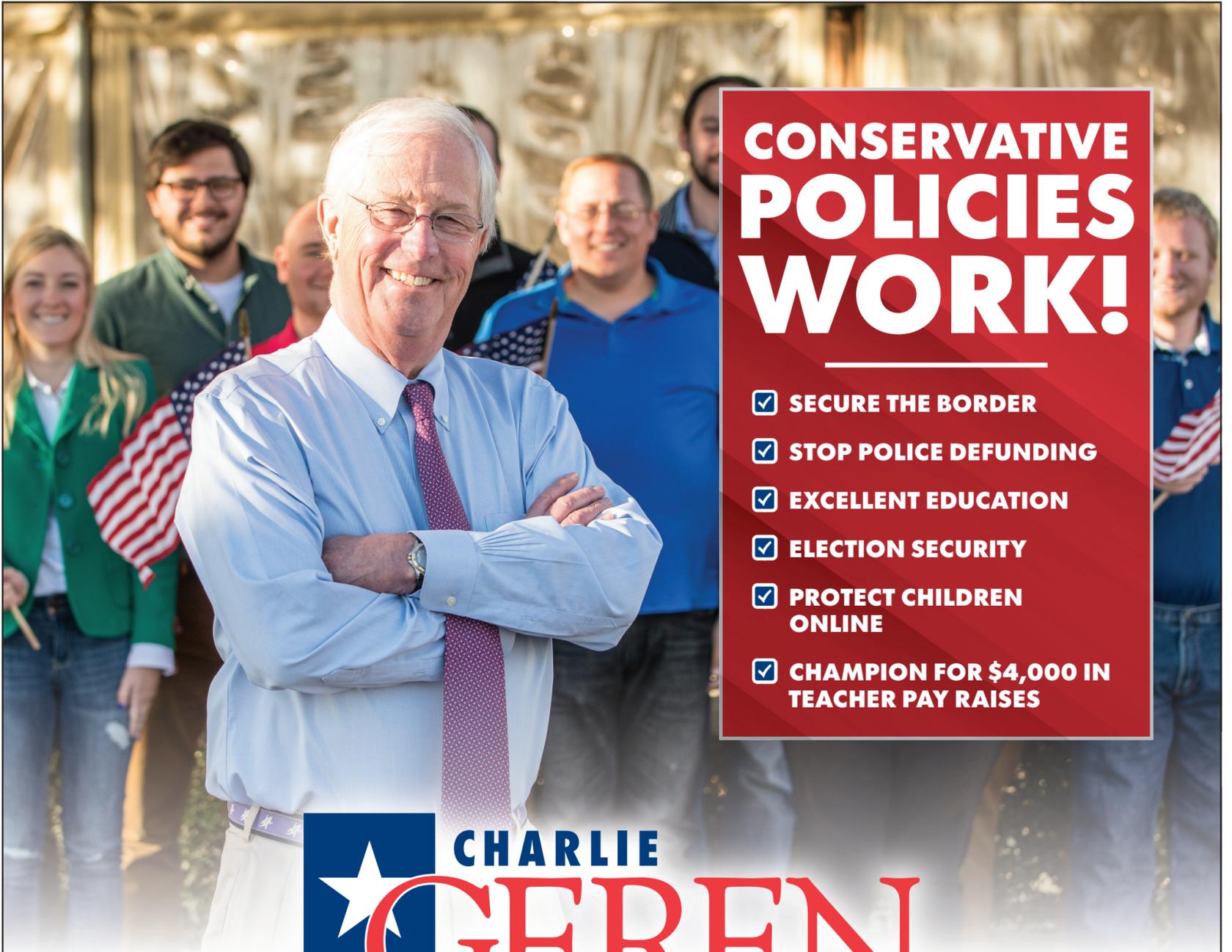
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Azle Cheer and Hornet Muscle competed Feb. 10-11 the United Cheerleading Association National at Disney World in Florida. Following preliminary competition Saturday, Feb. 10, the squad earned an invitation to compete in the finals Sunday, Feb. 11, where AHS competed with the best of the best. The Hornets left it all on the mat, bringing home the title of fourth in the nation in the large varsity co-ed division.



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From left to right Wakely Autry, Emma Ortega, Kyler Betz, and Leila Powers.



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Get to know primary candidates running for District 60 state representative

STAFF REPORTS

The race for District 60 state representative will be on the ballot during the March primary elections.

Mike Olcott is again running against incumbent state Rep. Glenn Rogers. Previously, Rogers and Olcott had the highest number of votes in the 2022 primary election, and Rogers narrowly won the seat in the following runoff election.

Because there is no Democrat candidate in this race, whoever wins in the Republican primary in March will triumph by default in the November general election.

State representatives speak for their districts in the Texas House of Representatives, which meets every two years (or in special sessions called by the governor) to vote on potential new laws that will affect residents in their districts as well as the whole state.

District 60 includes Parker County as well as Palo Pinto and Stephens counties.

Primary Election Day is March 5 and early voting runs from Tuesday, Feb. 20 to Friday, March 1.

The Tri-County Reporter asked the candidates vying for the District 60 state representative seat in the Republican primary to tell us about themselves and their goals. Check out their responses below:



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Mike Olcott

Name: Mike Olcott
Occupation: Retired Biochemist

Education: After earning a B.S. in biology from Rhodes College in Memphis, Tennessee, and a Ph.D. in biochemistry from the University of Kentucky in Lexington, I worked as a post-doctoral research scientist at Stockholm University in Sweden and OSU.

Community involvement: I co-founded Parker County Conservatives in 2015. The primary mission of this organization is to educate, motivate and activate conservative Republicans in Parker County. I also served as a Republican precinct chair from 2014-2021.

Family: I have been married to my beautiful wife since 2001.

Why are you running for District 60 state representative, and what experience are you bringing to the position: A fifth generation Texan, I grew up with the conservative values that make Texas the Texas we love. Unfortunately, those values have been under assault for

quite some time. Sadly, too many community and political leaders have been cowering to political correctness and woke cancel culture allowing the genuine true heart of Texas to rapidly erode. My wife and I could not sit idly by watching this happen to Texas. For more than two decades, we have volunteered our time and resources to get true conservatives elected into leadership positions on a local and state level. I have been fighting illegal immigration since 2005 and have spent more than 50 nights at the U.S. border as an extra set of eyes and ears for the U.S. Border Patrol as part of the Minuteman Project. I understand the issue and know how to address it. I have been fighting sky-rocketing property taxes since 2014 through petitions to local governments and bringing citizen advocates to Austin to advocate for property tax relief. In regard to water, I have already met with a number of experts within the district to pick their brain in order to formulate a strategic, common-sense solution that does not infringe on private property rights. As your next state representative, I will fight for the conservative values of our district and the liberties that God and our forefathers bestowed upon us.

What goals do you have that you feel will help serve residents in District 60: My top priority is to put a stop to the invasion at our southern border. The sad reality is that the federal government will never secure our border with Mexico. Texas must secure it! My second priority is to drastically reduce our property taxes by striving to eliminate the M&O tax rate. My third priority is to address the water crisis affecting the western part of the district. We need to come up with a solution that provides both a long-term solution that addresses the growing demand for water and a short-term solution that provides relief to the residents of Mineral Wells. While the latter is primarily a local issue, I will work to bring people together to help solve the problem. For more information, please visit my website at MikeOlcott.com or call or text me at 817-727-1869.



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Glenn Rogers

Name: Glenn Rogers
Occupation: Veterinarian and Rancher

Education: I graduated from Graham High School. My BS and Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degrees were completed at Texas A&M University. A post-graduate degree was obtained at Kansas State University. I was a tenured associate professor at North Carolina State University. I am board certified with the American Board of Veterinary Practitioners in beef cattle practice. In 2020, I was recognized as an Outstanding Alumnus by the Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine. I have been an invited speaker for numerous veterinary and cattle industry events across the U.S. and have authored over 40 peer-reviewed publications.

Community involvement: My "community" has encompassed local, state and national involvement. Mandy and I are active in our Aleo church and Sunday school class. I serve as a lay reader and was chair of our Pastor/Parish committee. While in practice, I was president of the Palo Pinto County Farm Bureau, president of the West Cross Timbers Veterinary Association, director of the Texas VMA, member of the Graford School Board, member of the tax appraisal advisory board and VP of the Palo Pinto County Livestock Association. Recently, I served on the executive committee and as president of the American Association of Bovine Practitioners.

Family: I have four living children, three daughters and a son, and five grandchildren. My oldest daughter, Meg, is an MD and infectious disease specialist. My daughter,

Ginny, is an attorney, dealing mostly with education issues. My son, Ben, graduated from Texas A&M with a degree in genetics and is in technical sales. My youngest daughter, Leah, is a sophomore at Tarleton State University, majoring in physics and math. My wife, Mandy, is also a veterinarian. We live on our ranch south of Graford on land settled by my family 125 years ago.

Why are you running for District 60 state representative, and what experience are you bringing to the position: I am currently in my second term serving as state representative for House District 60. I am running to be a strong voice for my local district and rural Texas. Due to redistricting, this is my first term to represent Parker County, now 80% of my district. We lived in Aleo from 2000-2019, and two of my children attended Aleo public schools. While much of Parker County is now more suburban, residents still cherish rural conservative values and rally around their local schools. Parker County is one of the fastest growing counties in the nation, and we need experienced leadership in the Texas House to address the unique challenges that accompany growth. I serve on the House Natural Resources Committee, which oversees water entities such as the Texas Water Development Board and TCEQ. My team has toured every water facility in the district and are well equipped to tackle water availability issues. My conservative record includes passing Constitutional Carry, banning abortions in Texas, passing the largest property tax relief bill in state history, and funding the border to the tune of \$6.6 billion in this session to continue building the wall and put more boots on the ground. In the recent special session, we passed the strongest immigration law in the nation, making it a felony to enter the country illegally and giving Texas the ability to deport illegal immigrants back to Mexico. Before running for public office, I had a 40-year career as a veterinarian, ranging from operating a large animal practice, teaching at the university level, and technical consulta-

tion. I am a sixth generation rancher and I have experience running small businesses. The skills I gained from my career experiences have been invaluable in my service representing you in the Texas House.

What goals do you have that you feel will help serve residents in District 60: The border crisis has made every town in Texas a "border town." In the absence of federal leadership, I will continue to strongly support Gov. Abbott's mission to secure our border and resist the invasion. Our citizens and our communities are being harmed by fentanyl and other drugs that continually cross the southern border. My goal is to stop that threat. Texas should do whatever possible to end the Biden Border Crisis. Enforcement of current laws is a critical first step.

I want to continue lowering property taxes. We passed the largest property tax cut in history this past legislative session. This is a great start, saving the average Texas homeowner \$1300, but we can and will do more.

My team and I are ready to work toward immediate and long-term solutions for our region's water shortage. Beginning in March, we will hold Town Halls across the district focused on providing factual information about the looming water crisis and to entertain ideas and potential solutions prior to the 89th legislative session in 2025. I will continue to actively participate in the Hydrology 2050 group to continue seeking ways to address the long and short-term water needs. We owe it to future generations to prepare now for future water demands.

I will continue protecting our great local schools. In District 60, we are blessed to have outstanding public and private schools that provide our students with a balanced education. Our schools are the heart of our communities; Friday Night Lights, band performances, FFA activities, and many other school events are irreplaceable. I will continue to stand up for local schools, to enhance our students' learning experience, and support our teachers in their efforts to bring up the next generation.

OBITUARIES

Billy "Wayne" Kirk 1957-2023

Billy "Wayne" Kirk, 66 of Boyd, went home to be with the Lord Feb. 6, 2024.

Wayne grew up in Springtown and was a loving brother and a devoted son.

He is preceded in death by his parents Billy and Pearl Kirk; and by a brother, Justin Kirk.

He is survived by his sister, Rhonda Lanier and husband, Kenneth; by his sister Tracy Smith and husband, Paul; and by numerous nieces and nephews.



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Ray Tapp 1933-2024

Ray Tapp, 90, of Azle, passed away at home Jan. 27, 2024, surrounded by loved ones, from injuries sustained during an auto accident Jan. 12.

A "Celebration of Life and Memorial" will be held in his honor at 2 p.m. Feb. 18, at the Fort Worth Anglers Club.

Ray Tapp was a proud local business owner, family man, avid outdoorsman and long-standing member of the FWAC. He was a dreamer and a go-getter. He was a builder of things, people and relationships. He is greatly loved and will be missed by so many.

Ray is survived by his sister Erma; daughters Amy and Debi; son Logan; sons-in-law David and Calvin; grandchildren Laisha, Adam and Holi; great-grandchildren Dakota,



Zane, Cierra, Dixie and Danny; great-great-grandson Jaxon; stepsons Benjie and Lynn; stepdaughter-in-law Susan; step-grandchildren Hunter and Colton; and many other family and friends.

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According to an April 15, 2021, edition of The Springtown Epigraph. About 60% of Parker County voters in the Springtown school district rejected this proposal, which would have raised tax rates by almost 12 cents.

The Epigraph also reported that SISD's enrollment was 3,674 in January 2021, which at the time was the highest January enrollment since 2007. Now the district's enrollment numbers are more than 4,000.

"Across the district, we are already planning to add teachers at every elementary grade level as we prepare for next year," former SISD Superintendent Mike Kelley said in the May 6, 2021, edition of the Epigraph.

In the fall of 2021, SISD put the same proposal out for a vote again, except this time the cost of the projects ballooned to \$41.5 million. However, a successful bond election would have only increased the tax rate by about a half-cent compared to the previous year.

Again, the bond proposal failed to pass, this time by about 51% in Parker County and 54% in Wise County.

After failing at the polls twice in a year, the school board opted to not call for elections in 2022. Instead, the district hosted multiple meetings to educate locals on the district's needs and get feedback to form a new plan. From there, the district found support for building a new middle school and reconfiguring the district's campuses instead of constructing a new elementary school.

In February 2023, the board decided to call for an election to fund the new proposal to

build a new middle school, convert the current middle school into a ninth-grade center and turn the intermediate school into the district's fourth elementary campus. In this plan, there wouldn't be a need for an intermediate school as fifth graders would be taught at the elementary campuses, and sixth graders would go to Springtown Middle School.

The May 2023 bond proposal was estimated to cost \$120.78 million, which was tens of millions of dollars more expensive than the 2021 plans. Building a middle school generally costs more than an elementary school, and district officials would need to buy more land to accommodate the new middle school campus. Without considering the impact of increased property appraisals, the district's tax rate was projected to increase by about 29 cents with a successful bond election.

Although voters failed to pass the May 2023 bond, the election was close in Parker County where the percentage of "no" votes didn't reach 51% of the total ballots cast, and more people in the county voted on the bond than during the previous two elections. With Wise County's results taken into consideration, the bond failed by only 57 votes.

In August 2023, SISD called for another bond election with a proposal almost identical to the one in May. The district hired a new financial adviser and architect, and because of the Texas Legislature's required tax compression, SISD's tax rate would have been about a cent less than the rate for the previous year after a winning bond election.

But SISD still didn't capture the votes it needed to win the

election in November. Instead, SISD voters in Parker and Wise counties definitively told the district "no" at the ballot box. More people in both counties came to the polls (which could be attributed to the constitutional amendments election that was also on the ballot in November) and soundly rejected the bond proposal by about 56% in Parker County and about 60% in Wise County.

"I don't know that people truly see the need, especially those that are not visiting our campuses," SISD Superintendent Shane Strickland said about why the bond hasn't passed. "They don't feel the impact that it has inside the buildings."

The community meetings in 2022 had a decent number of attendees, but leading up to the November 2023 election, the district's informational meetings were sparsely attended.

Strickland theorized that the district may be reaching people who already are bond supporters at meetings when they need to attract opposed or questioning voters. But getting them to show up is harder said than done.

"We had lists of people that we would call in, invite them to these meetings, and a lot of them would say they're going to come and then just never come," he said.

School districts in Poolville, Decatur and Bridgeport also had failing bond elections in November, but Azle ISD — which Strickland pointed out has more businesses and corporations that pay local taxes than Springtown — was able to pass a bond election last fall.

Despite the view on the local level, most 2023 school bond elections in Texas had more in common with Azle than Springtown and other

nearby school districts. Of the 203 school bond elections that took place last year, 150 (74%) passed at least one proposition while 53 (26%) failed, according to the Municipal Advisory Council of Texas. This trend is still consistent when broken down between the May 2023 and the November 2023 bond elections in Texas. The Municipal Advisory Council of Texas reports that 80% of May bond elections were successful while 63% of November bond elections were successful.

Strickland estimated that it's been since 2008 since SISD last passed a bond election. Voters approved the school district's use of \$35 million to build Goshen Creek Elementary School on Pojo Road, Porcupine Stadium, the baseball/softball complex, additional classrooms and a band hall at the high school, classrooms and a restroom at Springtown Middle School and renovations for safety at the intermediate school.

The previous bond proposal in 2005 only received partial favor. Voters approved major improvements at each campus but shot down propositions for a new elementary school and a sports complex. Of course, the voters changed their minds about these proposals in 2008.

"I believe the community has sent a clear message to the students in Springtown that education is important," former Superintendent Andrea Hungerford said in the May 14, 2008, edition of the Epigraph. "All facets of education prepare students as our future leaders."

In that previous Epigraph article, Hungerford talks about wanting to get rid of "unsightly portables," overcrowding at Springtown Elementary School and the



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Springtown ISD school board member Tootie Hall updated the Springtown City Council on the school district's quest for a winning bond election on Jan. 25.

need for more restrooms — all of which have been discussed leading up to SISD's most recent bond elections. The 2008 bond election was reported to have included a tax increase, but the district also had access to state funds to help pay for the debt.

Mike Gilley, a former assistant superintendent and principal for SISD, recalled most of the bonds passing when he worked for the district. He described the 2008 election, specifically, as a great success for the district.

"It was just a great economic time for us and (we) got everything really at a reasonable price," Gilley said. "We kind of got everything we wanted and (were) able to pay for it."

But 2008 prices aren't the same as they are now. Gilley estimated the price of the

stadium, baseball/softball complex, track and added bus barn parking alone was about \$17 million, "and now, \$17 million wouldn't even touch trying to construct the same thing."

Gilley doesn't remember much opposition to the 2008 bond since it was understood that the facilities were inadequate compared to the district's size. He pointed out that most of the district's campuses were constructed before 2001.

"We can add to, glam over (I guess you might say) some things, but there are such things as plumbing, wiring ... space needs, that have to be met and/or overcome," Gilley said.

Stay tuned for the next part of "Bond or bust" in next week's paper.

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If you are looking for a venue that offers a more intimate and close-knit feel for your upcoming event, Venue on the Square in Springtown is one you need to check out!

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Venue on the Square is a great spot for hosting an event for up to 48 people, like graduation parties, baby showers, wedding showers, birthday parties and receptions, business meetings and lunches, and even small weddings.

Prices at Venue on the Square start at \$135 per hour. A four-hour package is \$450; six hours for \$635, or 12 hours for \$1,150. Decorating services can also be provided for \$200.

Events can be booked for Sunday through Saturday from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. Last-minute bookings can be accommodated if the date is available.

Venue on the Square is located at 116 Optimist Rd. in Springtown. To schedule a tour or for more information about Venue on the Square, call 817-304-1290. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Beans and Cornbread auction Feb. 17

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AZLE — The annual Azle FFA Beans and Cornbread Dinner and Auction will be Saturday, Feb. 17, at Forte Junior High, 479 Sandy Beach Road, starting at 5:30 p.m.

Last year's Beans and Cornbread raised \$15,000 with the auction bringing in the majority of that amount. The funds will be primarily used for scholarships and to support Azle FFA exhibitors at the Tarrant County Junior Livestock Show. The TCJLS is another big moneymaker for the Azle FFA and always presents an opportunity for students to excel and exemplify Azle through their success. The 2024 TCJLS is scheduled for Feb. 28 through

Azle FFA hosts annual meal and auction to raise money for chapter

March 2, with the auction sale Saturday, March 2, at 12p.m. in the Cattle Arena between Cattle Barns 1 and 2. Funds will also be used to provide support for the leadership and career development teams in the fall and spring who qualify for state competitions as well as meet other needs of the chapter and its students.

For admission into the Beans and Cornbread Dinner and Auction, guests are encouraged to bring one non-perishable food item to stock the Azle FFA Blessing Box,

instead of purchasing tickets. The Azle FFA Blessing Box is located next to the Azle ISD Administration Office at 300 Roe Street. Items to be auctioned include baked goods, jewelry, hunting supplies, tools, home and holiday décor, toys, women's accessories and more.

The Azle FFA will also celebrate National FFA Week Feb. 19 by hosting a dodgeball tournament in Azle High School's indoor facility. The event is open to chapter members of other nearby school district's FFAs.

BOOK REVIEW

Look over here and say "Cheeeeeeeese!"

Let's see those chompers, those pearly-whites. How 'bout a big grin, ear to ear. You've got a full set of gorgeous teeth, why not show them off? Smile - especially if, as in the new book "Big Meg" by Tim Flannery and Emma Flannery, one tooth is as big as a toddler's hand.

Growing up in Victoria, Australia, Tim Flannery enjoyed fossil hunting on both land and just off the coast. It was more than a hobby for him - it was an obsession, a way to make money and to learn about that branch of science. He still recalls a large fossil he found in 1973, the tooth of Otodus megalodon, a shark that had gone extinct millions of years ago.

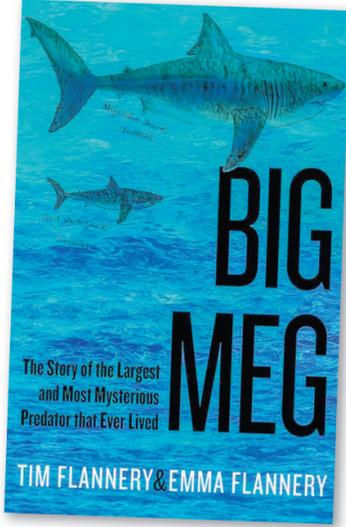
At a possible 101,600 kilograms (around 112 tons), a theoretical 20 meters long (nearly 22 yards or almost 66 feet), and a bite force roughly twice that of a Tyrannosaurus rex, the Otodus megalodon was no shrinking violet. Informally known as "Meg," it was the largest predator the Earth had ever seen. Ever.

Flannery wasn't the only one who was fascinated by the gigantic predator.

It's thought that ancient societies used megalodon teeth in rituals and as tools. Fossil hunters avidly look for them in known spots. Museums love having Meg's teeth and dealers sell them to private collectors online. Flannery says there are likely millions of teeth not yet discovered, mostly because each Meg had "tooth stacks" and hundreds of razor-sharp, killing-machine teeth in its mouth at any one time.

"Big Meg: The Story of the Largest and Most Mysterious Predator that Ever Lived" by Tim Flannery and Emma Flannery

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\$27.00 208 pages



And yet, despite that humans' evolutionary lineage and Meg's overlapped a bit, our knowledge about the megalodon is really quite limited. Little can be learned from its bones, since Meg had a cartilaginous skeleton and cartilage doesn't fossilize well. We can extrapolate information from any of the 15 species of its cousins that live. And maybe, says Flannery, we'll know firsthand: some people believe that the megalodon still exists...

If you've read this far, it's pretty safe to say that deep, deep inside you lies the heart of a 5-year-old who thinks sharks are the coolest creatures alive. They're the coolest creatures dead, too, as you'll see inside "Big Meg."

It's unfortunate, actually, that most kids are too young to read a book like

this. Authors Tim Flannery and Emma Flannery, a father-daughter team, write in great detail about creatures that can hold a lot of fascination for all ages: longer than an average ranch-style home, Meg didn't live in a vacuum, so the authors include facts about other marine animals, both ancient and current, in their narrative, as a touchstone. This may irritate some readers - it means a lot of subject-bouncing and an overabundance of seemingly-irrelevant, seemingly-superfluous info - but stay with it. The mind-boggling is ultimately worth it.

This is the kind of book that makes you want to drop "Did you know?" at the dinner table tonight. It's a shark-lover's dream read. Share it with a kid, if you can; "Big Meg" will make you both smile.

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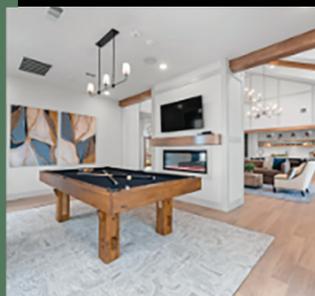
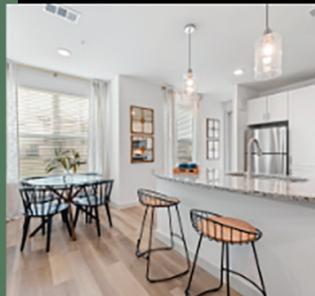


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Who's running for Texas House District 99?

STAFF REPORTS

Residents in Texas House District 99, which includes northwest Tarrant County, have the chance to elect a new representative this year.

Rep. Charlie Geren, who currently holds the office, is seeking re-election. The primary election in March will allow voters to select candidates to represent the Republican Party and Democratic Party. Primary Election Day is March 5 and early voting runs Tuesday, Feb. 20 to Friday, March 1.

The Tri-County Reporter asked all the candidates vying for the district seat in both the Republican and Democratic primary to tell us about themselves and their goals. Check out their responses, listed in order received, below:



COURTESY PHOTO

Jack Reynolds

Name: Jack Reynolds
Position: Texas House District 99
Occupation: Educator
Education: I was born and raised in Texas and spent most of my life here save for my time in the military. I graduated from high school in New Braunfels in 1986. However, I did not get my undergraduate degree until I was 42 years old, graduating cum laude from Tarleton State University in 2010 with a bachelor's degree in economics and a minor in math. I worked my way through graduate school as a high school math teacher, receiving a master's degree in economics in 2013 and a doctoral degree in educational leadership and policy studies in 2018.

Community Involvement: I have served on Azle's Municipal Development District Board for the last couple of years, and I served a year on my neighborhood's homeowner's association. At various times, I have also coached little league baseball, and I have served as an umpire for a softball league.

Family: I have five brothers — a younger brother with whom I share both my mother and father, three older half-brothers with whom I share a mother, and an older stepbrother who joined the family when I was 12 years old. In 2006, I met my wife, April, and we married the following year. We have a son named Jackson who is 11 years old.

Why are you running: There are several reasons why I chose to get in this race. The proverbial straw that broke the camel's back was the impeachment of (Texas) Attorney General Ken Paxton. While I certainly do not condone the behavior he was accused of, you would be hard pressed to convince me that other politicians in Austin, and certainly in Washington, D.C., do not similarly use their positions to benefit friends and family. If doing favors for friends and engaging in extramarital relations was truly an impeachable offense, we could get rid of a whole bunch of politicians. This kind of hypocrisy I simply cannot stomach. However, this was not the only reason I decided to challenge Charlie Geren.

Beginning in 2020, I became aware of an almost systemic failure in higher education to adhere to Texas Government Code, Chapter 657, Military Employment Preference. As a twice-honorably discharged Army Infantry and Desert Storm veteran, I learned first-hand this was largely being ignored because there is simply no enforcement mechanism. Our veterans deserve more than legisla-

tive virtue signaling from our elected representatives, and my repeated efforts to reach out to our own representative, Charlie Geren, were mostly ignored. The people in District 99 deserve a more responsive representative.

Goals: My first goal will be to put a stop to the landfill being proposed on Silver Creek Road in the south Lake Worth community. The company proposing the landfill relies on a years-old, dormant permit. Such landfill permits cannot simply exist in perpetuity, such that a company can revive it years later after residential communities have sprung up in the area.

It is thanks in large part to Charlie Geren that this problem exists at all. He filed HB 1794 in 2015, which capped the amount that cities and counties could collect from companies that contaminate the environment, removing the disincentive polluters would otherwise face. I am in favor of protecting cities and counties from frivolous lawsuits, but Geren's legislation goes too far.

Not only does this landfill pose a threat to the air quality and water supply, but it will also decimate property values, potentially wiping out equity in people's homes. When I am elected, I will do everything in my power to stop this landfill. I will place a reasonable time restraint on how long such permits can be used before they need to be reviewed for renewal, and I will reinstate fines that act as a disincentive to those that contaminate our residential communities.

I am also eager to roll up my sleeves and work with the governor to resolve a host of issues. For example, we need to secure our border, ensure the integrity of our elections, eliminate property taxes, protect small businesses, improve education, reform school finance, protect state's rights and implement the party's legislative priorities. I will not go to Austin simply to do what I want or what I think is best. I will go to Austin and do what my constituents ask of me constrained only by our Constitution.



COURTESY PHOTO

Charlie Geren

Name: Charlie Geren
Position you are running for: State Representative of House District 99

Occupation: Rancher/Restaurateur

Education: I grew up in the Fort Worth area and attended high school at Arlington Heights, just as my father and younger brother did. I then went on to spend two years at the Baylor Military School in Chattanooga, Tennessee. After my time there, I went on to attend Southern Methodist University where I am proud to have graduated with a degree in real estate and finance.

Community Involvement: I have been involved in the Northwest Tarrant County community for more than four decades, having spent much of this time involved in the Fort Worth Stock Show. Since the early 1970s, I have had an active role in the steer show and have served many roles on the Fort Worth Stock Show including treasurer and secretary. Currently I serve as vice president of the Southwestern Exposition and Livestock Show. Outside of the stock show, I have served as a trustee of Texas Christian University and am the owner and proprietor of the Railhead Smokehouse.

Family: I am the proud father of one daughter and grandfather to two boys. I am

very close to my brother and spend lots of time with my nieces and nephews.

Why are you running: Prior to my time in the legislature, I served for nearly a decade as a Deputy U.S. Marshal, giving me a deep understanding and experience in law enforcement. After my time with the Marshals, I moved into water policy and advocacy, serving in an elected position on the Tarrant Regional Water District board of directors. I was then appointed to the Texas Water Development Board and served as chairman of the Texas Resource Finance Authority for five years. My focus was always on serving the people of Tarrant County, and later the whole of Texas, in an open and fiscally responsible manner. I oversaw a multitude of much-needed wastewater reclamation projects and ensured that Texas would have stable and long-lasting access to groundwater resources. After serving on the board, I transitioned into the Texas Legislature, being elected for my first term in the Texas House in 2000. During my time in the legislature, I have served on a multitude of committees including State Affairs, Energy Resources, Calendars, Redistricting, and Land and Resource Management. I also served as the chairman of the House Administration Committee for over a decade, chairman of the Local and Consent Calendar Committee, and Speaker Pro Tem for the most recent legislative session. I have served the wonderful community of northwest Tarrant County my entire life. Having grown up here, owned businesses here, and raised my family here, I have always known what a special place North Texas is and have always strived to make it a beacon for the rest of the state to follow.

Goals: My top priority in the legislature has always been protecting our Northwest Tarrant County families — and delivering meaningful tax relief every chance I get. This session, we passed the largest property tax cut in American history — \$18 billion in relief for homeowners and businesses. It's my duty to ease the burden on Azle families and I'm proud of our hard work delivering more each session. We must keep cutting until people can afford their homes.

I'm driven to fully secure our southern border. I voted to empower our law enforcement to arrest and turn back those who trespass on Texas. We increased border security funding by 630% since Biden took office. We're finishing the wall in Texas, designated Mexican drug cartels as terrorists, and cracked down on fentanyl and human trafficking. Though it's the federal government's job, we must step up to protect our families. This is the biggest challenge we face, and the stakes are life or death. I'm running again to finish the job and stop Biden's open border.

I'm a champion of our local law enforcement. I co-authored the bill that stopped cities from defunding police departments. Now, it's the cities that will be defunded if they cut their police departments. You should know that protecting the Azle community drives me each day as your State Representative.

I'll always protect and advance our conservative values. Texas is the most pro-life state in America now. We've protected our kids from being targeted by online predators and Big Tech and passed Constitutional Carry — eliminating licensing requirements for carrying firearms. There should be no infringement on your right to protect your family. I'm proud to be endorsed by the NRA with an A-Rating and I'd be honored with your vote to continue advancing our values in the Texas House.

Democratic candidate Mimi Coffey did not respond to request for comment by time of publication.

News from Azle City Hall

We welcome your comments or suggestions on information you would like to see reported on this page, please call Azle City Hall, 817-444-2541, or email Assistant to the City Manager Susie Hiles at shiles@cityofazle.org. Until next month.....

New Garbage Rates in effect February 1, 2024



Beginning February 1, 2024, Azle residents/business owners will see an increase in their garbage/recycle rates. (Current residential rate \$23.09 – new rate \$23.75/month) The City's contract with CWD allows for an annual market adjustment each February 1st based on increase in fuel costs, landfill costs, and on the percent of increase in the annual Consumer Price Index (CPI) for all DFW Urban Consumers as published by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. The new garbage service rates are available on the City's website at www.cityofazle.org or a hard copy is available at City Hall.

NOTICE TO ALL COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL ACCOUNTS. Beginning February 15, 2024, all commercial and industrial customers will be direct billed by CWD. CWD is sending out letters to all commercial/industrial accounts with details on what to expect.

Azle residents benefit from a variety of waste disposal options - twice a week solid waste, once a week recycle (option to choose either 65 gal cart or 18 gal bin), once a week bulk item collection, once a month bulk brush, and a twice a year "X-treme Green Event" that is held as part of the city-wide clean up.

The X-treme Green Event gives Azle residents a convenient way to dispose of their household hazardous waste, e-waste, metal appliances, tires, and on-site document shredding. **The 2024 X-treme Green Events are scheduled for May 11 and September 14.**

Free recycled paint for Azle residents

In an effort to continue our recycling efforts, the City and CWD created a re-mix paint program by blending the usable paint collected at Azle's X-treme Green Events and offering the recycled paint (latex & oil-based) **FREE** to Azle residents. Paint is in one (1) gallon containers and available at Azle City Hall, 505 W. Main Street. *The City of Azle does not guarantee the purity, quality, consistency, etc of the paint distributed.*

The City of Azle and CWD are committed to helping our residents keep the community clean and preserving the environment for future generations. For questions or concerns regarding your solid waste collection, please contact Community Waste Disposal at 972-392-9300, Option 2.

**** For guidelines regarding garbage collection, visit the City's website.**

Azle Memorial Library News & Events

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Spring Break at the Azle Library!

Join us this Spring Break for free activities for kids, teens and adults!

March 11 at 1pm, the week kicks off with a water conservation education and free terrarium making activity for kids ages 5-12.

March 13 @ 10:30 AM or 11:30 AM - Kids ages 4-12 can join us for one of two identical shows featuring LIVE animals.

March 12 @ 6:30pm - Adults and teens 13+ are invited to a Hunger Games Trivia night; and return on **March 15 at 3 PM** for a free showing of "Hunger Games: The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes" (rated PG-13).

See the library's newsletter on our website for full details.

Save the Date - March 23 - AML is Celebrating 15 Years on Main Street!

Azle Memorial Library invites the community to help us celebrate our 15th anniversary with a variety of programs and celebrations for the Public to attend from March 18-April 6. Plus, all community members are invited to the **Anniversary Open House on March 23** from 1-3 PM. To learn more, pick up a newsletter inside the library, or visit our website beginning February 15.

FREE AARP Tax-Aide

Certified tax preparers with AARP Tax-Aide will be at the Azle Memorial Library through April 13 to provide individuals with FREE tax preparation for basic returns (individual only, no business). Appointments are required - call the library soon to book yours before they fill up.

FREE In-Person Programs

The Library offers a variety of free programs for kids, teens and adults. Learn about upcoming programs by visiting the Library's website and Facebook page. All events take place in the Library Community Room, unless otherwise noted. Here are just a few of the programs coming soon:

- **Storytime:** Little ones and the caregivers can participate in early learning fun with the Children's Librarian! Tiny Tykes (ages 1-2) meets Wednesdays at 10:30am. Preschool Pals (ages 3-6) meets Thursdays at 10:30am.
- **Crafty Quilters:** Meets third Saturday of every month from 10am-2pm. Adult quilters of all skill-levels can bring their own materials and equipment while meeting other quilters and sharing techniques.
- **Last Monday Matinee:** Last Monday of every month at 2 PM. Adults enjoy a newly released movie and free popcorn on the big screen in the Community Room! See library newsletter or call for upcoming movie titles.
- **Gardening for Pollinators February 27 at 6 PM.** Join us to learn about the best plants and features to install to attract butterflies, bees and birds to your North Texas yard. Taught by the Tarrant Regional Water District. No registration is required.
- **Rope Bunny Coasters March 5 at 6:30 PM.** Adult and teen crafters can hop over to the library to make a pair of bunny coasters! Free, but registration is required by calling 817-752-2682.

Scan for more information on what's happening in the City of Azle or visit us at www.cityofazle.org



Get to know primary candidates running for District 30 state senator

STAFF REPORTS

Residents in State Senate District 30, which includes north and east portions of Parker County along with parts of multiple other North Texas counties, have the chance to elect a new leader this year.

Sen. Drew Springer, who currently helms District 30, will not seek reelection. The primary election in March will allow voters to select a candidate to represent the Republican party and a candidate to represent the Democratic party. The primary winners from both parties will go head-to-head in the November general election.

State senators represent their districts in the Texas Senate, which meets every two years (or in special sessions called by the governor) to vote on potential new laws that would affect residents in their districts as well as the whole state.

Primary Election Day is March 5 and early voting runs Tuesday, Feb. 20 to Friday, March 1.

The Tri-County Reporter asked all the candidates vying for the District 30 state senate seat in both the Republican and Democratic primaries to tell us about themselves and their goals. Check out their responses:

REPUBLICAN PRIMARY



COURTESY PHOTO

Cody Clark

Name: Cody Clark
Occupation: Executive director of operations

Education: Graduated HS from Newman Smith in Carrollton. Attended the University of North Texas and obtained 43 hours. Earned a jailer license as well as a master peace officer's license (both currently inactive).

Community involvement: Police officer for the City of Denton for nine years full time, and nine years as a reserve officer.

Family: I've been married to my wife, Shelly, for 17 years. I have two daughters, Justice, 19, and Liberty, 8.

Why are you running for District 30 state senator and what experience you are bringing to the position: The only thing (I) have done in my life is service to others, whether it be as a police officer, watching over your families at night, or in my current work operating state

programming (as a private provider) that takes care of your loved ones with IDD/ special needs. Over the last decade, my professional work has turned into working on the larger, big picture, issues for the greater IDD community with the Health and Human Services Commission, and with our legislators both locally, and at the Capitol in Austin. I do, as my sole job, what our legislative officials should at least be thinking about, and hopefully doing day to day, w Whether it be testifying before committees, providing actionable ways to carve out hundreds of millions (of dollars) in current funding so that it can be reallocated without losing services to those in programming, or providing input on how to implement state programming through our provider association. In short, I work on substantive legislative issues for Texans, and I feel I can expand that to include all the constituents of Senate District 30.

What goals do you have that you feel will help serve residents in District 30? My overarching goals are to ensure that governmental programming is both effective and efficient while being a good fiduciary of our taxpayer dollars, whether that be in obtaining a Texas identification card, reimagining our Mental Health Services, or finding better ways to allocate state funding so it works for Texans. I want to have a government that works for

the people, not a government in name only.



COURTESY PHOTO

Carrie de Moor, MD, FACEP

Name: Carrie de Moor, MD, FACEP

Occupation: Emergency physician/CEO/mom

Education: I attended Southern Methodist University for my undergraduate degree with a BA in psychology. I went on to medical school at Texas Tech University Health Science Center. Following medical school, I completed an intern year in pediatrics at UTMB Galveston and then finished up my residency in emergency medicine at Texas Tech El Paso where I was chief resident.

Community involvement: I have served as president of Collin Fannin County Medical Society and president of Project Access Collin County serving the needs of the indigent community with volunteer healthcare services. I also serve currently on the Texas Medical Board DRC and Texas

Opioid Fund Abatement Council. Additionally, I have previously been a Girl Scout Troop Leader and Cookie Mom.

Family: I have been married to my husband, Rudy, for 19 wonderful years. We have three children, Christian (17), Catelyn (15) and Ava (11). My son is a senior in high school and actively engaged in the community. I am a native Texan and my family has been in farming in Texas for at least the last five generations. I am the daughter of a United States Navy Veteran and retired Texas school teacher/librarian.

Why are you running for District 30 state senator and what experience you are bringing to the position: I am running for this position because I truly feel that the Lord has called me to this place and sharpened me for a time such as this. I feel that the people of SD 30 need a strong voice that will represent their needs and their values in Austin. Too many times our region is overlooked as policy is made surrounding Harris County or Travis County. I watched as our previous senator put his hand up and said, I don't have time to listen to the people. I will be a present, accessible leader and senator that will not forget you. We must have leadership that will fight for the people of this region and senate district specifically and who will be deeply engaged with the community. I have served as a leader in the medical com-

munity, as an appointee of the attorney general and governor, as well as a day-to-day front-line physician caring for Texans. I have built multiple businesses and fought tirelessly against corporate and government overreach to protect patient access to care for over a decade. I have successfully innovated new models of healthcare delivery and access in both airports and rural communities and understand the degree of diplomacy required to get the job done in Austin.

What goals do you have that you feel will help serve residents in District 30: We must address investment in the border first and do everything that we can to ensure that we are supporting all efforts from Texas to secure the border and stop the invasion. Before we can fix education, we must fix the border. Before we fix healthcare, we must fix the border. Before we fix inflation, we must fix the border. The strain of the influx of illegals into Texas is causing skyrocketing costs in all sectors and in all counties. To be a good fiduciary of the money that truly belongs to the people, not the government, we must direct it appropriately to the border crisis. Additionally, we must secure our elections. I am fighting right now against a candidate that is violating our election code by lying about his residence. We have to ensure that this can never

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happen again. The people deserve honest representation. Additionally, we will focus in on controlling skyrocketing healthcare costs. We can do this by holding insurance administrators accountable and removing barriers to the free market in medicine. It is unacceptable that residents of SD30 are being essentially priced out of their homes by property taxes AND out of their lives by big insurance and big pharma. I will stand firmly on the side of the people and will stand up against the corporate giants that have been trying to eliminate their access to high-quality, affordable healthcare for decades. Further, we will address the water crisis in SD 30. We must come up with innovative solutions to ensure the region has adequate access to water and ability to thrive and grow.



COURTESY PHOTO

Brent Hagenbuch

Name: Brent Hagenbuch
Occupation: CEO and owner of Titus Transport
Education: I received a BS in mechanical engineering from the U.S. Naval Academy, MS in civil engineering from Stanford University, and MBA from the Anderson School of Management at UCLA.
Community involvement: I serve as board director of Feed the Children, a member of UNT's Logistics Institute Advisory Board, LEISD Visionary Committee mem-

ber, former chairman of the board of Amazon Christian Mission, former president of the North Texas Chapter of K-Life youth ministry, former Little Elm City Planning & Zoning commissioner, and former Denton County Republican Party Chair.

Family: I have been greatly blessed with a beautiful family including Jean, my wife and partner of 39 years who is a former schoolteacher, my son Adam, who holds a BFA from Carnegie Mellon and appears regularly in popular TV programs, my daughter Nicole, who is studying for a master's degree at UNT, and three grandchildren. We are active at Crossridge Church in Little Elm.

Why are you running for District 30 state senator and what experience are you bringing to the position: I am running for Texas Senate District 30 because I refuse to sit by as the Left continues to try to take away our God-given rights. We have a critical need for a qualified, conservative Republican to step up and represent the citizens of Senate District 30. I believe Texas remains the place that all America used to be, and we must do everything we can to protect the freedoms that make our state the best place to live, work and raise a family. As a business owner, I've been through both lean and prosperous times. The Lord has placed me in a position to make an impact on north Texas as a Republican County Chairman and by moving to the Texas Senate, I can continue that impact on a larger scale. I believe the Texas border, law and order, parents' rights and a full throttle on oil in Texas are just some of the tasks that would greatly benefit from a business approach.

What goals do you have that you feel will help serve residents in District 30: My

top priority will be the Texas border. Without question, public safety deserves the full attention of state government. Second, I will fight to protect parents' rights to make the best decisions for their family, and this includes medical freedom. Further, I will prioritize clearing logjams and getting tasks done with conservative management. As a Texas senator, I will support legislation that protects Texans, defends Texas values and removes over-burdensome regulation.



COURTESY PHOTO

Jace Yarbrough

Name: Jace Yarbrough
Occupation: Conservative litigator
Education: I earned bachelor's degrees in electrical engineering and government from the University of Texas at Austin, where I interned for the Texas Public Policy Foundation, and a law degree from Stanford Law School, where I served as president of my law school's chapter of the Federalist Society. I am a former fellow of the John Jay Institute for Faith, Society and Law, Alliance Defending Freedom's Blackstone Legal Fellowship and the Claremont Institute.
Community involvement: Active duty Air Force, then Air Force Reserve: 2011-present; St. Francis Academy, founder/board chair: 2022-present; precinct chair: 2020-21; parish treasurer: 2020-22; Federalist Society, Dallas Lawyers Chapter board member: 2019-21; Federalist Society, Stanford Law School

Chapter president: 2017-18
Family: With (my) wife and high school sweetheart, Elizabeth, (I) founded Saint Francis Academy, a classical Christian school that reflects (our) shared passion for shaping the next generation. Actively engaged in our local church in Denton, raising four children with another on the way, (we) live out our values at home and in the community.

Why are you running for District 30 state senator and what experience are you bringing to the position: I'm running for Senate District 30 because we are at a crossroads as a state and nation, and it is time for genuine, battle-tested conservatives to step into the public arena. I don't just talk about conservative principles — I live them. When the pressure was on and no one was watching, I stood up for my convictions, my faith, and my family against COVID vaccine mandates in the military and with my civilian employer. In the courtroom I advocate for the unborn, religious liberty and medical freedom. I have courageously lived out my deeply held convictions every step of the way. You can rely on me to never back down from a fight for our values.

What goals do you have that you feel will help serve residents in District 30: 1. Secure the border, 2. Confronting and defeating woke ideologues and culture, and 3. Empower parents with school choice. Conservative bills that lack enforceability are commonplace in the legislature. As a conservative litigator, I know firsthand the teeth that need to be put into bills that make things actually work and hold people and the government accountable. I am a veteran who has stood up to the government when they tried to force me to take the COVID vaccine. I have stood up for my convictions and always will. I was also co-counsel to Senator Angela Paxton during the impeachment trial of Attorney

General Ken Paxton and have relationships across the Texas Legislature.

DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY



COURTESY PHOTO

Michael Braxton

Name: Michael Braxton
Occupation: Barber
 The Tri-County Reporter did not receive a completed questionnaire from Mr. Braxton or his team by press time.



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Dale Frey

Name: Dale Frey
Occupation: Web developer for a private sector company (Mobomo L.L.C.) for whom I have adopted a federal contracting job working with NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration). In this job I work as a systems administrator, web developer, and supply technical assistance to our NOAA teammates and scientists, as they report on the effects of climate change on our economy.
Education: I graduated with a bachelor's degree in information technology at George Mason University in

2010. With GMU's close proximity to our nation's capital, I was fortunate to land my first job out of college working at the headquarters of the Department of Education in Washington, DC.

Community involvement: My first political involvements in Texas started as a turf-cutter and poll-watcher for the Beto Campaign. I then became a precinct chair for the Denton County Democratic Party for precinct 2085. I am also a board member (communications chair) for the Frisco Democratic Club, where I manage the website, social media and digital outreach.

Family: My father, a Vietnam War Veteran, through his service, had certain advantages he was given after his service (within certain agencies of government). He worked hard and escalated quickly up the ladder in a government career. Through his efforts, we eventually moved to the DC area. I graduated from GMU, started my own career in government, and eventually met Leandra (a native Texan), my now-wife. We moved down to Texas as her father was diagnosed with stage 3 cancer. Leandra was always planning on coming back to Texas, so we bought a home here in Denton County, near our extended family. (Edited for length.)

Why are you running for District 30 state senator and what experience are you bringing to the position: While I have experience working as a federal contractor and precinct chair, the reason I am running for office is more personal than my resume. I am running for office because I have seen how poorly we treat our retired public school teachers, like my father-in-law. I saw how in his later years, the Medicaid system barely supported us. We don't support health, nor education, here in Texas. And

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LEGAL PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The City Council of the City of Azle will conduct a public hearing at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, March 4, 2024 in the City Council Chambers at City Hall, located at 505 West Main Street to consider text amendments to Chapter 10 "Subdivision Ordinance" and Chapter 14 "Zoning Ordinance" of the Code of Ordinances, City of Azle, Texas. The purpose of the text amendment is to consider amendments to the screening wall requirements for single-family residential developments.

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The City Council of the City of Azle will conduct a public hearing at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, March 4, 2024 in the City Council Chambers at City Hall, located at 505 West Main Street to consider text amendments to Chapter 4 "Business Regulations", Chapter 6 "Health and Sanitation", Chapter 14 "Zoning Ordinance" and Appendix A - Fee Schedule of the Code of Ordinances, City of Azle, Texas. The purpose of the text amendment is to consider adding regulations for Food Truck Parks.

NOTICE OF CLAIM AND PUBLIC SALE

Storage unit contents to be sold to satisfy landlord's lien. Seller reserves the right to withdraw property from the sale. Unit items to be sold to the highest bidder. Sale to be held ONLINE at <https://www.storage-treasures.com/>. Location of Units for Public Sale: Longhorn State Storage Springtown at 1905 E Hwy 199 Springtown TX 76082. Auction to be held on Thursday March 7th, 2024 beginning at 9:00 a.m. for the following tenants: Megan Salinas, Ralph Hill, Bradley Luhrsen, Wanda Hearn, Bradley Memmel, Scott David Yancy, Ky Stoddard, Kathy Denney.

Love Your Lake 2024

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AZLE — A recently revived nonprofit, Save Eagle Mountain Lake Inc (SEML), will host an annual celebration and meeting Saturday, Feb. 17 from 1:30-4 p.m. The event, dubbed "Love Your Lake," will be held at the Fort Worth Boat Club, 10000 Boat Club Road in Fort Worth.

"The Love Your Lake event is a heartfelt celebration of our commitment to Eagle Mountain Lake's preservation and sustainability," the organization's website states. "It's an annual gathering where the SEML community comes together to elect new leaders, share our accomplishments, and unveil exciting plans for the future. Beyond the formalities, it's an opportunity to meet fellow lake enthusiasts, connect with experts in the field, and immerse yourself in the beauty of our beautiful gem. At its core, Love Your Lake is a testament to our collective dedication to safeguarding Eagle Mountain Lake for generations to come, focusing on environmental stewardship and education. It's a day of inspiration, reflection and camaraderie, reminding us all of the importance of cherishing and protecting this precious resource. Join us in demonstrating your love for Eagle Mountain Lake and being part of a community that truly cares."

Nonprofit Save Eagle Mountain Lake hosts celebration Feb. 17

Presenters will include: Fort Worth Boat Club Membership

Director Dave Valentine; research scientists at Texas Water Resource Institute, Dr. Kelly Albus and Dr. Bardia Heidari; Assistant Code Director, Managing Director for Environmental Health Services of City of Fort Worth Cody Whittenburg; and Chief Water Resources Officer at Tarrant Regional Water District Rachel Ickert.

Go to www.seml.org and click "Love Your Lake — SEML Annual Meeting" under the upcoming events tab to purchase tickets and learn more about the event. Tickets are \$45 per individual or \$80 per couple and include appetizers and two drink tickets.

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that needs to change. **What goals do you have that you feel will help serve residents in District 30:** Support our schools and teachers. Our education system is desperately underfunded and underappreciated. Forty percent of our school staff has been lost in the past two years. With the State of Texas having a massive surplus, supplying additional funding to our schools and our public school teachers must be our very first step.

Medicaid Expansion. We should be accepting the Medicaid Expansion program. There is no reason for us not to be part of a program we already spend our tax money into. As it stands right now, I see some health care providers dropping their Medicaid recipients due to lack of funds. We are also in a situation where some people are poor, "but not poor enough" to qualify for Medicaid — another issue that can be fixed with the MC-expansion, since this program increases the threshold in which people are accepted in.

Mitigate the housing crisis. We have a problem in Texas right now where some massive corporations are buying up several suburban homes meant for families and flipping them into rental homes. It is becoming such a problem that with supply going down, demand increases, which increases prices on homes. This turns our housing situation into something

that seems out of reach for lower income earners, who then decide to rent from those homes instead of buy, which in turn gives these corporations more (funding) to continue to buy more homes — it's a vicious cycle. What we need to do is add an additional tax on corporate entities that own more than 100 homes and send that money into a program that helps low-income first-time home buyers.



COURTESY PHOTO

Matthew McGhee

Name: Matthew McGhee
Occupation: Maintenance.
Education: Electrical engineering technologist — process automation
Community involvement: Cooke County Democrats member / Progressive Rights Organization Gainesville activist / "Fix My Ride" volunteer mechanic fixing poor people's cars / Cooke County Voluntary Organizations active in disaster volunteer doing plumbing, water damage repair from snowpocalypse / I do roadside assistance

and car repairs for folks that can't afford it on my own as well.

Family: I'm a 34-year-old dad who works nightshift, I have two adorable little kids, and my first and only wife is an award-winning journalist.

Why are you running for District 30 state senator and what experience are you bringing to the position: Texas politics is dominated by rich, out-of-touch people. I want to vote for candidates who are fun and relatable, and I had to run myself this time if I want to see this become the new normal! I'm an average, working-class millennial dad, and my wife thinks I'm funny.

I have safety, environmental and boardroom experience from my career in manufacturing. I also have high stress customer service experience.

I immigrated from Canada, so I know immigration is broken. Immigrants are all individual people and shouldn't be discriminated against.

Racism and healthcare that's confusing and expensive were culture shock and I want to make those both better, not ignore the problem.

Recreational land access is important to me, and not just for nature-loving types, we need drag strips and off-road parks too.

I really just want everybody to have enough money to have stable housing and food security. Then we'll have time for new friends and growing as a community. I hate the current norm of working four jobs to a household, and still falling behind. No wonder everybody is frustrated and angry with every-

thing, especially the government. The Texas statehouse hasn't been "for the people" here in decades and I want to fix that.

What goals do you have that you feel will help serve residents in District 30: Work on the housing crisis, first and foremost. We need housing supply up, and corporate investors disincentivized. Make houses go to homeowners and get rent in line with pay.

Support affordable healthcare policies — and make billing predictable.

Fund government services better. This means pay employees more, increase staffing, and make the software easy to use.

Make the Department of Motor Vehicles backlog a thing of the past.

Our schools should be world class, not world last. Teachers need (to be) paid more, we need more of them, and school facilities need repaired and upgraded ASAP. This takes more funding than the current system. And let educators make education decisions, keep weird rich donors from controlling curriculum.

Have enough judges that the right to a speedy trial actually exists.

End government overreach into our private lives by legalizing marijuana, legalizing abortion and protecting trans rights.

Properly staff our prisons, and air condition all of them.

Lean on Congress to fix their out-of-date, underfunded immigration system. End SB4, it's just a stop-and-frisk law for brown people.

SHERIFF

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out their responses, listed in order received, below:



COURTESY PHOTO

Indya Murray

Name: Indya Murray
Position: Tarrant County Sheriff

Occupation: Police Officer
Education: Doctoral candidate in business administration specializing in human resource management, master's degree in criminal justice specializing in criminal investigations, bachelor's degree in sociology.

Community Involvement: I recently coordinated the POAF Dining for Heroes event, Faith & Blue event, facilitated Business Crime Prevention Coalition meetings, Dog Walker Watch program, National Night Out, and I serve as an executive board member of North Texas Crime Prevention Association, where I am first VP of training serving my second term.

Democratic candidate Patrick Moses did not respond to our request for comment by the time of publication.

Republican candidate Bill Waybourn did not respond to our request for comment by the time of publication.

Family: I am a single parent with three children. My daughter is 20 years old, and my boys are 14 and 11 years old.

Why are you running: There are serious issues facing the sheriff's department, including 60 in-custody deaths, staffing shortages, low morale and failed jail inspections. Tarrant County deserves a steward who seeks to be an effective leader dedicated to prioritizing transparency and imparting accountability measures. I bring a new approach to law enforcement. I have a forward-thinking perspective that steers away from the antiquated methods of traditional policing. I have a community-based perspective of utilizing community partnerships and solution-oriented strategies to address public safety issues proactively. I have been a public servant for about 15 years, working in law enforcement and family services. My multifaceted background uniquely positions me to navigate and address the intricacies of ensuring safety, justice, and protection for our community.

Goals: I envision a sheriff's office that serves as a beacon of trust and protection, fostering a sense of security and assurance among our residents. By dedicating myself to the principles of fairness, justice and community service, I aim to reshape the narrative of the office of sheriff into one that is centered on the genuine welfare of the people I am sworn to serve.

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Get to know primary candidates running for Parker County Precinct 1 constable

STAFF REPORTS

Parker County residents in Precinct 1 have a choice to make in March — keep their current constable or elect a new one.

Incumbent Constable Ray Wright will face off against challenger Jason Ingram in the upcoming primary election. Because there is not a Democrat running in this race, whoever wins in the Republican primary in March will triumph by default in the November general election.

Constables serve legal documents like summonses, warrants and judgement enforcement, according to Parker County's website. They may arrest those who violate penal laws or breach the peace in their presence, and they can seize and sell property if ordered by the courts.

Precinct 1 is in the northeast corner of Parker County and includes Springtown, Reno and part of Azle.

Primary Election Day is March 5 and early voting runs from Tuesday, Feb. 20 to Friday, March 1.

The Tri-County Reporter asked the candidates vying for the Parker County Precinct 1 constable seat in the Republican primary to tell us about themselves and their goals. Check out their responses below:



COURTESY PHOTO

Jason Ingram

Name: Jason Ingram
Occupation: I am a lieutenant commissioned with Wise County District Office as the bailiff for County Court at Law #2. I am also a part-time patrol officer for the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary campus in South Fort Worth.

Education: In 1991, I graduated from Azle High School. Afterward, I attended the police academy at TCC in 1997. I graduated and started a rewarding career in law enforcement. Besides the police academy, I have also taken academies to become an EMT, firefighter, arson investigator, fire investigator, fire inspector, and plans examiner. I have completed over 4000 public safety training and education hours, primar-

ily in law enforcement. I also finished my first AAS degree in criminal justice at TCC in 2017. In striving to do more, I have just completed my second AAS in fire protection technology at Dallas College.

Community involvement: As a deputy fire marshal with the city of Azle, I volunteered at many events, including "National Night Out" at Azle Park, where I got the opportunity to demonstrate to kids and adults the finer points of how to use a fire extinguisher. I was also instrumental in the Church of Azle's acquisition of the church at 836 Northwest Pkwy. With God's direction, meeting with the right people assisted the church of Azle in acquiring the building and land. This was a huge blessing for the city of Azle and the church.

Family: My family is deeply rooted in Parker County. My Granddad Carl Ingram and my uncle Billy Ingram helped start Azle's first VFD in 1951. My uncle, Jerry Ingram, was a reserve Azle police officer for many years. My father, Jack Ingram, was a Fort Worth Police Officer who served over 23 years before retiring due to a head-on car accident while on duty. I have a beautiful wife, Teressa Ingram, and three amazing stepdaughters: Nicole, who works as an RN; Cheyenne, a marine veteran; and April, both of

whom work for the Tarrant County Sheriff's office.

Why are you running for Parker County Precinct 1 constable and what experience are you bringing to the position: I am running to be the next Parker County Constable Precinct #1. Years ago, I set this as a future goal for myself, and just as the date to file approached, I decided that now was the time for me to pursue it. I was counseled by the church leader and other constituents who are deeply rooted in Parker County politics to follow what God had placed on my heart, and they had faith in me that I would be the best person for the job. I firmly believe that you lead from the top, and if you do your best, the ones you lead inherently do the same. We need a change in the same old ways and a new direction. I bring many things to the table to be considered. Many people don't realize that the Constable's office has environmental deputies under its command. My experience as a deputy fire marshal, firefighter, fire inspector, and EMT can play a significant role in the leadership of that division of the constable office. As a master police officer TCOLE instructor and TCOLE firearms instructor, my constable's office will be trained and ready to respond

to any emergency that may arise. While conducting normal business-like civil processes, the constable or his deputies could be that first responder just seconds away from a major life-threatening incident. Being well-trained, easily identified in uniforms, and easily seen in marked patrol units are just a few simple things that could make a world of difference in emergencies. This department could be the one that saves the lives of your loved ones. While this department is running well, I believe there is always room for improvement. If allowed to be your next constable, I will be committed to serving the people who elected me.

What goals do you have that you feel will help serve residents in Precinct 1: The constable office can be led to be a top-notch law enforcement department in our county. My goals are simple but can considerably impact the residents of Parker County Precinct #1. As law enforcement officers, we take an oath to serve and protect. As a start, I will require all our county-owned patrol cars to be marked. This alone can help deter crime while we're in the course of regular duties. This also allows Parker County Precinct #1 residents to flag us down if they need help in an emergency. If you cannot see us, you can't ask for help! This leads to my second goal: uniforms for our department. It is imperative that, as public servants, we wear uniforms so that citizens can easily and quickly identify any of our on-duty personnel. Again, you can't ask for help if you don't see us! Another primary goal is to work with all four law enforcement agencies within PCT 1. This collaboration and clear communication can significantly impact residents, especially during life-threatening emergencies. If one of our local law

enforcement agencies is tied up on an extended call, your constable office can be that stopgap. And with our marked patrol cars and easily identifiable uniforms, we can easily be that much-needed help in your emergency! Time matters when you call 911, and with the shortage of law enforcement officers, the constable's office needs to step up and help anywhere it can; this doesn't mean we're taking over. We're here to assist if the need arises, as most offices would do. We are supposed to be public servants and take the oath as law enforcement officers to serve and protect the public. If elected, I will hold to that oath, and we will be there for the residents of Precinct 1.

community events.

Family: I was born and raised in Parker County. I married my high school sweetheart Beverly and together we have two children, six grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. Being a public servant is something that runs deep in our family. My wife is a retired teaching assistant, my daughter is a nurse and my son is a retired Navy Chief. We proudly carried these traditions on with our grandchildren, one of whom is an assistant district attorney in East Texas, the other is a school teacher.

Why are you running for Parker County Precinct 1 constable and what experience are you bringing to the position: After several years in the field and holding different positions throughout the law enforcement system I felt that this was the best and most fulfilling next move in my career. I am grateful to get to use my knowledge and training from various roles such as patrol deputy, sergeant, lieutenant, captain and chief deputy to give back to the community that raised me. In addition to those positions, I proudly served 12 years in the Texas National Guard and had the privilege of being assigned to commander of the Fugitive Task Force working alongside the US Marshalls. I have also been proudly serving our precinct as Parker County Constable Pct. 1 for the past five years.

What goals do you have that you feel will help serve residents in Precinct 1: My main priority at this moment, in the growing population of our precinct is to ensure that I as well as everyone under my authority is prepared and properly trained thus ensuring that safety and quality of service remain unwavering and ever-changing in our growth.



COURTESY PHOTO

Ray Wright

Name: Ray Wright
Occupation: Parker County Constable Pct. 1

Education: I am a graduate of Springtown High School, and I attended two years at Weatherford College. I have 3,000 logged training hours as well as hold a master peace officer certification along with dual certification as a jailer.

Community involvement: I am a member of Azle and Springtown Chamber of Commerce and serve my church as the lead security officer. I also donate my time as security at various com-

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Hannah Baker, walking the red carpet, was one of the night's attendees.



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THURSDAY, February 15, 2024

Varsity Winter Guard dominates Alvarado contest

AHS Varsity Winter Guard receives highest score of day; Silver Team third in Regional AA

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COURTESY AHS COLOR GUARD

Azle High School Varsity and Silver Guard each earned medals at the North Texas Color Guard Association Alvarado Contest Friday evening, Feb. 9. The Silver Team received first place in both the Dance/Body and General Effect categories, and third place overall in its Regional AA classification with its show, "These Flowers." The Silver Guard is made up of both junior varsity and junior high color guard members.

"This is a great place for young performers to see what it's like to be in the Azle Winter Guard," Color Guard Director Caleb Hunter said. "We have a lot of very young energy in this group. I love the theme of this show for this young group. The extended metaphor between the flowers 'coming up wild,' and the children finding their place in the world is perfect for where this group is taking the future of our program, and what these students are

Azle High School's Varsity Team at the end of its Alvarado show.

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Sign them up!

Azle High School and Springtown High School Signing Day

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Springtown student Brady McDonald signs with Southern Baptist University.



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Azle student Tyler Ulrich signs with Southern Nazarene University.



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Azle student Kaylee Parrish signs with Hardin-Simmons University.

SPORTS Roundup

10 area wrestlers to compete at state

RICK MAUCH
Special to the Tri-County Reporter

In what coach Tyler Harrison called a "great weekend for the Hornets," nine Azle wrestlers — five boys and four girls — will compete in the Class 5A State Tournament this weekend in Cypress. The program also has two alternates.

Qualifying from the Region I Tournament this past weekend at West Texas A&M University in Canyon are:

Girls: Noah Kovach, 100 pounds; Mariah Dillard, 120; Alicen Dillard, 138; Annabelle Davis, 165; Elly Yelle, 185, alternate.

Boys: Cameron Lathan, 120, alternate; Wyatt Hicks, 126; Chase Yancey, 132; Landin Evans, 138; Elijah Bryan, 175; Devin Wingfield, 285.

Davis won a state championship in the 145 division last season. The Dillard sisters are going to state for a second time in three seasons and Hicks is making a return trip.

As a team, the Lady Hornets finished fourth and the Hornets fifth.

SPRINGTOWN WRESTLING

Dallin Fabrizio finished third in the 215-pound division at the Class 5A Region I Wrestling Tournament, qualifying for state for a second straight season for the Porcupines. He will compete in Cypress this weekend.

Finishing sixth at regionals for Springtown were Grant Butler in the 157 division and Josue Martinez in the 165 category.

SPRINGTOWN GIRLS BASKETBALL

The Lady Pines (19-18) saw their season come to an end with a 63-49 first-round playoff loss to Burkburnett Feb. 12 in Bowie. Springtown trailed by 19 and cut the deficit to nine points in the fourth quarter.

Springtown was fourth in District 8-4A and Burkburnett won 7-4A.

The Lady Pines posted the most victories in a season since the 2010-11 season and reached the playoffs in back-to-back seasons for the first time since the 2015-16 and 2016-17 seasons.

Springtown was led by Esther Balado with 20 points. Brylynn Bazzell scored 11



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Dylan Crutchfield shoots the ball.

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GUARD

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learning as they transition to adulthood. A lyric from the piece that speaks to me: "You are like a flower You rise and rise to the sun You do not look back to where you came from I wanna be like that." Azle's Varsity team earned a first place medal in the National A category as well as the highest score of the day across all captions and all classifications. The varsity team is one week out from its first Winter Guard International Regional contest at Coppell High School. The contest marks the first time since 2019 the Azle Color Guard will be ranked among 120 other teams going to World Championships in Dayton, Ohio, April 11-13. The World Championships host groups from more than 40 states and five countries. After returning from its performance at midnight Friday, the AHS Winter Guard was back at it the next morning for a 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday rehearsal. "These performers are made of steel," Hunter exclaimed. The Azle High School Color Guard will host a BBQ dinner-and-show fundraiser

Thursday, Feb. 29, in the new AHS cafeteria. Proceeds will go entirely toward the cost off traveling to Dayton, Ohio for World Championships. The event will feature a barbecue meal beginning at 6:30 p.m. followed by performances by the AHS Silver Guard, Varsity Winter Guard, the AHS indoor percussion ensemble and possibly other Azle Fine Arts programs, as well beginning at 7:30 p.m. Guests can expect a 60- to 90-minute show. Adult tickets are \$15; kid's meal deal tickets are \$8. All meal tickets must be purchased in advance. Tickets include the meal and entry into the show. Tickets to attend

the show only may be purchased for \$5. Additional information about purchasing tickets will be placed on posters throughout the community leading up to the event. Reach out to Caleb Hunter, CHunter@azleisd.net, for any questions about this event.



COURTESY AHS COLOR GUARD

Azle High School's Varsity and Silver Winter Guard Teams.

Azle High School and Springtown High School Signing Day

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Azle student Josh Montelongo signs with Southern Nazarene University.



Azle student Christian Shepherd signs with Seminole State College.



Azle student Hunter Schultz signs with Texas Wesleyan University.



Azle student Daylvan Perez signs with Redlands Community College.



Azle student Adam May signs with University of the Incarnate Word.



Azle student Austin May signs with Seminole State College.



Azle student Brandie Phillips signs with Paris Junior College.



Azle student Lane Springfield signs with Murray State College.



Azle student Danni Wrangler signs with Florida State College at Jacksonville.

Azle School Menu Feb 19-23, 2024

BREAKFAST:
PreK-4th Grade, 7-12th Grade \$1.55
5-6th Grade FREE 2nd Meal \$2.00
Visitors/Employees \$2.75

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 No School **Tues** No School **Weds** Pancakes, Orange Juice Oranges
Thurs Biscuit, Peppered Gravy, Apple Sauce **Fri** Breakfast Pizza, Apple, Orange Juice

LUNCH: Everyday - Variety of milk. Your choice of 1 entree & 1 fruit or juice
Mon No School **Tues** No School **Weds** Italian Sub, Spaghetti w/ Meatsauce w/ Breadstick, Oranges, Pineapples, Steamed Broccoli
Thurs Meatball Sub, Popcorn Chicken Bowl w/ Roll, Apple Sauce, Bananas, Steamed Carrots
Fri Cheese Pizza, Fish Sticks w/ Roll, Pepperoni Pizza, Apple, Mixed Fruit, Pinto beans, Crinkle Fries

GRADES 5TH - 8TH

BREAKFAST: Everyday - Assorted Fruits and Cereal, Juice, White or Chocolate Milk, Yogurt w/Granola
Mon No School **Tues** No School **Weds** Pancakes, Orange Juice Oranges
Thurs Biscuit, Peppered Gravy, Apple Sauce **Fri** Breakfast Pizza, Apple, Orange Juice

LUNCH: Everyday: Variety of milk. Your choice of 1 entree & 1 fruit or juice, rolls, crackers • Salad bar offered daily
Mon No School **Tues** No School **Weds** Corn dog, Italian Sub, Spaghetti w/ Meatsauce Honey Wheat Breadstick, Oranges, Pineapples, Steamed Broccoli **Thurs** Cheeseburger Hamburger Meatball Sub, Popcorn Chicken Bowl w/ Roll, Apple Sauce, Bananas, Steamed Carrots **Fri** Breaded Chicken Sandwich Cheese Pizza, Fish Sticks, W/ Roll, Pepperoni Pizza, Spicy Chicken Sandwich Apple, Mixed Fruit, Crinkle Fries, Pinto beans

HIGH SCHOOL

BREAKFAST: Everyday - Assorted Fruits and Cereal, Juice, White or Chocolate Milk, Yogurt w/Granola
Mon No School **Tues** No School **Weds** Pancakes, Orange Juice Oranges
Thurs Biscuit, Peppered Gravy, Apple Sauce **Fri** Breakfast Pizza, Apple, Orange Juice

LUNCH: • Everyday: 1% unflavored or non fat chocolate milk & juice • Salad Bar
Mon No School **Tues** No School **Weds** Breaded Chicken Sandwich, Cheeseburger, Spaghetti w/ Meatsauce Honey Wheat Breadstick Oranges, Pineapples, Steamed Carrots **Thurs** Cheeseburger Hamburger, Popcorn Chicken Bowl w/ Roll, Spicy Chicken Sandwich, Apple Sauce, Bananas, Refried Beans, Tater Tots
Fri Breaded Chicken Sandwich, Cheeseburger, Steak Fingers w/ Roll, Apple, Mixed Fruit, Corn on the Cob, Mashed Potatoes

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Adult \$4.25

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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 Presidents' Day/ No School, **Tues** Breakfast Stick, Blueberries, **Weds** Bacon Scramble Pizza, Apple, **Thurs** Cinnamon Roll, Strawberry Applesauce, **Fri** Strawberry or Vanilla Yogurt, Banana, Juice

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 Presidents' Day/ No School, **Tues** Chicken Nuggets or Lasagna, Garlic Roll, Green Beans, Fresh Veggies, Applesauce or Orange **Weds** Cheeseburger or Hamburger, French Fries, Fresh Veggies (Cucumber & Tomato, Celery, Carrots), Apple or Sliced Peaches **Thurs** Beef or Chicken Tacos, Corn, Refried Beans, Apple Slices or Watermelon Craisins **Fri** Cheese Pizza, Fish Sticks or, Baked Potato w/ Ham, Roll, Glazed Carrots, Fresh Veggies, Banana or Strawberry Applesauce

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 Presidents' Day/ No School, **Tues** Chicken Parm. or Spaghetti, Mixed Vegetables, Fresh Veggies, Applesauce or Strawberries **Weds** Chicken & Waffles (Reg. or Spicy), Tator Tots, Fresh Veggies, Blueberries or Orange **Thurs** Beef or Chicken Tacos or Nachos, Refried Beans, Corn, Apples Slices or Sliced Peaches **Fri** Cheese Pizza, Fish Sticks or Baked Potato Basket Roll, Green Beans, Fresh Veggies (Cucumber & Tomato, Fiesta Sticks, Broccoli) Banana or Sliced Pears

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SPORTS

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and Allison Ford added 11. In their regular-season final Feb. 6, the Lady Pines used a 16-4 third quarter run to pull away and win 43-24 at Castleberry. Leaders were Balado, 14 points, seven rebounds; Paige Winstead 10 points, three steals; Chloe Kirk 11 rebounds, three steals; Bazzell nine rebounds; and Ford four assists and three steals.

"I'm very proud of our girls for overcoming adversity with all the injuries and sickness this year," coach Kyle Sivadon said. "They played hard and kept fighting all season and ended up having a record season and one of the best in several years."

AZLE GIRLS BASKETBALL

The Lady Hornets' (15-18) season came to an end with a 52-37 loss in bidistrict to Fort Worth Arlington Heights in a game played at Chisholm Trail High School Feb. 12.

The Lady Hornets were fourth in District 5-5A and Arlington Heights is the 6-5A champion.

Azle was led by Abby Natusch with 11 points, while Vella Gonzalez and Chery Grubbs added eight each.

"I'm proud of the kids for the fight they showed all year. Winning three straight in the second round of district to get into the playoffs showed a lot about their character and resilience as a team," coach Anthony Dickson said. "I'm proud of these seniors for making the playoffs for the first time in their career, and I'm glad I was able to be a small part in that. I am grateful for my staff. They put in countless hours to make this team what it is."

Azle had finished fifth in district each of the past two seasons.

AZLE SWIMMING

Brooke Nowakowski shattered her personal record by over four seconds in finish-

ing fourth in the 100-yard backstroke at the Class 5A Region II Swimming and Diving Meet this past weekend in Mansfield. Her time was 1:04.63.

Other top-10 finishers for the Lady Hornets were Peighton Berry, sixth in the 200 freestyle and ninth in the 100 freestyle, and the 10th-place 200 free relay (Kaylee Willey, Karla Rodriguez, Berry, Nowakowski).

For the Hornets, Kalen McCullough was seventh in the 50 free and 11th in the 100 backstroke.

Also, the girls 200 medley relay swam their fastest time of the season with Emory Hann, Hailey Fox, Willey and Haven Brown clocking a 2:29.11 in the preliminaries.

"Three different Azle swimmers were on the podium this past weekend, which is a testament to their performance and dedication to the season. When we reach this part of the season, when qualifying to the next level is on the line, it is awesome to watch these swimmers who have given so much of themselves achieve their goals and perform at their best," coach Amy Estes said.

SPRINGTOWN BOYS BASKETBALL

Defense took center stage as the Porcupines garnered a pair of key district wins this past week, winning 45-39 Feb. 6 at Castleberry and 80-38 at Lake Worth Feb. 9.

Springtown (18-12 overall, 6-3 in District 8-4A) is third in district and was finishing the regular season at home against second-place Decatur at press time. A victory would leave the teams tied for second. Decatur won the first meeting at home, 44-42, Jan. 26.

Dayne Thompson led Springtown in scoring in both games with 23 against Castleberry and 25 against Lake Worth. Kelby Castro added 10 and 14. Dylan Crutchfield scored 14 and Ty Parrott 10 against Lake

Worth.

SPRINGTOWN GIRLS SOCCER

The Lady Pines (10-3-1, 3-0 in 8-4A) remained undefeated in district with a 7-1 victory at Collegiate Academy Feb. 6 and a 2-0 win at Castleberry Feb. 9.

Kylie Wiens had a hat trick plus one with four goals against Collegiate Academy, while Icis Lopez had two goals and Faron Buder added a goal.

Wiens and Lopez scored the goals against Castleberry, while Emma Haupich and Tatiana Cabrera each had an assist.

AZLE GIRLS SOCCER

The Lady Hornets (10-3-1, 3-1 in 5-5A) got a pair of shutouts from goalkeeper Emma Nelson as they won 4-0 at Northwest and 1-0 at home against Saginaw.

Four different players scored against Northwest as Rebecca Marx, Lily Hudman, Sophia McIntyre and Sarae Perez each had a goal. McIntyre had two assists and Marx had one.

Hudman scored the goal against Saginaw with twin assists from McKenzie Roberts and Arely Licero.

SPRINGTOWN BOYS SOCCER

The Porcupines got their second win of the season and their first league win, defeating host Collegiate Academy at Tarrant County Northeast 1-0 Feb. 6. They followed with a 5-1 home loss to Castleberry.

Springtown (2-9-1, 1-2 in 8-4A) was hosting Lake Worth at press time and hosts Decatur Feb. 16 before visiting Bridgeport Feb. 23. Boys begin at 5:30 p.m. and girls at 7:15 p.m.

AZLE BOYS SOCCER

The Hornets (4-8-1, 0-4 in 5-5A) continued their struggles in league play with losses of 2-0 at Northwest and 2-1 at home to Saginaw, a game they led 1-0 at the half.

The Hornets and Lady Hornets were playing at Aledo at press time. They



Dayne Thompson makes a big shot.

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travel to Brewer Feb. 16 and host Granbury Feb. 23, girls starting at 5:30 p.m. and boys starting at 7:30 p.m.

AZLE BOYS BASKETBALL

The Hornets (4-23, 0-11 in 5-5A) fell 70-36 at Brewer on Feb. 6. They were finishing the season at Granbury at press time.

AZLE SOFTBALL

Coming off a season that saw them advance to the second round of the playoffs, the Lady Hornets are optimistic about 2024 as they have 14 of 17 varsity players returning. Back are:

Seniors Torrie Johnson (back-to-back District 5-5A Catcher of the Year), Shaylea Cassel, Avery Jones, Kaylee Parrish (second-team All-5-5A), Brandie Phillips (All-5-5A honorable mention), Sierra Ramirez (All-5-5A honorable mention), Allison Smith (second-team All-5-5A), Morgan Terrell (first-team All-5-5A), Ashley Trapp and Danni Wangler.

Juniors Ryann Baker, Corynne Barone and Adrianna Wiedmann.

Sophomore Ema Lehr. The Lady Hornets were 14-22 overall and 6-6 in district, playing their best when it counted most to finish third in the league and reach the

playoffs.

"Our girls have been working so hard in the off-season and we are ready for this year. We have done very well in our scrimmages so far and it is proving to be a very promising season," coach Macy Pruitt said. "The girls have set their goals high for the year and are going to do whatever it takes to accomplish them. I am very proud of every single kid in our program and I look forward to this season a lot."

The Lady Hornets will begin the 2024 campaign in the Frisco ISD Tournament Feb. 15-17.

SPRINGTOWN SOFTBALL

The Lady Pines return six starters from last season's 17-16 squad that finished third in District 8-4A and advanced to the playoffs. Back are:

Seniors Cheyanne Atchley, catcher (8-4A Catcher of the Year), Nevaeh Vasquez (All-8-4A first team), Blaize Flood (All-8-4A first team), Madison Terrell (second-team All-8-4A) and Haylee Sanborn (second-team All-8-4A).

Junior Ava Fernandez (All-8-4A first team).

"I'm very optimistic," coach Carey Robertson said. "We have a strong senior class and a strong freshmen class

that will actually compete for starting positions."

The Lady Pines were playing at Breckenridge at press time and will compete in the Chisholm Trail Tournament Feb. 15-17.

SPRINGTOWN GIRLS POWERLIFTING

Eighteen athletes competed at the Stephenville Invitational, with the varsity team scoring 74 points to win the team championship. The JV squad scored 21 points to place third.

Abigail Stoner lifted 915 pounds to earn Best Lifter in the Light Division. Ashi Elam lifted 1,005 pounds to win Best Lifter in the Heavy Division.

- Individual results:**
 105 pounds: 1. Zoey Adams, 3. Sarah Self.
 114: 1. Izzy Parker, 2. Callee Gaston.
 123: 1. Skyler Tyree, 2. Jessica Montgomery.
 132: 1. Stoner.
 148: 1. Melissa Chavez, 2. Hayley Knight, 3. Dominique Tamaoki.
 165: 1. Grace Lewis, 2. Destiny Ramirez.
 181: 1. Lyndsey Shotwell.
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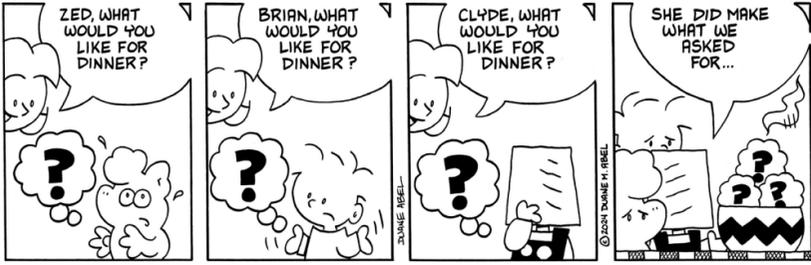
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Arthur's Redactor at the beginning of the game, and a choice: does he take the Joy, and forget his past? Or does he stop taking the drug and face a harsher reality?

We Happy Few

A trippy look at an alternative Britain

GAME ON

By Jennifer Harrison



My opinions on computer gaming and some of my favorite games. I've been playing games on the home computer since the days of the Trash 80. I love indie, open-world, unique, puzzle, and resource games. The cake is a lie.

We Happy Few is set in 1964 Britain, in an alternate timeline in which the nation lost the war with Germany. The citizens take a drug they call Joy that keeps them happy and causes memory loss, which is a bonus for many of these people. They have a lot of memories they'd like to suppress. But the drugs just aren't working as well as they used to.

The developers of the game describe it as "the tale of a plucky bunch of moderately terrible people trying to escape from a lifetime of cheerful denial in the city of Wellington Wells. In this alternative 1960s England, conformity is key. You'll have to fight or blend in with the drug-addled inhabitants, most of whom don't take kindly to people who won't abide by their not-so-normal rules."

Everybody wears a white silicone mask while in town, because it hides any negative expressions. All good citizens must put on their "happy face" to conform to society. Everybody that stays in a city is expected to be a good citizen and take their Joy. Propaganda is broadcast through televisions throughout the city to encourage citizens to take their Joy, with the voice of "Uncle" Jack Worthing. Joy is also in the city water supply.

This game relies a lot on stealth. When you're in the city, people will attack you if you haven't been taking your Joy. Many of these citizens can't tolerate taking Joy anymore because of a bad reaction, so they live outside the city limits in the ruins, haunted by their memories.

The game tells the story of three people trying to escape Wellington Wells. We start with our first protagonist, Arthur Hastings, who works at the Department of Archives, Printing, and Recycling in Wellington Wells. His job is to censor bad news and approve positive stories. He sees an article about him and his brother, and it brings

up bad memories. He's determined to go find what happened to his brother. At this point you have the choice of taking more Joy or choosing to remember. If you take your Joy, it's a pretty short game.

If you don't take your Joy, things get dark in a hurry. Arthur attends the office party and finds his coworkers smacking a pinata. When the Joy wears off, he realizes they're beating a dead rat. (Told you!) As Arthur recoils in horror, one of his coworkers notices he's off his Joy and offers him one. Arthur refuses, his coworkers accuse him of being a Downer and attack him, and he escapes via a service tunnel.

There's a lot of stuff going on in this game. It has the feel of a first-person adventure, with some fighting, some stealth, item collecting and crafting, and quests to discover and solve. Quests mostly test your agility and stealth rather than puzzle-solving abilities.

You need to get across the bridge and escape Wellington Wells, but you'll soon discover it's more complicated than it seems. The town is falling apart. Some of it is just damage from the war that was never repaired. Many of the houses outside the town are ruined. But the systems that keep the town running are also falling apart. Apparently keeping your citizens high on drugs is bad for maintenance. Several of the quests in story mode will be to fix various systems.

At first I played the game very conventionally, going from suggested quest to suggested quest. But when I went exploring to find more ingredients for healing potions, I realized there are lots of mini-quests scattered

throughout Wellington Wells. Each gives you experience points to boost your attributes. There are various combat and stealth attributes that can be acquired when you've gained experience points. You'll pick up recipes to craft items, chemicals and healing items. Some quests are mandatory to finish the game, while others are optional and are there to expand the storyline and give you a chance to earn experience points.

Arthur's mission is to get across the bridge and escape Wellington Wells, but there are two other stories — Sally Boyd and Ollie have their own quests.

I really enjoyed this game. Sure, it's dark, and because I'm not good at stealth, probably a little more violent than it needed to be. If you use your fists only, your battles will end in unconsciousness, not death.

Some of the quests can be blocked off if you make the wrong move, but the solutions are relatively simple. The story is compelling and will keep you playing to find more notes — various pieces of paper you find scattered around in your explorations.

This is a complex game with an extended map and lots of side quests. It also has quite a lot of replayability, because each time a new game is started, it generates a new map.

We Happy Few is rated for mature audiences only due to blood, strong language, suggestive themes, use of drugs and alcohol and violence.

There are three DLCs created for this game — We All Fall Down, We Happy Few — Nick Lightbearer, and They Came From Below.

We Happy Few (2018) is available on SteamOS for \$14.99.

Sudoku

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	5			8			9	
	2			9				1
8	6		1					3
3	8		9				2	
			5	4	2			
			6					2
	9						7	
			3	7	5			

Level: Advanced

Solution to last week's puzzle

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1	5	4	2	8	3	6	9	7
7	2	3	4	9	6	8	5	1
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4	1	2	7	3	8	5	6	9
9	7	6	5	4	2	1	3	8
5	3	7	6	1	9	4	8	2
6	9	1	8	2	4	3	7	5
2	4	8	3	7	5	9	1	6

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Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to veganism.

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ACROSS
1 Fort Worth theater: ___ Manana
5 TXism: "got knocked down ___ or two"
6 XIT Ranch covered ___ counties
7 Anthony: "Leap ___ Capital of the World"
8 month of Texas Poetry Day (abbr.)
9 Halloween "treat" opposite (2 wds.)
15 TXism: "never sign anything by the glow of a ___ light"
17 TXism: "could talk ___ of a ditch"
21 Texas "Pretty Paper" singer, Orbison (init.)
22 TX George Jones' "The Place ___"
23 George H.W. illness on 1992 Tokyo trip
24 TXism: "___ wet hen" (angry)
30 old series: "Texas John ___"
34 Davy's state (abbr.)
35 TXism: "restless as ___ church"
36 Alpine, TX is named for these mountains
37 TX comedian/actor, Foxx
39 Texas boomtown hotel: "a cross between ___ a flophouse"
43 TXism: "scared the dickens out ___"
44 "The Lone ___"
45 ex-Mex. Alex (init.)
46 greenish-blue color

DOWN
1 Palo Duro ___
2 TXism: "just down the road ___"
3 Cruz & Cornyn
4 Texas sun sometimes?
9 Ozona High class
10 Cannonsnap Creek was misnamed for this in 1837 (2 wds.)
11 prickly heat
12 TXism: "___ sheared like a spring lamb" (swindled)
13 Texas bluebonnet: "El ___"
14 ex-Cowboy LB Norton (init.)
16 Texas pitching legend (2 wds.)
18 TXism: "pick ___ the litter"
19 TX Cindy Garner book: "The ___ Jokebook About Men"
20 TX Tommy who won ten Tony Awards
24 "___" Ferguson: first female governor also known as (abbr.)
25 TXism: "shin ___"
26 TXism: "fast as a rat up a ___"
27 loved
28 Texas forage crop
29 TXism: "he's all show ___ go"
40 Texas singer, Gilley (init.)
41 that is (abbr.)
42 female church leader
47 Yo ___ Digo Creek
50 Texas or Iowa town
52 Texas traditional knowledge
53 TX Jules Bledsoe's "Old ___ River"
58 SeaWorld San Antonio has this in its "Orca Encounter"
59 TXism: "got a heart as ___ Texas" (kind)

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