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AHS FCCLA fashion show raises money for Future, Hope and Healing domestic violence shelter

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AHS student Carla Caldera was one of the many FCCLA students who collaborated to raise money to build a domestic violence shelter organized by Future, Hope and Healing Center.

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SHS students dream big, plan smart for futures

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SPRINGTOWN — Years after her father's death, Springtown High School junior Mariah Price is focused on turning her past tragedy into a promising future. Price's father died when she was in the eighth grade. Detectives investigated his death as a homicide, and Price recalled wanting more information about the case but not getting it.

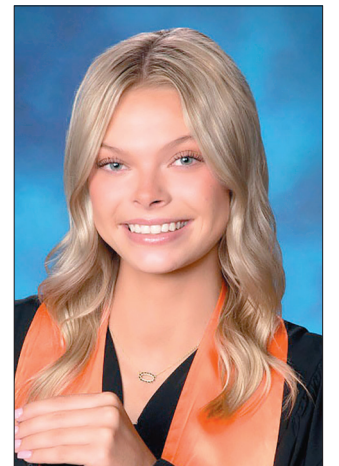
Now, Price is interested in pursuing a career in forensics and crime scene investigations. She wants to be of service to people going through traumatic situations, especially children.

"I kind of want to go into it to make sure that I'm helping people out, trying my best to get everything done," Price said.

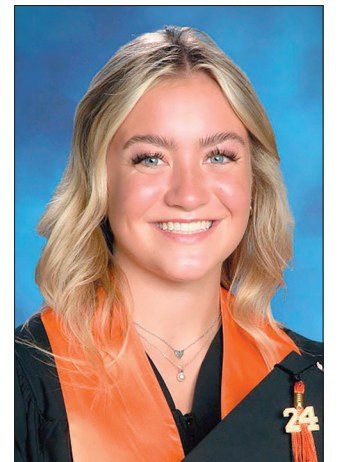
Price is taking dual credit classes — getting high school and college credit — and hopes to finish her associate degree by next year.

Dual credit is somewhat popular among SHS students. Last year, 14 students graduated with their associate degree, and 10 seniors earned all the required core college credits. According to Springtown Independent School District's latest Texas Academic Performance Report, 6.7% of 2021-22 graduates earned associate degrees, which is more than 4% higher than the state's number and about 2% more than SISD's numbers for 2020-21. Moreover, more than 22% of SHS students were earning dual course credits in 2021-22.

Price started taking dual



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Stoli Cox, future educator



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Allison Ford, future physical therapist

credit courses in her junior year, and she wishes she would have started sooner so she could have spaced out her classes more over four years of high school. The classes, which are run through Weatherford College, do cost tuition, so Price said having more time to spread classes instead of

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Azle Albertsons donates 15,000 pounds of food to Community Caring Center

Azle Nourishing Neighbors fundraiser third largest in the nation

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AZLE — When it comes to caring, Azle punches above its weight.

Leadership at Azle's Community Caring Center received a big, but welcomed, surprise April 18. Amid historic need and a major expansion project, the center received one of its largest donations to date, approximately 14,517 pounds of food from Azle's own Albertsons grocery store.

From mid-January to mid-February, Albertsons, Tom Thumb, Vons and other af-

filiated stores participate in Nourishing Neighbors, a yearly drive to raise funds and food for food banks around the country. Last year, the initiative raised over \$40 million. The grocery conglomerate hopes to enable the donation of one billion meals by 2030.

According to the store's manager, Brian Meason, Azle's Albertsons was ranked first in its district and third in the nation in the amount of donations it raised for its Nourishing Neighbors program.

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The Azle Albertsons team along with CCC directors Kristie Cooper and Bonnie Monninger in front of the CCC truck and Azle's Albertsons at 480 NW Pkwy St.



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Springtown FRC hires bilingual translator to connect Spanish-speaking families to resources

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SPRINGTOWN — Before hiring the bilingual Family Resource Center assistant Stephanie Martinez, staff at the FRC in Springtown used Google Translate to communicate with Spanish-speaking families in-person.

The necessity of having Martinez in the office proved valuable from her first day in March when she enrolled a Spanish-speaking mother in the FRC's system, which allows the center's staff to keep in touch more consistently.

The FRC, located at 314 E. Fifth Terrace behind the Springtown Independent

School District's administration building, offers resources to families and children. This includes basic needs assistance, activities for kids and navigation services to help families address certain issues or concerns.

To broaden the FRC's appeal, Martinez was brought on to translate written words on flyers and other informational materials to Spanish as well as verbally to families who call the FRC or attend groups.

"We wanted to have that to offer to the community because we feel like that population was being missed," FRC community alignment coordinator Jeanne Stevens

said. "We do have one elementary campus that has a higher Hispanic population, and there's a person on the inside of their campus that has helped us do some translating of forms and stuff before so that those (families) get the information, but then when they come to the FRC and there's no one there that speaks their language, it's kind of misleading. So, to be able to come full circle with it and be able to do our own translating of forms and distributing those flyers and such, and have somebody there available for them to be welcomed to the FRC, to me, was very important."

Martinez is 20 years old, Hispanic, native to North Texas and fluent in Spanish. She previously worked as a temporary leasing agent and earned an associate of arts degree from Tarrant County College. She plans to further her education to obtain a bachelor's degree.

Before she got hired at the FRC, Martinez was on the job hunt and knew she wanted to do something to help people — including Spanish-speaking individuals. When she interviewed for the job at the FRC, she said she found what she was looking for.

"I wanted to really help not only English-speaking people but the Hispanic community in general because if there's resources out there but they're not getting it, it's just because they don't understand because of the language barrier," Martinez said. "Now, hopefully, that I'm here, we could help bring more Hispanic families in and have them feel more welcomed and safe, and I could help with any resources that they are in need of."

Martinez was happy that she could make a Hispanic mother feel welcomed at the

FRC during her first day on the job. She hopes that her presence at the center will attract more Spanish-speaking families and children.

Getting those families who stopped coming to the FRC because of the language barrier to give the center another try now that there is a dedicated translator may take a while, FRC groups coordinator Mieke Brock said. Eventually, Martinez wants multiple Spanish speakers to come to the FRC for groups and be able to talk to each other.

"(A Spanish-speaking mother) won't just have me to talk to; she'll have other people to talk to," Martinez said about her goals.

While FRC staff would use Google Translate, they also had access to a bilingual navigator in the Help Me Grow North Texas organization (which the FRC is a part of) over the phone. However, neither one of those options was very personable, Stevens said.

"My biggest thing is I want people to come and feel welcome and feel better when they leave than when they walked in, whatever that reason that they walked in for," Stevens said. "Without that being available, that is not a way to feel good when you leave."

FRC staff spend plenty of time with kids, so it's fitting that Martinez has experience babysitting the younger members of her family. During groups at the center, she aims to make the kids feel happy and comfortable while putting them at ease if they are having a bad day.

"She's really good with the kids," Brock said. "She's a natural."

At the center, Martinez is tasked with a variety of administrative duties to keep



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Stephanie Martinez serves as an assistant and bilingual translator at the Family Resource Center in Springtown.

the FRC organized as well as translating written materials and speech to Spanish-speaking families. She has been working on the FRC's resource library, a collection of binders with information on different topics. The goal is for people to be able to visit the resource library and get copies of the information they need inside the binders. And of course, Martinez is making sure there are copies of that information in Spanish as well.

Martinez has had some experience translating for Spanish-speaking families in other jobs and can speak to her family members in Spanish, particularly the ones who live in Mexico. The challenge to her new role is learning to interpret words specific to the FRC and translate those to Spanish or English, she said.

So far, Martinez enjoys working at the FRC with her fellow staffers. Crucially, she said being a translator and

helping Hispanic families makes her feel "valued and important."

Stevens definitely values Martinez's work in connecting with Spanish-speaking families and appreciates how well she has worked with the rest of the team. She would someday like to see Martinez lead activity groups in Spanish. Stevens also said Martinez has shown willingness to make presentations to Spanish speakers in the community about what the FRC does.

"Stephanie is so warm and welcoming, and she's there to help in any way she can," Stevens said. "If they need help making a phone call, if they need help filling out any kind of forms, like if they're on assistance like food stamps or Medicaid or any kind of forms, or just need somebody to come by and chat with who's going to support them, she is going to do her best to support them in any way she can."

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Can we peacefully talk to one another?

Common Practice

I look for ways to "win" conversations so that people understand my point of view.

Best Practice

I realize that people listen to me better when I have listened to them well enough to understand their point of view.

Helpful Habits

- Listen to understand rather than to reply or correct.
- Adjust what it means to "win" a conversation, so that understanding one another can be a "win."
- Assume that you do not know everything about another person's opinion or experience.
- Be willing to let your own opinions be put up for inspection.

The End Game

- People respond differently when we actively listen, and we create trust if we first try to understand their position. It can help them see the value of talking to people they disagree with.

Let's Talk Azle is a community resilience initiative endorsed by the City of Azle, the Azle Independent School District, the Azle Area Chamber of Commerce, and the Azle Area Ministerial Alliance. We hope you will use each month's topic to have conversations with your family, friends, co-workers, etc.

For more information:
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LET'S TALK

Practices

Think about this...

- Don't pretend to listen, do value the relationship.
- Don't focus solely on your own agenda, do listen to learn.
- Don't listen just to formulate your reply, do seek out common ideas and shared values.
- Do consider that every conversation is an opportunity to learn and grow.

Try this...

- What I'm hearing you say is...
- I would like to learn more about what you think about this.
- Let me be sure I understand you clearly...
- I think I understand that you feel ___ about ___
- Express your point of view using "I" statements.

We have rights but we also have responsibilities

We are all fortunate to live in a country where we have a Constitution that was written by some of the brightest minds in human history. Those gentlemen had the foresight and wisdom to create a document that recognizes the inalienable rights of its citizens. They created a balance of power where no one entity could become authoritarian over the other bodies of power, or its citizens. The founding fathers were some smart dudes. Think how smart they would have been if women had also been in the room!

One should stop for just a second and recognize at the time the Constitution was written how foreign its concepts were to most of humanity. Previously, the established government, kings and queens for example, had all the authority and they retained it. Citizens in such a world were "free" only in the sense of what the ruling body said they could do. There had to be specific permission



FROM MY FRONT PORCH

By Sam Houston

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granted to the citizen and short of that, the assumption was the citizen has no right to act. All power was vested in the governing body.

With the U.S. Constitution this all changed. Suddenly citizens had the right of free speech, to freely assemble, to demonstrate and freedom of religion. Citizens did not have to prove they were entitled or deserved a right; the government had to show a compelling reason why any such God-given right was to be curtailed, even in the slightest way. Certainly, this was a novel idea for its time, and an idea which places an enormous amount of responsibility on its citizens.

In the golden days of the monarchy, the kings of France or England simply

dictated to their citizens what they should think and how they should act. If any one protested or resisted the monarch, the usual consequence for the violator was death or at the least, lengthy imprisonment. In some ways this made life simple and direct. The governing source laid down the law, citizens followed the law, or they suffered the consequences.

Under the U.S. Constitution, citizens have rights, and they have the power of the vote to shape policies and actions. This places a huge responsibility upon each citizen to know what is happening in their community, to utilize their rights of free speech and assembly to meet and talk about issues, and then make a wise and thought-

ful decision on how to vote. As citizens, we have an obligation to each other and to those citizens who come after us, to ensure we are operating in such a way to make sure the rights of all citizens are protected; to create a livable society where all citizens have an opportunity to grow, to thrive and to have live in peace and prosperity. Unfortunately, over the last 20 or 30 years there seems to have been a shift from citizens having a responsibility for their own governance, to allowing others to govern for us.

I hear people talk about citizenship in terms of what is best for them individually, with little concern about what is good for the community or nation. There is little movement to find solutions or to make reasonable concessions to opposing views. Our government becomes bogged down because a few wish to impose their will on the many, to accomplish a self-serving goal. The recent

sessions of our state legislature are a tribute to such thinking.

It is fine to have an opinion for or against a school bond. Hopefully the decision is based on discernment and critical thinking, and not simply based on the notion of "I don't want to pay taxes irrespective of the need or demand of the community."

We citizens must understand we each have a role to play. To be a true citizen, we must think beyond ourselves and imagine what is best for our community in the long run. What will help us build a better community? What will create a next generation which will live to see our nation become stronger, more responsive to the needs of her populace? What sacrifices must we make of our time and of our resources to ensure a quality of life for the generations to come? Isn't there a base, a threshold, where we must take action to make sure our children are educated and prepared

for the quickly changing world? Didn't citizens in the generations before us make those same decisions on our behalf, and isn't that why we had a schoolhouse to attend and teachers to educate us? Don't we want better for our children, rather than the bare minimum?

Citizenship should be about receiving the benefits of an ordered society, but also contributing our time and resources to make society better. It is the American way. It is what has made us the greatest country in the history of the world. Occasional sacrifice is the rent we pay for the rights we have. It is not just about "me," but about all of us and those who come after us.

Thought for the day: the betterment of society is not a job to be left to a few. It's a responsibility to be shared by all.

Until next time...I will keep ridin' the storm out.
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The most amazing golf shot

As my golfcart arrived at Cross Timbers Golf Course's 18th hole, several teams were waiting to tee off. The atmosphere was pleasant, with a gentle breeze nudging golfers to comment on the good weather.

By the time my friend and I made it to the tee, the backup of players mimicked a small tournament crowd, focusing on golfers teeing off and murmuring after each drive.

I looked the part. I had a nice set of Callaway clubs, proper attire and even a new golf ball. I placed the ball on the tee just like a pro, and I felt the pressure of the crowd. In a sudden panic, I swung my driver more like I was hitting a baseball than a golf ball.

Fortunately, the distinctive ping of my club hitting the ball gave the clear signal of success. I even noticed a couple positive nods com-



HOPE MATTERS

By David Shaffer

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ing from the gallery. Blocking the sun with my right hand, I looked far down the fairway to see where my golf ball would land and begin its dance toward the hole. I could not locate it and thought this shot could be my best and longest.

Suddenly, a noise like large hail falling in North Texas whistled above me. I looked up just in time to see my golf ball descending vigorously right at me. I quickly moved and watched it hit the ground and then, because of a severe backspin, roll about 20 yards

in the wrong direction.

The characteristic decorum of golfers radically changed into a raucous roar of laughter.

For some odd reason, I tipped my hat to the crowd and chose to forego another attempt from the tee box.

The laughter was, of course, warranted, and Paul, my friend who was golfing with me that day, will still crack up when something reminds him of that moment. My only retort is that repeating that shot would be much harder than driving a golf ball

down the center of the fairway. I usually conclude with, "It's really quite impressive actually," before surrendering to the hilarity.

The behind-the-scenes story makes the incident easier to comprehend. Although equipped with the right gear, I lacked experience, so my play was predictably poor, with a few decent strokes from time to time. When others watched, I would sometimes let it impact me and would resort to behavior I knew, something akin to a baseball swing.

Practice can make the uncomfortable more comfortable, and this requires time and commitment. Golf legend Gary Player credited fellow golfer Jerry Barber with the wise adage, "The more I practice, the luckier I get."

Golf has its parallels with other areas of life requiring work and improvement, such

as relational skills like active listening. Rather than letting someone first know that we hear them and are seeking to truly understand what they are saying, it is easy to rebut what someone close to us says. It takes intentionality to pause, think about what was said and paraphrase it back to them. Especially when under pressure, it is tempting to go with our old patterns.

My guess is that we all have areas like golf in our lives that would benefit from an improved approach that can be tried out with people who are for us. The right crowd provides support for our efforts and might even have practical coaching ideas. Improvement brings hope and enjoyment as well.

The late Sam Snead, one of golf's all-time greats, wisely remarked, "Of all the hazards, fear is the worst." We cannot allow our improve-

ment to be hindered by fearing how others may regard our in-process efforts.

Active listening is always a good place to start. Other areas may include noticing the contribution of people in our lives and thanking them. It could be a concerted effort to move to a glass half-full approach and to simply be a more positive person. Perhaps we might focus on better choosing of our battles, letting smaller matters go. Replacing unfavorable habits with preferred behavior takes time, and the good news is that we can begin that work today.

Speaking of golf, the Azle Area Chamber of Commerce has its 19th annual golf tournament this Friday. I will be there as a chamber volunteer looking for a crazy trick shot on the 18th hole and enjoying a great day with wonderful people from the community.

The end of the school year is bustling with activity

AZLE ISD COMMUNITY,

As we approach the last month and final weeks of the 2023-2024 academic year, I write to you with appreciation and anticipation. The end of the school year is always bustling with activity and excitement, as we celebrate the achievements of our students. It is an extremely busy month with field trips, prom, graduation and many other exciting end-of-year activities.

This Saturday, May 4, is Election Day. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. This election focuses on locally elected positions, which include a contested race for



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.

both a city council seat and a school board trustee seat this year. The second election in May is the Texas Primary Run-Off Election Tuesday, May 28. Early voting for this election is only a few days, May 20-24.

This election will finalize the candidates for November's general election ballot. To continue our Azle ISD culture of voting and making your voice heard at the polls, I encourage you and your family

to take part in both elections. It is important to take the time to research candidates and make voting a priority!

As we continue to navigate potential spring weather, I remind you we have severe weather procedures in place at all campuses. It is important to remember severe weather may hinder routine drop-off or dismissal procedures, including the possibility of keeping students inside and bringing parents, bus drivers and riders into the building for safety. Should we encounter a weather situation this spring, we appreciate your support and patience in

advance.

Next week, May 6-10, we celebrate Teacher Appreciation Week. I could not be any prouder to be a part of such a dedicated group. All our employees continue to rise above the task by caring, educating and serving the various needs of our diverse student population, no matter the challenges faced. I assure you, Azle ISD remains devoted to navigating the many challenges teachers are facing. Staff remains committed to our mission: Making a Difference to Every Child, Every Chance, Every Day.

I am extremely proud of what we have been able to ac-

complish so far this school year. Your dedicated support of our school district has been instrumental in the success of our students and future students.

I look forward to a strong finish for all: students, staff, our families and the Azle community. Our last day of school is Thursday, May 23. Graduation will be Friday, May 24, at the Fort Worth Convention Center. Congratulations to the 400-plus graduates of the Class of 2024!

We Are Azle!
Todd Smith

Senior Spotlight

BY JACKIE "JJ" JOY

Special to the Tri-County Reporter

May has arrived and the Azle Adult Activity Center, located at 601 Southeast Parkway inside Ash Creek Park has a lot of good things on the calendar. Honoring mothers is always a wonderful and joyful event. This year we will celebrate our moms Thursday, May 9, with the Lake Worth/Azle Garden Club making a special presentation.

Last month Mrs. Georgene Appling received the special birthday gift during our celebration of birthdays and anniversaries. Cake and ice

cream was provided by Greg Rennebaum of Mutual of Omaha, who also sponsored bingo with prizes and called the numbers. Also at the celebration were members of the Rampant Porch Lizards providing dinner music.

For this month's birthday celebration, Care-n-Care Insurance Company will sponsor the cake and ice cream with Greg Rennebaum sponsoring bingo. These celebrations are the third Thursday of each month.

Now is the time to start registering for the AARP Safe Driving course scheduled for Friday, May 17. Just call 817-444-0070 to let us know

if you would like to attend. You may want to check with your insurance provider to see if it offers a special discount for attending.

If you enjoy old-fashioned music and entertainment, you will not want to miss the Silver Sisters of Fort Worth. These ladies dress in WW II uniforms and perform dances to music of the era. Starting at 11 a.m., Friday, May 24, they will be here to help us celebrate Memorial Day in recognition of those who have served our country and are now gone from us.

Our annual Open House is not in May this year as previously announced. It

has been moved to Friday, June 7. If you have never seen our facility, this would be a great time to take a tour and see what we have to offer. There will also be representatives from various organizations that provide services to older adults and door prizes.

In conjunction with the Open House will be our annual Indoor Sale. With spring cleaning on everyone's mind, it will be a great opportunity to support the center with donations toward the sale. Just contact us about delivery and we will joyfully accept them. Any clothes donated will

go to Legacy Church for a ministry to the homeless.

Each Tuesday morning at 10 a.m., Sharon Johnson leads a fabulous Bible study in our "common room." Open to men and women, the studies are strictly from the Bible and are an open discussion forum.

Bingo is one of the more popular activities of the week. The fun begins around noon, following lunch. Prizes are provided by donations by participants and organizations that partner with the center.

If bingo is not for you, perhaps you will enjoy playing Bridge. Meeting Fridays

at 9 a.m., the Bridge group is always looking for new members.

If you are a person 60-plus years old and want to get out and meet people, we are the place for you. We offer a variety of opportunities for involvement, lots of fellowship and nutritious meals. The City of Azle is contracted with Meals On Wheels, Inc. of Tarrant County to operate the center and you are welcome to come any time from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. to see us.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at 817-444-0070 for more information.

Icons of learning

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AZLE — Students across Azle ISD have had a lot to ponder this year. After a successful launch, Hoover Elementary teachers, instructional coaches, administrators and students presented a new way the district's students have been learning. The group met with Azle ISD trustees during a recent April 15 board meeting. In collaboration with the J Taylor Education Center for Depth and Complexity, Azle ISD rolled out a district-wide implementation of new tools and icons to aid in teaching in fall 2023.

Depth and Complexity utilizes 11 icons to help chil-

Azle students and faculty present on new district-wide Depth and Complexity framework

dren think about their work holistically and to increase their overall grasp of subject matter. Icons are symbols for a lens or idea students can apply to what they're learning. Icons include "language of the discipline," "details," "patterns," "rules," "trends," "unanswered questions," "ethics," "big idea," "over time," "multiple perspectives" and "across disciplines." Through Depth and Complexity students also learn about content impera-

tives such as origin, contribution and convergence.

Hoover Elementary fifth graders were the first to be introduced to these concepts last year, followed by an expansion to the rest of Azle ISD. The framework is now implemented in classes from kindergarten through senior year. Administrators said even pre-k teachers are now asking about it.

This is fifth grade teacher Quinton Womble's first year at his job, though he was first introduced to the concept as a student teacher. Womble appeared alongside other ISD staff and students to describe his experience with Depth and Complexity and how he uses the framework.

"Immediately, I could see the benefit just based on the conversation I was having with a bunch of senior teachers," Womble said. "It just developed really quickly. Immediately, I started clicking with ideas in my head about how I might be able to incorporate them in my future classroom. I had been student teaching just long enough to be shocked by how challenging it can be to inspire dialogue with students and to inspire writing. This is a text message and tweet generation. We don't get a lot out of them when we ask unless we really push. The benefit of this is that it does just that, it pushes them into producing in the classroom."

Students are asked to "ponder the of " using an icon to delve deep into a subject.



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Sixth graders Zoe and Willow and fifth graders Micah and Anniston spoke in front of the board of trustees, with Quinton Womble at the podium.

For example, if students were asked to ponder the details of a reading passage, they would then find evidence and examples to support their opinions and ideas and ask themselves, "what are its characteristics?"

Using icons, Womble and other teachers have been able to compare poems from disparate periods and genres such as "The Road Not Taken" by Robert Frost and "The Rose that Grew Through Concrete" by Tupac Shakur. Womble said the tools have been easy to implement in classes and have received a largely positive response from parents at this year's showcase.

"Fast forward to fifth grade when I'm teaching at Hoover and I see the same things," Womble said. "These are still kids that are having a hard time putting a full sentence together at the beginning of the year. By incorporating Depth and Complexity into the curriculum proceedings, growth and writing in class production and dialogue over text, we're having meaningful conversations in class. It's not all me talking. These kids are talking to each other through the lens of Depth and Complexity. We're us-

ing the icons and the think along plans to give these kids a lens to focus and improve their critical thinking process with the help of correlating prompts as shown in the Depth and Complexity frames. The barriers we often see with respect to synthesizing are gone. We're not getting one and two, three-word answers; we're getting in depth thought processes."

In a demonstration for the board of trustees, Hoover students looked at pictures and proposed several different possible interpretations and explanations based on the different icons. Sixth graders Zoe and Willow and fifth graders Micah and Anniston spoke in front of the board of trustees in one exercise applying icons to a picture of girl watching TV from under a blanket.

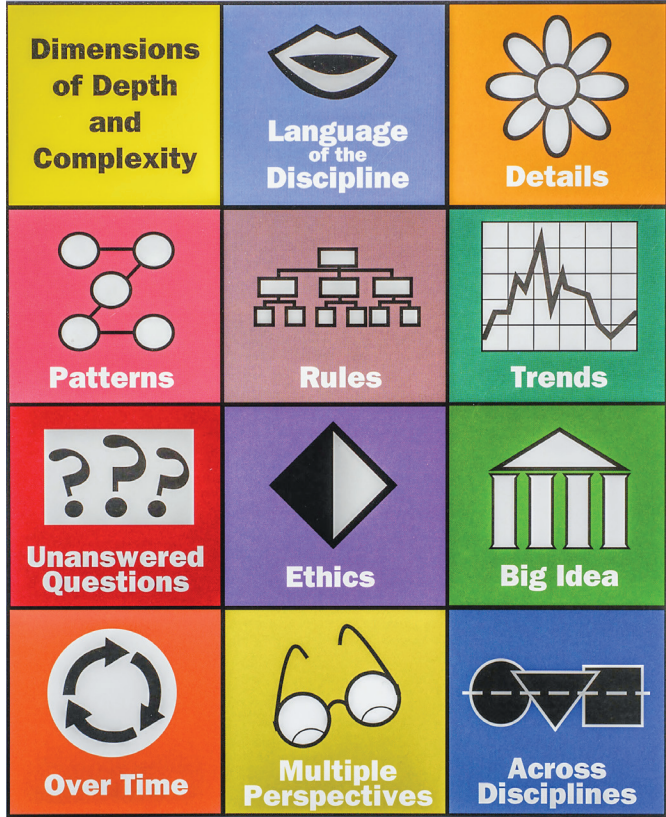
"I ponder multiple perspectives of this photo," Micah said. "A perspective would be that there is a girl who got cold and just wanted to watch TV. Another one could be that the girl was sad that something happened, and she watched TV trying to escape that feeling."

Hoover Principal Jonni Bettis said before Depth and Complexity, when students

were asked what they were learning they'd often just point to their work. Now, Bettis said that students will have deeper conversations with her and describe what they were writing in detail. By encouraging writing in subjects like math and science, instructors hope students get an all-around better understanding of what they're doing and why.

"It really encourages comprehension over just memorization," Michelle Brown, an instructional coach at Hoover said. "We've seen so much more writing happen when we started using these icons and these things that we did before. It really encourages comprehension over just memorization."

The Center for Depth and Complexity reaches approximately 2.4 million students across nine countries, 45 states and 102,002 classrooms. With this partnership, Azle schools hope to instill greater knowledge in their students, expand their vocabularies, and much more. To learn more about the partnership between Azle ISD and the Center for Depth and Complexity, visit <https://depthcomplexity.com/azle-isd/>.



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Depth and Complexity icons now used by K-12 Azle students.

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"Last Thursday we got a call from Leann who works in the back, and she said 'your order is ready' and we were thinking, 'what order, we didn't place an order?' So, she had to remind us what it was from and we were shocked," CCC Director Kristie Cooper said. "She hasn't seen this much food and we've never seen this much food in my time here. The amount that was raised is a significant increase from the past. It was essential things that we were lacking — canned goods, a lot of dried beans, macaroni and cheese. So, definitely things that we need. For us it was such a shock. We had no idea it would be this much. It couldn't have come at a better time. Our pantry supplies are really low and Tarrant Area Food Bank supplies are down. They supply about 50% of our food. (Albertsons does

this every year. Normally it's still a great benefit and a great help but the community really committed this year or donated more, and it just made a huge difference. Our numbers are just growing so fast. It's hard to keep enough food. So, we just need that steady supply of food and that increased food. Right now, we are completely out of cereal. We purchased two really large pallets of cereal last month and we've already depleted that supply."

Albertsons raises the funds for this food by offering customers a \$5 paper bag at the end of their transaction and informing them that proceeds go toward stocking the CCC. The Azle location collected nearly \$15,000 in bag sales or 3,000 bags which equated to eight full pallets of food.

The store's manager said the Azle community deserves most of the credit.

"It's a win-win deal because in most of our metroplex

stores, the food goes to the North Tarrant County Food Bank," Meason said. "In this case it stays right here in our own community, right here in our own backyard. We appreciate the community because they're really the ones that did it. We just asked everybody and pushed it. It just shows you how the community works together. Everyone is pretty open if it's explained in the right way. I always try to do my best to help anyone in need. We've all been there, and everyone's got family members or friends or what-not and it's a tough economy right now. It was a total store effort. Bojana (Petrovich), the front-end manager, drove the event. If anything, I'd probably give a shout out to her because she's the one that kind of ran with it. I just want to thank the community because at the end of the day they are really the ones that donated. We just ran the event and did the collection and that kind of thing. We ap-

preciate everything the community did and look forward to doing it next year."

Along with the massive Nourishing Neighbors donation, the CCC has received support via monetary donations as well. Azle's "Lunch Bunch" a group of neighbor ladies who meet for a meal each month to celebrate their birthdays donated \$1,000 to the center not long after Cooper and company received the donation from Albertsons. Fort Worth Southwest Christian School students also awarded \$4,000 for the organization after presenting against other student volunteer groups for the grant. The CCC on 317 Commerce St. is Azle's largest food bank. The center is open Monday, Wednesday and Fridays from 9 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. and on Thursday from 4 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Individuals can learn more, volunteer or donate at <https://communitycaring-center.com/>.



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An Albertsons Nourishing Neighbors bag similar to what was sold at the Azle location.

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scheduling a lot of them in the last two years can lower the per year tuition cost. "The less money you have to pay per year, the easier it will be on everybody," she said. "You can take two or so classes your freshman year, just to start out. Then you can pace it at a good spot where you're not worried about six classes. Next year, that's my goal. I'll have my six classes, but if I don't make really good grades this year, I'll get denied those classes by Weatherford because they'll think it's too much to handle. . . . You have to show that you can do it, so it's just easier if you space it out."

Overall, Price is satisfied with her choice to take dual credit courses and how it has shortened her pathway to her career.

"I guess it's kind of like one of those dreams-come-true-type of things," she said. "I get my dream job even faster than what most people would get it at, so I'm happy about that one."

Looking at the bigger picture, the academic performance report denotes that more than 78% of 2021-22 graduates were deemed ready for college, a career or military enlistment, which is 8% more than the state's number for the same year and well above SISK's percentage for the previous year. The progress seems to be continuing since SISK Assistant Superintendent of Academics Tiffany Cano said during a school board meet-

ing in March that the Class of 2024 is projected to have more than 90% of students who are college, career or military ready.

Earlier this year, The Tri-County Reporter interviewed five SHS students, including Price, who were using the school's Go Center to develop their after-graduation plans. In addition to talking about how the Go Center has helped them, the students told The Reporter about their dream jobs and what inspires them. Here are their stories:

THE PHYSICAL THERAPIST

Several years ago, SHS senior and basketball player Allison Ford recalled watching her brother recover after being hit by a car while he was riding his bike.

Her brother broke his femur, and Ford became fascinated with his healing process. She even used to do school projects related to the injury and recovery.

"I used to go with him to his appointments, and it was one of those with the window that you could watch everything that they were doing in there, and I just thought it was really cool," Ford said.

Ford realized she wanted to pursue physical therapy as a career after spending time with the athletic trainers this year after she sustained a hip injury.

"Just watching people go from, obviously, rock bottom with an injury to having someone help them get to where they wanted to be — like (her brother) wanted to continue playing sports; I wanted to continue playing sports — so without the help of a physical therapist, we

wouldn't be able to continue doing those things," Ford said. "I think just being able to help other athletes and talking about sports, that would be a fun future."

Ford plans to attend Tarleton State University to study kinesiology and physical therapy. From there, she hopes to work as a physical therapist in a hospital and work with people who have experienced traumatic accidents.

THE ENGINEER

Senior Wesley Shaw will tell you himself that he's not good at math when it's theoretical. He prefers utilizing numbers and science in the real world.

"If I can apply it, make it practical, and if it's something that can help people, country, just anything in general, I'd love doing anything with metal," Shaw said.

In fact, Shaw already has some experience in this field. "I've worked on engines, cars, motorcycles," he said. "Anything with an engine and metal, I've worked on."

In his future, Shaw would like to work on F-35 IIs and is particularly fascinated by aircraft — how they operate to take flight and how formulas apply to them.

To accomplish his goals, Shaw plans to pursue an education in mechanical engineering at the University of North Texas in Denton. Then, he would like to work as a mechanical and aerospace engineer at Lockheed Martin and also wants to go back to school eventually for a master's or doctorate degree in mechanical, aerospace and electrical engineering.

Though he sounds confident in his path now, Shaw recalled a time when he felt confused and stressed about the future and wasn't sure where he wanted to go to college or what he wanted to major in. When Aimee Burtnett was promoted to the college, career and military readiness counselor position at SHS, Shaw said she helped him develop a plan and find scholarships.

"It's been so amazing just to have this (Go Center) and have the opportunity to be around Ms. Burtnett and have her as my counselor," he said. "It's a game changer."

THE LABOR, DELIVERY NURSE

In her future, senior Madison Maynard hopes to combine two of her goals into one career — being a nurse and exploring the country.

Maynard's plan is to attend Tarleton State University and then pursue work as a traveling labor and delivery nurse. The idea of witnessing the "special moment when a kid is born" is what draws her to this profession.

"I just want to be there and help," Maynard said.

Maynard had different ideas of what career she wanted but decided to follow her interests in healthcare.

"I've watched a lot of medical documentaries and stuff outside of school, so I knew I wanted to do something in the medical field for probably the past three years," she said. "I just wasn't sure what aspect and area."

With the aid of Burtnett, Maynard is satisfied with her post-graduation plan.

"I feel good; I feel confident

in that I'm making the right decision," she said. "If I get into college and I feel like I ever need to talk to someone, I feel like I can always reach back to (Burtnett), and she'll help me."

THE EDUCATOR

Senior Stoli Cox wants to be a teacher like the ones she has learned from and the teacher that some kids don't have.

"I have had great role models in my life, but maybe some kids don't get along with very many teachers and so maybe I want to be the difference in that and help boost up the younger generation," Cox said.

Cox plans to start off teaching elementary school students before earning her master's degree and transitioning to an assistant principal role. She pointed out that planning for the rest of her life as a high school senior is a daunting task, but for now, an education career seems like the best fit.

"That's just always been my dream, and I feel like there's nothing else that really calls me," Cox said.

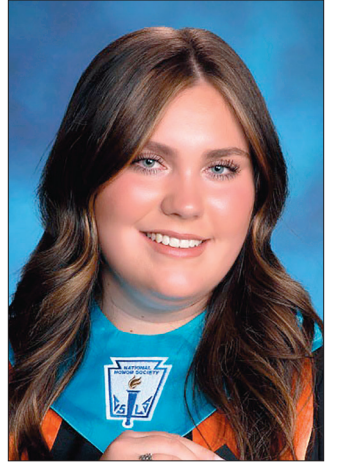
Like many budding educators, Cox's career choice was inspired by one of her former teachers, specifically the person who taught her reading class in sixth grade.

"I felt like I could put myself in her position and just literally see myself exactly how she was teaching, exactly what she's doing in life," Cox said. "I just felt like I could see myself there."

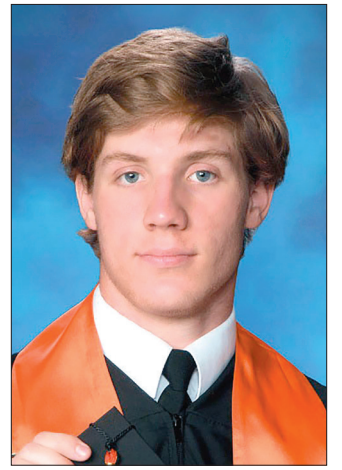
One thing Cox doesn't plan on doing in her future is playing volleyball, which she has been active in since she was a

young child and into her high school years. Though she's ready to move on, Cox spoke with reverence about what the sport has meant to her.

"It grew me as a person," she said. "I've learned so much through my coaches, through everyone that I've met through volleyball."



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Madison Maynard, future labor and delivery nurse



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Wesley Shaw, future engineer

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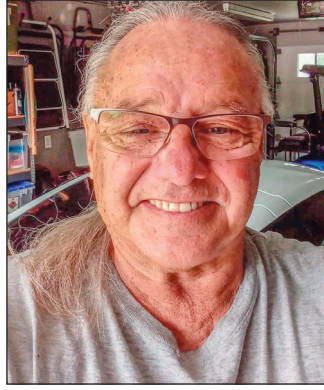
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OBITUARIES

Vincent Penar 1948-2024

Vincent James Penar passed away Thursday, March 28, 2024, at the age of 75. Vince's family will host a Celebration of Life at Schrier Park in Portage, Michigan Sunday, May 19, from 2 to 5 p.m. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the charity of your choosing in Vince's honor.



Vince was born Sept. 10, 1948, in Vicksburg, Michigan, the son of Maxine (Ladyman) and Stanley Penar. From a young age, Vince embraced adventure, never passing up an opportunity for a new experience. Vince was an active and social kid, participating in various sports and other activities throughout his school years, and even working as a life-guard at the local community pool.

Ever the prankster, Vince would often recollect his exploits during his school days, playing tricks on his teachers and classmates. These traits stayed with him into his adult years, but Vince's true passion was automobiles, which began with building model cars; that love followed him throughout his life.

After graduating high school, Vince began employment with Simpson Lee Paper Company (Local 13120) in the press room, and married his high school sweetheart, Gayle Ivens. Vince also began taking correspondence courses toward a trade certificate in plumbing/pipefitting. However, in April 1968, Vince received his draft notice from the U.S. Armed Forces. Vince honorably served his country during the Vietnam War in various capacities until April 1970. Upon completing his service in the US Army, Vince returned to work at Simpson Lee in its personnel office.

In 1976, Vince completed an apprenticeship in the trade of industrial pipefitter under the sponsorship of Simpson Lee and the United Steel Workers of America (AFL-CIO) in Vicksburg, Michigan. Vince continued as a journeyman pipefitter with Simpson Lee until 1978, when he joined General Motors Corporation at its Fisher Body division in Kalamazoo, Michigan.

Vince later transferred to GM's Hydramatic division in Three Rivers, Michigan, where he met and married Laura VanKirk. Vince and Laura were married for 20 years and raised two children together. Shortly after their wedding, Vince built the family home on two acres of land on the Portage River, in Three Rivers, where his family lived from 1991 until 1994.

In 1994, Vince transferred to GM's assembly plant in Arlington, Texas, settling in Cedar Hill, with his family. During this time, Vince's dream was to retire

on a ranch in the Texas Hill Country. Vince purchased 48 acres in Comanche and began building his retirement home. Ultimately, Vince gave GM 34 years of loyal service as a pipefitter-plumber-steamfitter until he retired in 2012. After retiring from GM, Vince decided that he much preferred to spend his golden years on a lake; so, he sold the Comanche ranch and purchased a home on Eagle Mountain Lake in Azle, where he lived from 2012 until his death. In 2015, Vince remarried Gayle, his first and last love.

An avid socializer, Vince would engage in any activity that would allow him to spend time with his family and friends, including attending car shows and swap meets, boating, bowling, camping, canoeing, golfing, hosting neighborhood gatherings, joining Corvette and motorcycle clubs, learning to play the guitar and traveling. Never afraid to get his hands dirty, you could always find Vince working outside on his home, in the garage on one of his many classic or vintage vehicles, or in the kitchen or at the grill cooking for his family and friends. Vince took great pride in everything he created.

An automobile enthusiast, Vince put his heart and soul into buying, rebuilding and selling various classic cars, vintage bikes and vintage boats throughout his life. Vince is preceded in his passing by his mother, Maxine Penar; father, Stanley Penar; sister, Jean Buck; father-in-law, Tom Ivens; many aunts and uncles; and best friend, Fred Cordola.

Left to cherish Vince's loving memory are his wife, Gayle; daughter, Jena Perez and her children, Zoe and Zander; son, Jay Penar and his daughter, Katalina Meyer; stepdaughter, Stephanie (Eric) Dunnick and their children, Olivia, Alexandra and Jennifer; stepdaughter, Angela Griffin and her children, Rayna and Andrew; stepson, Jack "JJ" Griffin; great-granddaughter, Layla Meyer; brother, Mitch Penar; sister, Pat (Mike) Guilfoyle; mother-in-law, Ardis Ivens; and many friends.

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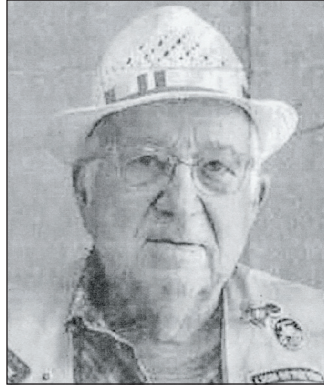
Jack Baker 1935-2024

Jack Laverne Baker, 89, of Azle, passed away April 20, 2024.

Jack was active in his community and a member of the Azle Lions Club. In 2018, he was named Lion of the Year for his work with the Lions Club blessing box, which provides free food to those in need.

He is survived by his wife of nine years, Valeta, whom he married Feb. 11, 2015.

Jack will be greatly missed by those who loved him.



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Rickey Craig 1950-2024

Rickey Lynn Craig, 73, passed away Thursday, April 25, 2024 in Fort Worth.

He was born Sept. 8, 1950, to Alvin and Sue Lucille (Ticknor) Craig in Fort Worth.

Rickey was raised in Springtown. He married the love of his life, Vickie Craig, in 1977. Together they raised their four children.

Rickey worked for General Dynamics for several years as a machinist and supervisor.

He enjoyed fishing, woodworking and animals. He loved spending time with his family.

Rickey was a kind and loving man who will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved him.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brothers Douglas Craig and Gary Craig, sister, Paula Runyon and granddaughter, Helena Craig.

He is survived by his wife of



47 years, Vickie Craig; sons, Aaron Craig and wife, Diana, and Andrew Craig; daughters, Christina Ossowski and husband, Stan, and Amber Brooks and husband, Dustin; grandchildren, Hannah, Ely, Grayson, Hayden, Adelyn and Rosalie; and numerous nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

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2024 National Day of Prayer in Azle

Thursday, May 2, 2024, 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.
The Orchard Event Venue & Retreat,
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The National Day of Prayer annually falls on the first Thursday in May, and Azle celebrates it each year with a free luncheon featuring singing, a keynote speaker and a time of prayer led by community leaders.

This Azle Area Ministerial Alliance event is approachable, and all in the area are invited each year. No reservations are ever required.

The Orchard Event Venue & Retreat in Azle, the location for this year's program, is one of 26 sponsors. The

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Azle honors the expectations of the National Day of Prayer organization, which unites us with gatherings throughout the nation. It also includes touches that make the program a distinctly unifying Azle event.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor -

The relationship between a Texas school board and its taxpayers is characterized by financial accountability, transparency and communication. Do we have candidates for the Azle ISD school board who commit to these principles? We cannot afford another set of board members who never publicly question district budgets or proposals. Taxpayers need candidates

who understand how school board decisions, such as voting to elect those who run the appraisal district, affect their property taxes. For our school board, we should select candidates who advocate for a no-new-revenue tax rate and recognize that the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) is a registered lobbying group in our state.

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Building a village

Moms unite to create secular homeschool co-op

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LAKESIDE — Families have multiple reasons why they decide to homeschool their children. For Erica Ashfield, she decided to pull her daughter out of school when it became clear that her child's medical health wasn't working with the traditional school day.

"We were either gone to Boston for the children's hospital a lot or she was having issues where she wasn't sleeping well. She wasn't feeling well, so getting her up to go to school was becoming too much," Ashfield said. "She was not getting an education anyways . . . and she wasn't happy going to school."

When looking for a homeschool co-op, it was important to Ashfield to find a secular one. However, she couldn't find such a group, but she did connect via Facebook with other mothers — Montana Brickle and Marina Prince — who wanted something similar. Brickle's story is similar to Ashfield's; her son's medical issues were interfering with his education in a traditional school. Meanwhile, Prince has always homeschooled her children, and like Ashfield and Brickle, secular curriculum was a priority.

"I feel like education and religion shouldn't be together," Prince said, adding that parents should have the discretion to teach their kids about faith and spirituality.

Ashfield also met Faythe Zuver, a Weatherford mom

who had been homeschooling her daughter and was looking for resources that weren't religious.

"I just couldn't find anything secular," Zuver said. "It was just very bizarre."

Together, they decided to start their own co-op, Wild Wonder, to serve families in Azle, Lakeside, Parker County and surrounding areas. The group began the venture by hosting field trips and social outings for homeschoolers last year but will expand to offer classes in August.

The women clarified that people of various religions are a part of the co-op, and classes will take place at First Baptist Lakeside. But the curriculum itself is secular.

"I don't think that every aspect of our lives has to be around religion," Ashfield said. "For us, it's important to just focus on the basics of education."

Wild Wonder will offer a range of different subjects for younger and older kids. The once-a-week courses take place either Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and are grouped based on the child's age. Class sizes are expected to be no more than 12 students for most courses. Though the co-op doesn't offer individualized education programs or special education classes, students with special needs are welcome at Wild Wonder.

Ashfield, who also has a background in childcare and preschool, described the co-op as a sort of hybrid program that includes registration and supply fees to pay

teachers and rent the classroom space.

"I have learned that most families would rather pay and have their kids involved in doing these courses than having to also not only teach at home but come to a co-op and teach other kids for free," Ashfield said. "They just don't want that, and if they do, they are already in one of those co-ops."

Parents can sign their child up for as many age-appropriate classes as they want at Wild Wonder. The cost depends on the number of children enrolled in a family and the number of classes they take. For example, a family with one student taking one weekly class during a four-month semester (fall or spring) will have to pay \$160 total or \$40 per month. The cost for a semester of pre-kindergarten classes is \$175 since that class takes place two days per week.

Wild Wonder teachers are professionals who educate students based on their expertise and typically develop their own curriculum. For example, Brickle's background is in childcare, so she will be leading the pre-kindergarten class. She also said Wild Wonder has registered nurses teaching anatomy and an educated photographer instructing children how to operate cameras and set up shots artistically.

"Most of the teachers are very passionate about what they're doing, versus like a co-op where moms are just like, 'OK, I'm going to teach the subject' whether or not they love it or not," Zuver



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The leaders of Wild Wonder Co-op: Faythe Zuver, Erica Ashfield, Montana Brickle and Marina Prince.

said. "At our school, our kids are getting taught by adults who are really passionate about the subject they're teaching."

Likewise, Prince will teach history for kids ages six to 10 using curriculum from Pandia Press' History Quest Early Times as a basis for the course and supplement it with projects and crafts. She wanted to teach this class because she is interested in history (and took college classes on the subject) as is one of her children.

"We're going to start slowly with the beginning, early times, pre-history, the fossils and then eventually get to Egypt and the Roman Empire, and that's the best part for me," Prince said.

Parents considering homeschooling are sometimes concerned about how their child will be able to develop social skills without the traditional school setting, but Brickle said that hasn't been a problem at Wild Wonder.

"Our kids find friends su-

per easily," she said. "They click. It's not an issue, but people want that for their kids, too, to have that drop-off option where they can still integrate. And I think . . . being able to learn from somebody that's not your parent is really important, and parents want that, too."

Ashfield reflected on how she didn't know Zuver, Prince or Brickle before reaching out online. Now, the women are working closely with each other and "living life together."

"You don't know that you need something so bad until you find it," she said.

In the same vein, Brickle added that she's glad to have found a group of like-minded people to be part of. She recalled a previous attempt to homeschool her son in Houston but found the experience to be isolating for her and her child.

"It takes a village, and we finally built ours," Brickle said. Ultimately, the mothers hope to build a welcoming

community for those who want to teach their children at home as well as dispel the stigmas about homeschooled kids and families — that they are unsocialized, very religious and hate public schools.

"I actually loved where my daughter was going. I loved Reno Elementary, but it just wasn't working for her," Ashfield said. "Public school isn't the answer for every child."

Ashfield is working on making Wild Wonder into an official nonprofit organization, which will allow the co-op more options for fundraising and sponsorships. She said her next big goal after that is for the co-op to have its own building so teachers can have a permanent space to store supplies.

For more information, visit Wild Wonder's website at <https://www.homeschool-life.com/4135/> or find the co-op on Facebook in a private group named "Wild Wonder Co-op Parker County."

Springtown Council approves rezoning for Main Street martial arts studio

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SPRINGTOWN — Springtown City Council mulled over the possibility of a martial arts studio in town and unanimously voted for the rezoning that will help make way for the new business.

Heather and Bryan Creech discussed the proposed studio on North Main Street at the April 25 city council meeting and requested the zoning of the property, near the southwest corner of Church Street and Old Cottondale Road, be changed

Council to review plat, site plan in future

from single family residential to commercial. The Planning and Zoning Commission previously recommended approval of the change to the city council during its April meeting.

Bryan Creech plans to build a martial arts studio of about 7,000-8,500 square feet on North Main Street and a shopping center called Founder's Plaza in honor of American karate pioneer J. Pat Burleson. The strip mall property was already zoned commercial, but the space for the pro-

posed studio was zoned residential. Creech said the studio will host tournaments, camps and events as well as be used for charity efforts.

The studio's proposed location is near Springtown Intermediate School, and Heather Creech sees this proximity as an opportunity to offer an after-school program.

"We thought it would be great that kids could walk over, give their parents time to work more, to not have to have a daycare situation," she

said. "We are going to have people put in place that will be able to watch those kids, that will be able to help them maybe with their homework before or after their classes to where it gives them more quality time at home. They can do their sport, maybe their homework is already done; they can just go home, eat their dinner and enjoy time with their family."

Kids can begin martial arts lessons at 3 years old, and they are taught to be respectful not just at the studio but

at their school, at home and in their community, Heather Creech said. She also hopes to offer women's self-defense seminars and promote anti-bullying among the youth.

"I see in karate, we have a lot of kids that either their parents have brought them because they are bullies, and they want that to stop, or the children are being bullied, and we want that to stop," Heather Creech said. "We have a lot of experience in that, and it's been really good, really productive with these children."

The studio is expected to offer multiple kinds of mar-

tial arts classes as well as yoga and Pilates.

To a question about traffic, Bryan Creech said classes at the martial arts studio wouldn't begin until after the local rush-hour. City Secretary Christina Derr reported that the city did not receive any opposition to the rezoning, and City Administrator David Miller said Springtown school district officials did not have objections regarding the commercial development.

Next, the Creeches will need to submit a plat and site plan for the council to consider.

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April Young Texans named

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AZLE — During an April 19 meeting of the Optimist Club of Azle, the organization awarded two Azle High School seniors declarations of merit and recognized them for their accomplishments over their school careers. Easton Hill and Kamryn Hill were named Young Texan and Young Tex-Anne of the Month for April 2024.

Easton Hill is the son of James Hill and Courtney Coulter. He is ranked 55th in his class with a GPA of 99.41. Easton Hill hopes to attend Texas A&M University through Blinn College and is interested in pursuing a major related to finance and accounting for a career in investment banking. He is proud of being on the football team's leadership council for two years.

"It means that my teammates trusted me to voice concerns to the coaches," Easton Hill said.

He is also proud of his high grades, even with the increased difficulty of taking college and Advanced Placement classes. Easton Hill considers his greatest academic strength to be his memory, although he said he has a difficult time studying,

Azle Optimist Club recognizes Easton Hill and Kamryn Hill

which he considers his biggest academic weakness.

"I'm very straightforward and will tell you how it is no matter the situation, but I'm also a pushover sometimes and cannot tell people no," Easton Hill said of his personal strengths and weaknesses.

He described himself as calm, organized and persistent. Some of his favorite teachers are Mrs. Jones and Coach Laprade, who he says could speak about his motivation and his academic abilities.

Easton Hill said one fact that people may not know is that he is related to presidents John Adams and John Quincy Adams. He is involved in football and powerlifting and enjoys watching college football and going deep-sea fishing. He has volunteered for his local youth football program and the Yellow Rose Foundation for August 2023 and April 2023.

Kamryn Hill is the daughter of Trinity and Justin Hill. She is ranked 39th in her class with a GPA of 100.52. She hopes to attend "Batgirl College" (Bethel College?),

Ottawa University or McPherson College. She is interested in majoring in kinesiology or human sciences to pursue a career as an athletic trainer or physical therapist. Kamryn Hill is most proud of making Academic All-State.

"School is something I work very hard in and set goals for myself that are quite a challenge to reach," Kamryn Hill said. "A personal accomplishment I'm most proud of is being offered to play at the next level in college for multiple schools because I've been working toward it for almost my whole life."

She considers her greatest academic strength to be her time management skills between school and extracurriculars like volleyball and work. Kamryn Hill considers her greatest academic weakness to be her perfectionism which she said can lead to more stress than necessary.

Kamryn Hill considers her ability to overcome challenges one of her greatest personal strengths.

"Even when something comes my way that I might not like the most I find a way



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Optimist members along with Easton Hill and Kamryn Hill.

to look at the positive and move forward," Kamryn Hill said.

She considers her biggest personal weakness to be her impatience.

"When I want something to be accomplished, I'm not the type of person who likes to just sit around and wait for it to happen," she said.

Kamryn Hill described herself as hardworking, deter-

mined and passionate.

"I don't ever give up on anything just because it may be a little bit challenging," she said. "Not only am I determined to be the best I can be, I'm determined to push my peers to be the best they can be as well. I go all out for anything I do and embrace things to their fullest extent."

Mrs. Roberts and Mrs. Knoll are some of her favorite teach-

ers. She was the co-captain of the varsity volleyball team, is a member of the National Honor Society and is part of IMPACT, which painted murals in the school bathroom over the summer. Kamryn Hill has been a part of Fire Club Volleyball. She is interested in reading and organization. She volunteered at the Angel Tree handout at the Azle Lions Club in December.

Springtown youngsters show off intelligence at academic contests

STAFF REPORTS

SPRINGTOWN — Springtown's Texas Math and Science Coaches Association team performed well at the recent state competition and was subsequently honored by the school board during its April 22 meeting.

The group of 10 students, made up of kids in grades six through eight, competed against teams that were double and triple their size and placed fifth as a team out of 13 Texas schools in the 4A division. Springtown placed second in number sense,

third place in science, eighth place in calculator and seventh place in math.

Individually, seventh grader Nolan Osborne was named the state champion for the seventh-grade calculator contest as well as 10th place in math and 15th

place in science. The team also included eighth grader Nathan Abbott (sixth place number sense, 16th place math), eighth grader Lincoln Coplen (second place number sense, 15th place science), eighth grader Gage Hart (second place science), seventh

grader Jett Carter (fourth place number sense), seventh grader Samara Lajueness (eighth place calculator, 17th place math), seventh grader Logan Swanson (seventh place science), seventh grader Addisen Weber (third place number sense, 13th place

science, 14th place calculator, 14th place math), sixth grader Dalton Ahlers (seventh place math, ninth place calculator) and sixth grader Briten Weber (fourth place number sense, ninth place math, ninth place science, 12th place calculator).



Springtown Independent School District's board of trustees also recognized the fifth and sixth graders who participated in UIL events during the April 22 school board meeting.



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Azle food truck park overcomes first month, farmers market debut date confirmed

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AZLE — There's a lot going on the lot at 225 Church St. Every Friday and Saturday since March 29, the space has been home to The FeedLot, Azle's very own food truck park. While largely successful, the food truck venue has faced its share of hurdles in its debut month. For example, the city has received noise complaints from at least four homes on nearby Locust Street. However, closing by 9 p.m., the food truck park adheres to all city noise ordinances, Director of Planning and Development Hawkins said at a recent Azle City Council meeting.

The city has also faced a problem of food truck no-shows. Prior to opening, the Azle City Council expressed concerns about food trucks scheduling a spot at the lot and then not arriving when the day comes. Councilmembers devised a \$20 no-show fee to disincentivize proprietors from this practice. At the April meeting, City of Azle community and marketing specialist

Farmers market to open June 1, FeedLot to see reduced hours during Music in the Park

Kristin Pegues informed the council that the threat of a \$20 fee has not been effective in dissuading food truck operators from no-showing.

Apart from the no-shows, other trucks have become dedicated staples, appearing over several weekends since the park opened.

"I will tell you, the barbecue guy I talked to, he's been there every Saturday," Pegues said. "I asked him how is the customer stuff, how many have you been serving on average? He said most of it is between 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. and between 6-7 p.m. He said, 'on average for the whole day I'll get about five (customers) an hour. I usually do 10 (customers) an hour and that's with two trucks being here every weekend. I don't know how I would do with three.'"

The city has also been successful in providing entertainment for the site each

weekend. Currently, many of the FeedLot's operations fall under the purview of Hawkins and Pegues on top of their pre-existing duties. The city hopes to soon hire several individuals to occupy this role exclusively.

"Things are really rocking and rolling," Hawkins said. "We've had a band every week. Last week we posted part-time positions for assistants who would take care of the food truck park."

Councilmembers and administrators will continue to work out the kinks as time goes on. Even with the problems, city officials and trucks like R&N Smokin Sweet Savour BBQ are not ready to write The FeedLot off.

"It's new and people are still getting to know it and that's why he keeps coming back because he feels like once it takes off, he can get there," Pegues said.

Administrators have tire-

lessly dedicated their weekends to scheduling live music acts and tending to all other needs of the park. Pegues has been bringing her dog on weekends and says he has become an unofficial mascot.

In another hurdle, the city's special events advisory board has also expressed concerns that operating two live music venues simultaneously could upset sponsors of the upcoming annual Music in the Park. Music in the Park is a live music event scheduled every Friday in May and June from 8-10 p.m. The event typically hosts two food trucks of its own.

At an April 16 Azle City Council meeting, councilmembers addressed these fears by limiting The FeedLot's hours from 5-8 p.m. and promising no live music at the space on Fridays during May and June. Councilmembers also suggested erecting banners at each event promoting the other. The council hopes that by doing this, the city can strengthen both efforts.

"We're all one city here," Mayor Alan Brundrett said. "It's not us against them and them against us. We're here to make the whole city successful."

To promote The FeedLot in the future, Councilmember Stacy Peek proposed the idea of creating community signage promoting local activities and events near the road in front of Azle City Hall. Councilmembers also hope to install a sound system at the site.

When proposing the idea for a food truck park in Azle in prior meetings, the city council vocalized they expected setbacks and unexpected challenges. Ultimately, the group determined the best way to view the project was as an experiment that could change as needed. Comments from the most recent city council meeting echo that sentiment.

"I could think of a thousand things that could go wrong



Along with food trucks and music, the park also offers covered seating and games like cornhole, encouraging patrons to bring their own yard games as well.

and could happen, but let's go with that now and see what happens," the mayor said of the proposed May-June plans.

MORE TO COME...

In another example of the city's ambitions for the site, a new farmers market is set to soon be unveiled at 225 Church St. as well.

Azle community members have previously experimented with a farmers market as recently as 2016 on Southeast Parkway, with the project shortly closing down. The city will welcome a market once again now under the management of nonprofit Community Link.

The market is planned to open June 1 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 225 Church St, operating alongside The FeedLot. City officials hope the two events will help promote one another and further establish the location as a place where Azleites can gather to have fun and support local commerce. Community Link has recently opened applications to local vendors with some stipulations listed below.

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There is a \$10 nonrefundable application fee that is donated to our friends at Community Link to Fight Hunger and create a Link to Hope in Northwest Tarrant County.

To keep the market ratio of 60% food and 40% craft, there is currently a waitlist for craft vendors and baked goods vendors. We encourage you to apply for if/when there is an opening. Spots will be filled from applications first.

Interested parties are encouraged to apply at <https://azlefarmersmarket.org/vendor-info/> or reach out with questions via email: info@azlefarmersmarket.org. The Azle Farmers Market and The FeedLot will continue to post updates and news under their respective names on Facebook.



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Spring fun at Eagle Crest

ZACH FREEMAN

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AZLE — It was all fun and games at Eagle Crest Villa Senior Living when the retirement and assisted living community at 113 Denver Trail held its annual spring festival from 2-4 p.m. April 20. Planned entertainment included live music, a game zone, a petting zoo with Azle's 4H club, activities for the kids, door prizes and

refreshments.

"We had a fairly good turnout despite the weather and our residents had an amazing time," Eagle Crest Villa Assistant Director Ashley Sands said. "Some of them even got their faces painted! One resident, Linda Shields, said she had NEVER gotten her face painted before, so was able to joyfully experience that and won a door prize as well! Our vendors, Beyond Faith Hospice and

Stu Lankford with New York Life, were amazing; making sure that everyone enjoyed themselves at their booths. We'd also like to extend a huge thanks to all the local businesses that provided door prizes, El Paseo Mexican Restaurant-Azle, Red's Burger House, The Cut, Stu Lankford, Financial Services Professional with NY Life Securities LLC, Legacy Oaks of Azle, Tri-County Reporter and Crave."



A child plays a disk toss game led by local pastor Don Webster.



Eagle Crest Villa residents Linda Shields and Jackie Ford enjoying the festivities offered at the festival.

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An Eagle Crest Villa resident, Lena Morris, in a fun balloon hat.



Ribbon cutting for Ship It TX

Ship It TX, a new member of the Springtown Area Chamber of Commerce, celebrated with a ribbon-cutting ceremony hosted by the chamber April 29. Ship It TX is a new location for all your shipping needs in Springtown. The company offers package services for UPS, FedEx, DHL and USPS, plus packing supplies, office supplies, passport photos, fingerprinting and more. They are located at 407 Old Springtown Road, Suite 112 in Springtown.

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Tiny times at AML

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AZLE — “Have you ever dreamed of being able to create your own space? Here’s your chance, in miniature!”

On April 26, Azle Memorial Library held an event of miniscule proportions. Starting at 6 p.m., teens and tweens visiting the library could come into the community room and design their own miniaturized rooms, complete with furniture and accessories. Adult Services Librarian Rebecca Buchanan led the event.

The Azle Memorial Library will take a break from activities in May while planning for its summer reading program. The kickoff event is from noon to 6 p.m. Friday, May 31. The library will be open as normal, but the community room will have a signup table with games, prizes and free food. Activities for children will be available at the library. While less numerous, the library still plans to offer several opportunities through the month of May.

Thursday, May 7 at 6 p.m. the library will hold a planter painting event for teens and adults. Patrons must reserve a spot prior to the

Local library holds miniature room craft, prepares to kick-off summer reading program in May

event by calling the library at 817-752-2682.

Wednesday, May 8 at 10:30 a.m., the library will host a “beary” special event with a teddy bear picnic at the Central Park pavilion. Guests can bring their favorite stuffy friend and enjoy snacks and a story for free. Patrons must reserve a spot prior to the event by calling the library at 817-752-2682.

Thursday, May 9 at 6:30 p.m., the library will host a Gardening for Drought seminar sponsored by Tarrant Regional Water District and taught by a Tarrant County master gardener. The event is free to attend, and no registration is required.

Readers can check out more unique mini room creation on the Azle Memorial Library Facebook page.



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Adult Services Librarian Rebecca Buchanan helped young attendees create their minute rooms.



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A miniature room created by library staff.

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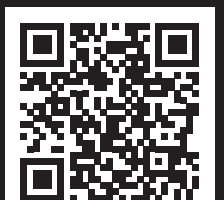
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AHS FCCLA student Grace Justice



Harley Smith (center) and other crew members were a critical element in making sure the show went off without a hitch.



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Fashion design student and sophomore Jesus Martinez, models clothes hand-picked from Hope's Bazaar.



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Parents and guests helped support Future, Hope and Healing with a \$20 entry fee, the proceeds of which go toward building an Azle shelter. Hope's Bazaar manager Jennifer Mello and Future, Hope and Healing Director Sally Daniels spoke at the event. To learn more or donate go to futurehopeandhealingcenter.org.



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SPORTS Roundup

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On Friday, April 26, the Azle High School varsity baseball team hosted the Brewer Bears in the last regular season game at home.

Lady Hornets advance with pair of no-hitters

RICK MAUCH

Special to the Tri-County Reporter

In a fashion about as dominant as one could imagine, the Azle Lady Hornets' softball team will be moving on to the second round of the Class 5A playoffs, defeating Fort Worth Arlington Heights 9-0 and 11-0 at Chisholm Trail High School Thursday, April 25.

In the opening game, Adrianna Wiedman pitched a no-hitter, while Corynne Barone duplicated the accomplishment in Game 2. Wiedman struck out 13 bat-

ters and walked two, and Barone fanned 11 with a pair of walks.

Azle hitting in Game 1: Brandie Phillips three hits, double, RBI; Ema Lehr two hits, double, RBI; Bella Tipton two hits, double, RBI; Torrie Johnson double, two RBIs.

Azle hitting in Game 2: Johnson double, triple, home run, three RBI; Kaylee Parrish two hits, walk, RBI; Allison Smith two hits, home run, three RBIs; Haley Carlson two hits, double, walk, RBI; Barone double, RBI.

The Lady Hornets (21-11-1), runners-up in District

5-5A, will next play District 8-5A champion Burleson Centennial (26-6) in the area round. They began the best-of-3 series Wednesday, May 1 at press time and will play Game 2 Thursday, May 2, with a third game, if necessary, May 3. All games are at Chisholm Trail High School and begin at 6 p.m.

SPRINGTOWN TRACK

Mack Flaughter of the Lady Pines enters the Class 4A State Track and Field Meet in Austin as the No. 5 seed in the triple jump. When she competes Thursday, May 2,

it will be her third consecutive appearance in the elite event, having finished fourth last season and seventh as a freshman.

Flaughter won the Region I Meet with a performance of 37 feet, 10.5 inches. Her career best performance is 38-3.75 last season at state.

On the boys side of the ledger, the Porcupines 4x200-meter relay comes in seeded eighth with a time of 1 minute, 28.94 seconds and runners Brayden Fox, Riley Jackson, Kamryn Cleveland and Braydon Butler. Also, the 4x100 relay of Fox, Jackson,

Caden Rogers and Butler is seeded No. 9 with a time of 42.67. Both relays won the regional meet.

AZLE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL TRACK

Led by the performance of Hallie Collins, the Lady Crusaders finished second in the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools Class 1A North Region Meet. Collins placed in the top three individually in four events, including one gold medal.

TAPPS Class 1A North Regional Meet

April 25, University of Texas Arlington Azle Christian results

Girls

Team score: 64 points, 2nd place (Texoma Christian 148)

Top finishers

· Triple jump: 3. Vanessa Malewiski, 26-10

· 4x100 relay: 3rd. 57.78

· 800: 2. Hallie Collins, 1:04.40

· 1600: 3. Collins, 6:02.64

· Pole vault: 1. Collins, 8-6

SPRINGTOWN SOFTBALL

The Lady Pines' softball

PLEASE SEE **ROUNDUP** | B2

'The phoenix always rises from the ashes'



Head boys basketball coach Derrick Douglas

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LAKE WORTH — Lake Worth ISD has announced 2023 5A TABC Assistant Coach of the Year Derrick Douglas as its new head boys basketball coach. Last year, Douglas' team at Justin F. Kimball High School won the 5A state championship. During his 25-year tenure, Douglas has coached three McDonald's All-Americans and 11 TABC All-State players.

"I know what it takes to win state. I've got to get them to understand and believe that I

Championship-winning coach joins Lake Worth ISD

can give them a recipe to win state or to get to the playoffs," Douglas said. "I've seen it from beginning to the end."

The Lake Worth High School boys varsity basketball team finished the 2023-2024 season with a record of 2-26 and went 0-10 within the district.

"I have different expectations. I expect to win," Douglas said, speaking about LWHS' previous season. There is no doubt Douglas

comes with years of experience in winning cultures. He credits much of his success to his colleagues and mentors he has coached with over the years.

"I've taken something from all of those guys and kind of put it in a pot and you get me," Douglas said.

He began his career when he was invited to coach under basketball head coach Felley Donaldson. Donaldson coached for 38 years at

Eastern Hills High School and had three undefeated seasons during his time there. In 2013 the gymnasium at EHHS was named in his honor. He is just one of the many coaches who have influenced Douglas' winning mentality.

Douglas is full of optimism that he can help turn the LWHS boys basketball program around for the better. He is bringing vision and is eager to get started.

"Just getting there and becoming part of the culture and just trying to create change and instill confi-

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Lady Pines jumper moving forward by going back in memory

RICK MAUCH

Special to the Tri-County Reporter

Each time Mackenzie Flaughter, aka Mack, competes in a jumping event she goes back in time.

The Springtown junior who will compete in the Class 4A State Track and Field Meet this weekend goes back in her mind to the time she fell in love with jumping.

"When I was in elementary school we had this event called field day, which is basically a track meet just for our school," Flaughter recalled. "When I think about it, and look back at photos, I remember competing in several events and jumping in a sand pit with a huge smile on

my face. To this day, jumping still puts a smile on my face."

BACK TO STATE

Along with the memories, Flaughter has plenty of reason to smile with her results. For a third consecutive season she qualified to compete at Mike A. Myers Stadium in the triple jump. Field events for Class 4A take place Thursday, May 2 at 9 a.m.

Flaughter qualified by winning the Class 4A Region I Meet in Lubbock April 19 with a performance of 37 feet, 10.5 inches. She is seeded fifth entering the event.

Flaughter's career-best performance, however, came at state last season when she jumped 38-3.75. Besting that

this week would put her in competition for a medal, something she came close to doing last season.

In 2023 Flaughter placed fourth, narrowly missing a bronze medal, one season after she placed seventh as a freshman.

"This is something I look forward to every season. This is what makes me excited for track season. My goal is to always make it as far as I can," she said. "Me narrowly missing a medal has inspired me to work harder, so I can hopefully go earn a medal this year. It was difficult last year to be so close and miss the podium.

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Flaughter qualified by winning the Class 4A Region I Meet in Lubbock April 19 with a performance of 37 feet, 10.5 inches.

Lady 'Pines Softball

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Camp Invention returns this summer

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AZLE — The nationally acclaimed Camp Invention will return to Azle this summer for two weeks of fun and exciting learning for children grades one through six. Week one of the camp will be June 3-6 and week two will be June 10-13.

Camp Invention is in partnership with the National Inventors Hall of Fame, an organization that honors inventors and inventions. The first camp was held in 1990 in Akron, Ohio and has since reached every state in the U.S. Last year was the first ever Camp Invention in Azle thanks to Gift and Talented teacher and camp director Breanna Reed.

"I brought Camp Invention to Azle because I was looking for a quality and engaging STEM camp that was closer to home for my son," Reed

Two week program makes learning fun

said. "Each summer we would spend at least two hours a day commuting to STEM camps in the D-FW area, and I knew there had to be a better solution. Camp Invention offers everything I was looking for in a summer STEM camp for my son and it is right here in Azle!"

Reed's passion for education has made Camp Invention possible in Azle and she will be the director for both weeks of camp. This is a great opportunity for students because they can continue to learn during the summer while still having a lot of fun.

Camp Invention focuses on STEM, which stands for science, technology, engineering and mathematics. Students will participate in hands on

learning activities, group activities and even building robotics. Each camp comes with fresh and new content, so a student can attend both weeks and still learn something new.

"Each year, a brand-new curriculum is developed and tested to deliver hands-on experiences that encourage divergent thinking," Reed said. "There is also zero content overlap in each week of camp. So, everything is brand-new for this year's Camp Invention!"

Each week of camp has a different theme. The first week's theme is "Camp Illuminate." Students will transform a robot, create a glow box, participate in a game show and more. The second week is "Camp

Explore." Students will participate in space and aquatic themed activities, work with animation and more. Students will be challenged to problem-solve, invent, create and participate in hours of hands learning activities.

"This year's camp is going to be so much fun! I cannot wait to see our campers stretch their imagination with all of our hands-on STEM adventures," Reed, said. "I also love seeing our campers tackle real-world challenges while building their confidence, persistence and becoming solution seekers."

Cost for the camp is \$175 per child, per week. There is a discounted rate if you sign up your child for both weeks. To register your child, visit <https://www.azleisd.net/oe/article/1483268>. For more information contact Breanna Reed at breed@azleisd.net.



Azle ISD Superintendent Todd Smith speaks with campers at 2023 Camp Invention, which is a summer camp that focuses on STEM through hands on activities.

PHOENIX

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dence in the guys because you know, it's been kind of dormant for a while and just make sure that they understand we are just as good

as everybody else," Douglas said.

His goal for the boys basketball team this year is to win district games and get into the playoffs. He will also coach the ninth-grade football team. Although Douglas has never coached football

before, he shows no signs of insecurity in his new venture.

"I'm a coach. So, I don't think coaching is different from one sport to the other. It's just helping kids get better at what they're doing. But it's the intricacies and the techniques and stuff, those

are things I have to learn. But coaching is one and the same," Douglas said.

He is very much looking forward to being a part of the Lake Worth community. What he wants to show the community is the power of self-confidence. He is ready and

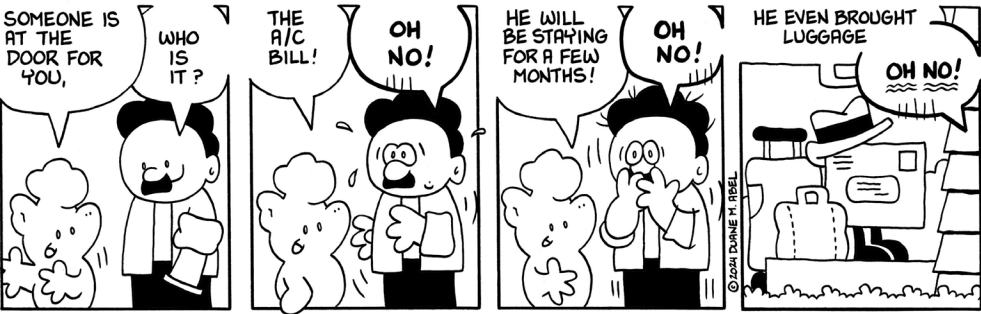
equipped to teach his players resilience and the grit to win.

"Get the community to see the phoenix, because the phoenix always rises from the ashes," Douglas said, speaking about what he wants the community to see. Douglas will begin coaching

this summer by working with the athletes to do strength and conditioning training. He will also host open gyms for the athletes to be able to play over the summer.

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HOMETOWN

Happenings

MAY

• **NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER:** Azle Area Ministerial Alliance will host a free event from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. May 2 at The Orchard Event Venue and Retreat, 1421 Northeast Parkway, Azle. Hilltop Family Church, 1227 Old Cottondale Road, Springtown, will host a breakfast for National Day of Prayer at 7 a.m.

• **CINCO DE MAYO CELEBRATION:** Legacy Oaks of Azle is hosting an early Cinco de Mayo celebration 3-5 p.m. May 2, 1364 Southeast Parkway, Azle. Network with other professionals while enjoying tacos and margaritas. RSVPs are appreciated: 817-629-5136, crd@legacyoaksazle-sl.com.

• **AZLE CHAMBER EVENTS:** AACoC 19th Annual Golf Tournament is Friday, May 3 at Cross Timbers Golf Course. Lunch and team check-in begin at 11:30 a.m. and tee off is at 1 p.m. Registration deadline is April 24. Monthly chamber luncheon, sponsored by NBT Financial, is 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Tuesday, May 7 at 404 Main Place. The City of Azle will present an economic development basic training program. Catering by Red's Burger House. Visit azlechamber.com to pre-register.

• **MUSIC IN THE PARK:** The City of Azle Special Events Advisory Board presents Music in the Park from 8-10 p.m. every Friday in May and June at Azle Central Park. The series kicks off with Poo Live Crew on May 3. Visit the Azle Special Events Facebook page for the full music series lineup.

• **MOVIE NIGHT:** GracePointe Church will host a free screening of "God's Not Dead" at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, May 4 at 4110 E. State Highway 199 in Springtown.

• **SPRING BOOK SALE:** 10 a.m. Saturday, May 4 at the Springtown Courthouse Annex, 101 E. Second St. The Springtown Public Library will host its Spring Book Sale, including a \$5 fill-a-bag sale. All proceeds benefit children's programs at the library.

• **GAMERS UNPLUGGED:** Every Tuesday from 6:30-7:30 p.m., Springtown Public Library invites kids to play board games, card games, any "unplugged" game you like!

• **TEDDY BEAR PICNIC:** Bring your favorite stuffy pal and have a picnic at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, May 8, at the Azle Central Park pavilion. Enjoy stories, snacks and songs with friends. Hosted by Azle Memorial Library. Open to children ages 2 to 6 and their caregivers. Bring a blanket and chair. Registration is required; call 817-752-2682 to save a spot.

• **TEEN MOVIE AFTERNOONS:** 2 p.m. Saturday, May 11, at Springtown Public Library, 626 N. Main St. The library hosts Teen Movie Afternoons once a month. Movies will be rated up to PG-13. Call 817-523-5862 to find out the monthly movie. Snacks will be provided, so bring a drink!

• **LEGO CLUB:** Azle Memorial Library hosts Lego Club at 4:30 p.m. the third Wednesday of each month in the library community room. All ages welcome. Legos provided by the library.

• **SHINE LIKE STARS BANQUET:** 6 p.m. Thursday, May 16 at The Church at Azle. The banquet benefits the Adult & Teen Challenge of Texas Azle Men's Campus. The evening includes dinner, a silent auction and program. Tickets and sponsorship opportunities are available. Call 817-406-4441 for more information.

• **COFFEE WITH FIRST RESPONDERS:** Join the Azle Area Chamber of Commerce and Texas Designer Flooring for coffee and conversation with local first responders 8:30-10 a.m. Friday, May 17 at 500 B N. Stewart St., Suite 1, Azle.

• **SACRED ARTIST GUILD:** Local artists are invited to join the Sacred Artist Guild. The group will meet 4-6 p.m. May 18 at The Community Bank, 600 E. State Highway 199, Springtown.

• **MAIN STREET BOOK CLUB:** 6 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at Azle Memorial Library. The book club will meet May 21 to discuss "Hello Beautiful" by Ann Napolitano. Refreshments will be provided.

• **SPRINGTOWN CHAMBER EVENTS:** SACoC will host its monthly luncheon 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Thursday, May 23 at Hilltop Family Church. Visit springtown-chamber.org to register by May 21.

Sudoku

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- TXism: "don't change horses in the middle of the ___"
- meeting items lists
- TX Ginger's "Heart-beat" with Jean-___ Aumont
- Gov. Greg ___
- TXism: "he has short arms and ___ pockets" (frugal)
- most Texas soldiers in the Civil War
- tackle, Mark, who helped Cowboys win 3 Super Bowls
- Luke Bryan country hit: "Down ___"
- shorthand writer, for short
- Texas-based 1960 film: "___ Hill"
- defamed someone's character
- "W" of Texas crime "DWI"

DOWN

- "Sheriffs' ___ Texas"
- "New Braunfels Herald-___"
- TXism: "___"
- Gen. Robert ___
- TX Buddy Holly's "Not ___ Away"
- Texas epic "Giant" was ___ novel by Edna Ferber
- biblical donkey
- Egyptian cobra
- TXism: "that's ___ different color"
- one under par in golf
- this program brought women into the USAF from 1948 to 1976
- speech sound uttered with breath, not voice
- golf gadget (2 wds.)
- ___ Green County
- Dallas-born "Usher" 1999 film: "___ All That"
- "muck and ___"
- Amarillo's "___ State Fair & Rodeo"
- moon to Houston: "The Eagle Landed" (1969)
- ___ hart, Texas
- TXism "so many you couldn't ___ a stick"
- pecan is the state ___ in Texas
- this Williams played for the Mavericks (1989-92)
- TXism: "he's plumb weak north of the ___" (dumb)
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- TX Strait's "I Think She Still Loves ___"
- TXism: "chompin' ___ the bit" (eager)
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- in Shelby County on U.S. 84 & 96
- TX Tanya's "Some Kind ___ Trouble"
- "use it ___ lose it"
- TXism: "nah"
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- rocks with gold, e.g.
- "take ___ to the ball game . . ."
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