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MADELYN EDWARDS | TRI-COUNTY REPORTER Reno resident Kim Waldrop had her leg amputated last year, and now her family is raising money to get her a prosthetic leg. Waldrop is pictured with her sister-in-law Carla Waldrop, left, and niece Christi Rickett, right.

Yard sale to help Reno woman get prosthetic leg

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RENO — For as long as she can remember, Reno resident Kim Waldrop has feared going to the doctor's office.

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So, when she stepped on a thumbtack around last June, Waldrop didn't seek medical attention until the problem became serious. She said her wound got infected and would cause pain when she walked. After about a month, Waldrop's sister encouraged her to go to the hospital.

Kim Waldrop encourages people not to wait to seek medical treatment

doctors determined that her leg, below the knee, needed to be amputated.

"I was scared the whole time, but I just kept think-ing, 'Jesus, help me,'" Kim Waldrop said.

Waldrop's surgery took place early the next morning. She also had pneumonia, which meant she had to stay in the hospital a second time after being released following her desire to not be depenher surgery. As she settled back in at home, Waldrop learned how to function daily from a wheelchair. Once she got the hang of things, she was able to do more complex

ing, mopping and vacuuming. "I was getting stronger, too,

and that made me feel better," Waldrop said.

Waldrop's niece Christi Rickett has seen how the amputation hasn't stopped her aunt from living her life.

"Everyone deserves to be able to get up and be mobile," Rickett said. Waldrop was motivated by

grandchildren.

"I spent last week with my daughter, and my granddaughter was like, 'Come here, Grandma. I want to show you something,' and I couldn't get to it because of this wheelchair," Waldrop said. "It just broke my heart."

Prosthetic legs don't come cheap, especially for people like Waldrop who don't have

Reno man sentenced to 26 years in prison

Harsch convicted of child porn possession, assault, evidence tampering

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WEATHERFORD — A Reno man pleaded guilty to possession of child pornography, aggravated assault of a public servant and tampering with evidence.

In October 2022, Reno police officers arrested Steven Harsch who was accused of possessing several hundred child pornography images that were found on his phone, according to a previous report in The Springtown Epigraph. While serving a search warrant at Harsch's home, the officers came face to face with Harsch pointing a gun at them after they breached Harsch's door when he failed to answer their knocking. Harsch did not fire his handgun, and officers were able to disarm and arrest him by deploying a Taser.

Authorities later found out from a letter on Harsch's desk that he aimed to use a police officer to kill himself, according to the department's former deputy chief.

Harsch was tried in two different settings for his criminal charges. Parker County's 43rd District Court tored. He is also ordered to convicted him of aggravated assault and evidence tampering earlier this month, and Harsch was sentenced to spend seven years in prison for these charges. This is in addition to the 235 months (a little over 19 years) in prison that he was sentenced to for child pornography possession, which was tried by the U.S. District



PHOTO COURTESY PARKER COUNTY SHERIFE'S OFFICE **Steven Harsch**

Court, Northern District of Texas, Fort Worth Division.

The federal court's Jan. 30 judgement orders that he will be on supervised release for life once he gets out of prison. During this time, Harsch will not be allowed to have contact with his victims or communicate with people who are under the age of 18. The federal court also set rules restricting Harsch's computer use, as well as that of certain software, hardware and social media, while mandating that his computer will be monireceive mental health treatment services.

Harsch declined an interview with The Tri-County

"By the time I went, I didn't know it, but I found out I was a diabetic, and that's why it didn't heal," Waldrop said.

Waldrop's sister-in-law, Carla Waldrop, said part of Kim's foot was black, showing signs of gangrene, and the chores like cooking, sweep-

dent and to be able to do everything on her own. Getting a prosthetic leg will be the next step toward total independence and will allow her to do things she can't fully do now, like playing with her

health insurance. The one Waldrop wants has an adjustable socket, which means she won't need a new one once her leg swelling decreases, and it costs \$10,000.

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Reporter while in custody at the Parker County Jail, according to Parker County Sheriff's Office public information officer Danie Huffman. Harsch's attorney Anthony Simpson also declined to comment.

Big weather, **Smole solutions**

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AZLE — When Azlelites want to know the weather, Azle Weather Center's Ralph Smole has them covered. Smole, a self-described weather fanatic, started posting local real-time and forecasted weather updates to Facebook around nine years ago. While he's not a professional meteorologist, Smole's interest in meteorological phenomena started at an early age.

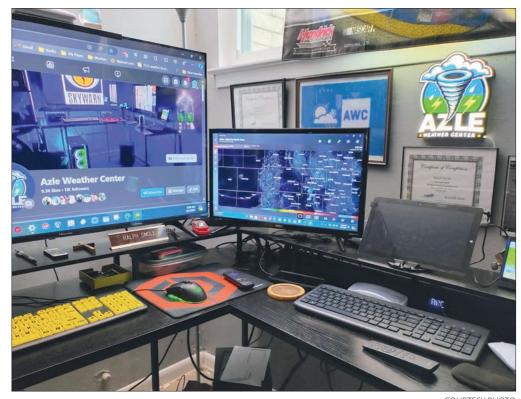
"My dad was attached to a weather squadron back dur-

Azle Weather Center creator speaks on passion for local meteorology

ing WWII up in Alaska," Smole for Tarrant, Parker and Wise said. "From the age I was old enough to read, probably 4 or 5-years-old, he would show me weather charts, how to interpret them and stuff like that. It's just something that stuck with me my whole life." Smole uses Doppler radar

and apps like RadarScope to deliver hyper-localized, upto-date weather information

Counties. Smole is a certified SKYWARN spotter through the National Weather Service and before starting his site he volunteered as a storm chaser for NBC 5 Dallas-Fort Worth where he got to meet many local greats in meteorology and news broad-



PLEASE SEE WEATHER | A7 Smole's home setup for the Azle Weather Center.







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Fine artists

SHS students use art to find beauty in unlikely places, depict the human experience

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SPRINGTOWN — In a graphic novel-style drawing, a young woman looks into the mirror and sees that her face has begun to crack, as if she is made of porcelain.

The longer she stares in the mirror, the worse she looks. Tentacles climb up her face, pulling her left lower eyelid down. The white parts of her

eyes become obscured. Next to these images is a haiku poem: "it stares back at me / is it still me? endless gaze / forever shifting"

The images and haiku are what Springtown High School junior Madison Breighner made and submitted to the Visual Arts Scholastic Event this year. Breighner didn't advance to the state contest like



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Art students from left: Tate Franklin, Katelyn Duncan, Madison Breighner, Em Moore and Catherine Trejo take a picture with some of their PLEASE SEE **ART** | A9 favorite pieces they created.



MADELYN EDWARDS | TRI-COUNTY REPORTER SHS junior Madison Breighner made "Forever Shifting" to explore the anxieties around personal appearance. She used India ink to draw the sequential art panels, and she wrote the haiku paired with the art.



MADELYN EDWARDS | TRI-COUNTY REPORTER Larry Bugsbee is a character created by SHS junior Tate Franklin that she hopes to develop into an animated series. Franklin's acrylic painting of Larry advanced to the state Visual Arts Scholastic Event.



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SHS sophomore Katelyn Duncan's picture of a cozy cottage in the woods in "A Lamp Lit Haven" advanced to the state Visual Arts Scholastic Event contest this year. She created her piece using alcohol markers, colored pencils and gel pens.





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Nothing like Texas hospitality

Memorial Day is this weekend, and historically, the holiday marks the beginning of summer travel season. I recently learned that authorities estimate this summer will be the busiest travel season in history with a record number of flights and tourists.

I am sure there are lots of folks who spend months planning where to go on their summer vacation. Time off from work is a precious commodity and when families take their well-deserved time off, they want to spend it in a meaningful way. Many people from around the county and around the world have planned to travel to Texas this summer to see our "sights," experience our culture, and find out what Texans are all about. For those of us who live here, the influx of visitors can be exciting as well as a little overwhelming.

Why do people want to



travel to Texas? Without a doubt there are those who want to visit our national treasures — like the Alamo. They want to experience Texas history firsthand and up close. Folks travel for miles because visiting the Alamo is a bucket list item; something that most Americans want to be able to say they have experienced; something parents want their children to experience.

Other visitors want to hit our Texas beaches and enjoy the gulf waters. Still others want to visit the Fort Worth Stockyards or the San Antonio Riverwalk. Outdoor enthusiasts travel to Big Bend National Park or fish

FROM MY FRONT PORCH By Sam Houston

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> and ski on one of our many reservoirs. There is shopping in Dallas and Houston, the Kennedy Space Center, rodeos, community celebrations and food and drink. There is a desire on the part of most of the world to have a taste of all of it.

Just the thought of so many people wanting to "know" Texas and "feel and see" Texas, should make all us Texans swell with pride. We clearly have something they do not have.

A portion of our citizens carry a small degree of disdain for visitors. They become fussy because they might experience more traffic on their streets than is usual

or the line at their favorite restaurant may be a little longer. I am told some residents fear the visitors will like Texas so much they will want to move here and make us grow more than some would like. Isn't that an interesting dilemma to have — citizens being concerned travelers will be so overwhelmed with the positives of Texas they will want to move here? I do not know for sure, but I am guessing not many people in Lincoln, Nebraska experience such a fear. I hope all of us good-natured, friendly Texans open our hearts to our visitors and appreciate the value they bring to our economy and to the mystique of Texas being a unique and special place.

I think my friend, Jimmy Jack is a good example of what Texas hospitality is all about. Jimmy Jack never met a stranger. Just walking down the street with him is a lesson on how to interact with other

human beings. He cannot pass a person without saying something engaging, even if it is just throwing a smile their way. It is like he wakes up with the single purpose of making sure everyone he meets has a good day. Jimmy Jack is the poster child for what a hospitable, friendly Texan looks like.

My favorite Jimmy Jack story is the time his family was getting ready to go to the movies. Everybody was getting ready to head out the door and get in the car when the phone rang. Jimmy Jack answered and spoke to the caller. His wife and children were all anxious to get to the theater and were tapping their feet on the floor and anxiously glancing at the clock on the wall, wanting Jimmy Jack to finish the call so they could leave.

Finally, after perhaps 10 minutes, his family could hear Jimmy Jack say loudly, "Nice to talk to you. See you tomorrow night at 6. Looking forward to it" and then he hung up the phone. With his entire brood staring at him, his wife finally inquired who the heck Jimmy Jack had been talking to. Without hesitation Jimmy Jack responded, "It was a wrong number, but they are coming to supper at 6 tomorrow. Sure seemed like nice folks!"

I am not going to guarantee you the above-described event happened, but I do know that Texas storytelling is another reason why people love Texas!

Welcome to all you visitors! Take your time a-going, and hurry back!

Thought for the day: Travel makes one modest. It makes you see what a tiny space you fill in the world.

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

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Company withdraws application to build recycling facility near Silver Creek quarry

Neighbors create Lake Worth Conservancy to further protect the area

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FORT WORTH — Residents in the Silver Creek area came out in droves last December to oppose a recycling facility that would have been built in their neighborhood. Now, it seems they got what they wanted.

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality officials hosted a meeting Dec. 5, 2023 at Brewer High School to collect public comments regarding the facility that would have been located on a sand and gravel quarry at 3411 Silver Creek Road. After months of deliberation, the company BAP Kennor Landfill LLC has withdrawn its TCEQ registration request to move forward with the facility.

The Tri-County Reporter reached out to BAP Kennor

and can be reignited by the next owner. So, this is just an ongoing thing that we have to stay on top of."

At the December meeting, Silver Creek-area residents said they feared the recycling facility would negatively impact groundwater quality, increase traffic, contaminate the air and decrease property values among other effects on their lives.

Robert Sterling, who opened and oversees Dead End Trading Post that overlooks the quarry where the recycling facility would have been built, said he was under the impression that nothing could be built in that area. Sterling said he was shocked to hear about the proposal for the facility.

"It could have been devastating on what I have here," he said. that stopped it," he said. Moore, Sterling and Little have united again to further protect the area from developments like the wouldhave-been recycling facility through the Lake Worth Conservancy. Moore said the purpose of the new organization is "to steward the watershed and be sure that our water stays clean."

"It's a win to have a beautiful area for everyone," she said.

While the organization is focused on Lake Worth, Moore said they still hope to preserve the Silver Creek aquifer that feeds into Lake Worth as well. The idea is to connect elected and city officials with neighbors to address concerns. Eventually, Moore would like to see the conservancy's committee of municipal and neighborhood



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After the registration application for a recycling facility on Silver Creek Road was withdrawn, community organizers Joy Little, Robert Sterling and Katheryn Moore came together again to start Lake Worth Conservancy. Moore said the purpose of the new organization is "to steward the watershed and be sure that our water stays clean."

Landfill representatives about this decision but did not receive responses to questions by press time.

When resident and community organizer Katheryn Moore heard the news, she felt thrilled and spread the word as fast as she could. However, Moore said the fight for preservation of the area is not necessarily over.

"This doesn't mean we won the battle. It just means that the permit is pulled," she said. "That permit can be reissued at any moment. If that owner sells the land, that permit is still in good standing

Sterling's business became the hub of the movement against the recycling facility. Residents Moore and Joy Little distributed information and a petition against the facility, and people could come by Dead End Trading Post to sign it. The trio said it was gratifying to see the community bond for the preservation of their roads, water source and quality of life. Sterling believes that it was the neighbors' pushback that led to BAP Kennor withdrawing its application.

"I definitely think that it was all of us coming together

association representatives meet quarterly, if not more often.

Little said her goal for the conservancy it to "secure this area so that it's used for something for our community versus for a harmful facility or project."

"I would like to see, personally, as much green space preserved as possible because as we build up, we all need nature," Little said. "It just gets further and further away from us, and you can live a long time or many, many days and months without being among the trees and the water, and it's so important to our overall well-being."

Sterling would like to see a law passed in the state to require certain permits to expire. Another point of contention against building the recycling facility was that a decades-old permit was being used to justify the recycling facility.

"Right now, they don't expire. They can never expire," Sterling said. "I understand why because if someone used it as a landfill, they have to be responsible for that landfill for eternity, but it never was used, and everything changed

from the 1970s to now, so I think there should be a new law that we're trying to get passed to where if it hasn't been used in 20 years, boom, start from scratch, or 15 years start from scratch because things change."

Moore, Sterling and Little have been able to unite the neighbors in support of a common goal, and they would like to see that continue through the Lake Worth Conservancy.

"I think there's always room for community involvement, even five or 10 years down the road, neighbors helping neighbors, neighbors listening to neighbors, neighbors working together to just improve the environment," Moore said. "I hope in 10 years that we are so proud of all that we've accomplished and that we're a destination spot just because we've stewarded the lake so well, and we've protected the water, and we've just taken care of one another that way."

For more information about Lake Worth Conservancy, visit its website at *lakeworthconservancy.org* online.



Scan the QR code to donate to Kim Waldrop's GoFundMe page that is raising money for her prosthetic leg.

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Waldrop's family said she also doesn't have any income or qualification for Medicare or Medicaid, which makes getting the money for a prosthetic leg or for visiting the doctor more difficult.

"Her husband passed away three-and-a-half years ago," sister-in-law Diane Blair said. "She's kind of found herself in that place where she can't do anything, but she needs to do something."

Waldrop's family, including Rickett and Waldrop's daughter Brittney Qualls, have organized a yard sale to raise money for Waldrop to get a prosthetic leg. The sale will take place starting

at 8 a.m. Saturday, May 25 at 1335 Kerry Lane in Azle. Yard sale items can be donated the Friday before the sale and dropped off at the Kerry Lane address. All proceeds will go toward the prosthetic leg, and cash donations will be accepted as well. If it rains the day of the sale, it will be moved to the next weekend. People can also donate on Waldrop's GoFundMe page at gofundme.com/f/prostheticleg-and-appointment-fund online.

Yard sale items include household goods, furniture, clothes and tons of Beanie Babies.

"We've had strangers come and donate things that don't even know Kim, and I just think that's awesome, just to see people really do care," Rickett said. "When you look at the things they're giving you, you're thinking, they could sell that for themselves, but they're just so giving to someone they don't even know."

Rickett said she has even reached out to cousins asking for donations of \$20 or \$50 or asking them to help with the sale.

"I just think that she deserves that after going through what she did," Rickett said. "That's pretty traumatic having one of your extremities taken off. And that's the least we can do for her."

The work to raise this money for Waldrop's prosthetic leg may not be easy, but Waldrop is confident her God will make it happen.

"The Lord is not going to bring me part of the way," she said. "He's going to bring me all the way."

The good news is that Waldrop is no longer scared of doctors like she used to be. Though she still gets nervous at times, Waldrop said her medical ordeal made her feel less afraid. If she could go back in time and give counsel to her former self, she said she would remember what her aunt once said: "You're going to be OK. Go do it."

Waldrop extends this advice to anyone who may be struggling with seeing a doctor.

"Don't be scared," she said. "Keep your faith in the Lord and go."

For more information about the sale, find Christi Rickett on Facebook.



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Views from the top

Valedictorian Rebecca Marx and salutatorian Anna Preston speak on journey to the top of their class

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AZLE — On May 24, Azle High School seniors will say goodbye to high school and hello to the rest of their lives at a Fort Worth Convention Center graduation ceremony. To usher them into this next stage of their lives are two students who have managed to come out on top through their four years together. Rebecca Marx and Anna Preston will represent the graduating class of 2024 onstage as valedictorian and salutatorian, respectively. Marx and Preston are both lifelong Azle ISD students.

Marx is involved in AP Ambassadors, National Honor Society and Students Advocating for a Viable Environment. Since her first high school transcript, Marx has led her class academically and has also performed as a star athlete.

"Obviously, I wanted to be towards the top, but I was already one my freshman year — I was first," Marx said. "And so, when I got that paper, I was like well now it'd be embarrassing to go down, so I've got to stay here."

Naturally competitive and a self-described perfectionist, she has been on the varsity soccer and track teams all four years of high school, and has been a team captain and attended regionals for the last three. During the sports season, Marx will sometimes be at the high school from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. before returning home to study.

Marx plans to attend Baylor University, where she is enrolled in the Hankamer business scholars program, to double-major in accounting and management information systems. After graduating, she hopes to be an accountant like her mother. Marx has high aspirations and hopes to work for one of the big four accounting firms: is just so happy for every-

Deloitte, Ernst & Young, PricewaterhouseCoopers, and Klynveld Peat Marwick Goerdeler. The valedictorian said her parents, Larry and Susan Marx, not only have inspired her career path but are also the first in a long list of individuals who she said have helped elevate and encourage her to always aim high.

"They never put any pressure on me to do well, but they were supportive instead," Marx said. "They were very supportive through everything, whatever I wanted to do. I decided to quit band and they supported me through that and (supported) the things I did choose to do in the end like soccer and track."

AHS accounting teachers Kelsie Iones and Rachel Bevan have been a critical resource for Marx in discovering her interests. Marx also credits the Gifted and Talented program and her elementary school teachers for further encouraging her along the path of success.

"Jones is good at life lessons," Marx said. "They both showed me that there's more vou can do than just sticking with one thing through your life ... (GT) gave me teachers who really challenged me in areas where I probably wasn't being challenged before. My third grade teacher Mrs. Reasoner and then my fifth and sixth grade teacher Mrs. Browning were both very big on making sure to challenge us to do the best we can."

Marx has four older siblings who have also attended Azle schools: Aaron, Austen, Grace and Eva.

"Eva, my older sister by two years, has definitely been one of my biggest supporters in my life ever," Marx said. "She encourages me in every single thing I do ever and she's way too sweet to be my sister. She's way too nice. She's just always been there for me. She

thing I do. I really appreciate her."

This star student recommends always putting your best foot forward in everything you do in order to succeed now and in the future. "I think doing your best in

anything is always worth it," Marx said. "I am definitely proud of where I am, and I would say the work was worth it because I'm pretty sure I would have done the work no matter where I ended up. I'm just a pretty competitive person in general so I like to be the best at things but I'm glad when mv peers do well and they're glad when I do well. It's definitely been a chance for me to grow and get comfortable because I'm overall a shy person, but I have had these classes with the same people for four years, so I do feel a lot more comfortable moving around in those same classes and being able to speak up. They're all very nice and I love them all.'

Azle's salutatorian, Anna Preston, also has money on her mind, with dreams of one day becoming a chief financial officer.

"I really have a strong personality and am a risk taker," Preston said. "I think I'd be able to sit down and tell all these big people at a company, 'hey, what you're doing is wrong and you need to do this instead."

Also involved in NHS and SAVE, Preston plans to attend Texas State University in San Marcos for a degree in finance. Currently, she also serves as the senior class treasurer. Unlike Marx, whose fear of public speaking leaves her dreading May 24, Preston is thrilled to address her peers.

"I definitely am excited for my speech," Preston said. "I have a couple lighthearted moments in there; I'm a really good speaker and I love speaking. It's exciting. Right



AHS Valedictorian Rebecca Marx (left) and Salutatorian Anna Preston (right).

before I get up there, I'll be a little bit nervous, but I think I'll be good."

Preston credits her sixthgrade math teacher, Suzanne Dye, for getting her on her "school grind." Preston still fondly remembers Dye's "boom chakalaka" which punctuated games and lessons. Today, the two stay in close contact through text message.

"Dye, she sat down with me and was like you're so smart you work hard, you can be up there Anna, you can be val or sal," Preston said. "At the time I was kind of just like, 'yeah, whatever' I never thought I would be here, and she definitely planted that seed for me and throughout my high school year my mom and dad and papaw were all very big supporters of me."

Preston also credits her mom Kelly Preston, her dad, Robert Preston, her little brother Robbie and her "papaw" Norman Hagan for supporting her through it all.

Both Azle's valedic-

torian and salutatorian said the weight of college courses made a big impact on their grade point averages throughout their time in school. Going into high school, Preston did not plan to be near the top of her class.

"I kind of just stumbled into it," Preston said. "Freshman year, some guy took my paper when we got our first transcripts ever and was like, 'you're number four.' I was like 'I don't know what you're talking about,' just because my parents always drilled in me make good grades. Also, I took a dual credit class my freshman year and I definitely think that boosted my GPA. Basically, I got here by staying dedicated to my work studying and there were times where I had to say, 'hey, I can't go out' or whatever with my friends because I had homework or an exam the next day. It took a lot of hard work and dedication and a lot of college classes. I started as

number four and then I went down to five and then from five I went back up to four and then I jumped to two my senior year."

Preston said she has learned to appreciate the few breaks she can get during testing season where she spends her evenings studying for hours on end. Like Marx, Preston encourages her peers and future students to give 100% when met with any obstacle.

"It definitely was worth it," Preston said. "I'm very honored to be where I am. Even if I didn't want to do the work my mind would not let me not do the work. So, just how I am I had to keep going and stay strong and I'm very proud to be here ... Always strive for your best even in your moments where you want to say, 'I'm tired of this, I want to give up' just keep going because you'll get to the end and once you cross the finish line, you'll have bigger and better things to go into."



Native Plant Society **Cross Timbers Chapter** to meet May 28

PHOTO COURTESY TPWD **Urban biologists conduct** various projects involving biological and environmental surveys, investigative research, and scientific studies in the area of wildlife and resource conservation and management.

STAFF REPORTS

The Cross Timbers Chapter of the Native Plant Society of Texas will have its next meeting at 6 p.m. Tuesday, May 28.

The evening will start with a business meeting, and then Rachel Richter of Texas Parks

and Wildlife Department will lead the program at 6:30 p.m. Richter will present on her urban wildlife project using game cameras.

The meeting will take place at the Mount Pleasant School at 213 Raymond George Way in Weatherford.



Azle library hosts creek and watershed workshop

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AZLE — Opportunities to learn abound!

Azle Memorial Library hosted a free Eagle Mountain Watershed riparian and stream ecosystem training from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. May 14. Instructors for the workshop were experts from the Tarrant Regional Water District, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, Texas A&M Forest Service and Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service. The workshop allowed attendees to receive a certification and continuing education units upon completion. Individuals from across North Texas came to Azle to learn more about the local ecosystem and what role rivers play in many facets of life. The day-long seminar covered the role of forests and trees in watershed protection, wild pig management, riparian vegetation and much more.

Joy Douglas, an environmental development planner with the North Central Texas Council of Government in

Arlington was one of several dozen attendees at the event. "I just started working at NCTCOG seven weeks ago and I love it there," Douglas said. "Prior to this workshop I did not really have a vast understanding of what a riparian area is considering where I went to school (Oklahoma City). My educational background didn't really talk about things of this nature, but since being in Texas and working with the Trinity River through a lot of the projects that I do through my job and at NCTCOG and our partnerships with TCEQ and such I've had to learn a lot about the river. It has helped me understand best management practices and I can take a lot of this information back with me and put it into practice with some of the programs that we do specifically with the TCEQ. That's pretty cool."

To stay aware of similar upcoming workshops and events, prospective citizen scientists can join the North Texas Blue-Green Infrastructure Network's contact list at *https://denton-bgipmaps-tx.hub.arcgis.com/*.



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Ricky Linex, a retired wildlife biologist from the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service and current president of the Native Plant Society of Texas, and Ryan McGillicuddy of Texas Parks and Wildlife led workshop attendees on a tour along Ash Creek behind Azle Central Park.





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TRWD Watershed Programs Manager Aaron Hoff and Rural Programs Coordinator Katie Myers demonstrate erosion, the formation of oxbows, and the flow of creeks and rivers with the TRWD Stream Trailer.



Joy Douglas in front of Ash Creek.

Linex and McGillicuddy taught attendees how to identify different kinds of hackberries, differentiate between pecans and Ohio black walnuts, and other useful information on local plants.



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Onward Arms, a family-owned gun store on Main Street in Azle, celebrated a ribbon cutting hosted by the Azle Area Chamber of Commerce April 23. Onward Arms opened its storefront in 2022 and is your connection for firearms, ammo and accessories at 148 W. Main St.



Tony's Pizza and Pour House

Tony's Pizza and Pour House celebrated a ribbon cutting hosted by the Azle Area Chamber of Commerce May 9. Tony and his family have been part of the community for over a decade serving up the hottest slice. Its new location at 9805 Jacksboro Highway offers a daily buffet and live music on weekends.



• **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. This week's performer is the Desperado Band, an Eagles tribute band, on May 24. Visit the Azle Special Events Facebook page for the full music series lineup.

• **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.

• **CAR SEAT INSPECTIONS:** Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service Parker County and First United Methodist Church of Springtown will host a free car seat inspection event May 23, from 4 to 6 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church parking lot in Springtown, located at 109 W. Third St. To participate, you must have your child or children with you and know their weight and height. A limited number of replacement car seats will be available free. For questions and more information call AgriLife Extension Service Passenger Safety and Kid Safe Initiative's at 254-492-8010.

News From Azle City Hall

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

2023 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report



The Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) is a regulation, passed by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) as part of the 1996 Safe Drinking Water Act Amendments, requiring all community

1996 Safe Drinking Water Act Amendments, requiring all community water systems to provide customers with an annual water quality report. With the CCR, communities benefit by gaining a better understanding of water suppliers and the processes involved, thus allowing them an opportunity to make informed decisions regarding their use of drinking water. The report is a summary of the quality of water we provided our customers from January 1 to December 31, 2023, and gives the City of Azle an opportunity to explain how the community's drinking water supplies are protected. The CCR document is available at City Hall by request or the report can be viewed on the city's website at:

https://tx-azle3.civicplus.com/DocumentCenter/View/8705/2022-Water-Quality-Report

A Public Hearing will be held to hear comments from Azle utility customers | June 4, 2024 6:00 pm



Gourmet food trucks will be serving a variety of delicious dishes and tasty treats at each concert. Sales begin at 6 PM.

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• **SENIOR HEALTHCARE NAVIGATORS CONFERENCE**: Seniors are invited to learn how to navigate healthcare and personal care 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Thursday, May 23 at Eagle Mountain Plaza, 300 E. Main St., Azle. This free event is hosted by Beyond Faith Hospice. For more information, contact Don Webster, 817-565-8904, or email dwebster@beyondfaithhospice.com.

• **MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY:** The city of Springtown will host its annual Memorial Day ceremony at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 25 at Veteran's Memorial Park, which is near the intersection of Lake Drive and Walnut Creek Drive. The city plans to honor members of the military who died while serving, local veterans and their families

• **GROWING CONNECTIONS:** Legacy Oaks of Azle hosts a networking breakfast 9-10 a.m. the fourth Tuesday of the month at1364 Southeast Parkway, Azle. This monthly meet-up is a chance for professionals to share ideas and promote their businesses with integrity and compassion. RSVPs are appreciated, email Kelly Case *crd@legacyoaksazle-sl.com*.

• **REVIVAL AT SPRINGTOWN TABERNACLE:** New Beginnings Church and Second Coming Ministries will host a revival 6-8 p.m. May 27-31 at the Tabernacle on the Square.

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• **BLOOD DRIVES:** Carter BloodCare invites the public to donate blood to help local patients at two upcoming blood drives. The first will be 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. June 2 in the Springtown Church of Christ gym, 316 Church St., Springtown. Contact Debby Looney for more information at 817-523-4419. The next blood drive will be 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. June 14 outside of the Springtown Municipal Annex Building, 200 North Main St. For more information, contact Christina Derr at 817-220-4834.

• **AZLE CHAMBER EVENTS:** AACoC will host its monthly luncheon 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Tuesday, June 4 at 404 Main St., Azle. Visit AzleChamber.com to register.

• **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!

• **TEEN MOVIE AFTERNOONS:** 2 p.m. Saturday, June 1, 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.

• **COFFEE WITH FIRST RESPONDERS:** Join the Azle Area Chamber of Commerce and Eagle Crest Villa for coffee and conversation with local first responders 8:30-10 a.m. Friday, June 21 at 113 Denver Trl., Azle.

• **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.

Summer Reading Kick-Off Event - May 31, 12-6 PM

The Library is gearing up for Summer Reading with our Kick-Off Event for ALL ages! Everyone who registers for Summer Reading at the event will win a registration prize! Can't make it? Sign up after May 31, during library hours. Plus, look for the "Summer Guide" on our website and in the Library for a full listing of FREE summer events.

FREE Programs

Additional free programs can be found on the library's website, Facebook page, and Instagram! All events take place in the Community Room.

- Children's Performers every Tuesday in June: Families can enjoy exciting and educational shows that include a live animal show, puppet show, STEM show, and a magic show. Please arrive early due to limited space. For a full listing of performers, as well as date and time, visit the library's website.
- Adventure Storytime every Wednesday in June & July at 10:15am and 11:15am: children ages 2-6, and their caregiver, learn, sing, and dance at this early literacy program.
- Swim Safety June 14 @ 2pm: Join Miss Ava and a Survival Swim Instructor to learn about water safety. For children ages 0-6 and their caregiver.
- **Pokemon Party June 20** @ **4:30pm:** Children aged 6-12 can enjoy Pokemon themed crafts and meet fellow fans. All children will need an adult present in the library building. Children aged 8 and below will need an adult present in the program.
- Summer Scoop! June 6 @ 6:30pm: Adults of all ages, join us for the scoop on summer's fiction and non-fiction releases while you enjoy our ice cream bar, plus door prizes! Free!
- Spectrum Bass Concert June 8 @ 3pm: All ages are welcome to enjoy a free live performance by professional bass players from the Fort Worth Symphony and Spectrum Chamber Music Society. Sponsored by the Azle Library Trust.
- **Travel Photography Class June 11** @ **6pm:** Local photographer Jim Stevens teaches tips and tricks on how to take better images with your smartphone! Free!
- **Painting with Watercolors June 15, 10am-12pm:** Join local artist Penny Conn for a free instructional class on watercolors! All supplies provided. *Registration required.* Call 817-752-2682.



OBITUARIES Janis Lanham

1942-2024

Janis T. Lanham died peacefully at home in Azle May 12, 2024, at the age of 82, surrounded by family and friends.

Janis' daughters will host a come-and-go tea to celebrate Janis' life Saturday, June 1 from 1 to 4 p.m. at 398 Chaparrals Run in Azle. A graveside service for both Janis and John will be held in fall 2024 at Fox Cemetery in Kaufman. Please RSVP by May 30: https://docs.google.com/ forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfMffG 7MkyU2emAbVFlbbOiXGeJy eB84ecEh7DoAaq271nzmg/ viewform.

She was born March 29, 1942, in Shreveport, Louisiana to Francis Yarborough Tibbits Butler and Ray Tibbits. She graduated from Marshall High School in 1960 and attended Kilgore Junior College, where she met John, the love of her life.

They met in line at the bookstore, where Janis asked John to hold her books so she could introduce herself, flirtatiously, to someone else. John was quick to playfully mimic her, and his boldness resulted in him being able to spend the rest of his life lovingly teasing her about their bookstore moment (and also her big crush on Elvis Presley). They were married in Marshall in 1961 and had their first daughter, Donya Ann, in Mt. Pleasant in 1962 before moving to Dallas.

In 1975, they adopted Darlene Loraine (Huang Wen Ching) in Taipei, Taiwan and in 1978, Deana Louise was born in Taipei, Taiwan.

Janis traveled the world

for 30 years with her family, living in El Porto, Portugal; Taipei, Taiwan; Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia; Seoul, South Korea; British Colonial Hong Kong; and Manila, Philippines before returning home to Texas in 2002.

As a survivor of traumatic brain injury at the age of 36 that left her with physical, emotional and intellectual barriers to independence, Janis fought perceptions and systems every day for her autonomy and dignity. She defined the term "Steel Magnolia." She was a beautiful, tough Southern lady with high standards, endurance, perseverance, clear and direct communication, and a sharp wit that could bring down any house. She was always looking for a laugh, and it was a special treat to hear her daily zingers.

Janis was especially proud of her three daughters, fiercely standing with each of them through life's ups and downs, gladly accepting credit from those who noted what courageous women she'd raised. Janis loved her momma, her family, Elvis, the Dallas Cowboys, and card games/tile games. She was a Canasta and Mahjong afficionado through the 1970s and uncovered herself as a Texas Hold'em cheerleader in the 2020s.

She was a religious fanatic of Jeopardy and Wheel of Fortune.

In her years and moments as a grandmother and greatgrandmother, she discovered a sense of wonderment and ebullience and showed

her gentle, tender, generous heart, which was a great life joy for friends and family to experience alongside her. Janis is predeceased by

Francis Yarborough and Bill Butler, Ray Tibbits, Judy Ann Tibbits and John Lanham.

She is survived by Donya Lanham-Wright of Temple; Darlene Lanham and Randal Kuykendall of Austin; and Deana Dominguez and David of Tampa, Florida; granddaughter Jenna Daubenspeck and Derek of Cedar Park; grandson Josh Wright and Alisa Douvry of Denton; stepgrandchildren Josh Hall of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Matthew Kuykendall of Douglas, Wyoming; Alyssa Kuykendall and Kristina Tipton of Houston; grandsons John Dominguez (named after Big John) and James Dominguez of Tampa, Florida; great-granddaughters Eisley and Ezzie Daubenspeck, step-great grandchildren Everett and Wren Kuykendall; nieces Cassi Jameson Davis and Travis of Winona, Becki Jameson Guerra and Albert of Garland, and Karen Jameson King Jim of Garland; Alysha Tew of Carrollton; Cynthia Hill of Garland; Renee Cloran of Pearland; JanetSue Whetzel of Newport, Jamaica; Laura Butler Springhorn of Houston; great-nieces and nephews Geremy Anderson, Natalie Anderson, David Guerra, Elise Guerra, Katie King and Jay King, John Herod, David Herod, Ashley Herod, Jeremy Hill, Nina Hill Lusk, Chris Whetzel, Nathan Whetzel, and many other great-great nieces



and nephews; and Drucilla and Jeff Davis, her best friends since college, and her devoted dog, Monroe.

The family wishes special thanks to the many people who were Janis' friends, companions and care teams throughout her life: Clara Mack, Ms. Kim, Mrs. Cho, Ms. Inocencia, Tita Marilynn Calungsod, Sherry Johnson, Agnes Green; Ian Mostert, Mary Tuck and friends from Azle Church of Christ, Yogi Campbell professional hair stylist, and Vitas hospice care team: Eugenia, Belinda, Auda, Ruben, Mark and on call nurses Tara, Brenda, Bob.

Donations in her honor are welcomed at:

Azle Animal Shelter, Air Force Aid Society https:// afas.org/ways-to-give/, or Asian Family Support Services of Austin https:// www.afssaustin.org/ donate-now/

Condolences and cards may be sent to Darlene's home: 1311 Broadmoor Dr. Austin, Texas, 78723.

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WEATHER **FROM PAGE A1**

casting. Today, the AWC page has more than 11,000 followers, or nearly threequarters of the population of Azle proper. Through this page and a companion website, Smole alerts and informs residents from across the area.

"It just really took off," Smole said of his page. "What I hear from a lot of people is 'you're more accurate than the TV guys' and I'm like, 'well that's nice but the TV meteorologists have to cover so many more counties.

Along with telling residents the direction and time of incoming storms, Smole tries to help educate his website's visitor and allow them to track weather themselves using the AWC classroom. Here he has compiled videos, links and other information that can help the novice get their start in amateur meteorology

The 64-year-old has lived in Azle for over two decades, most of that time working as a Walmart greeter which he says gives him a lot of time to watch the weather outside the store's automatic doors.

Smole has had a number of inspirations and lasting memories that have influenced his passion for the weather since childhood. One instance came while training at the Eagle Mountain Fire Department when Smole got the chance

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RALPH SMOLE

to go "spotting" when an F3 tornado hit downtown Fort Worth in March 2000.

"We actually saw the beginning of it come over the area and it was like, 'wow this is wild," Smole said. "What really hit me most of all is back when I was a child. You see we grew up in Wisconsin and Illinois. When I was a little kid, we lived outside of Milwaukee. When we would get occasional severe weather (my dad) would always tell my mom and my siblings to go to the basement and we would sit out and watch and he would tell me 'this is this and this is that."

The AWC is not just the work of one Smole, it has grown into a family affair. Smole runs the AWC page and website along with a local news and worship page with the help of his son, Ralph Smole III and his daughter Elfia Flowers. With his team behind him, Smole has dedicated countless hours, late nights and early mornings to keeping the people of Azle updated on current weather.

"They love it. They're always very supportive of it, as is my wife Tammy (Cooley)," Smole said. "They know when severe weather is forthcoming, I'm going to be busy for a while no matter what time of day or night ... I just feel blessed that if I can help one person stay safe from severe weather,

I feel blessed. I feel really good about helping people. I'm just so appreciative of the community for their support."

severe weather, I feel blessed.

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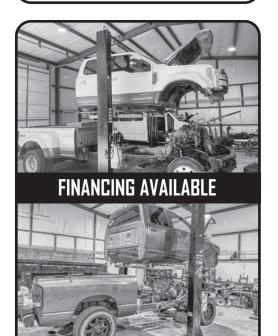
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When you stop in at Mel's Place, you'll be taken care of by their star waitress, Karen, and their two main cooks, Saundra

and Bubba. imported. "Without them ...

there is no way we would keep everything together. Those three are our rocks and we're grateful to have them at our side."

If you ask them what sets Mel's Place apart from other local restaurants, they'll tell you, "Our cooking of course! It's just plain better."

They also give back to the community by preparing all of the meals for Meals on Wheels for the county five days a week, including holidays.

In addition to quality meat and fish, the batter for catfish and chicken fried steaks is hand mixed, and their fries and onion rings are hand cut and breaded right in the kitchen.

"Basically, everything in our restaurant is handmade all the way to the ranch." Even the restaurant itself is handmade.

> "We rented a small building two miles north of our current location. After about six months, we outgrew the location and started looking for our spot for life."

They built the new location themselves, from dirt work to finish, working about 18 hours a day for eight months before opening the new location. They built their tables

and countertops by hand and were even installing the bathroom sinks at 5 a.m. the morning of their grand re-opening - which was scheduled at 7 a.m.!

"We hope people give us a try and have a wonderful experience there. All we want is for people to get a fair share of quality food for their money and be happy!"

Mel's Place is located at 8537 FM 730 N, about two minutes south of SH 114 and 16 minutes north of Walmart in Azle. Stop in for a homecooked meal Saturday to Thursday 7:30 a.m. - 2 p.m., and Friday 7:30 a.m. - 8 p.m. Bring in this ad to receive 20% off your order.

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OBITUARIES

Freda Riggs Nabers

Freda Riggs Nabers, 85, passed peacefully from this life April 25, 2024. She was born Dec. 6, 1938, in Gorman, to A.F. and Elva Lewis. Freda married James Riggs Dec. 24, 1955, in Desdemona and they were married 61 years before his death in 2017. Freda then married her high school sweetheart, Leroy Nabers, Oct. 13, 2019, in Springtown, at GracePointe Church where they were both members.

Freda worked in the banking industry for 40 years, retiring from Farmers and Merchants Bank of De Leon in 2013. She was a wonderful homemaker and loved to cook for her family. She was famous for her homemade dinner and cinnamon rolls. Freda also loved gardening and tending her cattle. She had a special love for chickens and her white doves.

Freda was preceded in death by two of her children, son Michael Riggs. and daughter Sherry Riggs Bibby. Freda is survived by her

husband Leroy Nabers; son Stephen Riggs and wife



Bethp; stepchildren; Debbie Whiteman and husband Pat, Kathy Lunsford and husband Keith and Jim Nabers and wife Denise. She has many grandchildren, stepgrandchildren and numerous extended family and friends who will miss her greatly.

A graveside service was held at Howard Cemetery near Desdemona Thursday, May 2, and officiated by Bro. Tim McKeown and Bro. Ben McCleery.

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John "Larry" Boswell

John Larry Boswell of Azle passed from this life to be with Jesus May 12, 2024, after years of complications from Alzheimer's disease.

Family and friends will gather at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 25 at The Edge Church, 1313 Southeast Parkway in Azle to celebrate his life.

Larry was born August 16, 1942, son of John and Lois Boswell. He was born and raised on the Northside of Fort Worth and graduated from Northside High School in 1960. Larry was united in marriage to Mary Schlange Oct. 6, 1977.

Larry loved hunting, being on Eagle Mountain Lake on his boat, riding Harley's, cruising the backroads in Nebraska, and playing jokes on people. He had a largerthan-life personality which had a huge impact on his friends and his son's friends as well. He also enjoyed attending church at The Edge Church in Azle. Larry loved Willie Nelson and Bob Dylan music.

Larry was a commissioned law enforcement officer and worked on what was known as the ODALE Task Force, which predates the DEA.

Larry and Mary owned and operated a successful private investigations company for 40 years. During his years in private practice, he worked on the Cullen Davis defense team, which helped put the business on the map. Larry

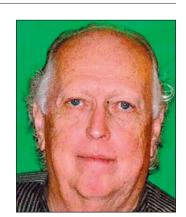
Cynthia Ryder 1971-2024

Cynthia Leaann (Curry) Ryder, 53, passed away Friday, May 10, 2024, at her home in Springtown, surrounded by family.

The family will have a private memorial at a later date. Cynthia was born Feb.

3,1971, in Fort Worth, to Harold and Mary (Oder) Curry. Cynthia grew up in the Fort Worth area. She married her husband of 18 years Billy McDaniel in 2005.

Cynthia enjoyed hunting, fishing, camping and travel. She loved spending time with her family and her dogs. Cynthia is survived by her husband, Billy McDaniel; sons. Hunter McDaniel. Jeff Curry, Chris Fulk, Zac Ryder and Nathan McDaniel; daughter, Kindra McDaniel; mother



was known to the law enforcement community and helped with several cases with various government agencies.

He was preceded in death by two daughters, Jeanie Lambert and Jennifer Boswell; two brothers-in-law, Wayne Schlange and Jack Betts; and sister-in-law, Elaine Schlange.

Those left to mourn his passing are his wife of 46 years, Mary, of Azle; children, John Boswell of Azle and Beth Finch (Randy) of Springtown; grandchildren, Jaxon and Westyn Boswell, Weldon Cressell and Stirling Finch: sister-in-law, Rosie Betts (Dave Ruenholl); brother-inlaw, Ken Schlange (Pam Conn) both of Auburn. Nebraska: great-granddaughter, Braelyn Cressel; several nieces and nephews, and many relatives

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and friends.

Mary "Pumpkin" Curry; sev-

John Jeffery 1944-2024

John P. "Jeff" Jeffery, 79, formerly of Damon, passed away May 3, 2024. A memorial service will be held June 15, at Creekside Christian Fellowship in Needville, with Pastors Greg Garcia and Jeremy Balleweg officiating.

John was born Sept. 24, 1944, in Manhattan, New York to Pervis R. and Inez C. Jeffery.

John honorably served his country in the U.S. Army.

After the U.S. Army, he owned many different small companies over the years such as a collection agency in Fort Worth, a preowned furniture and appliance store, Hilltop Discount Furniture, in Fort Worth, then multiple new and preowned furniture and appliance stores including Hilltop Discount Furniture in Weatherford, Granbury and Stephenville, eventually settling into Jeffery Sales Furniture in Azle.

Always one to tell a good story, some of John's hobbies included fishing, gardening and going dancing. John was a God-fearing man. He was baptized many years ago in New York state.

In recent years, he would attend church with his son, Jason and daughter-in-law Regina at Creekside Christian Fellowship in Needville. This father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, uncle and friend will truly be missed.

In addition to his parents Pervis and Inez, John is preceded in death by a granddaughter, Caitlynne Truett.

Survivors include his son, Jason Jeffery and wife, Regina; daughter, Jennifer Truett and husband, Chris; grandchildren, Jarrod Jeffery, Preston Jeffery, Cutter Hopkins and wife Heather, Presley Barton and husband Matt, Kennedy Hopkins, Chierra and husband Aaron, Cameron, Carter, Jaden, Jaxon and Jenna; greatgrandchildren, Emmitt, Elliott, Preston, Thad, Denley and Hudson. Sister, Jan



Harris; brother, Jim Jeffery and wife Betty; nephew, Bob Harris and wife, Regina; niece, Pam Jeffery along with extended family and friends. John is also survived by special friend, LaVonne Heckman and her son. Travis Heckman; Travis's children Randy, Trever, Kya, Robert, Travis and Johnathan. The Heckman family brought so much joy and happiness in the final years of John's life.

If you would like, you may write a letter of fond memories of John "Jeff;" you should send them to son, Jason at 1405 County Road 18 Damon, Texas, 77430, to be given to Pastor Greg prior to service.

For those who wish, in lieu of flowers, please consider donating to: Creekside Christian Fellowship in John's name at Creeksidefellowship. org/give. Please use the "special designation" selection as these donations will be in John's name and used for the local youth fair auction purchases in the future, something that was near and dear to his heart for many years.

Tributes and words of condolence may be left for the family at www.davisgreenlawnfh.com.

Arrangements are under the direction of Davis-Greenlawn Funeral Home, 3900 B.F. Terry Blvd. (Highway 59 South at Farmto-Market Road 2218), Rosenberg, Texas, 77471, Phone: 281-341-8800.

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Maxine Prater 1940-2024

Maxine "Max" Prater was born July 27, 1940, and went to be with our Lord Saturday, May 11, 2024.

Celebration of Life was held Sunday, May 19, 2024, at On the Patio, 501 N. Stewart St. in Azle.

Maxine was loved and known by many. She was a gardener with a green thumb, a pro-bwler in her prime, and if you ever ate a "beefer burger" on Jacksboro Highway, then "Max" made it for you; she served 'em up for 30 vears. Her favorite color was purple, and she wore it well.

Maxine was preceded in death by her parents; two children, Doris and Donnie; her brother, Douglas; granddaughter, Jessica; and a great-granddaughter, Ellie.

She is survived by her husband of 67 years, Don; her children, Robert and

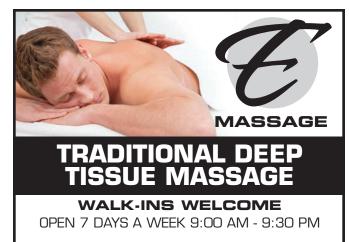


wife, Terri, Viola, Jackie, Kay and husband, Richard; eight grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

She left this world as she lived it, fearless of death and at peace, surrounded by a host of family and friends. She will be missed.

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eral grandchildren, nieces, nephews and extended family and friends. Cynthia will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved her.

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some of her peers, but she received a perfect score from the judge and high praise.

"The interviewer was super nice," Breighner said. "He was like, 'What do you want to do for a living? Is it something to do with art?' And I was like, 'Yes, I want to be a tattoo artist.' And he was like, 'I would let you tattoo me because of your control with the line of your media.' I thought that was really neat, and it was such a good compliment.""

Making "Forever Shifting" was Breighner's first time using India ink and her first time participating in an art contest. She made the piece because of an assignment in art class at SHS where students were instructed to write a haiku and create sequential art panels to go along with it. Breighner decided to explore the anxieties around personal appearance in her work.

"The longer she looks in the mirror, she gets more and more freaked out, like seeing things almost shifting," she said. "So, it's like a really over-exaggeration of what it feels like to look in the mirror and feel like you're picking out flaws and flaws and flaws, and it keeps getting worse the longer you look."

Breighner said she has always had an interest in art, and she appreciates the human experience that art usually evokes or involves. And, like her peers, she is a fan of SHS art teacher Paige Hopkins.

"Like everybody says, Ms. Hopkins is amazing and makes us love art even more and helps us, very much nurtures our ability and helps us grow," Breighner said.

Her friend junior Em Moore had similar thoughts about Hopkins.

"She makes me feel so confident in what I do, and I love doing art in here," Moore said.

Students interviewed by The Tri-County Reporter had nothing but kind words for Hopkins, saying she has been supportive of their artistic styles and doesn't rush students to finish projects.

"I always have these crazy ideas," senior Catherine Trejo said. "I'm like, 'What if we make a bowl that is shaped as a four-leaf clover?' And that's what I did. (Hopkins) said there's a lot of physics to it. it. She says, 'It's possible, but you really have to think it through.'"

Hopkins said she and fellow SHS art teacher Chelsea Cochran teach students in the beginner class techniques while also winding in geometry, physics and conceptual thought as it relates to art. As students advance into the upper-level classes, they are encouraged to use what they've learned to create art.

"We love it when they surprise us," Hopkins said. "We may think they're just going to do it like this, and then all of a sudden, it's like, 'Whoa, yeah, we wouldn't have ever thought. That's awesome.' And so, I think the fact that that's our response to them investigating and exploring their own expression caters to a better environment to make better work. Whereas if we were like, 'No, that's not what the assignment was. You have to do it this way,' then that's when you kind of put them in a box, and they lose that personal innovation that we're trying to cultivate.'

Cochran, who is finishing her first year as an SHS art teacher, said she lets the students take ownership of their work, and she sees her role as providing guidance while they create.

"You can be there to help mentor, and that's really what you are," she said about teaching art. "You're not a full-on step-by-step instructor. You're a mentor at a certain point, and that's where the range should shift when you get to Art II, III, IV."

One of Trejo's ideas was to create a big 3D shark. She and Hopkins figured out the logistics and made it happen. Trejo crafted the shark out of cardboard, filled it with plastic bags, plastered it and painted it. The finished shark, which was tall enough to touch the ceiling in a room at SHS, made an appearance in the high school's musical production of The Little Mermaid last year. Trejo felt inspired to allow it to appear in the musical because of Hopkins, who she said encouraged students to "put (themselves) out there.'

"I'm like, 'You know what? I'm into sharks right now. Why not go help them?"" Trejo said.

Art has inspired Trejo's plans for her future. She used to want to be an engineer, but after learning about the American architect Frank Lloyd Wright, Trejo decided to follow in his footsteps. "His designs were so beautiful that I was like, I want the world to continue living like this," she said. "His buildings are more environmentally friendly ... I like that, and I always wanted to do something to help the environment."

No matter what path their students pursue in the future, Hopkins and Cochran hope they learn problem solving. Hopkins recalled a former student who pursued an education in molecular biology and credited art classes as an advantage to learning that science.

"The creative process is the basis of all innovation," Hopkins said. "It doesn't really matter if you're going to be a doctor, a pharmacist, if you're going to deal with biochemistry. At some point, you're going to try to have to solve a problem that there is no solution or create a solution where there is none, and so that's where visual art is really, really important. ... just fostering the, I guess, the courage to actually think of things that may never go together, but why couldn't they?"

CONTEST GLORY

Larry Bugsbee is depicted by SHS junior Tate Franklin with a big smile on his face and his arm stretched out to the viewer, welcoming them into his world.

Larry is also a ladybug. If the painting of Larry is not usually how you would picture an insect, that was Franklin's point. In her work, she wanted to show that bugs can have personalities and be beautiful.

"I think insects have a lot more character than a lot of people notice," Franklin said. "So, it's really nice to put a nice-faced insect for people who just do not do insects because it just opens them up to it, and then they're like, 'Oh my God, I didn't even know,' and then you like bugs."

Visual Arts Scholastic Event judges must have appreciated Franklin's new perspective because her piece "Larry Bugsbee" made it to the state contest. Franklin was joined at state by sophomore Katelyn Duncan who depicted a cozy cottage in the woods in "A Lamp Lit Haven."

Duncan created her piece — which she said may be her favorite — using alcohol markers, colored pencils and gel pens. She decided to draw a cottage while working on an architectural design assignment in class, and then she



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cottage.

"I love drawing nature," Duncan said. "I have so many different drawings that are that same style that are in nature and stuff. I think another part of the assignment was lighting, lighting in the cottage and stuff, so I put a bunch of lighting on the cottage."

Neither Franklin nor Duncan expected their pieces to advance to the state contest, but both of them were proud and pleased by the success.

"Tve seen so many realistic pieces, and mine is just like this cartoony ... like a forest with a house in it," Duncan said. "I was like, 'This made it to state compared to all these extremely realistic portraits?' And then there was somebody that had a painting that almost looked like a photograph, but it was a painting, and I was like, 'I'm going up against this.""

Hopkins said she had only heard of one other student making it to the state VASE contest in SHS history. While she was happy for her students, Hopkins made it clear she doesn't want her art classes to be too focused on output and awards versus the social and emotional benefits for students.

"That medal or someone (saying) to me, 'Hey, congratulations that your kid went to state,' or whatever, I'm like, 'Well, they did it,' and we're lucky," she said. "I just hope getting that accolade and being able to put that on their CV or whatever in the future, but it's not for me; it's for them."

How students feel about their work is important for Cochran and Hopkins. Hopkins especially likes it when students enjoy their work so much that they don't want to put it down. She recalled a moment when students erupted with shock and disappointment when told they needed to finish their artwork in class for the day.

"You realize they got into that zone, that beta zone, of where they're into their work, and it's not frustrating them so much that it's shutting them down, but it's intriguing enough to where they're propelled forward, and then they lose time, and they have a good time. And then they're sent off to math class,' Hopkins said. "It's like a good little break for them to have where it's not a video game or Snapchatting or whatever. And it's good for them psychologically. It's good for them emotionally."

Cochran and Hopkins give the students space to work with different mediums they may not have the chance to experience after leaving high school, or skills that they can pick up again later in life.

"We keep an open mind, and the output is not the end goal," Cochran said. "It is them enjoying it, finding a place that art fits in their Larry Bugsbee is a character in an animated series that Franklin hopes to develop. She plans to continue working on the characters in her story in the future, but this year, she also branched out into new mediums and learned to make them her own.

For Franklin, making art is calming, and she wants more people to have that feeling through creativity.

"A lot of people that I've met, in my experience, say that sometimes it's stressful for them, which originally it was stressful for me, too, until I found what I liked," Franklin said. "I like to help people find the more calm part about it so they can be happy and have an outlet through art, like express themselves freely."

SHS art student Moore said she enjoys how artists can depict the same subject in different ways. As an artist herself, Moore has learned to take ownership over her work and not get bogged down by fretting over mistakes. She invoked painter, art instructor and T.V. host Bob Ross who once said, "We don't make mistakes; we have happy accidents."

"Just do whatever you want," Moore said. "Art, it's your thing, like it's your canvas; it's your hand; it's your pencil that you're drawing with. So, do whatever makes you happy. Don't try to be the next Van Gogh. Be the next

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Remembering the fallen

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AZLE — For the second year, Servolution Network is working with the organization Carry the Load to honor those who sacrificed their lives while serving in the military or working as a first responder.

"The whole purpose of Carry the Load is to help bring back the true meaning of Memorial Day," Servolution Executive *Servolution joins forces with Carry the Load for Memorial Day*

Director Jason Malewiski said.

Carry the Load hosts Memorial May for people to honor veterans and first responders by donating money to the organization and/or joining the National Relay where people across the country travel to North Texas for the Dallas Memorial March, held this year May 26-27 at Reverchon Park.

Servolution — which aims to support communities around Azle and Springtown by providing necessary home renovations as well as furniture and appliances to those in need — is one of Carry the



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Servolution Network Executive Director and veteran Jason Malewiski holds up the laminated signs representing two of his family members who served in the military. They will be represented at the organization Carry the Load's Dallas Memorial March.



PHOTO COURTESY OF JASON MALEWISK

Servolution Network Executive Director and veteran Jason Malewiski marches in the Dallas Memorial March last year. This year's march in honor of Memorial Day will take place May 26-27 at Reverchon Park.

Load's nonprofit partners, organizations that aid veterans and first responders in some way. Carry the Load supports its partners financially and works with them to increase their impact, according to Carry the Load's website. Servolution is currently raising money — over \$12,000 as of May 17 - for Carry the Load's Memorial May campaign, which goes toward connecting veterans, first responders and their families to resources like therapy, service dogs, job placements and home improvements, among others.

Malewiski explained that fundraising for Carry the Load benefits Servolution as well since the national nonprofit disperses its funds to help veterans and first responders across the nation. "Every single dollar we raise comes right back to us," Malewiski said, adding that every \$2,500 on average helps Servolution pay for the materials to build an accessibility ramp, fix an air conditioner or make other necessary renovations for a local veteran or civilian.

Servolution will also have a booth at the Dallas Memorial March to bring awareness about its work to people attending the event, Malewiski said.

While at the march, some people will wear backpacks with laminated tags representing a fallen service member. If local families want their loved ones recognized at the Dallas Memorial March, they will need to contact Servolution at *info@servolutionnetwork.com* with that person's name, military rank, picture and other relevant information. Families can either represent their own loved one at the march or get a volunteer to carry their loved ones' name.

When asked why people should put their energy into helping veterans, Malewiski — who also served in the military — pointed to Servolution's website, under the Love Your Vets initiative, that says, "We believe it is our duty to rally together as a community and provide comprehensive support to these remarkable individuals."

"We try and bring complete restoration to our beloved veterans," he said. "We serve those who served us."

To donate to Carry the Load through Servolution's team, visit https://participate.carrytheload.org/site/ TR?company_id=5789&fr_ id=1960&pg=company online.

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Blasting off with science

Springtown 4-H Club demonstrates how to make, launch stomp rockets



Kate Orrison, one of Springtown 4-H Club's 2023-2024 vice presidents, talks with kids about how to launch stomp rockets and the science behind the process at the Springtown Public Library last week.



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With the help of adults, kids craft stomp rockets during Springtown 4-H Club's interactive demonstration May 11 at the Springtown Public Library. In the experiment, kids stomped on a plastic bottle connected by tubing to the rocket and saw how the air flowed through the tubes to launch the rocket.

Rotary honors May students of the month

Four AHS seniors recognized

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AZLE — The Azle Rotary Club recognized four Azle High School seniors at a May 9 meeting. Kade Dowell, Connor Lawson, Brynn Lee and Melanie Lee were recognized by the club for their academic and extracurricular accomplishments throughout the year.

Kade Dowell is the son of Kristi and Bradley Dowell. Dowell is ranked 61st in his class with a GPA of 98.34. He is interested in attending Tarleton State University to study civil engineering. Dowell considers his greatest academic and personal accomplishments to be his leadership role in the AHS theater program and his good personal finances. He considers his good work ethic and his ability to balance school with life, work and extracurriculars to be his greatest strengths. Dowell considers his tendency to procrastinate and fear of asking for help to be some of his weaknesses. He considers himself collected, creative and sociable. Two of his favorite teachers are Ms. Crabtree and Ms. Reasoner who he says would describe him as dedicated

and hardworking. Dowell says one unique or interesting thing about himself is that he will fixate and learn everything there is to learn about a topic for months at a time. He participated in UIL One Act Play this year and is set head, stage manager, LED operator and an actor in the theater program. Dowell is currently shift lead at Subway and worked with Azle ISD's maintenance team during the summers of 2022 and 2023. He also enjoys 3D printing, games and hanging out with friends.

Connor Lawson is the son



Principal Nate Driver, Connor Lawson, Kade Dowell, Brynn Lee, Melanie Lee and Azle Rotary President Bob Buckel

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of Amy and Drew Lawson. He has a GPA of 99.86 and is ranked 46th in his class. He hopes to attend Stephen F. Austin University or Texas State University to study finance. Lawson considers his greatest accomplishment being the most successful and best version of himself. Math is his strongest subject and reading is his worst. Lawson considers his tenacity and persistence to be some of his greatest strengths while his tendency to overthink things is his weakness. He considers himself smart, hardworking and trustworthy. Mrs. Bevan and Coach Boenisch are two of Lawson's favorite teachers.

He is a multi-sport athlete and likes to lift weights, hang out with friends, ride dirt bikes and go wake surfing. Lawson is involved in cross country, powerlifting and track along with basketball, baseball and soccer. During the summer, he is co-owner of a boat cleaning business.

Brynn Lee is the daughter of Heather and Scott Lee. She has a GPA of 100.26 and is ranked 42nd in her class. Lee hopes to attend the University of Arkansas in pursuit of a degree in nursing. She sees rhetorical writing as her greatest academic

strength and her worst subject is algebra. Her greatest personal strength is her ability to empathize with others and her greatest weakness is time management. She describes herself as compassionate, intuitive and honest. Mr. Corbett and Mrs. Paden are two of her favorite teachers. Lee was the 2023 and 2024 AHS volleyball captain as well as a member of the Rowdies. One thing she considers unique about herself is that she has participated in every AHS blood drive since 2022. She is a part of National Honor Society and was honored with academic all-state and academic all-district as well as first team all-district. Lee has also been a competitive dancer. She loves to read and journal and has worked as a lifeguard for Splashdayz in White Settlement. She is currently a sales associate at House of Blades. Lee enjoys volunteering at the food bank and Community Caring Center.

Melanie Lee is the daughter of Adela and Carlos Lee. She has a GPA of 98.36 and is ranked 60th in her class. Lee is interested in attending Tarrant County College

or Texas Wesleyan University to study physical therapy. She loves studying and doing homework. She considers herself understanding and an extrovert and credits her parents for these qualities. Two of her favorite teachers are Mrs. Sweeden and Mr. Rider who would say that Lee cares about her grades. She loves traveling, having been to almost every state, and is involved in UIL basketball. Lee works at Albertsons, volunteers at Birdville Elementary and OH Stowe Elementary, and enjoys volunteering in the summer.

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Art with heart

Local painter teaches art therapy

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AZLE — Even at 91-yearsold, Gil Pearson has not found himself slowing down in either of his life's passions. Award-winning painter and lifelong traveling evangelist, Pearson came to Azle from Florida a little over two years ago to be closer to family. In that time, Pearson found a place for his painting and his ministry at the recently opened Grace & Faith Center after pastors Larry and Donna Davis invited Pearson to use their facilities as a part-time art studio.

Today, Pearson uses his passion to teach and help others. For about a year, Pearson has been teaching Brooklyn Bugarin to paint. Bugarin, a 24-year-old Azle High School graduate is on the autism spectrum and has always loved to color. She lives with her parents in Azle and in spring of 2023, Bugarin's mother approached Pearson in hopes of getting her painting lessons.

"(Bugarin's mother) maybe suggested that I be sweet and kind and all that, but I don't have to be sweet and kind because Brooklyn is a good girl, and she loves colors," Pearson said. "I've gotten attached to the whole family. We're like family now."

The two started out their classes at the Grace & Faith Center building, 11701 Jacksboro Highway in Fort Worth, but eventually moved on to doing weekly classes at her family's home. Bugarin said she has learned a lot and enjoys painting. She previously colored hummingbirds and flowers before painting with Pearson. Along with painting professionally, Pearson used to teach art therapy in the past and is convinced of its benefits, even for his own health.

He hopes to soon begin teaching people with other disabilities and offer art therapy to injured veterans specifically. The art teacher said he has always had an interest in working with the Wounded Warriors Project and through connections he has made with acquaintances of Pastor Davis, he anticipates making that dream a reality.

"I get a lot out of helping people," Pearson said. "That is perhaps the biggest reward



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Brooklyn Bugarin and Gil Pearson with some of their recent paintings.



I get just to know I'm helping somebody. It's just the human spirit, we like to feel like we helped somebody." I think there's a lot of sympathetic people out there. (Art is) good therapy. It's kept me alive for a long time. Really truly, I'm serious about that. When you get your mind on that painting and that art piece you don't think about any kind of bills or any kind of problem. That's why it's such a good therapy for wounded warriors. I would really like to invite them to give it a try if it's only a class or to see how they go with it. I would do it for next to nothing to help them because it's therapy, you know."

Other works by Bugarin.

Pearson and Bugarin are currently selling her paintings for \$20 per piece with the goal that 25% of the proceeds will go to Bugarin, 25% to Pearson and 50% to the Wounded Warrior Project.

Pearson charges Bugarin \$35 for each two-and-a-halfhour class but before taking on a new student, Pearson likes to speak with them to figure out what they can afford. Pearson reports that Bugarin has already sold some of her paintings of butterflies and sea turtles to her relatives.

"It'll help," Bugarin said of the plan's impact.

Pearson can be reached at 352-220-2222 for those interested in learning.



Creepy crawlers



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Spring brings salt marsh caterpillars to Azle roads

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AZLE — As the weather warms up, many residents may have noticed something inching across Azle's roadways. Salt marsh caterpillars, also known as wooly bear caterpillars, are most active in the spring just beAfter pupating, the caterpillars emerge as black and white Estigmene acrea moths.

fore they pupate and turn into tiger moths, according to Texas A&M AgriLife resources. In search of more

food, these black fuzzy crit-

ters have become a common

sight for vigilant commuters

on streets throughout Texas.

Despite a similar appearance to the stinging asp caterpillar, woolly bears pose no harm to humans. The same cannot be said for vegetable gardens, whose caretakers revile the insect for its voracious appetite.



A salt marsh caterpillar enjoys a snack in an Azle driveway.

"Quintessential pioneer woman" honored with historical marker near Azle



JIM STEVENS | TRI-COUNTY REPORTER A wagon containing milk cans passed down through the generations on the Carters' (formerly Tucker) property.

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WEATHERFORD — Martha Elizabeth Cockburn Tucker was one of the hundreds of thousands of settlers who migrated to Texas in the mid-19th century. After her family applied for a homestead grant in 1851, they moved by ox cart from Georgia to what would become Veal Station and became some of the earliest Anglos to settle in Parker County.

Friday, May 18, Tucker was immortalized during the official dedication ceremony of a marker from the Texas Historical Commission. Texas Agriculture Commissioner Sid Miller and Parker County Judge Pat Deen were just two of the high-profile individuals who attended and spoke at the event honoring Tucker.

According to Dr. Harold Lawrence of the Museum of Americas, when the American Civil War broke out, Tucker's husband Moses Tucker left to fight on the side of the Confederate states. Martha Tucker assumed management of the farm as well as raising their three small children. Moses Tucker returned after the war and the two ended up raising a total of eight children on the property. Today — 168 years later the farm remains in the hands of her descendants. Martha Tucker's great-greatgranddaughter Norlene Carter still lives on the property with her husband Mike. A great-grandson of Martha and Moses Tucker, Rev. Steve Seaberry, led the ceremony's invocation and read the text engraved on the historical

The Texas Historical Commission recognized Martha Tucker and her family home to shed light on the history and life experiences of women living in rural communities during this period. Living off the land, the Tuckers built a considerable home for themselves and were quite well-off, owning many livestock. This success came despite many hardships and anxieties. A program for the event describes one specific instance where Tucker and her neighbors expressed their fears of Comanche and Kiowa raids. After her husband's passing, Martha Tucker continued to run her farm with her children for 25 years. Her descendants said they are honored to have seen the marker unveiled and for Tucker to receive due attention.



marker.

Azle High School FFA students help serve guests during the event and began the dedication ceremony with the Pledge of Allegiance.







Dr. Howard Lawrence, Norlene Carter and Texas Agriculture Commissioner Sid Miller.

COURTESY OF SILVER CREEK HERITAGE SOCIETY Martha Elizabeth Cockburn Tucker



The historical marker now in place on the old Tucker farm.



Enter the Hornet's Nest

GT program holds "Shark Tank" event for Azle students

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AZLE —To make a deal with a "Hornet," Azle students had to put their creativity and confidence to the test.

On Wednesday, May 15, Azle ISD students got to experience a mock version of the television series "Shark Tank," where they pitched ideas and inventions to local leaders and business owners. The event was the culmination of an 18-week-long project by fourth through sixth grade teams in Azle ISD's Gifted and Talented Program. From 9 a.m. to noon, students entered the "Hornet's Nest" to receive spoken and written feedback from the judges and their peers. Each group displayed its pitch using PowerPoint presentations and live demonstrations. At the program's end, GT teacher Rebecca Windham and instructional coach Breanna Reed announced the top three winners from each participating grade.

"I think it's great because it lets them utilize some of the things they've been learning in school," Brandon Geary a judge at the event said. "Much of these conversations have been about confidence, how you are feeling, and you can tell some of them are nervous and some of them are really confident in what they're going to present. I think that makes them proud and at the end of that, that's what we want."

FOURTH GRADE WINNERS

First place: The Perfect Pencil Pouch — Kennedi Brown and Weston Norvell
Second place: Lunch Land — Aida Buckholt-Ubinger, Jettson Judge and Lane Lindsey
Third: place: The Fidgets — Brooke Peterson, Parker Porter, Keith Reno and Blakely Sawyer

FIFTH GRADE WINNERS

First place: Flash-Back
 Zoe Brownlee, Addison
 Greer and Peyten Reavis
 Second place: Travel Buddies
 Audree Richardson,
 Amaya Rodriguez and Zoey
 Underwood

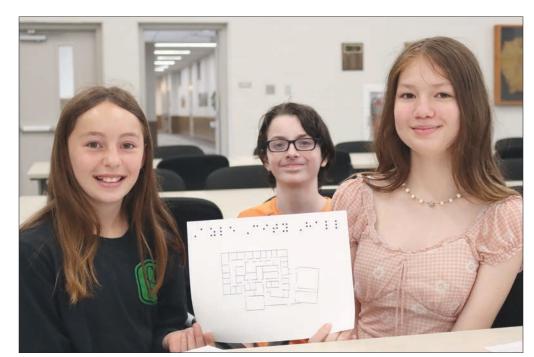
• Third place: Chill Pillow — Briggs Baker, Ethan Compston, Logan Haiderer and Jacob Lankford

SIXTH GRADE WINNERS

• First place: Pencilman — Wyatt Blackmer, Benjamin Cordova, Levi Gentry and Braulio Lopez

Second place: Unspillable
 Itzel Sanchez and Colt
 Wright

• Third place: Pet Pack — Jezaymar Gaona, Skye Francois, Brooke Schluter and Lauren Quick



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Hoover Elementary sixth graders (I-r): Samantha Bevan, Lyam Havens and Alexis Senn partnered with Lighthouse for the Blind and toured its facility in order to design a plan cities can use to add Braille signage at city halls.





The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is proposing the construction of a northbound exit ramp on SH 199 between Denver Trail and Skylark Drive to provide immediate access to the Texas Health Hospital in Azle, Tarrant County, Texas. This notice advises the public that TxDOT will be conducting an in-person public meeting on the proposed project. **The in-person meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 4, 2024 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Azle High School Administration Building SWARM Room at 1200 Boyd Rd, Azle, TX 76020**. Attendees will be able to view an on-screen presentation, review hard copies of project materials, ask questions of TxDOT staff and/ or consultants, and leave written comments.

Additionally, TxDOT is providing an online option for individuals who would like to view the presentation, as well as other project materials virtually. **Proj**ect documents will become available online at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, June 4, 2024. To access the public meeting documents, visit www.txdot.

Azle Elementary sixth graders Tyler McWarden, Owen Smith, and Dylan Mooreland promised "fun without the run" by designing an exercise game where players throw a medicine ball.



gov and enter the keyword search "SH 199 Ramp from Denver Trail to Skylar Drive" in the top right-hand search box at the time indicated above or use the following URL: <u>https://www.txdot.gov/projects/hearings-meetings/</u><u>fort-worth/2024/sh199-ramp-project.html</u> If you do not have internet access, you may call (817) 370-3604 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, to ask questions and access project materials during the project development process.

TxDOT is proposing the construction of a northbound exit ramp on SH 199 between Denver Trail and Skylark Drive to provide immediate access to the Texas Health Hospital in Azle, Texas. The proposed project will include any improvements to the SH 199 main lanes and frontage roads necessary to accommodate the proposed exit ramp (e.g., deceleration lanes). The goal of this project is to increase safety, enhance mobility, and most importantly improve access to the regional hospital.

Any environmental documentation or studies, any maps and drawings showing the project location and design, tentative construction schedules, and other information regarding the proposed project are on file and **available by appointment** only for inspection Monday through Friday between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. at the TxDOT Fort Worth District Office, 2501 Southwest Loop 820, Fort Worth, TX 76133. Project materials are also available online at <u>www.txdot.gov</u>, keyword search: "SH 199 Ramp from Denver Trail to Skylar Drive" once they have been prepared.

The virtural and in-person public meeting will be conducted in English. Project materials will be available in English and Spanish. If you need an interpreter or document translator because English is not your primary language or have difficulty communicating effectively in English, one will be provided to you. If you have a disability and need assistance, special arrangements can be made to accommodate most needs. If you need interpretation or translation services or are a person with a disability who requires an accommodation to attend the public meeting, please contact Matthew Berrones, Environmental Planner at the Fort Worth District, at (817) 370-3604 no later than 4 p.m. CT, Tuesday, May 28, 2024. Please be aware that advance notice is required as some services and accommodations may require time for the Texas Department of Transportation to arrange.

Written comments from the public regarding the proposed project are requested and may be submitted by mail to the TxDOT Fort Worth District Office, ATTN: Matthew Berrones, 2501 Southwest Loop 820, Fort Worth, TX 76133. Written comments may also be submitted by email to <u>Matthew.Berrones@txdot.gov</u>. All comments must be received or postmarked on or before Thursday, June 20, 2024. Responses to comments received will be available online at <u>www.txdot.gov</u> once they have been prepared.

If you have any general questions or concerns regarding the proposed project or public meeting, please contact Jennifer Fina-Ontiveros, P.E., SH 199 Ramp Project Manager by phone at (956) 595-1855 or by email at Jennifer.Fina@ txdot.gov.

The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried-out by TxDOT pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated December 9, 2019, and executed by FHWA and TxDOT.

Azle Elementary fifth graders Declan Quillin, Jaaxon Waresback, Trevor Ward and Beckett Espinoza (not pictured) designed the AIO Apron which they said will "cook the competition" in terms of carrying utensils, tools and snacks.



From left: Redemption Barbell gym owner Cindy Ramon, Merge Community Church pastor, newly elected AISD board of trustees member Brandon Geary, and pickleball court builder Brock Oldenkamp judged sixth grade pitches.



"Hornets" (I-r): Joanna Johnson, Randa Goode and Tim Bevan judged fifth grade pitches.

ACS Class of 2024



Reece Ahrvide



Christian Davila



Isaiah Hamilton



Mason Malewiski



AJ Rollins



Andy Wisniewski



Kylie Chambers





Emma Gable



Bayleigh Howell



Gracie Lance

for years of high school. In Olivia Ramos his senior year, Isaiah was the B-Team captain for his e-sports team. He plans to attend UT Tyler to get a bachelor's degree in social work after graduation.

Bayleigh Howell

Bayleigh is the daughter of Sharia McDowell. Her Emma is the daughter favorite teacher was Coach president her senior year. Bayleigh was enrolled in dual credit classes and played volleyball for three years. She was a member of cheer for all four years and was captain her senior year. After graduation, Bayleigh will attend Texas Women's University to pursue her bachelor's degree in nursing and work in the NICU.



Tyler Reyes

Olivia is the daughter of Hector and Meredith Ramos. Her favorite teacher was Coach Tucker, and her favorite subject was English and History. She played volleyball and basketball, and was a member of the Crimson Bells dance team. Olivia plans to attend Tarrant County College after graduation and pursue a bachelor's degree to become a nurse and midwife.



Jake Skartvedt



Abigail Young

Coach Tucker and Coach and football. He earned Sanders, and his favorite Academic All-State for subject was Understanding baseball and was named the Culture. Jake was a district MVP for basketball. member of the STEM Club, He plans to attend Abilene Christian University to major

Cadence Wynn

Cadence is the daughter of Chris and Jaime Wynn and Jamie Bartlett. Her favorite teacher was Mrs. Tucker, and her favorite subject was Bible class. She was a member of the varsity basketball and track teams



Eliana Colson

Reece Ahrvide

Reece is the daughter of Ryan Jones and Randy Ahrvide. Her favorite teachers were Mrs. G and Mrs. Bench, and her favorite subject was Bible class. She played volleyball her freshman and junior years, and basketball her junior year. Reece took dual credit classes as well. After graduation, she will attend UT Tyler and major in nursing, with a goal of obtaining her master's in traveling pediatric ICU nurse do adult stuff. practitioner.



Chase Glenn

Christian Davila

Christian is the son of Norma Davila. His favorite teacher was Coach Tucker, and his favorite subject was Bible class. He played football and baseball. Christian plans to become a barber after graduation.

Emma Gable

of Jonathan and Jennifer Tucker, and her favorite Gable. Her favorite teacher subject was Bible class. She was Coach Tucker, and her was a member of student favorite subject was English. council and served as After graduation, Emma nursing and becoming a plans to attend college and



Colton Vaughn

4-H, and Livestock Judging Club. He earned Academic in bible and ministry. All-State and Student

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Kylie Chambers

Kylie is the daughter of Crystal Eldridge and Brandon Chambers. Her favorite teacher was Coach Tucker, and her favorite subject was Bible class. She was a member of student council and AMHyA Central vice president. Kylie was varsity cheer co-captain and played varsity basketball. She plans to attend Tarleton after graduation.

Eliana Colson

Eliana is the daughter of Caleb and Julia Colson. Her favorite teacher was Mr. LaMaster, and her favorite subject was science. She participated in E-Sports. After graduation, Eliana plans to major in biology.

Chase Glenn

Chase is the son of Jeremiah Glenn, Kelly Lapek, Natalle Glenn, and Stephen Lapek. His favorite subject was coding, and he was a member of the e-sports team, making playoffs all seasons played. Christian plans to attend a trade school after graduation.

Isaiah Hamilton

Isaiah is the son of Holly and Justin Hamilton. His favorite teacher was Mr. LaMaster, and his favorite wedding planning. subject was government and economics, although lunch would also be his favorite. He was a member of student council and served as treasurer. He also participated in powerlifting, basketball, and baseball, and was the mascot for all sell health insurance.

Gracie Lance

Gracie is the daughter of David and Felicia Lance. Her favorite teacher was Coach Tucker, and her favorite Bible class. Gracie plans to do

Mason Malewiski

Mason is the son of Jason and Krystal Malewiski. His favorite teacher was Coach Tucker, and his favorite subject was English. After graduation, Mason plans to

Tyler Reyes

Tyler is the son of Dallas and and Shelly Reyes. All of his teachers were his favorites, and his favorite subject was math. He played basketball and football, was a member of the e-sports team, and weightlifting team. Tyler is the Class of 2024 valedictorian at ACS. After graduation, he plans to major in engineering at Abilene Christian University.

AJ Rollins

was Coach Sanders, and his favorite subject was Bible class. He played baseball, basketball and football. AJ plans to attend trade school after graduation.

Jacob Skartvedt

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plans to play basketball at McPherson College and the Rowdies. Cadence business study management.

Athlete Honors Society. He

played basketball, football

and was a member of

the track team. He was

All-State in football and

named offensive player of

the district in basketball.

After graduation, Jacob

Colton Vaughn

Colton is the son of Brad and Amber Vaughn. His favorite teacher was M LaMaster, and his favorite subject was Bible class. He was a member of the e-sports A-Team, and high school yearbook. After graduation, Colton plans to major in film at Abilene Christian University and AJ is the son of Crystal hopes to one day be able to Rollins. His favorite teacher make Christian films that are so good that even people who don't believe want to go watch them.

Andrew Wisniewski

Andrew is the son of Chelsae Griffin. His favorite teacher was Coach Tucker, Jacob is the son of Jim and his favorite subject and Danelle Skartvedt. was Bible class. Andrew that specializes in sports His favorite teachers were played baseball, basketball, medicine and injuries.

> Who would have ever thought that curly headed little bundle of energy

> would grow up to be such an amazing young lady. You are so loved and we

can't wait for the next

We love you mostest!!

chapter in your life.

Rocky and Hudson

Mom, Meme,

plans to attend Texas Tech to become an equine veterinarian.

Abigail Young

Abigail is the daughter of Jessica and Justin Corley. Her favorite teacher was Coach Tucker, and her favorite subject was math. Abigail was the Rowdie founder and captain for four years, as well as the baseball manager and athletic trainer. She placed first in the science fair her junior year. Abigail will attend Tarleton State University freshmen year as part of the PSA program through Texas A&M, and transfer to College Station the following year, majoring in kinesiology and specializing in sports medicine to become a physical therapist



Mom, Dad, & Brittley

TRI*COUNTY **Reporter** DIVERSIONS THURSDAY, May 23, 2024

S P O R T S ROUNCIUD JOEY GARCIA | TRI-COUNTY REPORTER **SHS junior Keegan Martinez** throws a pitch in Game 1 versus Decatur.

Porcupines continue best season ever

RICK MAUCH

Special to the Tri-County Reporter

One was coming from behind and the other was holding on. Either way, it added up to a sweep of Decatur as the Springtown Porcupines defeated their District 8-4A rivals 5-4 and 7-6 in the

Hornets up for national honor

May 17.

With the two wins, the Pines (24-8) have now advanced deeper in the postseason than any Springtown baseball team ever has. They will face Canyon (26-7) in the regional semifinals in a one-game playoff at Frenship High School Thursday, May

23 at 6 p.m. Canyon advanced with a sweep of West Plains in its

quarterfinal series. In the opening game against Decatur (25-11), the Pines built a 3-1 lead after the second inning before the Eagles took a 4-3 lead in the top of the fifth. They

Springtown led 7-3 after three innings before Decatur rallied to make the game exciting. Porcupines pitchers Brayden Fox and Keegan Martinez limited the Eagles to a single hit in the contest.

"We found a way to win two games and move on," Springtown coach Colin Crawford said. "It wasn't always pretty, but our kids are tough and wanted another week together. Always good to beat Decatur!"

The Porcupines were 4-1 against Decatur this season. Previously, they split their district games against them, then they defeated them in a district playoff seeding game.

The winner between Springtown and Canyon will meet the winner between Stephenville (29-10) and

Brayden Adams two hits, two RBIs; Solis two hits, double, two RBIs; Yair Hernandez one hit; Layton Murrell one hit; Drake Doggett one hit; Kyle Litzman one hit, walk, stolen bases; Fox two walks, stolen bases.

Game 1 pitching: Caleb Elmore 4.1 innings, five hits,

Region I quarterfinal series. Game 1 was played May 16 at Weatherford High School and Game 2 was played at Denton Ryan High School

countered in the bottom of the fifth when Trent Solis doubled home the tying and winning runs. In the second contest,

Seminole (27-8) in the regional final next week.

Game 1 Springtown hitting vs. Decatur: Rvan Kirk two hits, double, RBI, stolen base;

four earned runs, two strikeouts, three walks, four hit batters; Keegan Martinez

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SHS girls track relay racer Shayne Greenwood hands the baton to Hannah Chenault.

SHS track team crosses finish line

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SPRINGTOWN — The Springtown High School varsity track team had a successful season this year. The boys track team finished in first place at the district and area meets and qualified for the state track meet. The girls track team finished in third place in both district and area.

It was the first time in a decade the boys track team placed first in its district, and the team made school history when it placed first at the area meet.

Track season end on high note

"The coolest thing is that we won the district meet, that we won the area meet and that was a collective effort," boys track coach Tayler Jones said.

Although their goal was to win the regional track meet in Lubbock, they placed fourth. According to Jones, it was a very challenging day for the athletes because it was 35 degrees, wet and windy.

The boys track team finished its season at the state track meet at the University of Texas in Austin where it set two school records - one for running the 4X100 relay in 42.09 seconds and the other for running the 4X200 relay in one minute, 27.02 seconds. The boys who set the record for the 4X100 re-

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A season to remember

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AZLE — The 2023-2024 Azle High School varsity softball season was one to remember for several reasons.

A year after winning 14 games and losing 22, they turned things around with a 22-13-1 record. They also advanced to the second round of the playoffs, winning the bidistrict championship for a second straight season.

They qualified for the playoffs by finishing second in District 5-5A with a 9-3 league record.

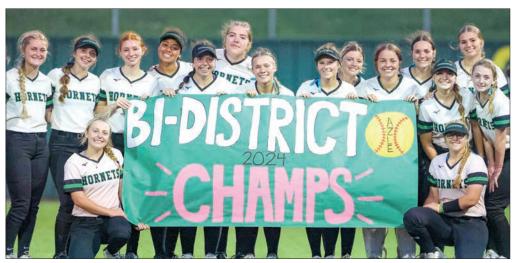
Azle softball team finishes season as bidistrict champs

The team had a batting average of .356, along with 137 hits, six home runs, 111 runs batted in and 121 runs. The pitching staff had an earned run average of 2.6.

The team was led by head coach Macy Pruit and assistant coaches Carlos Font, Chris Tiner and Reid Hetherington.

Pruit was most proud of the way the girls overcame obstacles and played together as a team. She noted that while the chemistry was not very strong the previous season, in 2024 the girls put aside their differences because they wanted to win.

She said the girls set a new tone for the team, noting they brought a stronger work ethic and a greater grit to win.



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The Azle High School girls softball team ended their season as the bidistrict champions for the second year in a row. (Top back row, L-R) Bella Tipton, Adrianna Wiedeman, Ema Lehr, Corynne Barone, Ryann Baker (Middle row, L-R) Brandie Phillips, Klaire Carlson, Ashley Trapp, Haley Carlson, Allison Smith, PLEASE SEE SOFTBALL | B4 Kaylee Parrish, Torrie Johnson, Morgan Terrell, Avery Jones (First row, L-R) Beka Vidal, Shaylea Cassel

Meet the coaches

Parents, students gather to meet new LW coaches

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LAKE WORTH — The Lake Worth ISD athletic department hosted a meet-the-coaches event at Lake Worth High School Tuesday, May 14. Parents and students met and ate with the 2024-2025 middle and high school coaches, as well as new athletic director Todd Peterman.



(L-R) Sophomore Anthony Green and his father, Demount Green, speak to football and baseball coach Lane Pinkston.



(L-R) Sebastian Trevizo, Lake Worth ISD athletic director Todd Peterman, Dora Balderas.



Freshman Garion Peoples (left) speaks with football and track coach Charles Davis.





(L-R) Freshman Eddie Paige and Garion Peoples speak with new head baseball coach David Diaz.

Defensive line coach Chris Hollie embraces one of his students.

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lay were senior Brayden Fox, sophomore Riley Jackson, junior Braydon Butler and sophomore Caden Rogers. The boys who set the record for the 4X200 relay were Fox, Butler, Jackson and senior Kamryn Cleveland.

Jones is most proud that the runners trusted their coaches to put them in positions to succeed, even if that meant putting the athletes in a race they were not used to. He is also proud of their work ethic despite the challenges of running track.

"Track's not fun," Jones said. "It's hard and if you don't work hard, you're going

to get exposed. Their willingness to go out and work hard, I am super proud of that."

Jones notes that much of the credit belongs to long time SHS track coach Brad Legan, who retired from coaching but still works at the school. This year, the school held a track meet in his honor and even put his face on the medals.

"All the work that Brad did, led up to this year," Jones said." "I took over and reaped the benefits of what coach Legan had done all those years."

Senior Wesley Payne, who ran the 1600 and the 3200, will run at Dallas Baptist University next year and will study mechanical engineering. According to girls track team coach Tye Adams, the girls track team finished third in district and in area. They also finished in the top three of every track meet they went to this year.

Girls track team triple jumper Mack Flaugher went to state for the third time this year and is a three-time regional champion.

According to Adams, the team had a lot of seniors, which is a difficult achievement, because most seniors prefer not to run track. Adams notes the future looks bright for the girls track team because there are some very strong eighth grade runners who will join the high school team next year.



SHS junior Braydon Butler hands the baton to sophomore Riley Jackson.



Senior Wesley Payne will run track at Dallas Baptist University next year.

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Skyler Tyree stays focused as she soars through the air.

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Granny basketball?

Azle resident shares her experiences as a granny basketball player

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AZLE - Granny basketball is truly as amazing as it sounds. It is a nationally recognized and organized sport with teams all over the country. Teams play competitively against each other, and each team chooses a charity or nonprofit for which they can raise money.

Players on each team must be 50 years of age or older and the games are played by 1920s-era rules along with some added humorous rules as well.

The 1920s rules include: no running and no jumping, however, players may speed walk, and no contact with other players. All players must adhere to a specific dress code at every game. They must wear middy blouses, black ties, bloomers and knee-high socks that completely cover the legs. The players' socks are the only thing that can be customized to distinguish each team.

Some of the more humorous rules are: If a player shows any skin other than the arms it will result in a technical "flesh" foul. Players can only dribble two times

per possession. Granny shots or underhand shots are worth three points. If a player falls, the play will stop, and evervone will yell "granny down!" The player who fell must sit out one play.

"Sometimes you'll have a game, and nobody falls," Azle resident and granny basketball player, Anne Cummings said. "And then all of a sudden you'll have a game and every time you turn around, someone's tripping over their feet or somebody else's feet." Cummings is a retired Fort Worth Police Department ser-

geant, who served the FWPD for 25 years from 1978 to 2003. She began to play granny basketball last September because she wanted to be active after she underwent her second knee replacement. Cummings, who graduated in 1972, was never given the option to play sports in high school.

"My school had no sports for women. There was no basketball team, or volleyball team. except what you might play in your general PE (physical education) class," Cummings said.

She currently plays for the granny basketball team Fort Worth Heifers. The



Azle resident and granny basketball player Anne Cummings looks to pass to Lisa Maynard.

team was started by longtime friend and fellow retired FWPD police officer, Maylynn Whitlock. Whitlock had the idea to start the team after she saw a 60 Minutes segment on granny basketball.

The Heifers have 13 players that includes eight former FWPD police officers, a former marine, two former

postal workers and a geophysicist. They wear cow print socks and purple peony jerseys when they play away games. Every time a player on their team scores, they all yell "moo!"

Although there is no running, jumping or contact allowed, the players are still susceptible to injury.

Cummings notes that one player on her team broke a hip on the first day of practice. At another practice, they had a player tear her Achilles tendon.

The team is currently setting up an exhibition game with the Fort Worth Police Association. To even out the playing field, they will have

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to wear oven mitts when they play against the grannies.

The Heifers play about once a week and the games are played in Waco or Killeen because they are the only team in the D-FW Metroplex. They will play in the National Granny Basketball Tournament in Kansas City, Kansas this August.

Azle Junior High wrestling championships









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Eighth grade Azle Junior High School wrestler Reese Self bumps heads with her opponent. Self finished in third place at the junior high wrestling championships in the girls 120-pound division Wednesday, May 8.

Seventh grade Azle Junior High School wrestler Presslei Dodson battles her opponent. Dodson placed third in the junior high championships in the girls 90-pound division Wednesday, May 8.

Azle ISD Summer Feeding Program

Azle ISD has been approved Pelican Bay Squiggly Park by the Texas Department of Agriculture to offer "Grab & Go" lunch meals at the

site this year. The Seamless Summer Program typically requires the child (18 years or younger) receiving the free Bay Squiggly Park site will meal to remain at the location to consume the meal. This year, the approved Pelican

offer the child the ability to receive the meal and leave the site. The hope is that this

change will allow participants to enjoy their meal without having to endure as much of the hot weather. Serving

times have been adjusted to better serve the community. See adjacent infographic for details.

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Free Breakfast & Lunch Meals for 18 years and younger 19 years and older: Breakfast \$2.50 • Lunch \$3.75

June 3 - June 27, 2024 **MONDAY-FRIDAY** Breakfast 7:30 - 8:30 am Lunch 11:00 - 12:30 pm

Walnut Creek Elementary 500 Stribling Drive

Pelican Bay Squiggly Park 1300 Pelican Circle Lunch Only 11:15-12:15 am Grab & Go: Child must be present

> **Azle High School** 1200 Boyd Road

July 1 - July 31, 2024 **MONDAY-FRIDAY** Breakfast 7:30 - 8:30 am Lunch 11:00 - 12:30 pm

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SPRINGTOWN ISD SUMMER FEEDING PROGRAM

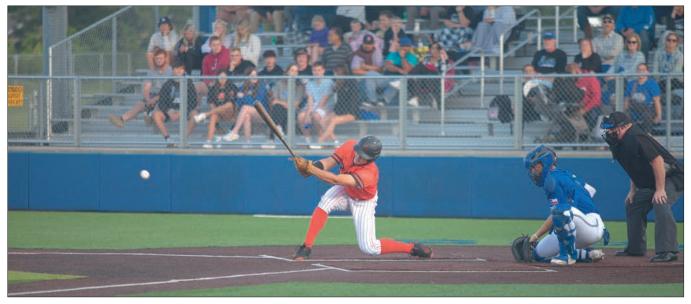
Free Breakfast & Lunch Meals for 18 years and younger



June 3 - 28, 2024 **MONDAY-FRIDAY** Breakfast 7:30 - 8:00 am Lunch 11:00 - 12:00 pm

Springtown Elementary 416 East 3rd Street (Entrance to summer feeding will be from the parking lot off Avenue D behind the school)

For more information, contact Kim Nash, Child Nutrition Director (knash@springtownisd.net) or Laura Champagne, Child Nutrition Assistant Director (Ichampagne@springtownisd.net), office number 817-220-2460. This institution is an equal opportunity provider.



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JOEY GARCIA | TRI-COUNTY REPORTER Brayden Fox tags out a Decatur player at second base.



Brayden Adams hits a ground ball to help the Springtown Porcupines win over Decatur.

Coach Colin Crawford speaks to his players to help them get going in their first playoff game versus Decatur.

ZED by Duane Abel



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Senior Caleb Elmore was the starting pitcher for the Pines during Game 1 against Decatur.

Garrin Graves of the

Hornets was named the

District 5-5A Offensive

all-district honors.

Player of the Year by the

league's coaches. He is one

seven Azle players to receive

First-team selections are

pitcher Cole Webb and out-

fielder Ethan Hadaway. Third

baseman Ivan Perez was cho-

Honorable mentions are

catcher Tyler Vaughn, along

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ROUNDUP FROM PAGE B1

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Game 2 hitting: Carson Cox two doubles, two walks, two RBIs; Hernandez two hits, triple, walk, three RBIs; Kirk one hit, walk; Fox one hit, walk; Murrell one hit, RBI; Adams two walks; Solis walk, two hit by pitch, RBI.

4 innings, one hit, five runs

AZLE BASEBALL

Chase Loftin, Jacob Martin,

Scott Anderson Scholarship winners.

SPRINGTOWN SOFTBALL

Cheyanne Atchley of the Springtown Lady Pines was named the District 8-4A Defensive MVP in a voting by the league's coaches. In all, the Lady Pines had seven players honored.

Pitcher Kylee Spray was selected for the first team, with infielders Haylee Sanborn and Ryleigh Morris placed on the second team. Honorable mentions went to Kelsey Brandt and Ava Fernandez.

Academic all-district honors went to Morris, Atchley, Sanborn, Fernandez, Madison Terrell, Bailey Spillman, Chelsea Cobb, Addyson Norris, Elizabeth White, Makinze Nation and Blaize Flood.

At the end of the season team awards, Atchley was named the Offensive MVP

and Sanborn the Defensive

MVP. Spray and Morris were

named Co-Newcomers of the

The Lady Pines advanced

fourth consecutive season

to the postseason for a

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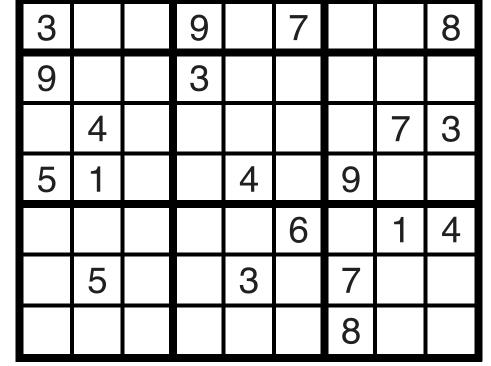
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in the country," Azle coach Stephen Smith said.

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Game 2 pitching: Fox (win) (one earned), five strikeouts, five walks, hit batter; Martinez (save) three innings, no hits, one earned run, four walks, hit batter.

The Hornets have been



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Solution to last week's puzzle

MAY 16, 2024

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nominated for the prestigious American Baseball Coaches Association Team Academic Excellence Award. This award is given to 300 schools nationwide.

"We will find out in July if we made the list as one of the top 300 academic high school baseball programs

SOFTBALL FROM PAGE B1

She praised them for taking advantage of every workout and practice and for making the necessary changes for the team to improve.

"What makes a team successful is utilizing every opportunity to get better, and they did," Pruit said. "I'm just super proud of them. The way that they played this vear. The intensity, the effort, and just the 'want' was there, and that's why they were so successful this year."

The softball team will have to replace eight seniors next year, which is about half the team. Even though they will undergo a large change, the team's future still looks promising.

The junior varsity had a record of 22-4-1. Pruit anticipates the team's continued success because of the upand-coming talent and work ethic from the girls who are currently on the JV.

"Once they work hard in

Austin May, Braden Sirkel, Lane Springfield and Brice Watson.

Hornets team awards went to Webb, MVP and Pitcher of the Year; Vaughn, Defensive Player of the Year; Perez and Graves, Co-Offensive Players of the Year; and Springfield and Shepherd,

the offseason and put all the puzzle pieces together, they'll be ready to go by next year," Pruit said. "They'll still be one of the top contenders in district."

Some of the varsity girls who will return next year include Ema Lehr, Corynne Barone, Adrianna Wiedeman and Bella Tipton, who is currently a freshman. All performed at a high level both in the regular season and in the playoffs.

Seniors Brandie Phillips, Torrie Johnson and Kaylee Parrish will continue their softball careers at the college level. These seniors played important roles and were major contributors to the team's overall success.

"These are three standout athletes," Pruit said. "They're leaders on and off the field."

Phillips, who played center field, will attend Paris Junior College. She is currently undecided about what she will study but considers majoring in either engineering or business. She is most excited to make new friends, make a difference on her team, and to be a role model to young-

er kids. She thanks God, her family and her coaches for her continued success.

Johnson, who played catcher, will attend North Central Texas College. She will study nursing and wants to be an oncology nurse. She looks forward to making new friends and seeing if she can succeed in her new ventures. Her goals are to not procrastinate and have fun. She will play select ball this summer with the Black Widows who are based out of Krum.

Parrish, who played shortstop, will attend Hardin Simmons University. She will study nursing and wants to become a surgical nurse. Her goal is to make a stronger connection with the game of softball because it will be her last four years to play. She will play select ball this summer for Athletics Mercado.

Pruit will not return next year as head coach of the softball team but will be the new AHS assistant principal. Although she will no longer be a coach, she will continue to support and cheer the girls on from afar.



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AZLE HIGH SCHOOL **Academic Top Ten**

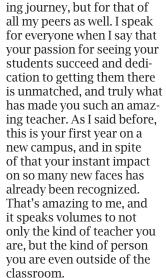


DEAR MRS. PADEN,

While choosing the teacher that had the most impact on my learning journey seems like a hard task, it really wasn't. Your name was the one that instantly came to mind. With it being your first year teaching at Azle High School, I'm sure it was stressful with many adjustments to be made and new people to meet.

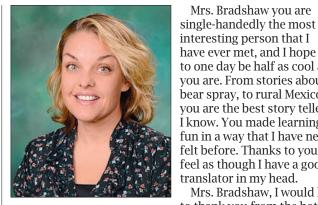
Despite this, I'm sure everyone in this room that's had the pleasure to call you their teacher can agree that your impact was instantly felt the second we walked in on that first day.

This is why I would like to take a moment to express how grateful I am for the profound impact you've had not only on my life and learn-



Your unwavering belief in my potential and your continuous guidance and support is what always motivated me to push beyond my limits and strive to be the best student I could be. You have inspired me to become a lifelong learner, and a compassionate human being that puts others before themselves. I wish you the best of luck in your journey forward as you continue to touch the lives of countless other students, just as you have for me. With the deepest

appreciation, Dakota



DEAR MRS. BRADSHAW,

It's really easy to impact a person. Now whether that's a positive or negative impact, that's the real question. Mrs. Bradshaw you have left the biggest, most positive impact on me in my years in the Azle education system. I have never met anvone more motivated and hardworking than you. Most people can't say they get up and run before the day has even started. But then again, you are not like most people (you're cooler). Anyone who has had the pleasure of talking to you knows how eccentric and lively you are. You have a way of making everyone feel seen and appreciated, and conversations with you are never boring.



DEAR MS. BEVAN

As I sit down to write this letter, I reflect on all the times we spent together this year, and I realize how much you've impacted me, not just academically but also personally. Having you for two periods in a row, we got to know each other pretty well. We had very happy moments like in 4th period College Algebra and some sad moments, like in AP Calculus in 5th period. Through these moments I appreciated who you were more and more each day. Everyone knows I am not Calculus's biggest fan. It was honestly the first math class I've ever struggled in. There were moments when I genuinely thought I would understand French more than I did Calculus. I want to thank you for not giving up on me, even when my answers seemed to defy the laws of mathematics themselves. Though I still

don't understand why the human race would invent derivatives and integrals, I appreciate all your efforts to make it all make sense.

Looking back on the year I have nothing but good memories thanks to you. Your ability to stay positive and energetic when we were all complaining about Calculus is so admirable. There were many times I came into your classroom in a bad mood and just tired of being at school, but your energy always made me feel so much better. I truly mean this because it would be understandable if vou came to school every day and were just tired and sat at your desk, as some teachers do. I mean you have two kids. vou run a farm. teach classes somewhere else, and sometimes even work out. however, this was never the case. Every single day you were up teaching with so much enthusiasm. I've told you this many times, Ms. Bevan you are an actual superwoman. You are the most motivated and hardworking person I know, and I hope to be half the woman you are someday. I want to thank you for all the jokes and all the advice you gave me throughout the year. I hope to see you at TCU next year when I join the sisterhood. Keep slaying queen. With love, Vielka Gonzalez

scared to talk to you to being

able to shed tears together,

I am so glad that the im-

the impact I got to make on

the younger girls. Being able

to show compassion and

teach the underclassmen

what it means to be kind-

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simply an honor. Reading

the letters they all wrote to

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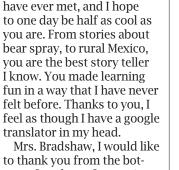
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thing Coach B!

Sincerely,

Shree Patel

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Mrs. Bradshaw you are

tom of my heart for putting up with me, Vielka and Ali in your third period. Thank you for the heated debates that you would settle, and for answering the stupid questions we would ask you. Third period will always have a special place in my heart and looking back on it, I will only have fond memories. Thank you, Mrs. Bradshaw

for being more than just a teacher. You're a mentor, motivator and a true inspiration. Your eccentricity and zest for life brightens our days and makes learning Spanish an unforgettable experience. Cheers to another seven great years!

With appreciation and admiration, Eva Solorzano

tion tables and I remember countless goofy times filled with laughter. You were always patient and you always had a positive attitude. I feel like your class was the first where I felt truly challenged and encouraged to pursue knowledge everywhere.

Not only did you shape me as a student, but you shaped me as a person as well. Through your example I learned how to be kind and confident and selfless. I'm sure my parents can vouch for this, but I came home on so many occasions ready to tell them all about how wonderful you were and what a wonderful day I had.

Thank you so much for the endless care and attention you have shown to all of your students. Thank you for your hard work and your dedication and your patience. I want you to know that your work does not go unnoticed, and that you are so appreciated by all of your students and I am sure, their parents as well. You were the best third grade teacher I could have ever had. Thank you, Rebecca Marx



COACH AVERITTE,

Two years ago when I chose to take AP Psychology and saw your name on my schedule I had no idea what to expect. Honestly I was just taking it for the boost in my GPA. To my surprise, when I walked into your room

for the first time I was greeted with someone with a very outgoing personality that just brought up the moods of everyone around

him. So you can imagine how delighted I was to see it appear again on my senior year schedule for AP Gov.

Although I was only in each of those classes for a semester, the impact that you had on me and many of the other students was tremendous, and I believe that I speak for everyone who has had the pleasure to take one of your classes. I'd like to express my gratitude for the way that you changed my outlook on life as well as the multitudes of advice that you have given me over the last two years.

Your attitude towards teaching in addition to the effect that you have had on me speaks volumes on your character. The inspiration that you have given me to try and become a more outgoing person has made a massive impact on my life, and for that I'd like to thank you. -Josh



DEAR MRS. PRATHER,

Thank you so much for being the most influential teacher in my school career. I have never had an OnRamps class that I can say was as fun as OnRamps Computer Science. You brought so much joy to me in your class by encouraging a fun environment. I looked forward to going to your class every day. Your fifth period last year was easily my most memorable class, and I am so thankful for that.

I usually am not the biggest fan of projects or group assignments, but the way



they were implemented in your class made them fun. I genuinely enjoyed working through the projects and assignments, and you were always more than willing to help whenever need be. I was never afraid to ask questions in your class because you made it so open and inviting. I am so grateful for the kindness you showed me during your class.

One of my favorite parts of your class was talking to you every day. I am so glad that I started eating lunch with you my senior year, and still be able to have conversations with you that we used to have last year. You are easily my favorite teacher, and I cannot thank you enough for everything you have done for me. You made my junior and senior years the best of my high school experience, and I am more than grateful for that. I appreciate everything you have done for me and the compassion you showed me.

Thank you Allison Wright

your job was palpable, and it inspired me to approach every aspect of my life with the same level of enthusiasm and dedication. But what stood out to me was how caring and attentive vou were. You always knew when something was wrong and

my elementary teachers, you are the one who had the biggest impact on my life. Your class was so memorable - in a good way, and I am so thankful that I got you as my third grade teacher.

DEAR MS. REASONER,

I want to start by saving

thank you. You are such an

amazing and inspiring teach-

er and person. I am so grate-

ful for all of the effort vou

put into your teaching and

for the joy that permeates

your classroom. Out of all of

I remember so many things about your class. I remember when you read to us, The One and Only Ivan, which is still one of my favorites today. I remember timed quizzes with our multiplica-

DEAR COACH JONES,

As a young freshman that had just started school in a completely new town and state, you provided all the welcoming anyone could ever wish for. You always made it a priority to attend to all of your students. Your endearing heart was so admirable because even during the period of remote learning, you still managed to engage with all of your students, ensured that everyone learned the material and developed several personal relationships.

Your ability to spark up a conversation with any given student, even the incredibly quiet ones like my freshman self, was another quality that I admired about you. So many times, students go to class, do their work, then move on to our next class to repeat the process. But, I knew that when I walked into your class, I could expect to

have some sort of conversation - in a good way.

I went from being a student in your Principles of Business class to somehow being convinced that I should run cross country. Even though I despised running and never thought I could run 8 miles, you somehow got me to do summer running and then convinced me to run for the rest of that year. Not only did you believe in me when I didn't believe in myself, but you always had a way of offering the perfect words of advice whenever I was stressed about school or for a soccer game.

At times when I was indecisive between what classes to take the following year or what pose I should choose for my banner, you always laid out all of my options and guided me to make the right decision. Your unwavering support, encouragement, and guidance have truly made you a great mentor, teacher, and friend that I'll always cherish and appreciate.

Thank you for being such a devoted teacher. Thank you for making my decisions easy. Thank you for being a listening ear. Thank you for teaching me how to cross the finish line. And overall, thank you for just being you. Love,

Eliana Tejeda

MRS. BAGWELL,

I just want to take a moment to tell you how much you mean to me and how you have in a way shaped who I am today ever since 2nd Grade. I am filled with gratitude for the impact you have had on my life and the lives of so many others.

You were always so cheerful and full of energy, and it made me excited to come to school every day. Your positive attitude was contagious and your passion for



DEAR COACH DAVIDSON,

Playing under your coaching for four years across two sports has been an absolute honor. You have been one of the best coaches I have ever had throughout 15 years of playing sports. You are always stern when you need to be, and counter it with humor when the opportunity arises. You have always pushed me to be the best athlete and person possible. From yelling at me to "unhitch the trailer" when I was running too slow during a soccer game freshman year, to announcing my special teams player of the year award for my senior year football banquet, you have always supported and

ou went out of your way to help us feel better. Whether it was a comforting word, a big hug, or simply a listening ear, you were always there to provide support and comfort to your students.

I just wanted to say thank you for being such an amazing teacher. You've had a big impact on my life, and have been such a positive influence in my life as well. Your kindness, compassion, and unwavering dedication to your students have left a lasting impression on me, and I'll always be grateful for everything you did for me and the rest of your students Sincerely, **Peytie Chambers**

pushed me to strive for more and be a better athlete.

You started as only being my coach because I was on defense and a linebacker, but then once I moved to only kicker on varsity, you became the special team's coordinator. You were also my head coach for soccer my freshman year and then my assistant for the remaining three years of soccer. Working closely with you allowed me to learn a lot more about not only kicking and soccer, but for life. You have taught me countless lessons I will carry with me for the rest of my life ... and some sayings too, of course.

Thank you so much for making my high school experience a lot better and pushing me to be a better person and athlete. You are one of the main reasons I have been given the opportunity to play collegiate soccer; this is only a small way that I can thank you. I hope you continue to keep making jokes and impacting the lives of athletes like me. For one final time, "What are you doing son? Wake up!" Sincerely,

Braden Forsythe



COACH BUCKHOLT,

I want to start by saying a simple thank you. Thank you for being my coach for the past two years and the person who has helped me become the person I am today.

Coming into high school, I had no clue how much of an influence someone could have on me. I can vividly remember when I first met you. I was nothing but timid and afraid to talk to you because you were the slightest bit intimidating. Because of your influence in the volleyball program, I've had the ability to learn communication skills, resilience, selfdiscipline, along with simply being who I am. From being

I've become very fond of this relationship we've formed. Thank you for being the one who believed in me and saw ability, when no one else did. Pushing me past my limits is an understatement. Throwback to when I balled my eyes out on the court and you had to pull me out to tell me how everything's going to be okay, and to go back out to the court with confidence.

AZLE HIGH SCHOOL Faculty Choice Top Ten



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DEAR OFFICER STUTSMAN,

My goal for you when reading this letter is to allow it to fill your heart with the same warmth and gratitude that your presence in my life has always sparked within me.

From my Freshman year of High School to my now Senior year, I can and will always remember the feeling of the huge smile on my face as I walked into the hallway where your classroom is located. For the rest of my life, I will always think of you and hear the words "Mr. Brewton" as I enter your classroom knowing I am about to learn something new and valuable to me that I can cherish and use all

my life. I feel that some of the things I have learned in school are completely irrelevant, but when I was in your classroom that feeling never came to me, each one of your lectures was of prominent value to me. As a matter of fact, you were more than just a teacher; you challenged me to reach higher, to push beyond my limits, and to embrace the unknown with courage. You have left an indelible mark on my heart and mind, shaping not only my academic pursuits but also the person I am today. Because of you, I am confident in my ability to pursue anything, I put my mind and heart into, simply because I know you will forever be rooting for me. Not only this, but I hope you feel the same way in the fact that I will forever be rooting for you in whatever it is you do. I hope you can continue touching the lives of everyone who surrounds themselves with your uplifting spirit.

This is said with my deepest appreciation and admiration, Parker Brewton



DEAR MS. REASONER,

I hope this letter finds you well. As you know, I've had the pleasure of being named the salutatorian of our class, and I thank you for your guidance and support over these past few years. Your passion and enthusiasm for teaching have helped me learn chemistry with both excitement and determination, as well as provided me with a love for learning, which I never deemed possible for chemistry.

But besides being an exceptional chemistry teacher, you've always been there to help me. Whether it was staying after class to help me study difficult subjects, offering words of encouragement before an exam, or simply lending a listening



DEAR MR. DAVIS,

To the only person who could ever make me enjoy playing my instrument at 7:00 in the morning. As I prepare to graduate and start a new chapter of my life, I want to take a moment to express my gratitude to you. When I first moved to Azle as a junior, I was nervous about starting new in a different environment. However, your

positivity and encouragement has not only brightened rehearsals, but also fostered a sense of belonging and fellowship among us.

I will never forget my first week of being a new student at band camp when you said the simple words "Hello Anahi". A common detail that gets said to everyone, every day, every second, but a major detail to a new anxious student. Despite only being there a few days, you remembered my name, acknowledged me, and made me feel like I belonged. You made me feel welcomed and like a member of the band.

Overtime I recognized your passion, dedication, and unwavering support to not just the band as a whole, but to each individual student. Your patience, understanding, and belief in our ability to overcome any obstacle that comes before us, has shaped me as a person. I will forever remember you and your love for everyone. I pray that you experience that same level of love you share with everyone.

running to the front office to get your lunch. You have always been there for me and I just wanted to say thank you. You never giving up on me is one of the main reasons why I joined the military. You taught me that I could do anything that I wanted to, and that no matter how big I dream, I could accom-

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Thank you, Ms. Reasoner,

for believing in me, challeng-

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the student I am today. Your

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high school career.

Anna Preston

Sincerely,

teacher for nearly all of my

that you have done.

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plish it. So even though my high school years are coming to an end, I will always be grateful for you getting me through it.

Even though I wasn't always the nicest kid sometimes, or the best reader, or the best speller, you taught me that as long as I'm confident, I can make it through anything. I will never forget



DEAR MR. MERCK,

You have been a part of my life for as long as I can remember. You have been there for birthdays, holidays, crawfish boils, cookouts and many other things. You have taught me so much, not only about life but also about welding. I may have never realized how much I enjoyed welding, or that it would be



DEAR MR. COOKE,

Throughout my time at Azle High School, I have strived to do my best to leave an impact and make a difference. Thanks to you, I believe I have been able to do my best at that. I am so thankful for your endless dedication in StuCo, which gave me the motivation to work hard and aim to be a great leader in our school. You made all the work and "sweatshops" in student council not feel like real work, and actually made some of my best memories of high school.

I was a little worried about having a leadership class period this year, because I thought for sure by the end



my future career if it hadn't been for your guidance.

You have been a positive influence most of my life if not my whole life, and I can't thank you enough for showing me the way through school, and having helped me find a passion for what I want to do. I can't wait to show you what all I plan to do in the future, and what I plan to accomplish with what you have taught me.

I hope I can make you proud, and I just wanted to say thank you for everything you have done for me, and for everything you have taught me. I hope in the future I can pass on all the life lessons and skills you have taught me and help others grow as you have helped me. Sincerely,

Dalton Dorris

of the year I would be so done with all things student council, and that forty five minutes a day with you would drive me crazy (jk). Not to mention, that I would be so glad to never make a school poster or do the StuCo Clap and Wigalo ever again. However, that is not the case at all because StuCo, and you of course, are going to be the things I miss most about AHS.

While I wish I was able to have more time with you as my StuCo advisor, I am glad that when you decided to come back it was during my last two years. I will never forget all of your funny phrases like "awko taco," the random outbursts of singing the only two lines of songs you know, and how much you brought up that quote by Master Oogway. Even though I never had you as an actual teacher, you've taught me so much about doing good in the world. I cannot wait to visit you like a super senior next year and bombard you with all my UNT questions. Sincerely,

Melani Rushing

coach for the past two years. As a freshman I was very shy and unclear of my path, but through your leadership and encouragement I was able to come out of my shell and accomplish many things.

Coach Dorris you had the trust in me to be a leader and do my job for his football team. Without the opportuni-

taught me many traits need-

ed to be a successful man.

You taught me leadership,

discipline, and integrity. Now

that high school is coming to

an end, I am excited to apply

these traits to my everyday

life in order to grow and be-

Coach Dorris, it is a true

life, and I would not be where

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come a successful man.

I am today without you.

Thank you,

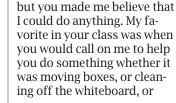
Tyler Ulrich

warm welcome and unwavering support quickly eased my transition, and I'm extremely grateful for your guidance. I'm proud to say you were the first person to make me feel like I belonged.

During my short time here, you have consistently been a true mentor by always smiling, showing kindness, and caring for everyone. Your

P.S. I love you even more for marrying Mrs. Davis. With Love, Anahi Colmenero

make practices fun with your



DEAR MRS. MILOSH

I just wanted to say thank

vou for never giving up on

me. You are one of the only

reasons I am graduating. My

was one of the hardest for

me. I was never one of the

freshman year of high school

smartest kids or biggest kids,

all the times that you helped me through some of the toughest things that you could go through in high school. Thank you, Dylan Dorris

As one of your athletes in

DEAR COACH ENIS,

I have known you for six years of my life, but I feel like the impact you have made on me makes it seem like I've known you for so much longer. I don't know why we've had such a close connection; the only way I can explain it is that I feel like we both see so much of ourselves in each other. I know that might be strange because you're a billion years older than me, but I think you agree. I don't know why, but I have always had a level of admiration for you that I haven't had with other coaches or teachers. I looked up to you even in middle school, not just because I wanted to impress you as a coach but because I wanted you to be proud of who I was as a person.

middle school, I got to know you a lot better than most. I saw you when you were really happy and excited, but I also saw vou when vou were red-faced and PO'd. But I will admit, you were definitely one of my less intimidating coaches when you were mad. You pushed me to work a lot harder because you knew what I was capable of, and that's something I will always be thankful for. You pushed me to work hard not only on my athletic performance but also on my academic and personal performance.

But it's not just that you made me better. You recognized my hard work, although you've never admitted this to me. I know for a fact you are the key reason I won that Athlete of the Year award in 7th grade. 300 words aren't enough to say a proper thank you, but I want you to know that whatever I end up doing with my life, no matter how successful I may become, I will always remember the man who pushed me to work hard and the man who believed in me, despite what I may have thought of myself.

Your Best Friend, Alan Hard

COACH DORRIS

It is a blessing to be chosen for Faculty Choice Top Ten. Thank you to all the faculty members who voted for me. There was one person who made a huge impact on me throughout my high school career, and that is Coach Dorris.

Coach Dorris, you have been my head football coach for four years now, and I have had the privilege of having you as my position



DEAR COACH HOLLY,

Thank you for your guidance and support the last two years in both powerlifting and track. Hearing we had a new coach in powerlifting, I didn't think much of it until I came to realize the impact you made on me, not only as an athlete but as an individual. While it may have only been two years. I can proudly say you made

the biggest impact on me in such a short amount of time.

Your belief in me has been a source of motivation, and your passion for coaching is inspiring. You took the time to teach me how to run and jump into a pit of sand which wasn't pretty, but you had faith. Your dedication and hard work have driven me to aim higher in both sports.

Thank you for making those awful track practices so bearable and humoring me when I said I was quitting every morning, only to show up the next day. I will miss always running into you on your morning runs in the neighborhood and not to mention almost hitting you, sorry about that. But once again, thank you. Sincerely,

Raegan Williams





DEAR COACH O,

Thank you for everything you have taught me, on and off the softball field. When I was little, I always looked forward to you coaching me a few days every summer at softball camp. Not only were you a good coach, but you would make us laugh and always try to tease me for my height, which you have no room to talk.

When I got to high school, I was excited for you to finally be my coach because I had been looking forward to it since the first time I went to camp. You were able to

jokes and quick-wittedness. Along with your jokes, you're very wise and always gave us advice for whatever we are talking about. If anything ever was frustrating me, you would always be there to talk me through it. You were also my favorite

teacher junior year, and I really only took that class to have you as a teacher. (That class was always my worst grade, but you made it bearable). Even though you are not my coach or teacher anymore, you still show up and support us every chance you get and still try to coach us.

Even though, I can't come down to your classroom anymore to talk to you, I know you'll always be there if I need to talk. And even though I'm not going to Hawaii and living in a shack on the beach like we used to talk about, hopefully I'll have just as much fun at Oklahoma State.

Love, Morgan Terrell

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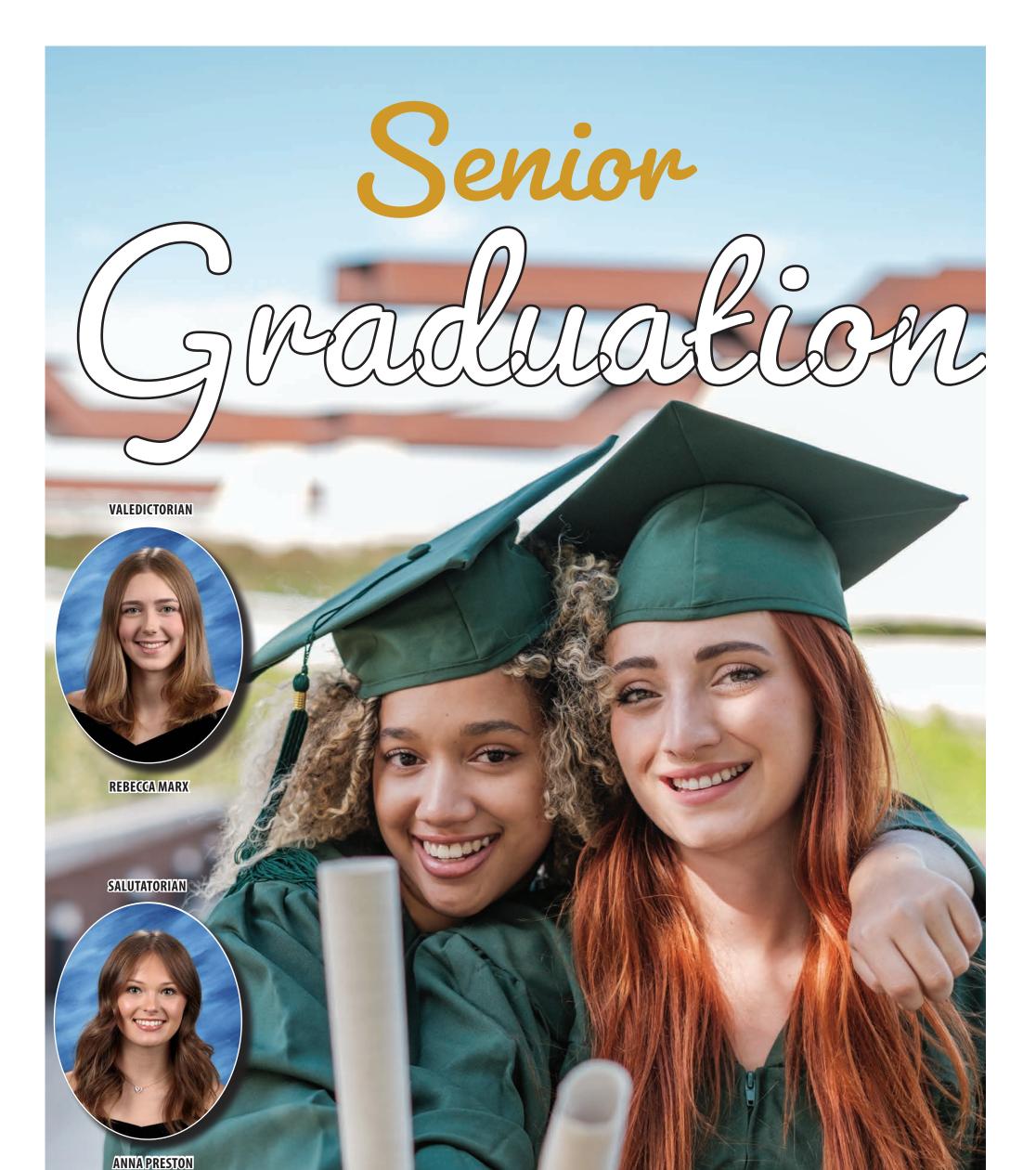
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Favorite teacher: Mrs.

Favorite subject: Cheer

Plans after graduation:

University and major in

Attend Tarleton State

Sports: Varsity cheer - All

American, All State, Most



Kyler Akers



Haggan Allcock



Nolen Anderson

Kyler Akers Azle High School Parents name: Damon and Amber Akers **Clubs:** Pilot for the Azle Drone Team, participating in the Bell AVR competition for 3 years, placing 4th in the nation; FAA Part 107 Drone Pilot License; Top 10% of Senior Class; Optimist Club Texan of the Month Favorite teacher: Coach **Tvler Harrison Favorite subject:** Engineering Plans after graduation: Attending Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona Beach FL and received the Air Force ROTC Type 1 fullride scholarship for aeronautical engineering and will commission in the Air Force once complete.



Mattalon Allison





Hayden Andres

Azle High School Parents name: Fred & Melissa Amato Clubs: Alaina has been in band since sixth grade. She play the alto sax, and the soprano sax. Alaina also enjoys being in fashion design. Favorite teacher: David Rollins Favorite subject: Music

Plans after graduation: Alaina plans on pursuing a career in aviation or maybe spend one year in Colombia, South America

Corbett Favorite subject: Math Plans after graduation: I plan to continue in my journey of finding myself

and the things I enjoy doing, as well as work on making money to put towards further education and a better way of living.

Javier Avila Azle High School Parents name: Javier Avila **Clubs:** Azle Marching Green Pride, trombone section leader; Azle UIL Academics team Favorite teacher: Mr. Davis Favorite subject: Band Plans after: Go to college and do drum corps in the summer until I age out, and hopefully become a band director in the future.

Most Improved - Junior; Rookie of the Year · Freshman Favorite teacher: Mrs. Prather Favorite subject: US History Plans after graduation: I plan to go to the University of Texas at Arlington to pursue a degree in business or

Parents name: Tina and

Jeremy McLain

Foster **Clubs:** Student Athletic Training



Michael Ambrose



Christopher Arguello

Favorite subject: English Plans after graduation: Go to Tarleton and obtain a bachelors in kinesiology

Peighton Berry

Azle High School Parents name: Christi & Lance Lewis and Josh & Courtney Berry Clubs: A Honor Roll; Swim Team Captain; NHS; FCA; TAFE; BIM Certification; FFA; Marching Band (freshman year only) Sports: Swimming: -Most Improved Swimmer, Team Captain, 3rd place 200 individual freestyle at district swim meet, 6th place individual 100 freestyle at regionals, 6th place individual 200 freestyle at regionals, School record in 200 medley relay, School record 200 freestyle relay, School record 4x100 freestyle relay Favorite teacher: Coach Estes



Andrews

Tucker Barbee

computer science.

Parents name: Laura

Azle High School

psychology

Leila Barrett

Haggan Allcock

Azle High School Parents name: Joe & Gailynn Allcock Clubs: TAFE (Texas Association Future Educators) Parliamentarian, Vice President.; Chess Club. Sports: Wrestling Rookie and State Champion. Favorite teacher: Mr. Ryan Griffin Favorite subject: History

Plans after graduation: Attending Tarrant County College, transferring to Tarleton State University majoring in education focusing on history.

Alaina Amato

as an exchange student.

Aspen Andrews

Azle High School Parents name: Kylee Phillips and Joe Andrews Clubs: Straight A student; CAN; AVID Sports: Basketball grade 7-10; Softball for 13 years Favorite teacher: Ryan Griffin Favorite subject: Math Plans after: My plans after high school are to go to school to be physical therapy assistant at Weatherford college and work my way towards being a physical therapist

Christopher Arguello

Azle High School Parents name: Autumn Arguello **Clubs:** I've been in the avid organization for my entire 4 years of high school; I've Participated as a local member of FCCLA; I've taken higher level English classes all throughout high school Favorite teacher: Neil

Taylor Babin

Azle High School Parents name: Ann Babin Favorite teacher: Mrs. Hutton Favorite subject: Health science clinicals **Plans after graduation:** Attending Texas State University with a major in nursing.

Royce Baker

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Azle High School Parents name: Royce Baker and Adriana Ulloa-Baker Clubs: National Honor Society; Community service with The Lions Club and Azle Baseball Sports: Varsity Tennis - 4 years; Co-Captain - Senior; Clubs: Rodeo Team, Bull Rider, Sports: Fort Worth stock show high school scholarship rodeo qualifier

Caroline Barone Azle High School Parents name: Brian and Shelly Barone Clubs: Student Council; National Honor Society; A honor roll all 4 years;

Favorite teacher: Mrs. Hutton Favorite subject: Statistics Plans after: Attend Weatherford College with a nursing major

Rylee Barrow

Azle High School Parents name: Mistv Brosh and Scott Barrow Favorite teacher: Mr.Corbett



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Taylor Babin



Back





Lillian Badillo



Esmeralda Baeza



Taylor Bailey



Royce Baker

Favorite subject: English Plans after graduation: ACU honors college pursuing a degree in nursing

Reeslyn Bice Azle High School



Casper

Ball

Parents name: Lindsay Murphree Clubs: National Honor Society; Rotarian of the month senior year; Student of the 9 weeks junior year; A honor roll; Favorite teacher: Coach



Jailyn Ball

Prather Favorite subject: English Plans after graduation: Getting a masters in psychology and becoming a clinical psychologist.

Kristina Birkeland





Caroline Barone

Editor; UIL Academics Competitor; National Honor Society Member Sports: Varsity Tennis, 2023 MVP Favorite teacher: Mr. Corbett Favorite subject: Science



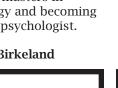
Leila Barrett

Plans after graduation: Attend Oberlin College to double major in environmental studies and political science. Plan to do climate policy at the international level.



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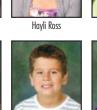


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Kayden **Bigelow**



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Elliott Blagg Azle High School Parents name: Robert Blagg, Lisa Blagg Clubs: Ag mechanics; FFA Sports: Baseball Favorite teacher: Bradley Merck Favorite subject: Ag Mechanics-grand champion of TCJLS division 2 Plans after graduation: I plan to work at the Tarrant Regional Water District and pursue my career in becoming a



Kristina Birkeland



Avery Bradberry

firefighter, I will also be attending an online EMT school as well as being a volunteer firefighter at the Parker County ESD 1.

Madeleine Boivin Azle High School Parents name: Corrie and Scott Boivin Clubs: Band: Head Drum Major, Woodwind Captain; Choir: Secretary; NHS; HOSA; Interact Favorite teacher: Mr. Davis Favorite subject: Clinicals

(Medical) Plans after graduation: I will be attending the University of Texas at Arlington to complete a degree in nursing on a full ride scholarship with the

Terry Foundation.

Avery Bradberry Azle High School Parents name: Aaron and Alisha Bradberry Clubs: Choir, FCCLA Favorite teacher: Mr. Mac and Ms. Deramy Favorite subject: Choir



Elliott Blagg



Kaleb Braswell

> and fashion design Plans after graduation: Cosmetology school at Ogle

Kaleb Braswell Azle High School Parents name: Tommy and Kristy Braswell **Sports:** I played basketball all 4 years of high school and received an Honorable Mention for the All District Team for Defense my Senior year. I played 3 years of baseball and 1 year of football.



Payton Blann



Gillian **Brentz**

Favorite teacher: Coach Baron Favorite subject: Real Estate Plans after graduation: I plan to get my real estate license and pursue a career in real estate.

Parker Brewton

Azle High School Parents name: Brandi Brewton, Kevin Brewton Clubs: Azle Interact Club; Azle Wind Ensemble; Azle Jazz Band; Azle Marching Band; Azle AP



Madeleine Boivin



Dakota **Brewton**

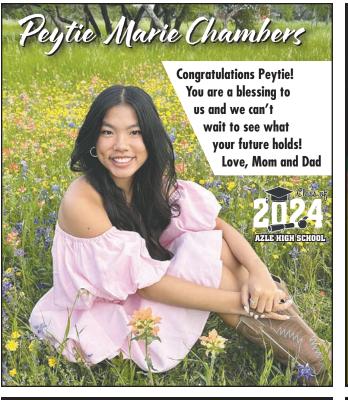
Ambassadors; National Honors Society; STUCO; PALS Favorite teacher: Steven Stutsman Favorite subject: Anything but math Plans after graduation: Plans after graduation are to attend Tarrant County College, majoring in business. Plan to obtain higher education after TCC at either University of Texas at Dallas or

University of North Texas.



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Congratulations, Ryllon, we are so proud of all your accomplishments and dedication throughout the years. We know you will be successful no matter what you do in your future. Always remember to reach for the stars, sweet girl. We love you!!! Love Always, Dad, Mom, Pepa, Mimi, Nannie, Skylee,& Tenslee



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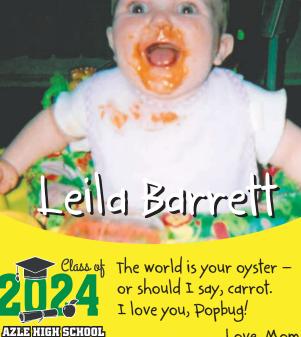
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Isaac **Buchanan**



Levi **Butler**

Aiden Buscay Azle High School Parents name: Abbey and Brian Buscay Sports: Tennis Favorite teacher: Mrs. Prather Favorite subject: Math

Kaitlyn Caffey Azle High School Parents name: Christal



Matthew Bujak



Kaitlyn Caffey

and Jason Caffey Sports: Varsity cheerleader; Varsity baseball manager Favorite teacher: Mrs Knoll Favorite subject: Math Plans after graduation: To go to Weatherford College to major in accounting

Joshua Carver



Deacon Burghardt



Mason Cain

Azle High School Parents name: Tony and Lori Carver Clubs: Band, Section Leader, High Brass Captain, Most Improved Member of Wind Ensemble sophomore year, Loading Crew, Interact Club, **Optimist Club Young** Texan of the Month, National Honor Society,

Academic Top 10. Favorite teacher: Mrs. Prather Favorite subject: On **Ramps Computer Science** Plans after graduation: Attend Texas Tech University for business

Peytie Chambers Azle High School Parents name: William



Katie **Burleson**



Mackenzie Campbell

and Robin Chambers Clubs: Throughout my high school years, I have actively contributed to the community as a member of the National Honor Society (NHS) since sophomore year. My dedication to service and academic excellence has been developed by my recent membership in AP



Aiden **Buscay**



Jessalyn Campos

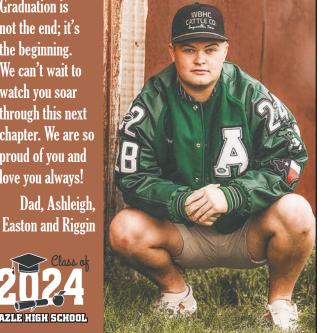
Ambassadors, where I aim to make a positive impact through leadership and outreach with children at Walnut Creek. sports: I was also apart of Varsity Tennis, where I held the position of the No. 1 player on the girl's side from my Sophomore to my Junior year. These experiences



Preston Hunter Johnson Allison Laine Wright

Graduation is not the end; it's the beginning. We can't wait to watch you soar through this next chapter. We are so proud of you and love you always! Dad, Ashleigh,

AZLE HIGH SCHOOL





You are a treasure! You are brave, smart, honest, and beautiful inside & out. We can't wait to see the mountains you will move as you let God work through you. Always stay close to Him. As you embark on your college years at TCU we will be cheering & praying for you everyday. We love you with all of our hearts! Love, Dad, Mom, & Nolan

Joshua 1:9 "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

Alaina Nicole, we are so very proud of you. Go forth in this world with confidence, and grace. Have fun, and be happy. Love yourself and love others. Be kind. We love you to the moon and Love, Mom and Dad

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have not only shaped my character but also taught me valuable lessons in teamwork, leadership, and perseverance. Favorite teacher: Mrs. Paden Favorite subject: Biology Plans after graduation: After high school, I plan to attend A&M and pursue a bachelor's degree in business, with a possible major in finance or accounting. After completing my undergraduate studies, I am considering the possibility of attending law school to further expand my knowledge and skills, opening up a flexible range of career options and opportunities.

Shaylea Cassel

Caitlyn Colley Azle High School Parents name: Cory and Crystal Colley Clubs: Caitlyn is a current President, Sweetheart, and member of the Azle Rodeo Team and has held an officer position for each year while being on the team. She has served as Sergeant at Arms, Historian, and President. Sports: While competing on the Azle Rodeo Team she has qualified for finals each year and plans on continuing to rodeo after graduation. Favorite teacher: Kristen Cook Favorite subject: Veterinary Medical Applications



Darwin Castaneda

Plans after graduation: Caitlyn will obtain her equine sports massage therapy certification this summer and attend college afterwards. While attending Azle High School she has already completed certifications in floral design, welding, and graphic design.

Anahipatricia Colmenero

Azle High School Parents name: Armando Colmenero, Patricia Colmenero Clubs: Varsity Girls Soccer; Cross Country; National Honor Society; AP Ambassador Student Council; Interact International Club; Student Body Vice President; MGP

Sports: Varsity Girls Soccer: (2nd team all district 11th and 12th grade), (Midfielder MVP 11th grade); Cross Country Favorite teacher: Mr.Davis Favorite subject: Math Plans after graduation: I plan to go TCC then transfer to Texas A&M to get my masters degrees in electrical engineering and minor in business

Nicholas Cook



Azle High School Parents name: Jeffrey and Kristen Cook **Sports:** Azle High School Football and sports film crew, Favorite teacher: Officer Stutsman Favorite subject: 4:00pm Plans after graduation: College and make money from investments

Carson Cooper Azle High School Parents name: Kyle &



Michael Cato

Kristie Cooper Clubs: I have been a member of the Interact club and go to every mission I can to help the community. I have also been a part of the Cybersecurity team at Azle High-school for 4 years, being the only member to do it Freshman-Senior Years. This year I finished with the highest award, and finished 1st in my highschool, and 4th in the

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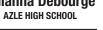
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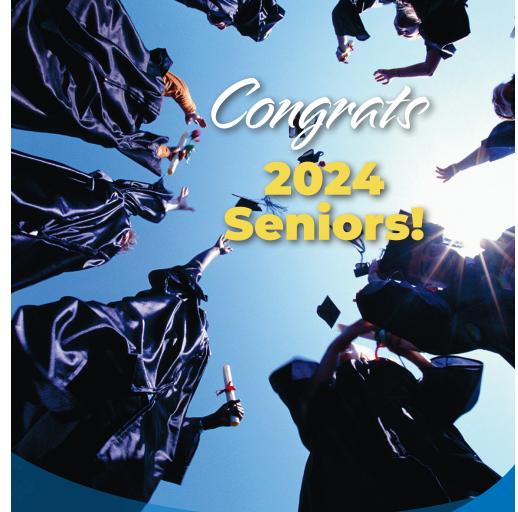


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Cathryn Coleman



Colley



Sean Collier

state of Texas. I am also certified in Onshape, Fusion-360, and Adobe Photoshop. I'm currently working towards my GFACT certification through the SANS foundation.



Cloie Collins

Sports: I have been a part of the Marching Band all 4 years of high school. I was Low-Brass Captain for one year and Loading Crew Captain for 2. I also participated in the concert bands. I currently have a



Anahipatricia Colmenero

big solo for our upcoming

UIL concert. I was named

4th chair of the top region

band, I have also qualified

for state in the Solo and

Ensemble contest 3 times

on Euphonium, and twice

on Trombone. This year I

taught a Trombone choir of 10 players and helped bring them to state, as well as performing one of the hardest super solos on the UIL prescribed music list on Euphonium. Favorite teacher: Greg





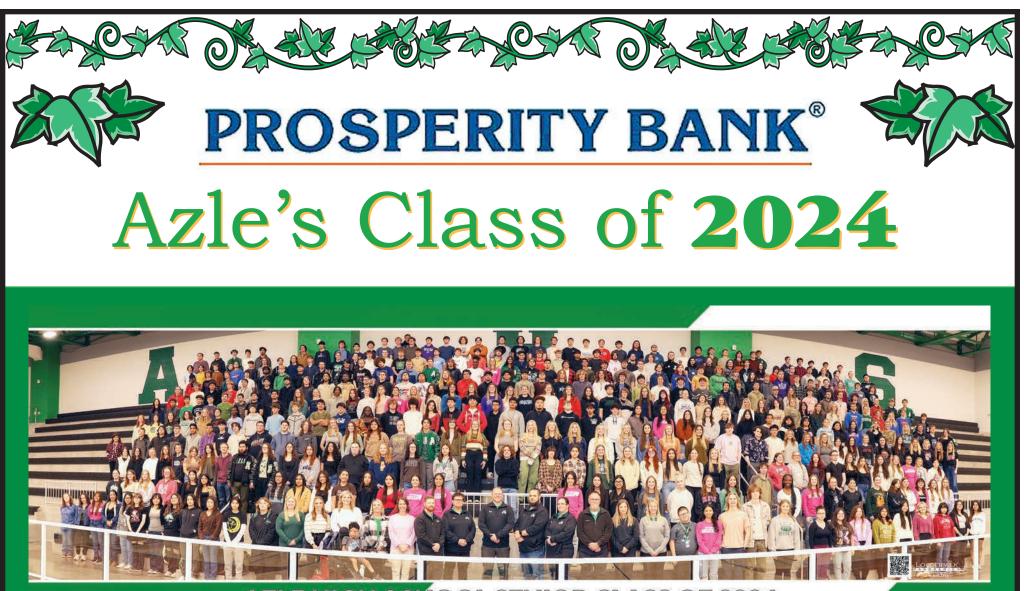
Christopher Contreras

Davis **Favorite subject: Computer Science** Plans after graduation: I plan to go to Texas Tech and study business at the Rawls Business College. I also want to



Rylyee Contreras

participate in their concert band programs to keep on doing what I love and becoming a better musician.



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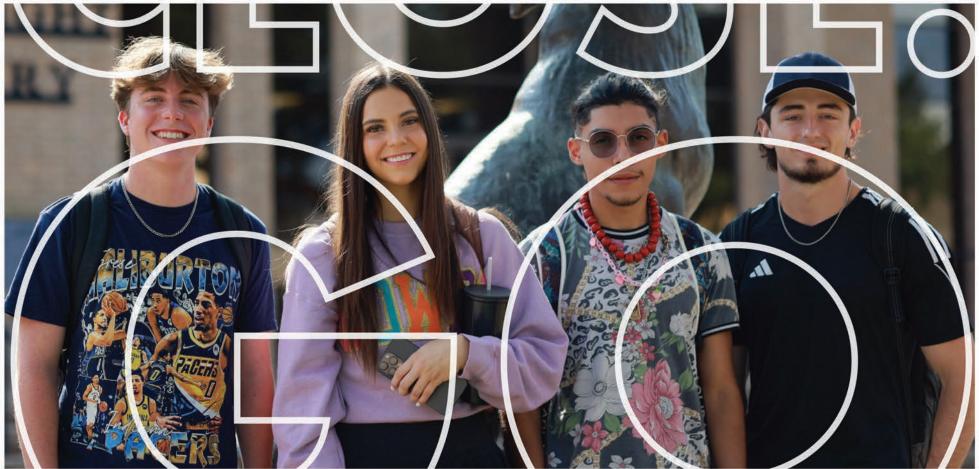
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Kailyn Curry



Caiden Davis



Joanna De La Cruz

Brandon Coston Azle High School Parents name: Ilesha Iohnson Favorite teacher: Mr. Quevedo Favorite subject: Robotics Plans after graduation: Work and explore after school.

Nathan Crutchfield Azle High School Parents name: Brian and Susan Crutchfield Clubs: AVID, Choir **Sports:** Third degree black belt in taekwondo Favorite teacher: Mr. **McCartney** Favorite subject: Choir Plans after graduation: Nate plans to attends ACU and major in sports management



Rhianna Debourge

Parents name: Jennifer DeBourge Favorite teacher: Milosh Favorite subject: Government Plans after: Attend college and law school to become an immigration lawyer

Joanna De La Cruz Azle High School Parents name: Ruth Verduzco and Mario De La Cruz Clubs: Avid, A honor roll Favorite teacher: Mr.

work on continuing piano studies.

Brendon Devillier Azle High School Parents name: Dianna Moore Clubs: Azle drone team - peripheral pilot- 4th overall; Azle drumline section leader junior year Favorite teacher: Tyler Harrison Favorite subject: Engineering Plans after: Attending

Plans after graduation: Attending Texas State University and majoring in pre-occupational therapy.

Chandler Doggett Azle High School Parents name: Chad and Sandy Doggett Clubs: PALS and Yearbook Editor Favorite teacher: Mrs. Roberts Favorite subject: English Plans after graduation: Attending Texas State University and major in radiation therapy.



Timothy Delano

Favorite subject: English Plans after graduation: I plan to go to Ouachita Baptist university to become a registered nurse for pediatrics

Ryllon Farmer Azle High School Parents name: Ryan and Fallon Farmer Clubs: PALS Sports: Senior Lieutenant of the Emerald Dazzler Drill Team Favorite teacher: Officer Stutsman Favorite subject: English **Plans after:** Ryllon plans to attend Weatherford College to pursue her cosmetology license and open her own business specializing in hair and make up.



Benjamin Derting

and later become a homicide detective.

Taitum Fears

Azle High School **Parents name:** Jake Fears Clubs: Band (drumline):captain of the quad line at Haltom High School 2 years in a row, 1st division solo & ensemble 3 years in a row earning 3 patches for a letterman; Culinary: volunteer cook for special events and activities within Azle ISD, -ServSafe Manager Certification Favorite teacher: Samantha Baker Favorite subject: Culinary Plans after graduation: I plan to move to Delaware and attend Delaware Technical Institute to be with my girlfriend to establish residency and transfer to a university that has a prestigious architecture program. After or during which I plan to get a license in real estate, so that I might find the property of my dreams to build the house of my dreams on.



Kailyn Curry

Azle High School Parents name: Jacob & Courtney Allen, and Jessie Curry Favorite teacher: Mrs. Dunn Favorite subject: Math Plans after: Graduating early at AHS with plans of going to Weatherford College Cosmetology School.

Rhianna DeBourge Azle High School

McDonald Favorite subject: Math Plans after graduation: Go to TCC and Ogle to get my esthetician license and business degree

Benjamin Derting Azle High School Parents name: Stephen and Jennifer Derting Clubs: Senior Representative in the International Thespian Society, co-Captain of the Improv Troupe, All-Star Cast and Honorable Mention All-Star Cast at UIL One Act Play. Favorite teacher: Ryan Griffin Favorite subject: History Plans after graduation: I'm going to Binghamton University in New York to major in psychology and

UTA for a bachelor's in mechanical engineering. After a short time, I will apply for an internship at Lockheed Martin

Rafael Diaz

Azle High School Parents name: Rafael and Brandie Diaz Sports: Football Favorite teacher: Mrs. Hutton Favorite subject: History Plans after: Work for brother and then become an electrician

Alex Doggett Azle High School Parents name: Chad and Sandy Doggett Clubs: PALS Favorite teacher: Coach Vines Favorite subject: English **Kade Dowell** Azle High School Parents name: Kristi Dowell **Favorite teacher:** Reasoner Favorite subject: Off-Period Plans after graduation: Engineering at Tarleton State University

Jorja Erwin Azle High School Parents name: Deric Erwin and Jolie Singletary Clubs: Fccla; Asl club Sports: Varsity tennis: All District Academic, honorable mention in girls 2 singles and girls 1 doubles Favorite teacher: Ms.self

Emajine Favors Azle High School Parents name: Trina Riggins Clubs: AP Eng.3; Honors English Favorite teacher: Carla Cockerham Favorite subject: English Plans after graduation: I plan to go to college to major in criminal justice

Salina Fischer

Azle High School Parents name: Noelle Fischer, Robert Fischer **Clubs:** Welding class certification









Michelle Villasenor Landri Seward

Aiden Landon Rollins Boswell High School

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OF AZLE **Congratulations Graduates!**





Brendon Devillier



Aaliyah Diaz



Rafael Diaz



Evelyn Dickens



Jesse Dill



Alicen Dillard



Christopher Dolen

Favorite teacher: Megan House Favorite subject: Pathophysiology Plans after graduation: To go to Weatherford College and to get some type of medical degree.

Braden Forsythe Azle High School Parents name: Kelly Forsythe Clubs: Optimist Club

Texan of the Year 2019 and 2023, Academic Top



Caden **Dixon-Pigott**



Sarahy Dominguez

5, Nominated for Davey O'Brien Scholarship by Azle High School (1 out of the whole senior class), NHS, S.A.V.E., Academic UIL

Sports: Soccer: 1st team all-district 2024, 2 team awards 2024, Honorable mention all-district 2023. Defensive player of the year 2023, newcomer of the year 2022; Football: special teams player of the year 2023, Academic player of the year 2023,



Kyle

Tristan Dorado

Academic all-state elite 2023, 2nd team all-district kicker 2023, Academic alldistrict 2022 and 2023 Favorite teacher: Mrs. Prather Favorite subject: Calculus Plans after graduation: Play soccer at Texas Wesleyan while studying computer science then go for a master's in computer science at UTA.

Jacob Freeman Azle High School

Parents name: Carl Freeman Favorite teacher: Mr. Rider Favorite subject: Math Plans after graduation: Military

Sports: A Honor Roll; AB Honor Roll



Alex Doggett



Dalton Dorris

Favorite teacher: Nikki Self Favorite subject: Forensic Psychology Plans after graduation: I plan to go to the University Of Texas At Arlington majoring in criminology/ criminal justice

John "Nolan" Garcia Azle High School Parents name: Angela & Joe Garcia Clubs: Theater; Drama



Chandler Doggett



Dylan Dorris

Club; Azle Improv Troupe; Member of the International Thespian Society; Interact Club Sports: Azle HS Varsity Tennis, Academic All-District; Marching Green Pride Band for 3 years Favorite teacher: Mr. McDonald Favorite subject: Math Plans after graduation: Will be deciding between

UNT or Weatherford College to pursue a career in psychology.

Sammie Gannon Azle High School Parents name: Rhonda Gannon Clubs: ASL Club; A Honor Roll; AB Honor Roll



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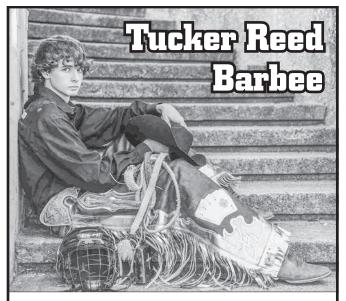


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Alexi Estrada





Taitum Fears

Plans after: Going out of state to Northwest University up in Kirkland Washington to presume dance and discover psychology.

Brooklyn Critchley Gray Azle High School Parents name: Rick Critchlev Clubs: FCCLA- member, Secretary;; SAVE -



Cristal Madrigal-Ambriz Barrera Garcia Azle High School Parents name: Honorio Madrigal and Maria Ambriz Clubs: Band (2013-2023) - best musician award for 2021-2022 Sports: Certified Nurse Aid, Phlebotomist, EKG certified, Patient

Ryllon

Farmer



attendance, "A" honor roll, Played soccer and swimming Favorite teacher: Tiffany Shaw

Favorite subject: Science Plans after graduation: Planning to attend TCC for my nursing degree and pursue a career as a NICU nurse at JPS Hospital.



Savannah Faughn

Vielka Gonzalez Azle High School Parents name: Evangelina Briones Clubs: Basketball Captain; Stucco; NHS; Environment Club; Interact Sports: Basketball and soccer all 4 years; Azle Lady Hornet Basketball Most Valuable Player, Academic all district 5-5A Girls Basketball, 2021-

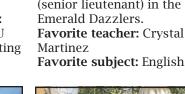
2022 2022-2023, 2023-2024 1st Team Girls Basketball Academic All-State Team 2023-24, Second team all district 5-5A Favorite teacher: Ms Bevan Favorite subject: Math **Plans after graduation:** I plan on attending TCU and majoring in marketing



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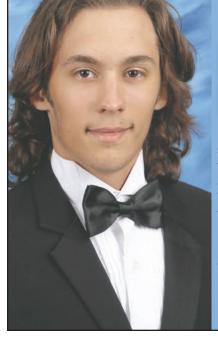
Daytona Gravlin Azle High School Parents name: Merry Jayne Moorman Clubs: High school's newspaper and dance team

Sports: Officer position (senior lieutenant) in the









AZLE HIGH SCHOOL Dalton Dorris

Dalton, we are all so very proud of you and all of your accomplishments. We can't wait to see what your future has in store. Always stay humble and kind and you will have a blessed future. We love you so much! Mom, Dad, and Sister

Dylan Dorris

Dylan, we are unbelievably proud of you. Please always stay true to yourself and others. We are so excited about your future in the military. We love you so much. Mom, Dad and Sister

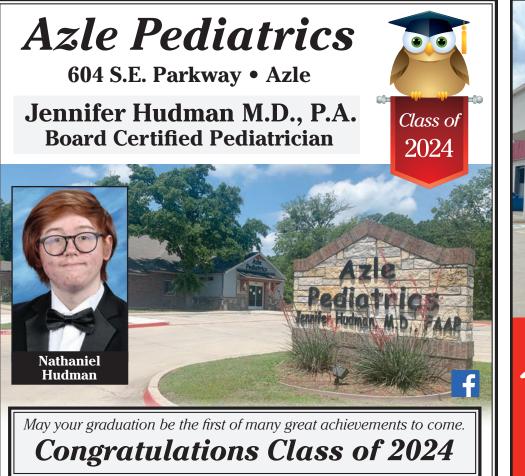






Ariah Rose Odom

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Salina Fischer



Alexis

Floyd



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Stanley

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John



Braden Forsythe



Hailee Foster



Hailev Fox



Samantha Gannon

member; Newspaper member Sports: Cross Country Favorite teacher: Mr. Corbett, Mrs. Milosh Favorite subject: English, Journalism Plans after graduation: I





Andrew Garces

plan to take a break year and work full time to save up more money for college. While on my break year I still plan to take some college classes at TCC for my basics. After my break year I plan to

attend college at UNT and major in psychology as well as minor in forensics.

Caydence Grnwalt Azle High School Parents name: Amanda and Cash

Clubs: Azle FFA; chapter conducting; range; Azle rodeo team; barrels; poles Sports: rodeo Favorite teacher: Ms. Slough Favorite subject: Ag



Jacob Freeman-Ward



Myah Garcia

Attend Tarleton University and major in wildlife and rangeland management

Cheryl Grubbs Azle High School Parents name: Gina Grubbs, Carl Grubbs



Sara Frost



Josiah Gaskin

Clubs: Member of National Honor Society Sports: Varsity basketball: 1st Team All-District, 2nd Team Academic All-District, Outstanding Rebounder, 1st Team All-Tournament (Castleberry





Garcia

Plans after graduation:

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Layne Goley



Marissa Gonzalez

spend a few semesters abroad studying in Norway.

Tatum Harrison Azle High School Parents name: KC & Holli Harrison Clubs: Member of National Honor Society Sports: Azle Varsity Volleyball and received Academic All District Favorite teacher: Mr. Jimmy Rider **Favorite subject:** Anatomy and Physiology Plans after graduation: Attend University of North Texas to major in pre-medical laboratory sciences and minor in

business analytics, and

Lacy George



Kara Gonzales

Tournament), Scholarship to play at Bethel College Favorite teacher: Mrs. Bevan Favorite subject: US History Plans after graduation: Attend Bethel College to continue my basketball career and pursue a degree in criminal justice.

Kaitlyn Gulley Azle High School Parents name: Jessica Irene Castrillo and Benjamen Alexander Gulley **Clubs:** Cheerleading. Archery. B.S.A. Earned rank of Eagle Scout. Favorite teacher: Mrs. Nela Foster

Favorite subject: Entrepreneurship Plans after: Starting marketing business.

Emory Hann Azle High School Parents name: Lee and Melissa Hann Clubs: National Honor Society- Member Sports: Swim Team Favorite teacher: Coach Estes Favorite subject: English Plans after graduation: I plan on attending Tarleton State University kinesiology, in hopes of



Alondra Gonzalez

my own social media

in the fall and majoring in becoming an occupational therapist.



Brandon Gonzalez

Alan Hard Azle High School Parents name: Mark and Heather Hard Clubs: PALS; Yearbook; Chorale; NHS **Sports:** Powerlifting (Regional champion 132 weight class, state qualifier, 12th in the state in the 132 weight class, hold all school records for the 132 weight class, academic all-state) Favorite teacher: Jeffery Moss Favorite subject: Math

Plans after graduation: Attend Hardin-Simmons University and pursue a degree in psychology and social work.

Melanie Harder Azle High School Parents name: Christina Clubs: NHS-member; AP Ambassadors-member; HOSA-member Sports: Azle Volleyballall district honorable mention (lettered 2 years); Azle Soccer- All district honorable mention, 2nd team all district, 1st team all district, Captian sophomore year, utility player of the year x2, Midlfielder of the year (lettered all 4 years) Favorite teacher: Coach Epps Favorite subject: Science (Biology) Plans after graduation:



Danny Gonzalez

Attend Hardin Simmons in their honors program to study kinesiology and become a physical therapist.

Hensley Harman

Azle High School Parents name: Rebekah Snapp Clubs: -Section leader in the Marching Green Pride; Member of the jazz band; State qualifier for the UIL Solo and Ensemble Contest Favorite teacher: Mrs. Reasoner Favorite subject: Algebra Plans after graduation:

Attend the University of Texas at Arlington and attain my bachelor's in











Tristan Dorado













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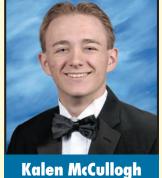
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Vielka Gonzalez



Julian Granados



Stephanie Granados



Daytona Gravlin



Austin Green



Kaitlyn Gulley

business and pursue a bachelor's degree in nursing with a goal of becoming a labor and delivery nurse.

Jesse Hemmerling Azle High School



Kaytin Greeson



Colin Halyard Parents name: Jasson and Sandra Hemmerling Clubs: Yearbook; PALS Sports: Varsity Baseball Favorite teacher: Mrs. Tenille Roberts Favorite subject: Yearbook



Hayden

Cavdence

Plans after graduation: I plan on attending Lyon College in Batesville, Arkansas to pursue a bachelor's degree and play collegiate baseball.

Ty Hernandez

Hamilton Azle High School Parents name: Lauren Hernandez Clubs: A honor roll lay Favorite teacher: Mrs. Estes Favorite subject: Law enforcement



Cheryl

Emory Hann Plans after graduation: Work in the vet field and get my vet tech license

Collin Hill Azle High School **Parents name:** Jennifer Shamburger, Larry Hill



Darc Guerrero



Hard Clubs: Law club (started as coporal and worked up to sargent), SkillsUSA Favorite teacher: Officer Stutsman Favorite subject: AutoTech Plans after graduation : I

Alan



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Allen Harris

Emma

Henderson

Stutsman!!

in nursing!

Clubs: FFA

Merck

Bryson Jackson

Azle High School

Parents name: Jodie

Jackson Rodger Jackson

Favorite teacher: Brad

Favorite subject: Welding

Plans after graduation:

Becoming a welder

Preston Johnson

Azle High School

Parents name: Joanna

Science

vear

matching spot freshmen

Favorite subject: Forensic

Plans after graduation:

I plan to attend Tarleton

State University and get

my bachelor's of science

Favorite teacher: Mrs.

Brown and Officer



Logan Harrison



Alana Hendrix

Johnson, John & Ashleigh Johnson Sports: Football Favorite teacher: Coach Spencer Plans after graduation: Become an electrician

Torrie Johnson Azle High School Parents name: Tommy and Salina Johnson

Plans after graduation: Attend NCTC located in Gainesville, TX on a softball scholarship and majoring in nursing.

Sports: Softball - 2022: 5-5A District Catcher of the Year, 2023: 5-5A District Catcher of the Year, 2023: Azle High School Defensive MVP Favorite teacher: Mrs. Weeks Favorite subject: A&P

Tatum Harrison

plan to go into corrections while receiving my criminal justice degree. Afterwards, I plan move on into the police force to pursue my dream into getting onto a specialized force.

Easton Hill

Azle High School Parents name: James Hill Courtney Coulter Clubs: National Honors Society and Fellowship of Christian Athletes **Sports:** Football Academic All District/State; Powerlifting Academic All District/State; Golf; Track Favorite teacher: Mrs Jones Favorite subject: Statistics Plans after: Attend

Texas A&M for a masters or bachelor's financial planning and work as an



Brayden Hayman

intern over a couple of summers so I can get a head start at my career.

Kamryn Hill

Azle High School Parents name: Trinity and Justin Hill Clubs: I am a member of NHS, PALS, IMPACT, and the Hornet Yearbook staff. I am also on the Varsity Volleyball team and have a role as a captain as well. **Sports:** I have been playing Volleyball for all four years of high school. I have been awarded 2nd Team All-District 2023, the Lady Hornet Leadership award 2021 and 2023, Academic All-District 2022 and 2023, and Academic All-State 2023. Favorite teacher: Mrs. **Tenille Roberts**

Favorite subject: Science plans after: I plan to attend Bethel College in North Newton, Kansas and major in human sciences and play on the volleyball team as well. I plan to use my major to become a physical therapist and start my own clinic in a place where there is people in need of more affordable PT.

Nathaniel Hudman Azle High School Parents name: Heidi Hudman and Matthew Hudman

Clubs: Varsity Chorale - Region Honor Choir, superior rating at UIL solo/ensemble, State Solo/ Ensemble Contest; Theater - Alice In Wonderland; Improv Troupe; FCCLA; UIL Academics - ready

writing and literary criticism Favorite teacher: Mr. Corbett Favorite subject: English Plans after graduation: I will be in the Honors College at The University of North Texas and plan on majoring in English/ literature.

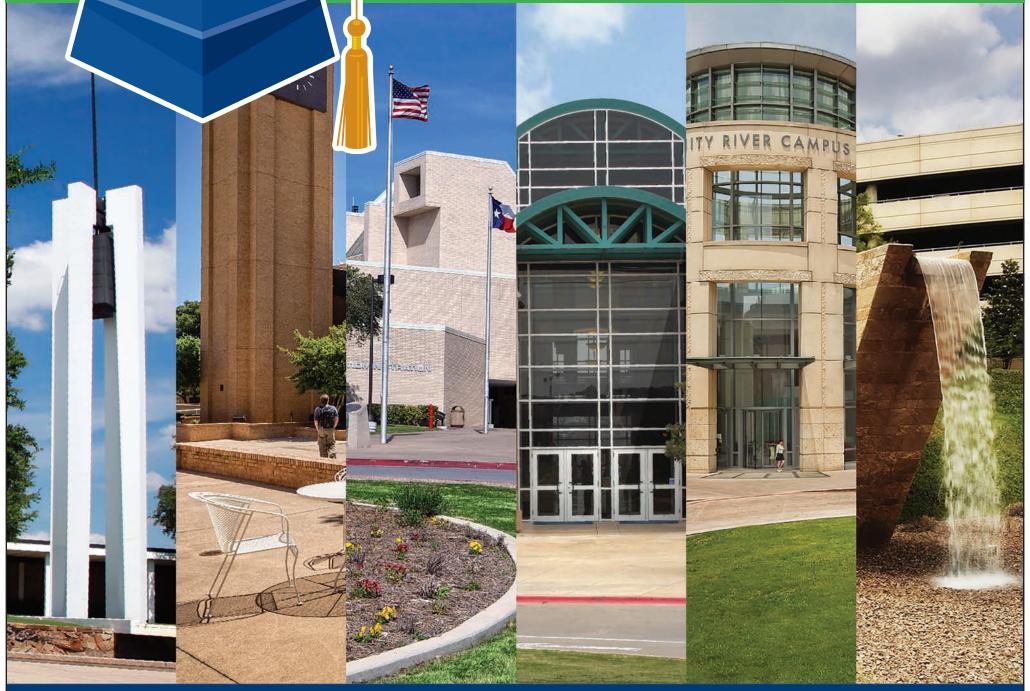
Azle High School and Anthony Iglesias **Clubs:** Azle FFA since freshmen year; Varsity Athletic Trainer Senior Year; Criminal Justice for two years, served as Corporal first year and Captain Second and final year (senior year); (also graduated a full year early)

Sports: Azle MGP varsity



Jesse Hemmerling

Kaylee Iglesias Parents name: Ashley Kay







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Sadie Pyle



Dylan Dorris

Nathaniel Hudman



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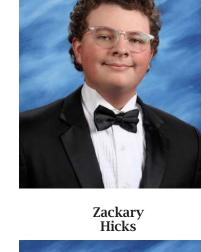
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Catherine Hinojosa

Emma Kabetzke Azle High School Parents name: Sarah Kabetzke, Daniel and JoAnn Kabetzke Clubs: Carter Blood Drive-received red cord for senior year blood donations Sports: Varsity Tennis-co-Captain Favorite teacher: Coach Averitt- Govt & Psychology teacher Favorite subject: AP US History Plans after graduation:

College Bound and accepted to Tarleton State University pre-nursing program. I plan on graduating there with my BSN and plan to further pursue my master's in nursing. Go Texans!





Makenzie Hobbs

in psychology

Josalyn Langeberg Azle High School Parents name: Elizabeth Smith Clubs: PALS; Yearbook Sports: Rodeo; Softball Favorite teacher: Mrs langston Favorite subject: Sciences Plans after graduation: Plan to go to Weatherford college for the animal vet tech program and continue into that path.



Collin Hill



Hollon

Estes Favorite subject: Science Plans after graduation: I enjoy working with animals and hope to work with a veterinarian.

Jacob James Martin Azle High School Parents name: Tiffany Scholl and Scott Hayworth Sports: Varsity Baseball Favorite teacher: Mr. Griffin

Plans after graduation: I



Easton Hill



Kamryn Hill



Paulix Howell-Mcfadden

Plans after graduation: Working full-time with MRBRAZ and Associates, PLLC as an ammonia refrigeration technician.

Adam May

Azle High School Parents name: Jeremy May and Leila May Clubs: PALS Sports: Football - 2nd team all district, served on leadership council; Power lifting - regional qualifier; Shotput - 3rd place district, area qualifier Favorite teacher: Mrs. Roberts Favorite subject: Science Plans after graduation: I will be attending the University of the Incarnate Word in San Antonio on a football scholarship and studying for a sports management degree.



Paden Favorite subject: English Plans after graduation: Attend University of Arkansas to major in marketing and minor in finance to become a marketing agent

Tyler

Favorite subject: Art want to work on getting



Hunter Hood

high school and I have

been a Co-Captain from my sophomore year through my senior year. I have been on the Varsity Track and Field Team from my sophomore year through my senior year. For Varsity Women's Soccer: MVP (2022-2023), Defensive MVP (2020-2022), Honorable Mention All-District (2020-2021), First Team All-District (2021-2023), and Academic All-District (2020-2023). For Varsity Women's Track: Regional qualifier (2022-2024). Favorite teacher: Ms. Reasoner Favorite subject: Accounting Plans after graduation: I plan on attending Baylor University and double majoring in accounting and management information systems.

Brenden Kelly

Azle High School Parents name: Jeri Tola Sports: Tennis Favorite teacher: Coach Shepherd Favorite subject: Audio/ Video Production Plans after graduation: To go to college

Patrick LaMorte

Azle High School Parents name: Kathy LaMorte Clubs: HOSA; Avid; Interact Sports: Basketball; Powerlifting Favorite teacher: Mr Cooke Favorite subject: Math Plans after graduation: Attend Tarleton and major

Connor Lawson Azle High School Parents name: Amy Lawson and Drew Lawson Clubs: I have received student id the 9 weeks, awarded multiple track and cross country medals and multiple powerlifting awards. I have been honored with academic all state for multiple varsity sports. Im a member of the National Honor Society, I'm a class officer, and a member of the environmental club. Sports: Track. cross country, and powerlifting: multiple medals and awards earned Favorite teacher: Mrs. Bevan Favorite subject: Math Plans after graduation: Attend Texas State to

receive a degree in finance

Brynn Lee Azle High School Parents name: Heather Lee and Scott Lee Clubs: National Honor

Savannah LeFan Azle High School Parents name: Kelley & Greg LeFan Clubs: Improv co captain; Azle theatre/drama club-Vice President Favorite teacher: Neil Corbett Favorite subject: English Plans after graduation: Attend Texas Tech University in Lubbock.

Ryland Liptow

Azle High School Parents name: James and Kim Liptow sports: Baseball; Golf Favorite teacher: Mr Cooke Favorite subject: Math **Plans after graduation:** Going to Tarleton State to pursue a degree in finance, and to become an entrepreneur.

Hannah Martin Azle High School Parents name: Judy Martin Favorite teacher: Amy my pilot's license.

Omisha Martin

Azle High School Parents name: Steven and Omisha Martin Clubs: A honor roll Sports: Varsity Cheerleader Favorite teacher: Coach Prather Favorite subject: Floral design

Plans after graduation: Attend Tarleton University and become a medical sonographer.

Rebecca Marx

Azle High School Parents name: Susan Marx Clubs: National Honor Society, AP Ambassadors, and SAVE Club. For the AP Ambassadors Club, I am the secretary. I have been a part of both NHS and AP Ambassadors since 2021 and I joined SAVE Club my senior year.

Sports: I have been on the Varsity Women's Soccer Team all four years of

Morgan Mask

Azle High School Parents name: Blair and Blair Mask **Clubs:** Criminal Justice Club – 3rd in state for cell extraction; American Sign Language, Auto tech, Industrial Refrigeration, **Outdoor** Adventures Sports: Varsity football - academic all-state, academic all-district, Azle Bass Fishing Team - Angler of the Year; Powerlifting Favorite teacher: Nikki

Williams Favorite subject: Auto Tech

Austin May

Azle High School **Parents name:** Jeremy May and Leila May **Clubs:** PALS; Yearbook Sports: Baseball honorable mention all district; Football - served on leadership council; Basketball Favorite teacher: Mrs. Roberts Favorite subject: History Plans after graduation: I will be attending Seminole State College in Oklahoma on a baseball scholarship and want to study business

Dalton McClure Azle High School



Congrats to our nephew on lassoing that high school graduation! From dodging homework like a bull to steering through the exams, you've conquered it all. Now, grab that diploma like you'd grab a bull by the horns and charge into the future!

– Love, Aunt Kiki, Aunt LeeLee, & Aunt DeeDee

Eva Solórzano **AZLE HIGH SCHOOL** Eva Linda: You

are an incredible, talented, beautiful and intelligent young lady. Your great sense of humor and tenacity will carry you through any challenge. Your potential is limitless! We are beyond proud of you, Mi'ja and can't wait to see what you accomplish! ANOTHER ONE! XOXO, Mami and Papi

Gabriel Nickolas Martinez-Brainerd

Gabriel, you have made me so proud. Good luck on your next adventure, continue to be the star that you are. Your successes are my successes.

I love you. Love Mom





Nathaniel Hudman







Jack Hymer



Aydan Hyrup



Santiago Ibarra



Kaylee Iglesias



Andrew Jimenez

Parents name: Cassie and Mike Danagher, Josh McClure and LJ Anglea Sports: Football Favorite teacher: Ms. Dimartino Favorite subject: Auto Tech Plans after graduation: Working as a mechanic.

Kalen McCullough Azle High School Parents name: Heather Huse, Jeremy McCullough, and Lindsey McCullough Clubs: NSHSS



Hannah

Johns



Faith Iniguez



Christopher Miner & Victoria Cosper Favorite teacher: Coach Davidson Favorite subject: World Geography Plans after graduation: College

Julissa Montoya Azle High School Parents name: Dafne Gutierrez Clubs: Certified nurse assistant (CNA) **Plans after graduation:** Julissa estamos MUY orgullosos de ti. tu familia está feliz de celebrar este gran logro a lado tuyo. Has superado una etapa importante de la vida, pero te esperan muchas otras. Mira hacia atrás y sientete orgullosa de lo que has logrado. Mira adelante y crea el brillante tuturo que tanto mereces y que en cada paso recibas la guia de Dios

Favorite teacher: Mrs. Bradshaw Favorite subject: Science and Math Plans after graduation : After graduation I plan on attending UNT full time with my best friend, Saira Avila. I would be going under the major of criminal justice. I also have plans of starting cosmetology and esthetician's school get licensed and start a business.

Skyler Moore Azle High School Parents name: Brandie Eubank Clubs: North Texas high school rodeo association (NTHSRA) **Sports:** Azle rodeo team Favorite teacher: April Robert's or Bradley Overton Plans after graduation: Going to TCC for my basics, then switching somewhere else to get my teaching degree then hopefully go on to be an elementary school teacher.



Brvson Jackson



Preston Johnson

Clubs: National Honor Society - Treasurer sophomore year. Up until now 12.; AP Ambassadors - Years 9, and 10; Interact - 9, 10, 11; FCCLA - 10, 11 Treasurer for both years. Sports: I have participated in Cross Country and lettered Varsity as a sophomore.; Varsity Track since sophomore year.; Varsity Wrestling since sophomore year. Favorite teacher: Ms. Fuller Favorite subject: Math Plans after graduation: After graduation, I plan to attend Texas A&M University and study business as well as engineering. As a side hustle, I'm currently working on my real estate license, and I think college can help me with building newer connections. On my days off from school, I'll dedicate myself to work with my dad in construction, specifically grading. I also plan to run cross country and track at Texas A&M!



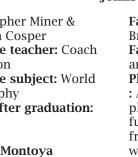
Connor Jensen



Torrie Johnson

Clubs: OnRamps Sports: Voilleyball, cheerleading, track Favorite teacher: Mr. Tucker Favorite subject: Biology Plans after graduation: Emilee will be attending University of North Texas to pursue her bachelors degree in business administration.

Alyssa Norwood Azle High School Parents name: Ashley Mccaleb **Clubs:** Early Graduate Favorite teacher: Ms. Self and Mrs. Macneal Favorite subject: Art Plans after graduation: To work in healthcare or work with children.



Jacob Johnson

Sports: Swimming - Most Improved, Regionals and District, Medaled at district

Favorite teacher: Coach Enis if Vp is applicable, Mrs. Prather if not Favorite subject: Science Plans after graduation: Going to A&M to major in animal science then do post-grad in veterinary medicine.

Paulix Howell-McFadden

Azle High School Parents name: Cylinda Nelson Clubs: Azle Band (Wind Ensemble) - Flute Section Leader; ASL Club; Chapters of Azle; HOSA Sports: Track and Field -

Jackson Clubs: Azle High School Theatre, International Thespian Society, Azle High School Improv Troupe Sports: UIL One Act Play – Advancement awards & Best tech; Alternate play award Favorite teacher: Corbett **Favorite subject:** Literature

Varsity Discus Thrower;

- Flute Section Leader

Favorite teacher: Mr.

Corbett

Azle Marching Green Pride

Favorite subject: Biology

Plans after graduation:

Weatherford College to

obtain my basic credits

and potentially gain a

Parents name: Jessica

McKinney, Matthew

bachelor's degree.

Kahlan McKinney

Azle High School

I plan to attend

Plans after graduation: Get associates degree at Weatherford College then transfer to Tarleton State University to get a degree in graphic design.

Lana Miner Azle High School Parents name:

Leslie Montoya

Azle High School Parents name: Leonardo Montoya, Nancy Montoya Clubs: I have been involved in AVID for more than 5 years. I have received a scholarship of \$1,000 from UNT.

Jose Neri Azle High School

Parents name: Jose Reyes Neri Sr.

Emilee Norvell Azle High School Parents name: Shay and Candice Norvell

'Vandale's

Brookelyn Nowakowski Azle High School Parents name: Regina and Mikael Nowakowski Clubs: -Azle High School NHS Member - 2021-2024 Sports: -Azle High School Swim - 2021-2024; -Azle High School Swim Captain - 2023-2024; 12th Grade Student of the First Nine Weeks - November 2023; -Rotarian of the Month -March 2024; -A Honor Roll - 2021-2024



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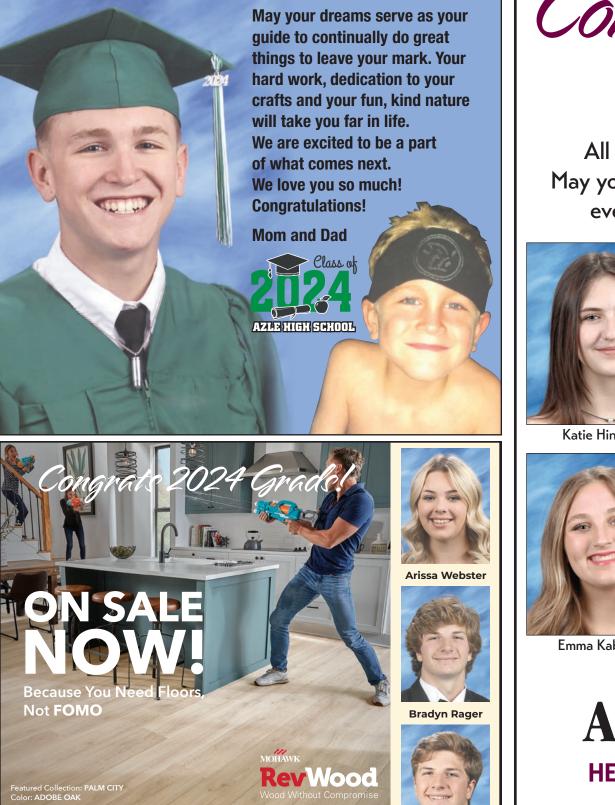


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Logan Louquet Favorite teacher: Coach Estes Favorite subject: Chemistry Plans after graduation: I plan to go to The University of Oklahoma to study geographic



Ryland

Liliana Lozano information science.

Savana Panter Azle High School Parents name: Kelsey

Panter Clubs: Chess club, advanced floral design





Cameran Lyons

Azle High School Parents name: Reuben and Jeni Parker Favorite teacher: Mrs. Baker Favorite subject: History Plans after graduation: Community college



Ryder

Yaressy Macias Vazquez classes while being a flight attendant.

Kaylee Parrish Azle High School Parents name: Linda Ulrich and Kent Ulrich Clubs: I earned academic



Juan Lopez



Landon Mackey

all district my sophomore and junior year for softball Sports: I've played softball at AHS for 4 years and I earned 1st and 2nd team all district

Favorite teacher: Mrs.



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Aerabella Parker

Sports: Track and field

Favorite teacher: Coach

Favorite subject: Math

Plans after graduation: I

plan to join the Air Force

baron





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Roberts

Favorite subject: Advanced animal science **Plans after graduation:** I'm going to Hardin Simmons University to play softball.

Shree Patel

Azle High School Parents name: Pravinbhai and Parul Patel Clubs: SLPS Youth Club - Secretary and Vice President - SLPS Youth of the Year Award; National Honor Society; HOSA (Health Occupations Students of America); PALS (Peer Assistance and Leadership); Interact Club; IMPACT Club sports: Volleyball - Honors that I have earned include TGCA Academic All State 2023, Academic All-District 2022, Academic All-District 2023, and the Fighting Heart Award. Favorite teacher: Shayna Reasoner Favorite subject: Chemistry Plans after graduation:

After I graduate, I plan to attend Mays Business School at Texas A&M University to get my



Nickolas Mcelhannon

BBA in finance. With this degree I hope to eventually attain a career in the business law industry.

Bryanna Pender

Azle High School Parents name: Crystal Pender Clubs: UIL academicsmade top three at 5 competitions and 4th at district Sports: Color guardleadership officer and senior lieutenant, 11 at championships, 1st in WGI Tulsa, Oklahoma Favorite teacher: Neil Corbett Favorite subject: Literature Plans after graduation: Work over the summer to save for college then go through college to study psychology and criminology while developing my skills in

Sarae Perez

Azle High School **Parents name:** Juana Martinez **Clubs:** AP Ambassadors 2022-2024; Stuco 2022;

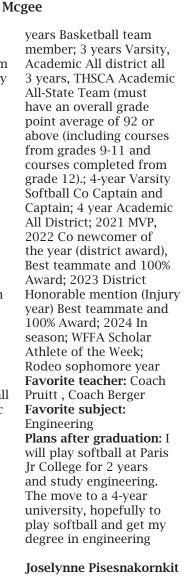
writing and photography

Sports: Women's Soccer 2020-2024, MVP, 1st Team All District; Cross Country 2023 Favorite teacher: Mrs Bevan Favorite subject: College Algebra Plans after: I plan to attend Austin College in Sherman, Texas, to play soccer and study kinesiology.

Brandie Phillips

NHS 2022-2024

Azle High School Parents name: Beckie and Sam Wethington, Tim Phillips Clubs: Academic honors: A Honor roll since Kindergarten; Top 10% of Class 23rd out of 450 students; Rotary Student of the Month; Academic all district 4 years; Academic All state. Senior year; Academic Activities: National Honor Society member; Peer Assisted Leadership/ Student Leader; Engineering Path; STEM activities (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics); Sports: Athletics Activities/Honors: 4





Mikel Mcintyre

Azle High School **Parents name:** Emma LaDawn **Clubs:** ASL club vice president **Sports:** Color guard lettered **Favorite teacher:** Ms Self **Favorite subject:** Forensics **Plans after graduation:** Rescue more reptiles and go to TCC for my basics

Alysa Potter

Azle High School Parents name: Robert and Luisa Potter Clubs: Marching Green Pride, Azle UIL Academics team; National Hispanic Recognition Award; Big Future Ambassador favorite teacher: Ms. Reasoner Favorite subject: Band Plans after graduation: Attend UT Arlington for pre-med and eventually become a radiologist. Keep playing the oboe throughout my life

Anna Preston

Azle High School **Parents name:** Kelly Preston and Robert Preston



Chloe Mckee

Clubs: National Honors Society, Interact Club President, Environmental Club, Class Treasurer Sports: Freshman Volleyball, Optimist Club Tex-Anne of The Month, Salutatorian Favorite teacher: Shayna Reasoner Favorite subject: Math Plans after graduation: After graduation I plan on attending Texas State University where I will earn a bachelor of science in finance.

Brenya Pumilia

Azle High School **Parents name:** Rob Pumilia and Candi Pumilia **Clubs:** Band **Favorite teacher:** Ms. Dimartino **Favorite subject:** math **Plans after graduation:** Get a side job to save then head into the Air Force

Bradyn Rager

Azle High School **Parents name:** Misty Rager and George Rager **Sports:** Football academic all state **Favorite teacher:** Mr.Rider **Favorite subject:** Science



Kahlan Mckinney



Aramis Medina



Madison Menchaca



Carlos Mendez



Blake Meredith



Kasey Mickle



Kilee Miller



Lana Miner



Josue Montelongo



Julissa Montoya



Leslie Montoya

Plans after graduation: Attending UNT for a bachelors degree in biology

Bryan Rager Azle High School **Parents name:** Misty Rager



Skyler Moore

to find a unique style for me as a designer.

Sierra Ramirez Azle High School Parents name: Leslie Ramirez Clubs: peer helpers;



Amaryn Moreno

> and Brian Ross **Sports:** Wrestling **Favorite teacher:** Coach House **Plans after graduation:** Going to college for nursing



Cody Mosier

development and attend an online schooling and get my doula certification

Kasen Scarlato Azle High School Parents name: Tony Scarlato and Sarah and



Jesse Moya

President NHS; Rowdie; PALS

Sports: Varsity basketball-2nd Team All District, Honorable Mention All District, Academic All State, Team Captain, 3D Award Team Award; Varsity volleyball manager Favorite teacher: Tenille Roberts Favorite subject: Health Sciences **Plans after graduation:** I plan to attend Hardin-Simmons University, major in exercise science, and become a physical therapist.

Clubs: Interact club; Health occupation students of America; Honors English; On-ramps U.S. history, English, and Biology; National honors society member for 2 years; 6 time blood donor **Sports:** Varsity Football; Golf

Favorite teacher: Mr. Rider

Favorite subject: Biology **Plans after graduation:** Pre-medicine at North Texas while working at a hospital with a beginner position.

Dominic Ramirez

Azle High School Parents name: Christopher and Kelly Ramirez Clubs: Adobe Certified Professional in Graphic Design & Illustration using Adobe Illustrator, Adobe **Certified Professional** in Visual Design using Photoshop Favorite teacher: Mrs. Henson Favorite subject: Art & Graphic Design Plans after graduation: After high school, I want

After high school, I want to study graphic design and animation at a good art school. I will aim to gain practical experience through internships or freelance projects to further develop my skills and continue building a portfolio. I also want to explore different design mediums and techniques rowdies **Sports:** varsity softball for 3 years **Favorite teacher:** Paden **Favorite subject:** English **Plans after graduation:** going to SFA for business marketing, I plan on rushing and creating a lifestyle for myself

Koen Remley

Azle High School **Parents name:** Bradford and Cassidy Remley **Clubs:** Azle Rodeo Team; Azle FFA Chapter Treasurer; Azle Bass Team **Favorite teacher:** Mr. Bradley Merck **Favorite subject:** Agricultural Mechanics **Plans after:** Koen will be attending Tarleton State University to study agricultural management.

Thomas Riley

Azle High School Parents name: Luke Riley and Jennifer Riley Clubs: Marching Band-Section Leader; Wind Ensemble-Region Band, UIL State Solo and Ensemble; Jazz Band; Indoor Percussion -Section Leader Sports: Baseball-freshman year Favorite teacher: Mr. Strange Favorite subject: Band Plans after: Tarleton State University, major in kinesiology

Yaddiel Rivera

am planning to go off and live life, not for others but for myself. I will make enough money to live and be happy. I am really just looking for things that make me happy.

Favorite subject: Aquatics

Plans after graduation: I

Azle High School

Rivera **Clubs:** Avid

Henson

Parents name: Jennifer

Favorite teacher: Mrs.

Pierce Robertson
Azle High School
Parents name: Sandra
and Kevin Baker; Brent
Robertson
Clubs: Jazz Band;
Sports: Marching Band,
Letter Jacket, Winds
ensemble
Favorite teacher: Ms.
Prather
Favorite subject: Band,
Computer Science II
Plans after graduation:
Start up a company.

Jade Robinson

Azle High School Parents name: Amy & Robert Robinson Clubs: National Honor Society; Rotarian of the Month **Sports:** Varsity Cheer; 3-D Award (Desire, Dedication & Discipline) Favorite teacher: Coach Hodges and Coach Laprade Favorite subject: Math Plans after graduation: Jade will attend Texas State University to pursue a business degree with the desire to attend law school.

Hayli Ross

Azle High School Parents name: Kim Ross Melani Rushing Azle High School Parents name: Melisa and Jeremiah Rushing Clubs: Student Council President, member of National Honors Society, Rotarian of the Month of January, OnRamps, AP and Dual Credit classes, top 10%

Sports: Varsity Cheer Captain two years, Varsity Cheerleader of the Year two years, TGCA All-State Cheerleader two years Favorite teacher: Mr. Cooke Favorite subject: Statistics Plans after graduation: Attend University of North Texas and major in business marketing

Arly Sanders Azle High School Parents name: Ashley and Jadan Jackson Favorite teacher: Ms. Self Favorite subject: ASL

Caitlin Sanders Azle High School Parents name: Crystal Weaver Bryan Weaver Clubs: Senior lieutenant in the Emerald Dazzlers, AVID student, Student jn Chorale. apart of vocal group for the band at community bible fellowship Favorite teacher: Martinez Favorite subject: English Plans after graduation: I plan to attend Weatherford College and major in childhood

Jonathan Howard Clubs: FFA and High School Rodeo Team Sports: Team Roping for the High school Rodeo Team Favorite teacher: Bradley

Merck Favorite subject: Welding Plans after: Working full time for Mooring USA

Hunter Schultz

Azle High School **Parents name:** Tammy and Chuck Schultz **Sports:** Football, power lifting and track and field **Favorite teacher:** Mrs Hutton **Favorite subject:** History **Plans after graduation:** My plans after high school are to play college football at Texas Wesleyan. After college I plan on being a high school football coach

Seth Sears

Azle High School Parents name: Jessica Mathis and Jeremey Sears Clubs: Skills USA Sports: 1st place district Skills USA Favorite teacher: Mr. Herring Favorite subject: Auto Plans after graduation: Undecided

Landri Seward

Azle High School **Parents name:** Kristi and Michael Phillips and Ryan and Tana Seward **Clubs:** Editor in Chief Hornet Yearbook; Vice

Christian Shepherd

Azle High School Parents name: Baryn Shepherd, Duston Shepherd Clubs: Choir, A-B Honor Roll Sports: Baseball Favorite teacher: Mr Griffin Favorite subject: History Plans after graduation: Attending Seminole State College to play baseball

Braden Shildmyer

Azle High School Parents name: Brandy and **Corey Shildmyer** Clubs: Senior class president, SAVE (Students advocating for a viable environment) Sports: Varsity Track and Cross Country Favorite teacher: Mrs. Bevan Favorite subject: English Plans after graduation: I plan on taking an internship over summer in some local government body, I will be majoring in political science at the college of Wooster in Ohio and am considering law

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school in the years after.

Allayna Sisler

Azle High School Parents name: Clubs: Dance team Sports: Drill team I am Social Vice President for the team and I have gotten all American at dance adts Favorite teacher: Crystal Martinez Favorite subject: English Plans after graduation: I will be moving to Abilene and working at a daycare while I do Western Governor's University online college classes to get my degree in elementary education.

Allison Smith Azle High School Parents name: Christina Smith, Michael Smith Clubs: A-honor roll Sports: Softball, Academic All District, 2nd Team All District Favorite teacher: Ms. Knoll Favorite subject: Math Plans after graduation: Attending Weatherford College

Lane Springfield Azle High School Parents name: Tracy Springfield, Trent Springfield Clubs: Pals Sports: Baseball, Drew Medford tournament honorary scholarship recipient Favorite teacher: Mrs Roberts Favorite subject: History **Plans after:** My plans after graduation are to attend Murray State junior college in Oklahoma to play baseball and study business management.

Faith Summers Azle High School Parents name: Kari Summers Clubs: Faith is a part of the National Honor Society, the Interact Club, and the PAL program at Azle High School. Sports: Faith participated in Basketball all through high school earning the JV Outstanding Offensive Player, and the varsity 2-time Outstanding Defensive Player. She also was on varsity with the soccer program her freshman and sonhomore year, earning the Newcomer of the Year award. Favorite teacher: Ms. Marlett Favorite subject: Math Plans after graduation: After high school Faith plans to attend Tarleton University to pursue a degree in criminal justice, and hope to become a game warden in the future.

Allison Thorn Azle High School Parents name: I am 18 and my guardian sadly passed so myself Allison Thorn is my own gaurdian Favorite teacher: Denise Fuller Favorite subject: Anatomy & Physiology Plans after graduation: I plan on joining the field of medical sonography

Ashton Towner Azle High School Parents name: Kimberly and Aaron Towner Clubs: Marching Band; Indoor Drumline; FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes); Student Council; Weightlifting; Yearbook Favorite teacher: Mrs. Roberts **Favorite subject:** Yearbook **Plans after graduation:** After graduating I will go into the US Army National Guard after which I will continue working at Discount Tire part time while being in the military.

Tyler Ulrich Azle High School Parents name: Jenny Ulrich, Kent Ulrich Clubs: NHS, FCA; Honor roll all 4 years; Young Texan of the Month January 2024; Faculty Choice Top 10 Sports: Football. Powerlifting, Track; 3x Football Academic alldistrict; Football 2nd team academic all-state; Powerlifting Elite academic all-state; Football Team captain; 2nd team alldistrict safety; Hold 4 Azle High School powerlifting records; Powerlifting State qualifier; Track Area Qualifier; Azle High School defensive player of the vear Favorite teacher: Coach Devon Dorris Favorite subject: Math Plans after graduation: Attend Southern Nazarene University to play football

Joshua Votion Azle High School Parents name: Marisela Votion-Alameddine/Jay Alameddine Clubs: Azle High School Varsity Wrestlers; Azle Rotation of the Month:

and study finance.

Eliana Tejeda

Azle High School Parents name: Jose and Melissa Tejeda Clubs: Azle Varsity Girls Soccer; National Honors Society (Vice President 11th Grade and President 12th Grade); AP Ambassadors (President 11th and 12th Grade); S.A.V.E; Interact Student Council Sports: Azle Varsity Girls Soccer, Honorable Mention 10th and 11th Grade, Defensive Player of the Year 11th Grade, 2nd Team All District 12th Grade Favorite teacher: Coach Jones (Kelsie Jones) Favorite subject: Math Plans after graduation: I plan to attend The University of Texas at Austin to study electrical and computer engineering.

Morgan Terrell

Azle High School Parents name: Kyle and Amanda Terrell Clubs: National Honor Society; Faculty Choice Top Ten; November Rotarian of the Month Sports: Varsity softball - 1st and 2nd team All-District; Academic All-District Favorite teacher: Coach Overton Favorite subject: Math Plans after graduation: Attend Oklahoma State University

Azle Varsity Debate; UIL Ready Writing and Social Studies **Sports:** Azle High School Varsity Wrestler Favorite teacher: Mrs. Milosh Favorite subject: Math Plans after graduation: I am pursuing a degree in computer engineering at the University of North Texas. I hope to gain consistent internships and ultimately I would like to start my own business and have my own family.

Danni Wangler

Azle High School Parents name: Sara and Steve Wangler Clubs: -Fellowship of Christian Athletes; FCCLA in early high school years.; National Honor Society; Volunteered as an assistant coach for a youth softball program; Volunteered on and off over the years for Weatherford Parker **County Animal Shelter Sports:** Softball since 2015; Up until she took a break towards the end of softball season (due to an injury), she was the lead home-run hitter on varsity. Favorite teacher: Coach Davidson Favorite subject: Statistics **Plans after graduation:** Attend Florida State in Jacksonville on a scholarship to play softball and study for a business degree.

Ryan Waskow

Azle High School **Parents name:** Mark Waskow & Shelly Waskow **Clubs:** FCCLA; AVID **Favorite teacher:** Mrs. Baker **Favorite subject:** Culinary **Plans after graduation:** I plan on attempting to move out and start my electrician career path;













Amy Neri Guerrero hopefully marrying my

girlfriend

Brice Watson Azle High School Parents name: Laura Watson Chris Watson Sports: Football and baseball, Academic allstate in football Favorite teacher: Mrs. Holly Favorite subject: Aquatics Plans after graduation: Attend Tarleton State University and major in

construction management in order to become a superintendent for a construction company

Arrissa Webster

Azle High School Parents name: Clayton and Heather Webster Sports: I played Softball and basketball ball!! Favorite teacher: Coach



Dakota Norton

Holly Favorite subject: English Plans after graduation: I plan on becoming a real estate agent.

Kameron Weger Azle High School Parents name: William Norman Clubs: Interact family member; Choir Co-President; Drama Club President; Improv member Favorite teacher: Mr. McCartney Favorite subject: (Geo) Science Plans after graduation: I will be going to Tarleton State University and majoring in music education. I plan to (hopefully) return to Azle to teach choir and. eventually, way down the line, obtain a doctorate and become a professor



Emilee

at a university, teaching music.

Omarie Welsh Azle High School Parents name: Tomica Clubs: Community service Favorite teacher: Ms. Bradshaw Favorite subject: Spanish Plans after: Going to college in UAT (University of Advancing Technology in Arizona) to major in robotics. Soon to become a robotics engineer.

Emily Wilson Azle High School Parents name: David and Trena Wilson Sports: Emily was a cheerleader her Freshman year. She was a Dazzler her Sophomore and Junior year. Emily has received A-Honor Roll award this year.

Norvell Favorite teacher: Mr.

Bailey and Tracy Smith Favorite subject: Chemistry Plans after graduation: Emily plans to attend Weatherford College to get her basics and then transfer to UNT to complete her BA in education. Her goal is to

Allison Wright Azle High School Parents name: Jack & Lisa Wright Clubs: Allison is ranked #3 in her class. She has

been on the A Honor Roll since starting school at Cross Timbers Elementary. She was a member of NHS and AP Ambassadors. During high school she was enrolled in Dual Credit, On Ramps, and AP classes. She also



Cameron

Nelson

Alyssa

earned a certification entrepreneurship. She was chosen as Young Tex-Anne of the month by the Optimist Club of Azle. She is a member of the Peer Support Program at Scottish Rite For Children Hospital. As a former patient herself, she walks patients through their scoliosis surgery journey. Favorite teacher: Mrs.

Favorite subject: English Plans after graduation: After graduation Allison will be attending Texas Christian University where she will double major in marketing and finance. She one day hopes to pursue a career as a market research analyst and eventually become a CEO.



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Savana Panter



Landri Seward



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Logan Patterson



Ora Peabody



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Ivan Perez



Sarae Perez



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Alysa Potter



Naydine Pou



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Pyle



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Favorite teacher: Mr. Bailey and Tracy Smith **Favorite subject:** Chemistry **Plans after graduation:** Emily plans to attend Weatherford College to get her basics and then transfer to UNT to complete her BA in education. Her goal is to be an elementary teacher.

Allison Wright

Azle High School **Parents name:** Jack & Lisa Wright

Clubs: Allison is ranked #3 in her class. She has been on the A Honor Roll since starting school at Cross Timbers Elementary. She was a member of NHS and AP Ambassadors. During high school she was enrolled in Dual Credit, On Ramps, and AP classes. She also earned a certification in small business entrepreneurship. She was chosen as Young Tex-Anne of the month by the Optimist Club of Azle. She is a member of the Peer Support Program at Scottish Rite For Children Hospital. As a former patient herself, she walks patients through their scoliosis surgery journey. Favorite teacher: Mrs. Prather Favorite subject: English Plans after graduation: After graduation Allison will be attending Texas Christian University where she will double major in marketing and finance. She one day hopes to pursue a career as a market research analyst and eventually become a CEO.

Preston Johnson



Congratulations Preston Johnson! We are so proud of you.

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Love, Mom, Papa, Honey and Granny





William Ralph



Dominic Ramirez



Sierra Ramirez



Margaret Reed



Allie Remley



Koen Remley



Xavier **Reyes-Gomez**



Thomas Riley



Jordan Ritcherson



Katherine Rivera



Yaddiel **Rivera Rivera**



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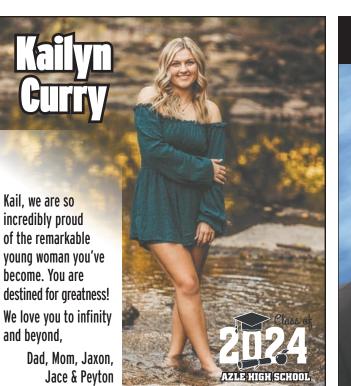


Amber Ryerson



Katelyn Sagers





Josue Montelongo



AZLE HIGH SCHOOL

Josh, you were our first grandchild, and have blessed us in so many ways. You have been such an impactful role model for many young children, showcasing your caring, kind and amazing personality We can't wait to see what your future holds. We love you, Pops, Nana, Mom, and Jakob.



Dalia Saldivar



Judith Sanchez



Arly Sanders



Caitlin Sanders



Adan Sandoval



Kasen Scarlato



Hunter Schultz



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Mia Serpas



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Jalen Simpson



Tori Simpson



Luke Sipe



Allayna Sisler



Rylee Sisson





Allison Smith



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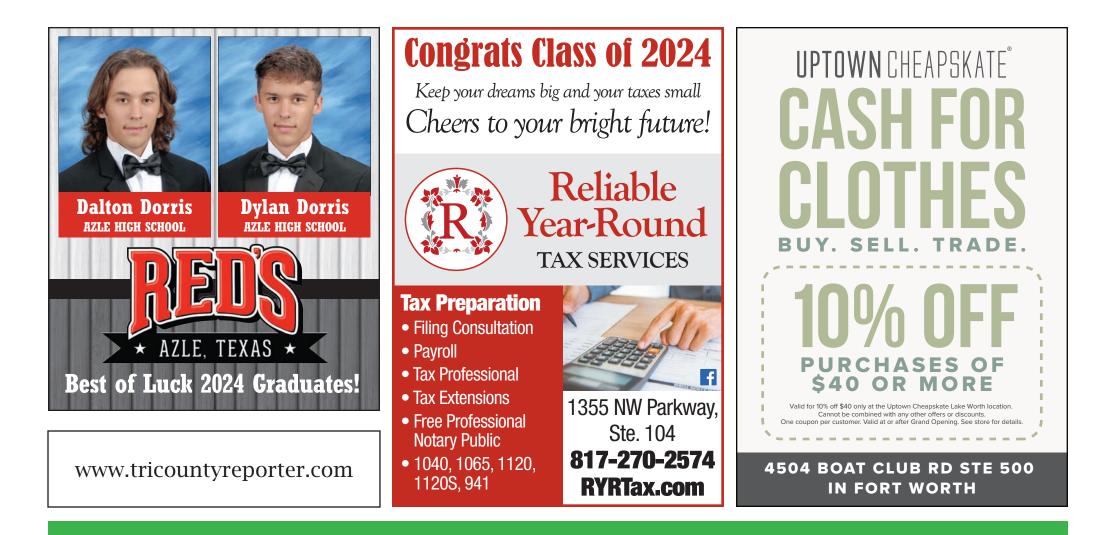
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Terrell



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Gerardo Varela



Tyler Vaughn



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