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Avery Lowery, 10, did her part to raise money for her teacher Autumn Reed, the only survivor of a tragic accident that occurred the Sunday before Memorial Day. Avery collected more than \$70 on her first day of fundraising near her home in Springtown.

Hagenbuch, Frey to compete for Texas Senate District 30 seat in November

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After last week's runoff race, voters in Texas Senate District 30 are poised to decide in November between Republican candidate Brent Hagenbuch and Democrat Dale Frey.

Residents in State Senate District 30, which includes north and east portions of Parker County along with parts of multiple other North Texas counties, will elect a new leader this year since current Sen. Drew Springer did not seek reelection. Four Republicans and three Democrats threw their hats in the ring during the primary elections in March, but runoff elections were held in both parties since none of the candidates were able to secure 50% or more of the vote.

According to the unofficial runoff election results on the Texas Secretary of State's website, Hagenbuch edged out his competitor Jace Yarbrough and garnered 18,741 votes over Yarbrough's 14,338 votes, winning by over 56%. Likewise, Frey went up against Michael Braxton and took home about 57% of the votes, though the total number of ballots cast in the



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Brent Hagenbuch



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Dale Frey

Democrats' race was about 3,000, and neither candidate surpassed 2,000 votes. Unofficial results in Parker County mirror those of

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'You're not alone'

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SPRINGTOWN — The death of two 9-year-old girls in a car wreck the day before Memorial Day has cast a shadow over Springtown.

Last week, news surfaced online that the girls who died — Londyn Hargis and Bailey Reed — were students at Goshen Creek Elementary School in Springtown and the woman driving the vehicle they were in, who is the only survivor of the crash, is a teacher at the school. Two others died in the wreck: a 29-year-old woman driving

Springtown community mourns loss of children in car wreck, prays for families, injured teacher

the vehicle that veered into the wrong lane on Farm-to-Market Road 51 and a 66-year-old man in the truck with the girls and Autumn Reed, the teacher.

The sorrow among the Springtown community has led to action. Ways to donate to the families affected by the wreck and to Reed's medical expenses from her injuries have been publicized on Facebook.

Witnessing these efforts,

as well as the contributions of her mother, inspired 10-year-old Avery Lowery to step up and do her part. Last week, Avery decided to sit outside her home near the Springtown Square and give the community a message about her reading and social studies teacher, Mrs. Reed.

"She was really nice to me, and she really explained things to where I knew what she was saying," Avery said, adding that Reed brought a

fun energy to the classroom. Her most vivid memory of Reed was during field day when Reed raced a student on the inflatable obstacle course.

Avery also described Bailey, Reed's daughter who died in the wreck, as full of fun as well.

"I remember she used to kick boys in the shins a little bit," Avery said. "She played

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Local police officer receives community support amid cancer battle

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AZLE — Through local fundraisers and efforts online, the Azle Police Department is helping raise money for a cherished officer with cancer. In one fundraiser June 1 at the Azle Walmart, community members donated more than \$8,000 to help offset that officer's medical and living expenses — an amount expected to be matched by a generous, anonymous donor.

Usually healthy and pain-free, Officer Jason Castro was concerned after excruciating aches woke him from sleep one night. He went to the hospital and at the end of February, Castro was diagnosed with stage two testicular cancer. After several tests by doctors, Castro decided to have the affected area surgically removed in early April. That's when he found out

the cancer had spread to the lymph nodes in his abdomen, and he was referred to an oncologist to begin chemotherapy treatments which he started April 12. The officer undergoes one week of treatments with two weeks off treatments, with the drug cocktail leaving him tired but still in good spirits.

"Having the cancer doesn't bring my hopes down," Castro said. "Other than fatigue and being tired I'm still doing the same things. I haven't really changed much from my diagnosis. I'm more of a positive type of guy. If I go negative, there's nothing it's going to do to change anything. Why stay negative? So, I'm always trying to stay positive. I still talk to all my friends. I still joke around and laugh like nothing's going on."

Castro joined the APD in February 2019 after attend-

ing a police academy in Dallas and Mesquite. Despite living in Farmers Branch, Castro makes the 50-mile trek twice every day because he loves working in Azle.

"To be honest, it's the community," Castro said. "Just the small community, the people I work with. Out there in Azle, the citizens care for you guys, for the police officers, they respect them. It's a small community, everybody knows each other. The community is a lot stronger out here. It's a different kind of vibe."

Castro first discovered the Azle Police Department at a job fair, where he spoke with retired Lt. Bill Russell and APD executive assistant Elsie Plaunty.

"Out of the whole job fair, that was the only city that kind of drew my attention at

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From left, Officer Castro and Jackie "JJ" Joy. Joy, a Volunteers in Police Service member and director of the Azle Senior Center, lost her phone on the Fourth of July and said Castro spent weeks searching between the police station and park. "They do more than arrest people and stuff like that, traffic stops," Joy said. "(The community) needs to see how human they really are. We love our officers, even our fire department."



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Operation Texas Strong Donates RV to veteran in Springtown

JOHN ENGLISH
Special to the Tri-County Reporter

SPRINGTOWN - When Bobby and Peggy Crutsinger heard about a local veteran's desperate situation, they knew they had to act.

Founders of Operation Texas Strong in Weatherford, whose stated goal is to "get homeless veterans off of the street one RV at a time," the Crutsingers learned of a Vietnam veteran named "D" who needed their assistance.

"He's in a park off (Farm-to-Market Road) 51 toward Springtown," Bobby Crutsinger said. "We found out about him about three weeks ago. He was in another RV, but it was falling apart because he had lived in it for 18 years. He is a disabled Vietnam veteran and he's a great guy. He's in a wheelchair because he's had a stroke.

"We rallied together with a bunch of people that we're friends with and the fire department fixed his porch for him. We put him in a new RV so that he could have better living conditions than where he was staying."

The RV the Springtown man received is a 2017 bumper pull that was the 185th RV the Crutsingers have donated since Operation Texas Strong's inception in 2021.

The 501(c)(3) came into existence because of a promise the Crutsingers made to Peggy's father, a Vietnam vet himself before he passed away.

"Every time we went to the VA, we kept on seeing homeless veterans who were sleeping on the street," Bobby said. "So we told him (Peggy's father) we wanted to try to solve that problem. He passed away six or seven

years ago, and we promised him we would help every veteran that we could."

The very first recipient in 2021 was in his upper 80s and a veteran of three wars.

"He was homeless here in Weatherford and lived by the Tractor Supply in a wooded area," Bobby said. "We worked with him for a long time and got him a tent, and then we said, 'What would happen if somebody gave you an RV?' And he said, 'Nobody would do that for me.' We have a tow company, Kangaroo Towing, and one of our friends donated a fifth wheel because he knew we were helping the homeless. He was like, 'Why don't you just give away the RVs?' We told him we had been thinking about doing that, and that is kind of where it all started."

Peggy Crutsinger said homelessness is a serious issue among veterans and said there are several misconceptions.

"It's a problem," Peggy said. "A lot of people are mistaken about homelessness. It's not because they're useless and won't get up and do what they need to do. We get asked a lot how we know these people are going to be able to pay their bills and take care of themselves, and I explain to them that a lot of these people are on the street because they don't make enough money. We had one veteran that we put in an RV, and he only made \$800 a month. You can't even get an apartment for that."

Operation Texas Strong goes above and beyond simply donating by handing over the titles to the RVs after six months instead of immediately, which allows the organization time to address



A new RV Bobby Crutsinger and the Operation Texas Strong crew picked up Sunday, June 2.

COURTESY OF BOBBY CRUTSINGER



L-R Nick Nicholson, Lauren Lozzio, Bobby Crutsinger, Peggy Crutsinger, Jay Crutsinger and Chris Crutsinger in front of the Operation Texas Strong office and resale store.

LAYTH TAYLOR | TRI-COUNTY REPORTER

other issues.

"We do this to help them get their benefits correct, make sure they have food, make sure they have clean clothes and so forth," Bobby said.

As for D, who received his RV April 25, he is still

in regular contact with the Crutsingers.

"He tells me every day that he likes it, but then tells me he doesn't like it," Bobby said. "He tells me he hasn't earned it, and we tell him 'Yes you did, you served our country.' We talk to him every day now.

He got his benefits a little bit up, and we are trying to get them to 100% because he is only at 40%. We make sure he has food and help him however we can. Our mission is to put veterans in RVs because the majority of them become homeless because they don't

have enough money to be able to live."

Operation Texas Strong is in need of RVs to be donated and is looking for volunteers.

Contact the organization at 682-415-2067 or email peggycrutsinger@rocketmail.com for more information.

Can we talk about social media?



Common Practice

I use social media to promote things that I agree with, and to confront and correct things I disagree with.

Best Practice

I use social media to engage with different perspectives and share my own viewpoint in a non-polarizing way.

Helpful Habits

- Remember that few people change their minds on social media.
- Share negative personal feelings in person, not online.
- Listen carefully to other perspectives.
- Follow people you disagree with.
- You don't have to show up for every argument.
- Don't share posts or information that you cannot verify.

The End Game

To be an engager on social media, I will use "I" statements to share my views and respond to others in constructive, non-polarizing ways.

AZLE

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

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LET'S TALK

Practices

Think about this...

- Gladiators want to set other people straight.
- Defenders want to strike back.
- Snipers want to score an accurate shot.
- Gang members want to pile on.
- Lurkers just want to watch the fight.
- Engagers want to share views, listen, and decrease polarizing content.

Try this...

- Refrain from labeling others, especially using labels that cause an emotional reaction.
- Humility goes a long way. Refrain from being dismissive.
- Avoid making it personal, stick to issues.
- Be brief. If your response is longer than the original post, delete it and have a personal conversation.
- Don't be a troll. Be respectful of someone else's feed or timeline.

Expectations of summer have changed

Something has changed in me. An essential, fundamental belief I held for years has morphed into something new. The change was slow yet seemingly relentless. I would have never thought my feelings about such a fundamental and important part of my life could be modified. Yet here I am experiencing the first week of June and there can be no question that my basic view of the world has changed. Surprisingly, my love of summer has diminished.

Don't get me wrong, I do not hate summer. It is not my intent to move to Alaska or Alberta, where I can experience mild days and cool nights during summer and then live through the dark cold of winter. I have never been a snow/cold weather person. My confusion is about why my attitude toward summer has changed.

As an elementary school student, I could not wait until the last day of school. My buddies and I would take our shirts off and with a few ex-



FROM MY FRONT PORCH

By Sam Houston

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ceptions, not put them back on until school started again in the fall. We would swim, play baseball, invent kids' games like soccey — a combination of soccer and hockey where you could kick, throw or strike the ball into the goal using your hands, feet or a hockey stick. If the game sounds chaotic, it was, and that is what made playing soccey in the heat of summer so much fun.

During the summer my friends and I might start the day off with a game of catch, while dissecting the results of the MLB game the night before. Eventually, we would wander to the pool where we would swim, dive, dunk each other and chance a quick glance at one of the young female lifeguards. After the

pool, we might grab a Coke and sit on the stone fence outside the drug store, sipping our drinks and talking about the many things in life we did not understand, or had not yet experienced.

Usually about an hour before dinner time, we would head home and check in with our moms. The matriarchs of our family had not missed us during the day. They knew where we were and basically what we were doing. Our only obligation was to be home for dinner.

After eating our evening meal, it was back outside for the continuation of the nightly kickball game. This sporting event had been going on for weeks. It started right after dinner and continued until it was too dark to see. The

game never ended, it simply went on and on. The joy was to play, not to worry about a final score.

Through all these days' events the sun would beat down on us without mercy. We never thought about staying inside because it was "too hot" to play. There were no video games for us to play or movie channels for us to watch because the technology had not yet been invented. Even if electronic games had been invented, I am not sure they would have interfered with our love of being outside in the sun, basking in the heat.

With each day of summer our tans got darker. We were not troubled with regular applications of sunscreen. Science had yet to explain to mothers that skin exposed to large doses of sun could create skin cancer. In fact, the girls of the neighborhood would coat themselves in baby oil so their skin could get even darker and leathery. The sun was a way of life. Growing older never

changed my love for summer. I would haul hay, work in the oilfield or work livestock and it seemed like the sun was always shining brightly. Well into my 50s I would work outside for 10 to 12 hours and while I would certainly feel warm, I was never deterred by the heat of summer.

If not at work, I might be at the lake skiing, on the golf course or working outside in the yard. The sun was like an old friend. It comforted my soul and let me feel as warm on the inside as I did on the outside.

At this point in my life something has changed. I no longer work outside doing manual labor in the heat. I cannot tell you the last time I had the time or made the effort to spend a day at the lake. I stopped playing golf years ago after an injury to my back, and playing soccey with the neighborhood kids is simply a memory which will not be relived.

Now I realize for the next 100 days we will be sentenced to the Purgatory of

summer heat. Of course, the number of days could be longer, but it is hard to imagine any time before mid-September when the temperature will be down into the 70s and 80s. We will experience a relentless daily grind of excessive heat, no rain, no cool breeze and no relief from the drudgery of summer. The conversations in offices, cafes and on the sidewalk will be of a community ready for cooler weather.

I never thought it would happen. But my friend the summer sun and I have grown apart. We have fond memories of each other, and still have moments of casual connection where we smile at each other and pass a wink or a smile, but we will never have the same intimate relationship we once had. Time changes all things.

Thought for the day: "Keep your face to the sunshine and you will never see the shadows." —Helen Keller

Until next time...I will keep ridin' the storm out!
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Springtown Council swears in new members, honors outgoing mayor pro tem



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Mayor Greg Hood presented outgoing city council member and Mayor Pro Tem Walter Roberson with a plaque in honor of his service to the city of Springtown, both on the Planning and Zoning Commission as well as on council.



Springtown City Council's newest member David Martin was sworn in at the council meeting May 30. Martin succeeded in the May 4 election over incumbent Walter Roberson.



Scott Richardson took his oath of office last week and will serve another term on city council. During the May 4 election, Richardson garnered more votes than his opponent Jessica Castro.



Springtown City Secretary Christina Derr administered the oath of office to council member Ted Martinez, who ran for re-election unopposed, at the May 30 meeting. The council also chose Martinez as the council's new mayor pro tem.

Azle Masons recognize Servolution co-founder

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AZLE — Azle's Masonic Lodge 601 recognized Bruce Adams of The Servolution Network with its Community Builder Award. Adams is a co-founder of the organization, site manager, and father-in-law of Servolution Director Jason Malewiski.

The Masons have had a lodge in Azle since 1884. Since at least the 1990s, the fraternal organization has recognized members of the

community for outstanding service or contributions to its betterment. During the ceremony, Worshipful Master Kenny Patrick described the process of discovering Adams and deciding on him as this year's recipient. Patrick watched a video on Servolution Network's website in which Malewiski detailed its origins. After a flood in his home, Malewiski got his father-in-law's help and was inspired by his skills as a craftsman.

"He is not only a builder,

but a teacher of the trades," Patrick said. "The video went on to talk about how Mr. Adams had been involved in helping churches, organizations, widows, orphans and the needy in the past and that a service like this would be beneficial in our community. In a nutshell, Servolution was born."

When selecting who should receive the award, Patrick began looking at biographies on Servolution's website and found that any of its employees would be deserving of the



From left, Patrick and Adams shake hands as the award is handed off.



Bruce Adams and his extended family after receiving the Community Builder Award from Azle Masonic Lodge 601.

award.

"They are all truly community builders in their own right," Patrick said. "So, I kept looking and stumbled upon the workshop video and as I watched the video, I could tell who I thought would be a great recipient of this award.

So, I reached out and contacted Jason and kind of told him my thoughts."

Patrick named and thanked other volunteers and executives with the organization.

"Without Bruce Adams, this doesn't happen," Malewiski said. "Pay attention, people

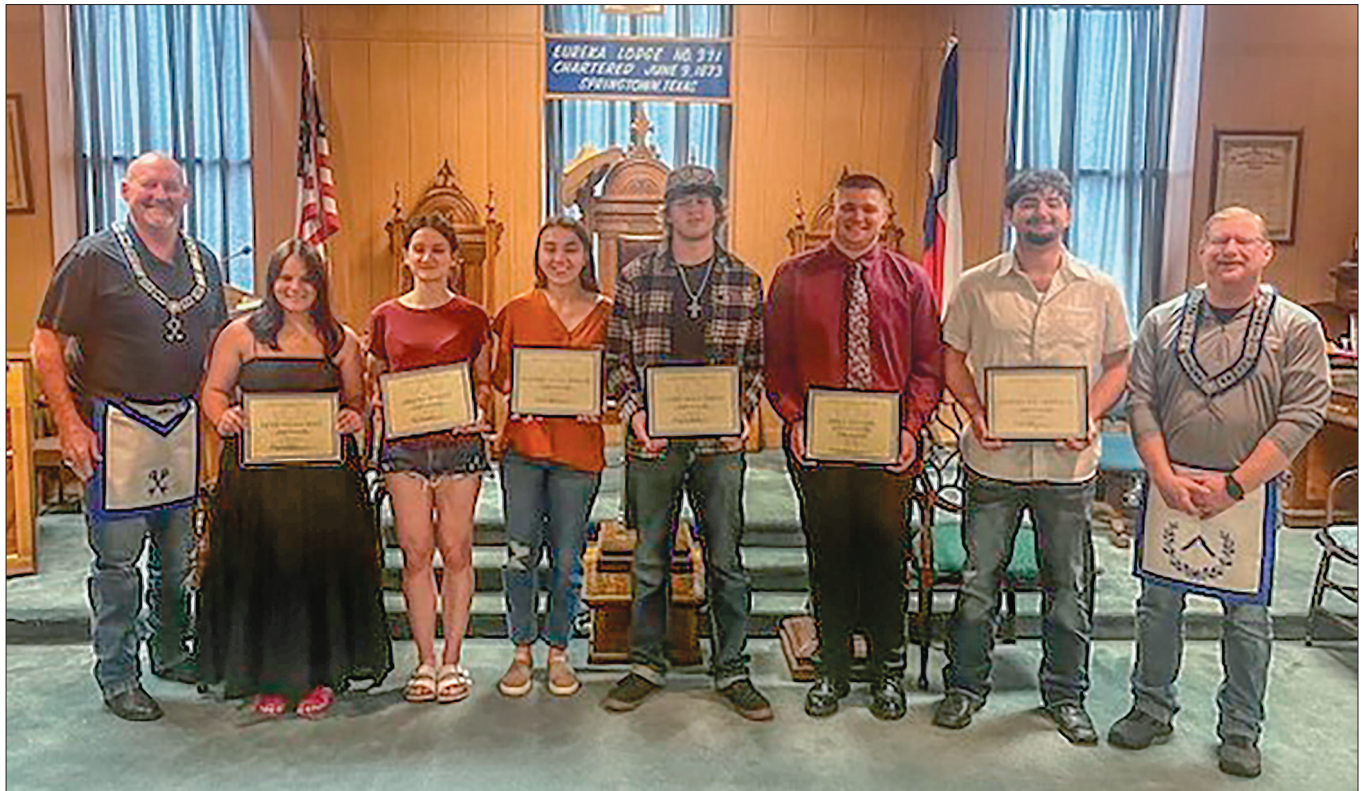
have so many gifts and talents. We live in the best community around. All we do is present the opportunities and this community just steps up time and time again."

Adams was joyful beyond words to receive the recognition.

Springtown Masons award scholarships to local students

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On May 28, Springtown's Eureka Masonic Lodge presented \$1,000 scholarships to six deserving students from area high schools, including three from Springtown, two from Poolville and one from Bowie. The Masons and scholarship winners are pictured from left: Ken Patrick, Lillie Deann Reed from Springtown High School, Brooke Bevelle from Poolville High School, Payton Olivia Tomlin from PHS, Cayen Ridge Priest from SHS, Ridge Michael Westendorf from SHS, Johnny Joe Arenas II from Bowie High School and David Taylor.



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Orange Leaf to be franchised by Azle veteran

New frozen yogurt shop to open on Boyd Road in September

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AZLE — Mike Higby, a United States Air Force veteran, will soon open an Orange Leaf Frozen Yogurt shop in Azle. Higby is from a third-generation military family who has lived almost everywhere in the country. A considerable amount of his time was spent growing up in Alaska, where much of his family still lives. He first joined the U.S. Air Force in 1996 and served until 2019. In that time, Higby lived in California, Spain and Germany before eventually settling in Azle. He worked as an aircraft mechanic, maintaining large aircraft platforms.

Now back in civilian life, Higby hopes to use his military experience to succeed as an entrepreneur. He had never heard of Orange Leaf until he discovered a location in nearby Lake Worth. He and his wife quickly made the place a regular weekend habit.

"We were sitting there, Yvonne, my wife, and I, and we said, 'hey this doesn't look too terribly complicated of an operation, pretty low overhead pretty small footprint, great product, maybe we should think about opening up something like this.'"

Higby said he and his wife had discussed other potential franchise options, like pizza restaurants, but were concerned with the high overhead costs. After speaking with the company's franchi-

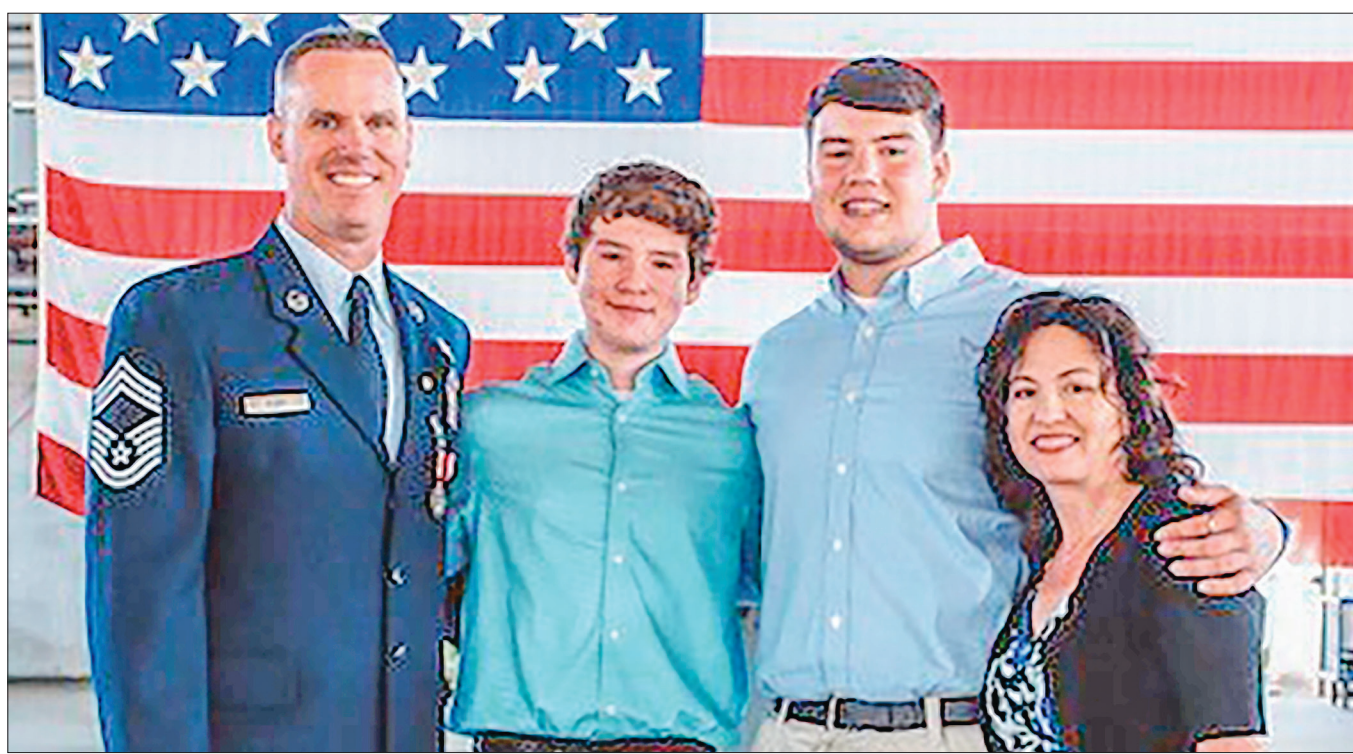
sors, the couple was sold.

Higby said his military experience has granted him three distinct advantages in running a business: a business mindset, mental fortitude and having the skills to work with others.

"I don't think many people go into the military to learn business, but you learn about all the elements of business," Higby said. "You start at a very technical level developing whatever skill you joined to do. Maybe three or four years in, you start getting elements of leadership. They start small initially and then they grow all the way to where I was when I retired."

By the end of Higby's 24 years of service, he said he was responsible for approximately 800 people in his maintenance organization. The longer one's military career lasts, the larger the scope of their responsibilities becomes, the veteran said. In dealing with larger groups of people and more involved logistics, Higby said he believes he has grown many skills that are directly transferable to running a business.

"Aside from that, the business mindset — just the fact that in the military you're taught giving up or stopping is not an option," Higby said. "You have to have the fortitude to know what right looks like, recognize when it's not right and get after whatever it takes to make it right. That stick-to-it-iveness is absolutely going to transfer



COURTESY PHOTO

From left to right, Mike Higby, sons Bryce and Austin, and wife Yvonne Higby.

over. I think another key part of my experience is dealing with all kinds of different people in our U.S. military."

Higby also credits his transition assistance program, where he studied the entrepreneurship track, for putting him on his current path.

"I think I learned a lot in that class that still sticks with me today, five years later," Higby said. "In Texas we are lucky enough to have a state that is very fond of our veterans, and they offer things like the veteran's commission here in Texas and the veterans secretary of state. Both of them have key resources for veterans who are looking to get out and start their own business."

The Higbys have two sons, 24-year-old Austin who plans to move closer to his parents after graduating from the University of North Texas, and 20-year-old Bryce who attends Tarrant County College and volunteers once a week at the Community Caring Center.

Mike Higby has lived in Azle for two years and has been actively building a relationship with Orange Leaf for the last seven months. He hopes to have the business open by September in the strip mall at 832 Boyd Road, across from RaceTrac. Yvonne Higby has worked at Walnut Creek Elementary as a para-educator for pre-school classes for the last few years. She is looking forward to seeing her stu-

dents and their families come into the shop over the years and establish deeper roots in Azle. Despite the naysayers, Higby is determined to open the franchise in the town that he now calls home.

"I think it's going to be great spot," Higby said. "Folks kind of thought Azle was small, not much to do there they tried to steer us toward Fort Worth but we felt like we had a tie to Azle, we want it to be in our community."

The week of Memorial Day Higby plans to spend time with his family and remember U.S. military personnel who lost their lives in combat.

"I don't know many folks that have been in the military

for any length of time that can say they've not known loss," Higby said. "So, it's tough. You always want to remember those who weren't lucky enough to be on the same timeline with us anymore. We were fortunate enough to rub elbows with all those people at some point in time but some of them aren't with us. Some of them went and some didn't return, so it sucks. I think you always have those folks in your memory who aren't with us anymore. You try not to dwell on it, but you try not to forget them either, right? You try to honor them through your actions, through the way that you continue to live your life. It makes them proud that way."

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Reno Council OKs interlocal agreement with Wise County for ETJ platting

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RENO — After a back-and-forth discussion with city staff, Reno City Council narrowly approved an interlocal agreement to allow Wise County to review plats in the part of Reno's extraterritorial jurisdiction that intersects with Wise County.

A city's extraterritorial jurisdiction, or ETJ, is outside the city's official boundaries in unincorporated areas that are adjacent to the city limits, according to the Texas Local Government Code. In its ETJ, city leaders can oversee the platting process, which typically involves landowners getting a map drawn of the property with intended lot divisions. In Reno, this means that developers submit their plats to the city for the Planning and Zoning Commission and city council to review them, ask questions and make decisions. However, municipal officials don't have as much control over developments in the ETJ as they do of ones in the city limits.

In April, Reno Interim City Secretary Rebekka Roberts talked to the city council about a plan to allow the three counties that intersect with Reno's ETJ — Parker,

Tarrant and Wise — to handle platting if most of a property is in the county with a smaller portion in Reno's ETJ. Usually, if a property is in the county and in Reno's ETJ, a developer would have to go to both the city council and county commissioners to get the property platted. The plan presented in April would streamline the platting process where developers would only work with the county commissioners.

"I'm getting a lot of conflict because I've got people that are wanting to get their plats going, but they don't want to go to two different P&Zs, two different councils," Roberts said during the April meeting. "They're in the county, so technically the county could handle it, which would be the county commissioner, which knows all the regulations for inside city and outside county. And so, I'm just trying to figure out the best way to help our ETJ citizens because really the only thing they have to come to us for is platting. So, it is just becoming a hassle."

Council members were concerned about putting too much pressure on the mayor to sign off on the interlocal agreements and about handing off platting authority if a property included multiple

acres of ETJ land. Therefore, they decided to delay action.

This topic resurfaced a month later at the council's May 20 meeting, but instead of three counties, only Wise County was included in the agenda item. This is because Wise County had an agreement prepared, Roberts said, and the property needing to be platted that initiated the issue is mostly in Wise County with only about a half-acre in Reno's ETJ. It was estimated during the meeting that the land where Reno's ETJ intersects with Wise County, the section of land that will now be solely platted by Wise County, is about 25 acres.

Roberts said Reno would not lose that portion of the ETJ, but the city would miss out on getting its \$200 for the plat applications. The cases wouldn't have to be presented to P&Z and council. She also said the city attorney had reviewed the agreement and didn't suggest any changes.

"They don't get our ETJ; they don't get any of the property taxes or anything we get from that," Roberts said to the council in May. "They strictly just get the due diligence to do the footwork and make sure that their plat is set up like it needs to be

set up."

Some members of the council were skeptical about this agreement. Council member Tod Siedell pointed out that a part of it was worded in a contradictory way and expressed concern about abdicating power to Wise County.

"My question is, are we giving away something that we shouldn't be giving away?" Siedell asked Roberts during the meeting.

Council member Joy Jenkins, who at one point during the meeting motioned to deny the agreement, had similar concerns as Siedell.

"I don't think it's worth setting the precedence that could come back to haunt us because we don't know how it could come back to hurt us," Jenkins said.

Siedell also said the agreement could lead to a situation where many acres in Reno's ETJ that intersects with Wise County could be platted for a large subdivision, and the council may not be informed or included in any of the decision making.

Roberts responded that the only power being given away is oversight of the platting process, which is not much power at all for properties outside the city's limits. She reminded the council they can only review plats in the

ETJ to make sure they follow the city's rules on build lines and have lots that are at least one acre each.

"We can't tell them what they can and can't do in the ETJ," Roberts said in the meeting. "If they hook up to sewage somehow, they work something with Azle and everything, they can come in with quarter-acre or half-acre (lots) in our ETJ."

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Kevin Vandenberg pointed out that the platting rules in Wise County are consistent with Parker County's and the city's. Therefore, there may not be much of a change.

"It just saves us time because their rules are the same as our rules," Vandenberg said in the meeting. "If somebody comes in here with 1,000 acres for replat to cut it down to 1,000 pieces of one-acre land, as long as they're well within the ordinances, P&Z is supposed to pass it, and we're supposed to pass it."

Vandenberg made a motion to approve the interlocal agreement; Siedell and Jennifer Vogle voted with him to pass it. Jenkins and Mayor Pro Tem Shelli Swift voted against Vandenberg's motion.

"I don't see why it's necessary, and I just don't like not knowing what we're doing,"

Swift said. "I don't like not knowing what's going on and then finding out later on when I don't see what the problem is with the way it is right now. I don't know why it needs to change."

After the meeting, Siedell said he voted to approve it because he didn't want to hold up the process on a small piece of land. However, he said the agreement needs to be clear, and he will work to get a better understanding of it.

Likewise, Roberts said she will work with the council members who had concerns before the agreement is signed and submitted. She said changes can be made by her or the mayor if necessary, and if those changes are significant enough, the agreement could come before the council again.

"I definitely want to take care of my council and make sure everybody is fully comfortable," Roberts said. "This just gets it along to where if I can't come to an agreement, I have the authority to go ahead and pass it through, but I would really like to have all five council members comfortable with the agreement."

OBITUARIES

Fredrick Harlow 1955-2024

Fredrick McKinley Harlow, 68, peacefully passed away after a short battle with cancer May 25, 2024. He passed at home surrounded by family who loved him dearly.

Please join us at the Branded Cross Cowboy Church and Arena June 8 at 10 a.m. for his final journey. We will have a potluck with all friends and family after his memorial. After that we will give dad one last ride if anyone would like to join us.

Freddy, son of Otto and Maxine (Breedren) Harlow, was born in Kankakee, Illinois Dec. 2, 1955.

He lived a simple life by riding his motorcycle with his friends and club members of Guardian of the Children, going to car shows, playing music with friends and family, singing hymns and playing guitar.

Freddy was a man who never knew a stranger and always had kind words of wisdom to those around him. He was hard-working and did everything he could to make sure his family was taken care of.

He was a strong believer



in Jesus Christ our savior and we know that he is now fishing those heavenly lakes with his father Otto. He will be dearly loved and missed by all.

Freddy had a long, prosperous career with Albertsons as a delivery driver and dispatcher. He then retired from Penske Truck Rental after being a dispatcher and safety manager last year.

He is survived by his two children with Wendy Haynes: son, Zackery and his wife Chelsie, and daughter Kayse Harlow.

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Gerald Alan Brown 1970-2024

Gerald "Jerry" Alan Brown, 54, passed away Thursday, May 30, 2024.

A memorial service for Jerry was held at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, June 7, 2024, at the Azle First Assembly of God Church, 1020 Southeast Parkway, Azle, Texas 76020.

Jerry is survived by his father, Ronald Brown & wife Beverly Rodgers; mother, Dixie Miller and husband Keith Miller; his only son, Jayce Brown and wife Bonnie Brown; his grandchildren, Kennedi and Khoen Brown; and many relatives and friends.

Jerry will be dearly missed



by all who knew and loved him.

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CASTRO

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the time," Castro said. "I applied and I got hired and I've been there ever since."

Castro and his wife, Mariana, only see the cancer as a bump in the road on their journey to start a family. The couple had been trying to conceive prior to his diagnosis. After learning about the cancer, the couple's prospects began to narrow as the surgery and chemotherapy would drastically reduce their ability to have children. The two considered adoption and sperm banking, but April 13, just a day after starting chemotherapy, Mariana Castro miraculously learned she is pregnant.

"It was a true blessing the last day after we saw the doctor that we got pregnant," Castro said. "It gave us a sign that he's (God) still with us and he still wants us to continue on this path. I just feel blessed. God sent me a gift. It reassures me that he's there with me on my side."

Castro said having a supportive family has been critical in getting his through his treatments. Taking leave from work, Castro's wife has attended every doctor's visit and surgery and helps him with anything he might need while bedridden after surgeries and treatments. He and his wife also currently live with his in-laws in Farmers Branch.

"I'm blessed to have her by my side. She cooks and she cleans. I'm truly blessed that God put her in my way," Castro said. "We love being with (his in-laws), we don't decide on moving anytime soon. Especially in this situation. If we had been on our own, it would have probably been a lot harder financially on us having to pay cars and rent. Being with our in-laws has helped us tremendously

financially and emotionally as well, as well as having someone here if I need something. Her brothers can help me out or her family can help me out. My grandmother and my parents, as well, if I need something I just shoot them a text message or call, and they bring it to me. We all live within like 10 minutes of each other. It's truly been a help, they've been bringing me like fruits, so I'm very fortunate to have my family as well as hers."

Castro is scheduled to continue this round of chemotherapy until July. If any cancer remains in his abdomen, he will then undergo another surgery.

"(The doctor) said it's a very complicated and time-consuming procedure but it can be done," Castro said. "I'm ready for it. I used to be scared of surgeries but after doing a couple of them, I'm ready for it."

COMMUNITY SUPPORTS CASTRO

Castro has received donations from numerous Azle businesses, local churches and countless individuals to help pay for his treatments. At time of publication, a GoFundMe campaign for the officer raised \$10,785 for his medical expenses. On June 1, Castro's fellow law enforcement officers, the Azle Police Officer's Association, Texas Municipal Police Association and other community members also held a fundraiser on his behalf. From 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., the TMPA and others sold burger baskets and chips for \$10 at the Azle Walmart. For a \$100 donation, local officers volunteered to shave their heads on the spot in solidarity with Castro. Barber Brad Vaughn, owner of Kingdom Kutz, donated his time and resources to the cause.

"It makes me feel grate-

ful that everyone is out here supporting him through the hard moments that we're going through, and I just want to thank everyone here that's supporting him, Mariana Castro said. "Just thank you all."

On Facebook, local auto shop owner Jennifer Burrows challenged Cpl. Mike Winterrowd to name a price to shave his head, mustache and beard. Winterrowd's price was \$2,000, which Burrows successfully delivered in-person to the fundraiser. An Azle Police Association spokesperson estimates volunteers were able to raise over \$8,000 which they expect a generous donor to soon match for a total of more than \$16,000.

"It's good to be back and seeing all the support and the people coming out," Castro said. "There's a lot of support. It feels good," Castro said. "It's paying itself forward. We all do little things just because we want to and eventually people remember what we do for them."

Through it all, Castro describes being able to withstand it all with the support of his faith, family and community. He described the support he has received from Azle as a blessing and questions what he would do without it.

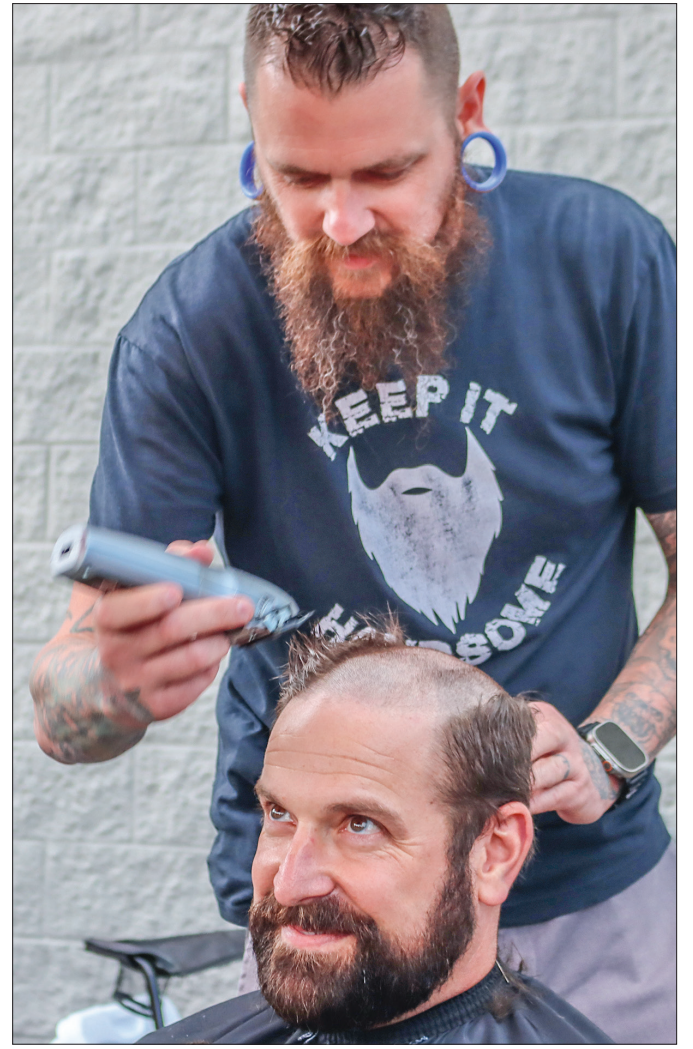
"I'm very thankful and appreciative they are helping me out," Castro said. "I'm very thankful that God put me there. If I never took the job or I would have left, where would I be now or what help would I be receiving now? Knowing that someone is sick and is going to need help, they sent out the message to everybody and the whole community just started ganging up and helping. The community itself is not just donating the money but their time to help me out. It is an honor. I feel truly blessed to be in this small community

because if had been somewhere else, would it be different? Would they even care at a point? It hits more like you know them. It hits more like home. It's not like just random people donating to me, it's people from the community that are donating. You already knew they had your back but it's also financially and spiritually that they have your back as well."

Castro has spent time as a school resource officer in Azle schools and is also a member of the department's domestic violence unit. In 2022, he was named Officer of the Year and has received a Life Saving Award. After five years on the force, Castro feels his time is best spent as a beat cop. He hopes to continue interacting with the public and helping them however they might need it when he returns to service after his recovery.

Viewing their child as an early Christmas present, the couple expects to greet the newest member of their family Dec. 18. Castro describes times as being hard with his illness taking attention away from the baby, but as he recovers, he looks forward to helping his wife with her nausea and fatigue, just as she helped him with his.

"I'm hoping God gives us a healthy baby," Castro said. The couple expects to learn the baby's gender the week of Fathers Day and they're



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Azle Police Sgt. Richard Lukowsky eyes barber Brad Vaughan anxiously as he shaves his head.

currently considering a number of different names, most biblical. If it's a girl, Castro said the couple is consider-

ing naming the child Maria Guadalupe, after the patron saint, or Esperanza, meaning "hope."

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The _____ Azle ISD _____ will hold a public meeting at _____ 6:45 p.m. on June 17, 2024 _____ in _____ Azle ISD Administration Building - Board Room _____ Azle, TX _____.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax	\$ _____ .748 _____ /\$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	\$ _____ .354 _____ /\$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)
Approved by Local Voters	

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and operations	_____ % increase	or	15.3 % (decrease)
Debt service	51.2 % increase	or	_____ % (decrease)
Total expenditures	6.61 % increase	or	_____ % (decrease)

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Tax Code Section 26.04)

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$ 6,859,409,003	\$ 7,019,409,003
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ 222,951,719	\$ 177,390,078
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 4,060,647,706	\$ 4,220,571,484
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 222,481,097	\$ 167,278,789

* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Tax Code Section 1.04(8).
** "New property" is defined by Tax Code Section 26.012(17).
*** "Taxable value" is defined by Tax Code Section 1.04(10).

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$ 279,680,000

* Outstanding principal.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$.751	\$.274 *	\$ 1.025	\$ 6,291	\$ 5,409
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$.819	\$.393 *	\$ 1.21	\$ 7,440	\$ 5,205
Proposed Rate	\$.748	\$.353 *	\$ 1.10	\$ 7,333	\$ 5,306

* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 268,406	\$ 344,303
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 228,406	\$ 304,303
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.025	\$ 1.102
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 2,341	\$ 3,353
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ 176

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Voter-Approval Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.1399. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the voter-approval rate of 1.1399.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ 25,708,433
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 9,557,980

A school district may not increase the district's maintenance and operations tax rate to create a surplus in maintenance and operations tax revenue for the purpose of paying the district's debt service.

Visit [Texas.gov/PropertyTaxes](https://www.texas.gov/PropertyTaxes) to find a link to your local property tax database on which you can easily access information regarding your property taxes, including information about proposed tax rates and scheduled public hearings of each entity that taxes your property.

The 86th Texas Legislature modified the manner in which the voter-approval tax rate is calculated to limit the rate of growth of property taxes in the state.

LEGAL PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Pursuant to Chapter 59, Texas Property Code, ASH CREEK SELF STORAGE which is located at 117 Locust St, Azle, Texas 76020 will hold a public auction of property being sold to satisfy a landlord's lien. Sale will be held from 10:00 AM 6/13/24 until 10:00 AM 6/26/24 online at www.storageauctions.com Property will be sold to highest bidder for cash or debit/credit. A cash deposit for removal and cleanup may be temporarily required. Seller reserves the right to not accept any bid and to withdraw property from sale. Property in each space may be sold item-by-item, in batches, or by the space. Property being sold includes contents in spaces of the following tenants, with brief description of contents in each space.

- Noah Britain - Boxes, clothes, ac window unit, Christmas Decorations
- Yvonne Grider - Furniture, home decor, printer, clothes, boots
- Paul Upchurch - household items, furniture, tools, rugs, ladders
- Alicia Redding - Furniture, boxes
- Chris Langhorn - Camping equipment, grille, tools, fishing gear
- Debbie Wood - Home décor, furniture, blankets, dog crate, boxes

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

AZLE CRIME CONTROL & PREVENTION DISTRICT will be conducting a Public Hearing on the proposed District 2024-2025 Budget on Thursday, June 20th 2024, at 6:00 p.m. The hearing will be conducted in the City Hall Community Room, 505 W. Main St, Azle.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of Robert Keith Longbotham, Deceased Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Robert Keith Longbotham, Deceased, were issued on May 29, 2024, in Cause No. 24P168, pending in the County Court of Parker County, Texas, to: Joe Craig Longbotham, Independent Executor. Claims may be mailed in care of the Estate as follows: Joe Craig Longbotham, Independent Executor c/o Wendi E. Andino, Attorney Ruelas Andino Law, PLLC 1020 Fort Worth Hwy., Ste. 500 Weatherford, Texas 76086 All persons having claims against said Estate, which is currently being administered, are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. Dated this 30th day of May 2024. Respectfully submitted, Wendi E. Andino State Bar No. 24086674 Ruelas Andino Law, PLLC 1020 Fort Worth Highway, Suite 500 Weatherford, Texas 76086 Tel: (817) 609-8935 Fax: (817) 550-6020 wendi@ruelasandinolaw.com Attorney for Joe Craig Longbotham

The Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of Azle will conduct a public hearing at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 20, 2024 in the City Council Chambers at City Hall, located at 505 West Main Street to consider text amendments to Chapter 14 "Zoning Ordinance" of the Code of Ordinances, City of Azle, Texas. The purpose of the text amendment is to consider adding parking maintenance requirements for commercial properties.

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Homegrown

Springtown native, longtime educator to take reins at Goshen Creek Elementary School

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SPRINGTOWN — When the Springtown school board announced Wendy Ashley will be the new principal at Goshen Creek Elementary, Ashley felt moved to tears.

“As I sat before the board, hearing the announcement that I would be the next principal of Goshen Creek Elementary, I felt a mix of emotions: overwhelming joy, deep gratitude and a sense of privilege,” said Ashley, Goshen Creek assistant principal and Springtown native. “I am humbled to follow in the footsteps of esteemed former principals, Mr. Wes Thomas and Mrs. Kelly Jones, who have set the standard for excellence at Goshen Creek. The moment my name was announced, I struggled to hold back tears, as the trust placed in me by the school board, administration, my predecessors and the entire campus community is truly meaningful.”

Ashley’s career seems to have been building up to this moment. She developed a passion for education when she was a student in Springtown, thanks to her second-grade teacher and mentor Nancy Newby-Brown, and she eventually started her teaching career at Springtown Elementary School.

Ashley also credited her family for inspiring her path into education, particularly her brother who has a disability.

“Growing up with an older brother who is autistic and non-verbal presented unique challenges, but it also taught me valuable skills that have helped me support others,” she said. “I learned to adapt, communicate effectively and develop strategies to help others succeed.”

After graduating from



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Springtown native Wendy Ashley will take the reins as Goshen Creek Elementary School's new principal next school year. Ashley has spent over 20 years working at Springtown schools, including five years as assistant principal at Goshen Creek Elementary.

Springtown High School in 1993, Ashley furthered her education at Weatherford College and Tarleton State University. At first, she found work in corporate fitness, but she eventually followed her heart into the classroom.

“It was Mrs. Andrea Hungerford, former Springtown Independent School (District) superintendent, who gave me my first opportunity to teach a second-grade class at Springtown Elementary School,” Ashley said. “This experience not only fueled my passion for education but also solidified my commitment to making a positive impact on the lives of young students. In the third year of teaching is when I knew and was driven to be an administrator.”

After spending a couple of years at Springtown Elementary, Ashley worked for six years at the former Watson Elementary in kindergarten and physical educa-

tion. Then, in 2009, she came to Goshen Creek Elementary to teach kindergarten, first grade and third grade before being promoted to assistant principal in 2019. Now, after more than two decades in education, Ashley will lead Goshen Creek as its next principal.

Ashley will be filling in for outgoing Principal Kelly Jones, who is taking a step back after spending 25 years working in schools.

“I have been fortunate to serve in a variety of roles in education, and I feel it is the right time to give an opportunity to someone else to lead Goshen,” Jones said. “I plan on changing careers and becoming a realtor. This will allow me more time to spend with my family, including my 1-year-old granddaughter.”

Jones has been principal of Goshen Creek Elementary for the past five years, and she looked back on her time there with fondness. Her favorite memories at the school revolve around the students and the staff as they had fun on themed days, played games and celebrated successes.

“My focus has always been the kids, creating an environment where all students and staff feel safe and loved, a place they enjoyed coming to every day and a place they continue to come back to visit,” Jones said. “The culture at Goshen is very positive and welcoming. This can be affirmed by anyone who walks in our building.”

To Springtown Independent School District Superintendent Shane Strickland, Jones succeeded in making Goshen Creek Elementary a good place to be.

“Springtown ISD is very thankful and blessed to have had Mrs. Jones for five years in our district,” Strickland said. “The culture

that she led in her building was incredible. She will be missed, but we are very happy for her and the time that she will get to spend with her family.”

Jones and Ashley have spent about the same amount of time as Goshen Creek Elementary principal and assistant principal, respectively, and Jones is excited to see her colleague get promoted.

“She is one of the most passionate, hardworking people I know who puts students first in all decisions,” Jones said. “There’s no doubt that what we have started at Goshen together will continue under her leadership. The future of Goshen is very bright!”

Strickland matched Jones’ enthusiasm for Ashley’s new role and what it means for Goshen Creek in the future.

“She has an incredible work ethic, but even more than that, she has a huge heart for students,” he said. “I believe that she will continue to maintain the amazing culture that Goshen Creek has and be a great leader for that campus. I look forward to working more closely with her as the building principal.”

Ashley has several specific short-term and long-term goals in mind as she prepares to lead the campus. These objectives may be best summed up by her mission and vision statement: “To deliver the highest quality education within a positive and passionate culture; where all students and staff feel safe to grow, are empowered to learn, and inspire others to rise.”

“I am honored to continue serving our students, staff and community, and I take this responsibility very seriously,” Ashley said. “In my heart, I know that Goshen Creek and Springtown ISD are the perfect place to be, and I am driven to uphold our leg-

acy of excellence as we continue to grow and thrive.”

One of the challenges Ashley may face is continuing to mitigate the high growth that has affected SISD as a whole and particularly Goshen Creek Elementary School. Jones said the enrollment grew by more than 200 students at Goshen Creek during her five years as principal.

Campus leaders have had to adapt to the growth by making use of all available space, changing schedules and rethinking the coordination of students’ breakfast/lunch time, bathroom breaks and recess, Ashley said.

“We will continue to look at maximizing time within the classroom for instruction delivery, master schedules and transitions to reduce time on transition and reduce traffic jams in common areas, as our focus in keeping our students at the heart of every decision,” she said. “We will

continue to do whatever it takes to make sure each student feels welcomed, grows to their highest potential, and our staff/community needs are being met.”

Moving forward, Ashley wants Goshen Creek Elementary School’s families and staff to know she’s experienced, dedicated to service and loves her job and community.

“Throughout my journey, I was blessed with an incredible network of friends, educators, family members and church family who instilled in me a strong sense of positivity and values,” she said. “Springtown has had a profound impact on my life, and I have always felt grateful for the opportunities and experiences it has provided. All of this being said, I have always wanted to stay within our amazing community and give back to the people who helped to mold me into who I am today.”



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Outgoing Goshen Creek Elementary School Principal Kelly Jones speaks at last year's new teacher luncheon. Jones is taking a step back from her 25-year career in education to become a realtor and spend more time with her family.

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Senate District 30 as a whole. Hagenbuch beat Yarbrough by about 1,000 votes, or over 61% of ballots cast, while Frey received almost 56% of the 184 votes for Democratic candidates in the race.

Realizing his victory, Hagenbuch released a lengthy statement after the election.

“I have spoken with the lieutenant governor (who leads the Texas Senate) and told him I am reporting for

duty and ready to work,” he said in the statement.

Hagenbuch also expressed gratitude for his family and supporters, which included former President Donald Trump, Gov. Greg Abbott and Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick. He’s planning townhall meetings across the district and is looking forward to “(delivering) one of the strongest conservative voting records during the upcoming 89th Session.”

“I look forward to spending the remainder of the year continuing to travel the district and preparing to represent the interests of

our area in the Texas Senate,” Hagenbuch said. “The voters have made clear that border security, education choice, property taxes and economic growth are top priorities. They will be my focus. Party primaries can and do get intense, and sometimes the rhetoric gets overheated — leaving hurt feelings and some bruised egos. I will go to Austin to represent the entire district. Those who supported me and those who didn’t. I extend the hand of friendship and the spirit of cooperation to everyone.”

Frey did not send a statement to The Tri-County

Reporter, but he did appear to be celebrating his victory on his official social media accounts. Before the election, he told the Reporter that his platform consists of supporting schools and teachers, expanding Medicaid and mitigating the housing crisis.

“I am running for office because I have seen how broken our healthcare system is and how poorly we treat our public school teachers,” Frey said in his candidate questionnaire submitted to the Reporter. “My father-in-law for example, a retired school teacher, struggled in his later years as the Medicaid

system barely supported us. We don’t support health, nor education, here in Texas. Our schools are underfunded. We have Texans who are poor but not poor enough to qualify for Medicaid. And we have a legislature that keeps pushing a school voucher scam that would further hurt our education system. And all that needs to change!”

After the runoff election, Hagenbuch and Frey are expected to go head-to-head in November, unless a pending lawsuit against Hagenbuch takes him off the ballot. Hagenbuch has said he lives in District 30, but

other Republican candidates — Yarbrough and Carrie De Moor — disagree and are suing Hagenbuch, according to The Texas Tribune. They say Hagenbuch actually lives in a neighboring district, and his campaign filings instead list an office building as his residence. The lawsuit is still working its way through the court system, and Hagenbuch was authorized to keep campaigning in the meantime. However, if Hagenbuch is deemed ineligible by the courts, he would be taken off the ballot, and a GOP executive committee will elect a replacement.

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softball. She didn't really kick girls in the shins; she never did, so she was nice and funny. Whenever we came in the classroom, she tried to scare us."

Hearing about the wreck from her mother, Whitney Lowery, drove Avery to tears and prayers. It was a tragedy that she, like everyone else, didn't see coming.

"It was hard to know that Bailey passed," Avery said. Praying helped Avery feel better. She believes Bailey is in a place where she won't have to suffer.

Avery's mom, who is also a teacher at Goshen Creek Elementary School, has been involved in fundraising after the wreck, particularly in support of Londyn Hargis' family. The GoFundMe page Lowery set up raised a whopping \$15,050 (and counting), which was a surprise for Lowery who only expected to get half of her \$5,000 goal.

"I had (Londyn) for a year (in class) and care about her and her family," Lowery said about why she made the GoFundMe page. "The Reeds are really well known in the community, and I knew that people would surround them and support them. And I didn't know how much support the Hargises would have, so I just thought it'd be a way to help them through this difficult time."

Lowery described Londyn as having a big personality and a beautiful singing voice, evidenced by a video of Londyn singing "Last Christmas" in class with another student. Lowery could only talk about Londyn for so long before choking up with tears.

"She was so full of life, the

most outgoing, charismatic, little spitball of fire," Lowery said. "When she walked in the room, everybody knew she was there, and she was kind, compassionate, very thoughtful. She just lit up a room."

Seeing her mother's actions and knowing that her teacher is battling serious injuries, the idea of raising money for Mrs. Reed was a no-brainer for Avery.

"She's more than a person. She was my teacher, and she was one of the best teachers I had," Avery said. "She doesn't deserve to go through all this pain."

On her first day, Avery collected more than \$70 from people after walking around her neighborhood and sitting in her front yard, and she plans to raise money for a couple of weeks. Of course, Avery hopes her efforts will inspire people to donate toward Mrs. Reed's medical expenses but also to pray for her as well.

The Springtown community is definitely praying. In fact, Springtown Independent School District hosted a rally last week where local pastors spoke and prayed for the families involved in the accident. Attendees nearly filled up Springtown High School's auditorium and raised their voices in worship songs like "Lord, I Need You" and "Goodness of God."

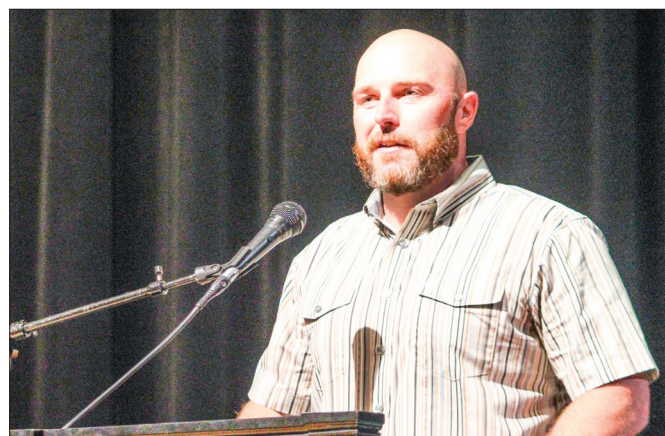
"How many of you are thankful for the goodness of God?" Legacy Church Pastor Gary Veazey asked. The crowd at SHS responded with a chorus of amens and applause.

Veazey reassured the audience that it's OK to feel grief, anger or have questions for God. He and the other pastors encouraged those in attendance to lean into their faith at this time. Veazey referenced a story in the Bible about Moses; when he had



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Springtown Independent School District hosted a rally May 28 where local pastors spoke and prayed for the families involved in the accident. Attendees of the rally nearly filled up Springtown High School's auditorium.



Bodie Beaman told attendees at last week's prayer rally that Autumn Reed, the Goshen Creek Elementary School teacher who survived a tragic wreck, is staying strong after multiple surgeries. "She's a bundle of joy for this community," Beaman said.



First Baptist Springtown Minister of Youth/Upward Director Chris Nash led prayer rally attendees in singing worship songs "Lord, I Need You" and "Goodness of God" last week at Springtown High School.

his hands lifted to God, the Israelites were winning their battle, and when Moses' arms grew tired, his friends held him up.

"Not only is God with us, but we have each other,"

Veazey said. "I just want the family to know, the friends to know that when you're lifting your hands up and you're crying out to God, and you're praying, and you're seeking God; and you have all the

questions; and you get weary and tired; and you feel like you can't make it, just know there's a whole community around you. There's a whole group of churches around you that are saying 'you're

not alone.' We're here to lift up your hands because as long as our hands are lifted up, in other words, as long as our focus is upon the Lord, the battle is going to be won."

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AZLE — Azle seniors got full service and the best gossip at Truvy's Salon Thursday, May 23, when the Azle Arts Association treated residents at Legacy Oaks of Azle to an exclusive showing of "Steel Magnolias."

Since January 2023, Popcorn Players performers traditionally have done a walkthrough of the senior living facility to read their lines before their second weekend of shows. Founding Popcorn Player and maintenance director at LOOA Scott Nurmela thought to sweeten the deal this time with the full theater experience.

"The Thursday before the second weekend we'll usually just do a walkthrough," Nurmela said. "We'll say our lines in no costumes and no tech, so all we had to do was add the costumes and the tech and we've got a show for them. It works out good. It gets us ready for the weekend too and it's good for them. That way they don't worry

about taking them to the zoo or anywhere out in public to where they may catch a virus and bring it back and spread it around. This is just bringing everybody there to here and back. It keeps them a little safer and they get out to come see a show. They have a good time and that's good for everybody."

Nurmela said the experience is often the highlight of many seniors' week, and they will sometimes come up to him after the show and address him as his character. Another benefit to the arrangement, Nurmela said, is attendees who have trouble with mobility have ample time to get situated and comfortable without disturbing other show-goers.

"There's a lot of walkers, a lot of wheelchairs, we take as much time as we need to get everybody to sit." Nurmela said. "We don't have to worry about people that don't have them."

The theater's next show will be a thrilling melodrama, directed by Nurmela, titled, "How the West Was Dun or



Legacy Oaks seniors watch the Popcorn Players cast perform the famous comedy drama "Steel Magnolias."

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... Left High and Dry in Low Humidity Chasm." The production will premiere July 12

at 1012 Southeast Parkway in Azle. Tickets will be available in-person, online at www.

azlearts.org, or by phone at 817-238-PLAY. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$12 for se-

niors and students and \$10 for the Sunday matinee.

Goldman defeats O'Shea in run-off

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AZLE — May 28 Republican Primary candidate and Texas state Rep Craig Goldman defeated businessman John O'Shea in a run-off election for Texas' 12th Congressional District. Goldman received 63.2% of the total votes counted to O'Shea's 36.8%. Goldman will face

Democratic candidate Trey Hunt in the upcoming Nov. 5 election.

The district is located in Parker County and western Tarrant County and is home to roughly 770,000 residents, according to census data. Since 1997, the seat has been held by Republican Kay Granger, who plans to retire at the end of her term.



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In yellow at left, Whitney Berry speaks with attendees in front of The FeedLot stage.

Take a “peep” at Azle’s new farmer’s market

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AZLE — After months of anticipation, a new farmers market has finally opened in the city of Azle. The market saw its grand opening June 1 at 8 a.m. sharp. Local vendors from around the tri-county area gathered to peddle their wares to throngs of Azleites at The Feedlot on 225 Church St. Earlier this year, Azle City Council enlisted non-profit Community Link to plan and organize the event. Community Link also manages farmers markets for the cities of Saginaw and Lake Worth.

“I’m really excited about this market, to get it up and going. I think as we continue to have this event here it’s just going to keep growing and it’s going to bring more farmers to come,” Whitney Berry, Community Link community engagement coordinator, said. “The more people

that come out and support them to get the word on the street will be that this is a good market, and the farmers will start to come.”

Community Link got its start running a food pantry and working on programs to alleviate hunger in northwest Tarrant County but began managing local farmers markets in Saginaw four years ago; it has since expanded to providing case management and mental health resources as well.

The City of Azle agreed to grant Community Link \$39,672 to run the farmers market for the year during a March 4 council meeting. Produce left unsold at the end of each market day will be donated to Azle’s Community Caring Center. Also, organizers plan to soon begin doubling the purchasing power of attendees who use Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits, up to \$30 per day, with

the help of Texas Health Resources’ Blue Zones Project.

Berry has spent months preparing for the opening day, organizing with local farmers and vendors, and promoting the event on the Azle Farmers Market Facebook page. June 1, Berry said she herself ended up spending all her money at the market.

“Really growing community and being able to support small business owners, being able to support local food systems, and to support the local farmers who are working really hard to bring the produce and bring everything that we have at the market,” Berry said as her favorite parts of organizing the farmers market.

The farmers market will be open at The FeedLot every first and third Saturday from 8 a.m. to 12p.m. until December with plans to return in the spring.



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Local kids inspect live baby chicks at The FeedLot farmers market.



Dixya Bhattarai has been doing culinary demonstrations in Saginaw and Lake Worth’s farmers markets. During her debut in Azle, she taught attendees to make a sweet, spicy and seasonal peach salsa.

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Students recognized at school year's last board meeting

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AZLE — The final Azle ISD board of trustees meeting of the school year was May 20, where it recognized retiring board members, student achievements, the budget and beyond.

Parker Porter and members of Cross Timbers Elementary's fourth grade GRIT Club led the room in the Pledge of Allegiance. GRIT stands for the core values of the school: gratitude, resilience, integrity and tenacity. Sponsors described the club as being "like student council" and said students must maintain an A grade average, an E in conduct and represent the club's values every day. Members of the group act

as helpers for younger students, library assistants and teacher's helpers and help organize events like Penguin Patch, field days and other celebrations.

The school board recognized director Ray Lea for his retirement during the meeting. Lea was a former longtime superintendent for the district and has served on its board of trustees since 2022. His fellow board members dubbed him one of the greatest superintendents the district had ever had and credited him with many fundamental advancements like the creation of Hornet Academy. Board President Bill Lane said Lea shaped his view of the district and education.

"He changed the course of this district in so many

ways," Lane said. "He had so many new ideas, different ways of looking at things. He could show you how to run a business or district or anything else. He made an impression on this district that I don't think anybody else could. I will be eternally grateful for him."

Three Azle Future Farmers of America Career Development Events teams were recognized by the board for proceeding to state competition during the spring of 2024 under advisor and teacher Elizabeth Slough. Azle's first-ever cotton evaluation team, at least in recent memory, was one such team. Chloe Wimbish, Berkley Huffaker and Caine Stepich placed third in their district at the state competition.

These individuals also competed on the range CDE and placed first in district and fourth in their area at state. Students Aspen Castaneda and Autumn Smith represented the entomology CDE team which placed in the top three in every contest. The team placed first in its district, first in area, and 16th overall in state out of 1,100 FFA chapters. Aspen Castaneda placed fifth highest individual at the area contest and Drake Chavez, who was not present for the meeting, placed fourth in area.

Azle High School teacher Baryn Shepard introduced four students who participated in the Visual Arts Scholastic Event state contest and many others who had been a part of this

year's program. This is also Shepard's first year as director for the contest's Region 11 West. Across Texas' 35,000 entries in the contest, only 7% received the coveted gold seal designation. AHS had its first-ever gold seal recipient in junior Harper Herrington. Herrington's piece will be displayed on tour by the National Art Educators Association until next year.

"That's a huge accomplishment," Shepard said while thanking parents, donors and her colleagues. "We collaborate daily. It is amazing to get to work with you."

Incoming AHS athletic director Michael Sain and soon-to-be former head softball coach Macy Pruitt introduced the high school's softball team which placed second

in district only behind Aledo and finished the year with a stellar record.

"The girls showed grit and determination and worked hard to go place second in district behind Aledo," Pruitt said.

Tennis coach Connor Mason was the last to present students for recognition. Mason brought with him tennis players Emily O'Neil and Jorja Erwin who qualified for the regional tennis tournament at Texas Tech University in Lubbock. The sophomore and senior placed first in three tournaments, finishing second overall. Mason praised their hard work juggling sports and academic excellence. Erwin recently earned an academic all-state nomination and O'Neil is ranked first in her class.



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The AHS softball team — 2024 bidistrict champs!



From left, Azle ISD Superintendent Todd Smith, retiring director Ray Lea, and board President Bill Lane.



From left, tennis players Jorja Erwin and Emily O'Neil.



VASE gold seal winner Harper Herrington meets Azle ISD board members.



First place winners of the recent Gifted and Talented "Hornet's Nest" program were recognized by the Azle ISD board of trustees. Sixth grade winners present their "Pencilman" invention to board member Jeff Edwards.



From left, FFA CDE team members Aspen Castaneda, Autumn Smith, Chloe Wimbish, Berkley Huffaker and Caine Stepich.



Cross Timbers GRIT club members lead in the pledge.

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SPORTS Roundup

Tyler Vaughn, seen here catching a strike, was named to the academic all-state second team by the Texas High School Coaches Association.

RICK MAUCH

Special to the Tri-County Reporter

Ask almost any coach and they will tell you it pays to have smart athletes. After all, would they play an athlete who only knows 60% of the playbook?

Following that philosophy, several area senior athletes were named academic all-state by the Texas High School Coaches Association this spring.

Leading the accolades locally was the Azle Hornets baseball team with no less than nine honorees. They are:

- Tyler Vaughn, second team.
- Brice Watson, second team.
- Kaitlyn Caffey, second team.
- Chase Loftin, second team.
- Carter Langdon, second team.
- Jesse Hernandez, honorable mention.
- Ryland Liptow, honorable mention.
- Cole Webb, honorable mention.
- Lane Springfield, honorable mention.
- Springtown softball player Madison Terrell was named to the second team.

Supporting the connection between winning and academics, the Class 5A Hornets

posted a 14-13 record for their seventh straight winning season. The Lady Porcupines advanced to the Class 4A playoffs.

To be nominated for THSCA Academic All-State, a student must be:

- An athlete, student trainer or manager in good standing with the team.
- Of good moral character.
- A senior.
- Have an overall grade point average of 92 or above (including courses from grades 9-11 and courses completed from grade 12). Weighted GPAs accepted.

While a student might initially meet the criteria for

nomination, that does not guarantee a spot on the team.

Nominations may be submitted by any coach of the prospective sport as long as the head coach of that sport is a current member of THSCA.

When reviewing the nominations, the THSCA considers each students' GPA, class rank, SAT and/or ACT score. The students receive points based on each criteria. The total number of points they receive determines which team they are placed on.

The classification of the school is not a factor, and there's not a limit on how many players can make a

team.

The best team a player can make is the Elite Team which requires a near perfect score in all categories. After Elite comes first and second teams, along with honorable mention.

AZLE CHRISTIAN HONOR

Crusaders baseball player Andy Wizniewski was named Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools Academic All-State. It's the second sport in which he was honored as he was also lauded in basketball.

On the court and field, Wizniewski was a standout, leading the Crusaders to the

postseason in both sports.

AZLE SOFTBALL

In 2023 the Lady Hornets were 14-22. In 2024 they finished 22-13-1 and reached the second round of the playoffs.

Leading that resurgence was senior Kaylee Parrish, who was named the Defensive Player of the Year in District 5-5A. She is one of 11 from Azle to be honored by the league's coaches as part of the all-district team.

Also among the superlative awards, senior Torrie Johnson was named Catcher

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Meet Azle's new girls basketball coach

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AZLE — Kassie Urban has coached basketball and track for 11 years and will take the lead role as Azle High School's head girls basketball coach. Urban played basketball and threw shot put, disc and hammer in college at Eastern New Mexico University where she gradu-

Bridgeport native Kassie Urban excited about Azle's 'pride and tradition'

ated in 2012.

"I always knew being a head coach was my goal and something that I've been working toward," Urban said. "I thought Azle, with its pride and tradition, will be a great fit for my family."

With her years of coaching and experience as a college athlete, Urban knows firsthand how to help her players achieve greatness on and off the court. She shared how she believes challenges are key to becoming better as a player

and as a coach.

"Waking up early is a challenge, staying late and getting in the gym is a challenge, but those are the things that are going to make you great," Urban said. "That's the only way to get better and the

way to improve your game. As coaches we welcome challenges."

Urban is from Bridgeport and played basketball at Bridgeport High School where the school's mascot is a Bull, but the girls are the "Sissies" because they are the sisters of the Bulls.

The past five years, Urban

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COURTESY PHOTO

Kassie Urban will be the new girls head basketball coach for Azle High School.

Summer Camps

Azle, Springtown, and Lake Worth summer camps starting their first week

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SPRINGTOWN

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Young baseball campers practiced their throwing and catching with mentorship from the SHS head baseball coach and some of his players.



LAKE WORTH

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Riley Dabney runs in zig zags during agility drills. Lake Worth High School began its first week of summer camp May 27. The athletes had to train indoors Thursday, May 30 due to inclement weather.

Summer Camps

Azle, Springtown, and Lake Worth summer camps starting their first week

Azle ISD tips off summer with boys basketball camp

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AZLE — Kids were able to escape the heat inside a cool gym and work on their basketball skills at Azle ISD's summer basketball camp last week. The camp was held May 29-31 for boys going into grades one through nine at the AHS gym.

Every kid in attendance received a free basketball and some kids' entry fees were compensated from the generous donations given by Azle ISD's basketball program's three major sponsors: Azle Police Department, Silver Creek Machine LTD and Eagle Mountain Veterinary Clinic.

Azle PD made educational videos for coaches to show campers during breakout

sessions to inform them on different topics such as the harms of vaping, not doing drugs, etc.

The coaches who conducted the camp represent AHS, Forte Junior High and Azle Junior High. Tommy Walton Jr., who graduated from AHS in 2021, volunteered at the camp — last year he played basketball at Eastfield College in Mesquite. “We try to introduce fundamentals through each session ... and try to get them excited about the game through the summer,” Crafton said speaking about what the camp focuses on.

On the last day of camp, the coaches held all-star games for each grade level where they hand picked kids to be on each team and announced the games.



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Pictured at left, Tommy Walton Jr. graduated from Azle High School in 2021 and went on to play college basketball at Eastfield College in Mesquite. The boys watch an educational video about the life of the late NBA player Kobe Bryant.



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The fourth and fifth grade boys start camp with warmups before doing basketball drills.



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Basketball camp participants practice their passes as they stand in a row. The first through third grade boys practiced in a separate gym from the fourth and fifth grade boys.

Summer in the outfield

Springtown baseball and softball swing into summer camp



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Ava Fernandez catches a softball to demonstrate a drill. Fernandez will be a senior next school year and plays third base for the SHS softball team.



JOEY GARCIA | TRI-COUNTY REPORTER
Springtown High School head baseball coach Colin Crawford demonstrates how to properly throw a baseball. Springtown's baseball camp for kids grades 3-9 was June 3-5.



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Mak Nation (left) and SHS head softball coach Carey Robertson (right) teach softball campers a new drill. Nation plays outfield for SHS and will be a sophomore next school year.

Summer Camps *Azle, Springtown, and Lake Worth summer camps starting their first week*

Bull frogs hop into first week of athletic summer camp



JOEY GARCIA | TRI-COUNTY REPORTER
 Coach Kevin Pointer watches intently as Nicholas Carney sprints during agility drills. Both athletes and coaches brought intense energy to the first week of training camp.


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 Pictured at right, basketball coach Derrick Jones coaches Favian Lopez as he practices basketball drills while using chairs as obstacles. The athletes were able to practice skills training in the sport of their choice after a couple of hours of conditioning training.

Swirling, twirling ... *AHS summer camp draws color guard hopefuls*



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 Color guard members work on the fundamentals of flag positioning. Last season, the AHS color guard placed 11th at the Winter Guard World Championships in Dayton, Ohio.

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 Debra Oldroyd helps Lt. Abi Evans with her flag positioning at color guard summer camp. Oldroyd worked as the AHS color guard coach for 20 years and now works as a consultant and designer for the guard.



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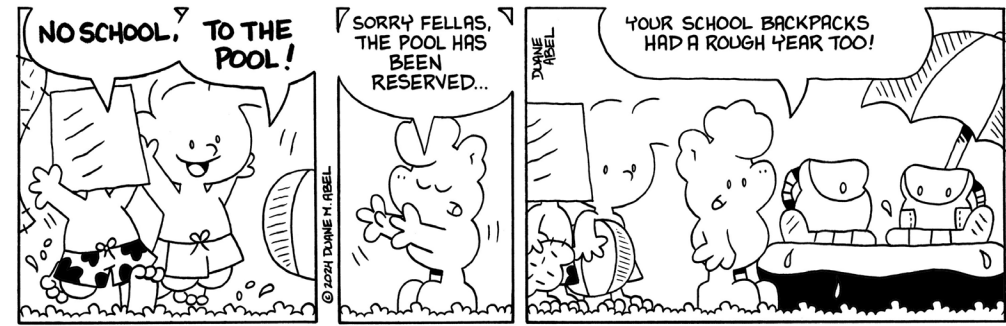
'Adventure begins at your library'

Azle Memorial Library holds summer reading kick-off

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Starting May 31, Azleites of all ages could begin signing up to record their reading hours for prizes. The event lasts until July 29 and will end with a party and raffle drawing. More information and a summer schedule can be found on the Azle Memorial Library Facebook page or at <https://www.cityofazle.org/203/Library>. Pictured is Assistant Library Director Victor Gonzales and Adult Services Librarian Rebecca Buchanan signing kids up for the program.



ZED by Duane Abel



Library hosts video game night for teens



JOEY GARCIA | TRI-COUNTY REPORTER
Teens play Mario Party Superstars during Teen Game Night at Azle Memorial Library.

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AZLE — Azle Memorial library hosted Teen Gaming Night Tuesday, May 14. Teens ages 11-17 were invited to play video games on the library's new Nintendo Switches with games that included: Mario Kart 8 Deluxe, Mario Party Superstars and Super Smash Bros. Ultimate. Teen gaming night is typically hosted every first Tuesday of the month. Kids aged 11-13 must be accompanied by an adult.



JOEY GARCIA | TRI-COUNTY REPORTER
Assistant Library Director Victor Gonzalez plays Mario Kart 8 Deluxe with teens during Teen Gaming Night.

Sudoku

JUNE 6, 2024

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

Level: Beginner

Solution to last week's puzzle

MAY 30, 2024

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

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Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to salad.

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Answer: Celery

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Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to skin care. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 23 = O)

A. 10 8 16 12
Clue: Cleanse

B. 21 23 24 16 7 1 18 24 15 22
Clue: Lubricate and soften

C. 13 18 23 7 22 19 7
Clue: Guard

D. 2 20 23 10
Clue: Shine from within

URBAN

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coached at Lake Dallas High School; she coached at two 6A high schools prior to that time: Marcus High School and Hebron High School where she was an assistant girls basketball and track coach. Her proudest moment as a coach was when her team at LDHS went to the regional finals after not making it

by just one point the year prior. She was proud of how the girls bounced back after a tough loss and responded with hard work ethic to make it back to the regional finals.

Urban notes her favorite part about coaching is giving her athletes the tools they need for life and helping them become successful adults.

Her goal this year is to create a basketball program the girls can be proud of, and

she plans to build a culture of caring and competing for one another.

Urban is excited to join the Azle community and is looking forward to seeing the hard work ethic and grit to win that she has heard all about.

Girls basketball camp was June 3-5 at the AHS gym for kindergarten through ninth grade and Urban will host open gyms for the high school girls this summer two to three times a week.

ROUNDUP

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of the Year and Bella Tipton received Freshman of the Year.

Named to the first team were seniors Allison Smith and Brandie Phillips, along with sophomore Ema Lehr. Juniors Corynne Barone and Adrianna Wiedeman joined senior Morgan Terrell on the second team, with honorable mentions going to senior Shaylea Cassel and junior Haley Carlson.

Earning academic all-district accolades were Terrell, Phillips, Tipton, Smith, se-

niors Brenna Kennard (manager) and Avery Jones and junior Klaire Carlson.

The Lady Hornets finished second in district behind state semifinalist Aledo. They swept Fort Worth Arlington Heights in bidistrict, outscoring them 20-0. In the second round they pushed Region I finalist Burleson Centennial to three games in their best-of-three series.

SWIMMING

Several members of the Azle High School swim team will be competing for the nearby Weatherford Wild swim program this sum-

mer, coach Amy Estes said. They are Karla Rodriguez, Brooke Nowakowski, Ben Williams, Kayley Brekel, Mavis Caldentey.

The Wild competes in Region 4 of the Texas Amateur Athletic Federation. Their first meet of the season is one two meets they will be hosting, Saturday, June 8. They will also host a meet on June 22, along with traveling to Flower Mound on June 15.

The TAAF Region 4 Meet is July 13-14 in Southlake. From there, qualifiers can compete at the TAAF Games of Texas July 25-28 in Brownsville.

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- 18 San Antonio Zoo has big collection of these animals
- 21 Taylor of Texas-based "Giant" (init.)
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- 30 TXism: "___ as hollering 'snake' at a quilting bee"
- 34 Sally of "Back Roads" with TX Tommy Lee (init.)
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- 37 this Michael was in TX Audie film "Arizona Raiders"
- 39 Austin bridge mammals (3 wds.)
- 43 WWII atom bomber ___ Gay

- 44 this TX Jack was president of the MPAA
- 45 TXism: "good ___ boy"
- 46 "___ the night before Christmas . . ."
- 47 UT astronomers measure the distance between the ___ earth
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- 61 "Steak and ___"

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- 2 in Robertson County on U.S. 79
- 3 TXism: "slippery as ___ pig"
- 4 this Timothy starred with TX Crystal Bernard on "Wings"
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- 11 Lone ___ State

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- 14 TX creek: ___ Lo Digo Creek
- 15 whirlpool tub
- 17 Aggie coach Gene (1965-71)
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- 20 TXism: "___ a squirrel up a tree"
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