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Yelling at the sun

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James Shipley pours water on himself on June 24. The splash pad at Azle Central Park provides a place for kids to cool off.

LILY HUDMAN
Tri-County Reporter intern

AZLE—Most people view summer as a relaxing time of year. Some librarians, however, view it as a demanding time where they must host countless events and entertain tons of children. Inspired by a librarian Facebook group, Adult Services Librarian Rebecca

Azle Library, Central Park provide educational, recreational activities for kids during summer

Buchanan wants to help patrons release this summer rage in a fun way. The Azle Memorial Library will host an event called “Yell at the Sun!” for the first time

ever at 2 p.m. July 26. All ages can participate in getting their anger out at the park. Library staff will provide cold bottled water, and people can make “funny little pro-

test signs” with anti-summer sentiments. “I am not a fan of summer,” Buchanan said. “I hate the hot weather. It gets very busy in the library, and it’s a very stressful time for the librarians who plan the programs and the summer reading. I knew the staff would appreciate it but also the community would appreciate something kind of odd and unique that

all ages could attend.” Yelling at the sun isn’t the only activity the library will host this summer. Lindsey Vanarsdel brings her children to the library at least once a week. They have participated in the library’s summer reading challenge and events in the past and plan to participate again this year. “Normally, I like to come over here and color, or

“I’ll go to the team room,” Vanarsdel’s 8-year-old daughter Evelyn Vanarsdel said. “I’m looking forward to doing one of the reading challenges again.” Next to the library, Azle Central Park provides amenities such as a splash pad and playground for everyone. Natalia Galvis and Aileen

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31st annual Follow the Flag primed for July 4

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AZLE — An event that attracts thousands of attendees each Fourth of July is expected to have its biggest showing yet. Follow the Flag, billed as a Christian patriotic celebration, is held annually at Azle Central Park, 263 W. Main St. It is organized by the Azle Area Ministerial Alliance with sponsors and volunteers representing organizations, churches and businesses from across the Azle area. Attendees can hope to see a huge fireworks extravaganza, eat free food, listen to live music and more on the evening of Independence Day. Food will be available from 6-8 p.m. while supplies last with the professional fireworks display kicking off after sundown. Hot dogs, “walking tacos,” snow cones, pickles and cotton candy will be provided

Presented by Azle Area Ministerial Alliance



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PLEASE SEE **FLAG** | A2 Early crowds at last year’s Follow the Flag.

Man critically injured in boat incident on Eagle Mountain Lake

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Tarrant County — A man is on life support and a woman in police custody following a boating accident on Eagle Mountain Lake Saturday evening. According to the Azle Fire Department, first responders arrived at Twin Points Park on the southern side of Eagle Mountain Lake after receiving a call that a man had been struck by a boat propeller. Azle Fire Department officials said they found the man in critical condition with severe damage to both legs. The man was promptly airlifted via Careflite Air Ambulance to Texas Health Harris Methodist Hospital Fort Worth where he remains under close observation. According to information gathered in Tarrant Regional Water District police officers’ preliminary investigation, the man fell overboard

into the lake before a woman operating the boat reversed and struck him with the boat’s propeller. The woman was arrested by Texas Parks and Wildlife Game Wardens under suspicion of boating while intoxicated. According to TRWD, the investigation is ongoing. A Go-Fund-Me page posted by the man’s sister identified him as Fort Worth resident Kyle Lively. “For those of you who know my brother Kyle, you know he is truly a great man,” Marie Lively said on the fundraising site. “One of the best there is. A hard worker, a kind soul, a fun guy and above ALL a devoted father to his two boys.” He was backed up over and his thighs and knees were torn to shreds by the propellers. He was able to get himself to the surface of the water using his arms and will to live. He called for

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Azle Brookshire's evacuated after bomb threat



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AZLE — On Sunday morning, June 23, several Brookshire's grocery stores across Texas, Arkansas and Louisiana received bomb threats, including one location in Azle. Other stores in Alvarado, Bridgeport, Tyler and elsewhere in North and East Texas evacuated and briefly closed over the weekend and Monday in response to similar threats. By press time, the Tri-County Reporter had not received a response from Azle Brookshire's management. According to reports from other Brookshire's stores, management teams across the Texas grocery chain

have received notification from the corporate offices of Brookshire's Asset Management group that a bomb threat had been received via email. After receiving the threat, employees and customers were evacuated while local police were called to assess the situation. After an investigation where no explosive devices were found, the Azle store was reopened to the public shortly thereafter. Threats made to other stores have likewise not been substantiated by police investigations. A spokesperson from the FBI Dallas Field Office has reported the string of threats is currently under investigation with the federal agency working hand-in-hand with the business and local law enforcement. Similar bomb threats were made to Brookshire's grocery stores across Texas April 29, 2023, but it is not known if the two incidents are related.

COURTESY JOSHUA GREENE

A Tarrant County Sheriff's deputy secures the scene at the Azle Brookshire's parking lot Sunday morning, June 23.

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by local vendors and face painting and temporary tattoo tents are expected to be available. Tea, water and a misting tent will be on site to help keep park-goers cool and hydrated during the summer heat. Per city ordinance, no alcohol is allowed in public parks. According to AccuWeather predictions, this year's celebration is expected to be significantly cooler than last year's with 99% cloud cover during the day and a high temperature of 91F. At night, Azle is expected to see a moderate breeze with a 25% probability of precipitation and temperatures in the 70s.

Each year organizers select one community member to

receive the Lew and Sandy Shaffer Award for outstanding contributions to the community and support for local Christian endeavors. The award, named after the event's progenitor and the founder of Son Shine Ministries, and has been presented during Follow the Flag since 2012. Winners of the award, excluding the upcoming 2024 recipient, are listed below.

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- 2012: Lew and Sandy Shaffer
- 2013: Azle PD Chaplain and retired pastor Glyn Murphy
- 2014: Retired AISD Director of Administration Ray Ivey
- 2015: Retired AHS Principal and Azle city council member Rouel

Rothenberger Jr.

- 2016: Paul Brownback, senior pastor of The Abbey Church
- 2017: Lee Sipe, pastor of First Baptist Church Azle
- 2018: Retired Lt. Col. Stoney Stonebraker, longtime supporter of the AAMA
- 2019: Tim Stevens, former pastor of Azle First Assembly
- 2020: Longtime former AAMA Treasurer Nate Simmons
- 2021: Paul and Amy Collins, staff members and marriage ministers at Son Shine Ministries
- 2022: David and Daniele Shaffer, director of Son Shine Ministries where he and Daniele serve together in marriage ministry
- 2023: Kim Ware, publisher of the Tri-County Reporter



David Shaffer, son of Lew Shaffer and current Son Shine Ministries director alongside 2023 Lew Shaffer awardee, Kim Ware.



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31st Annual

July 4th CELEBRATION



Azle Central Park • 7-10 PM

263 W. Main St. Azle

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Follow the Flag is an annual tradition for the Azle Area that provides a safe, family friendly atmosphere in which to celebrate the 4th of July, our Freedom, our Country, our Community and our faith!

Are times tough, or are expectations out of control?

Over the course of the past year Taylor Swift has been performing concerts around the country and around the world. She is a phenomenon, an icon, and an entertainer whose success is truly not comparable to those who came before her. Since her entrance into show business in 2006, she has been nothing short of a musical comet soaring across the heavens with an intensity never previously experienced.

She is the first performer whose wealth comes primarily from music, who can genuinely be classified as a billionaire. She sold over 200 million records by 2019!

This past year Taylor began her "Eras Tour" and tickets were priced at a ridiculously high amount. But no one ever experienced the sticker shock Swift fans received once her April 19 album was released. Once her new music was in-



FROM MY FRONT PORCH

By Sam Houston

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roduced, her remaining nine U.S. tour shows had an average, just-to-get-in-the-door price of \$2,600 a ticket! No, that is not a misprint; I am not hallucinating; according to Billboard Magazine, it is a fact. This means for two 16-year-olds to go to a concert in New Orleans or Indianapolis, the cost would be over \$5,000! What does it say that the shows were sold out?

Here are some numbers which will shock you. According to Billboard, if, instead of going to the concert in New Orleans, a "Swiftie" would travel to Paris to see

the same show, the base ticket price was 87% less! This literally means two people could buy concert tickets for a Paris show, fly there, stay in a nice hotel, experience Paris and return home, and still be money ahead. Why were tickets cheaper in Europe? There was still a large demand and the shows sold out, but Europeans would simply not pay like Americans, and the promoters knew that.

I am not going to challenge the affection fans have for Taylor Swift. They adore her and there is nothing wrong with that. Just two weeks ago someone who I musically

admire, George Strait, had the largest ticketed event in the history of North America. Over 110,000 fans attended the show with the host, Texas A&M, setting prices from \$59 to \$3,000 per ticket. Remember, 110,000 people were at this single show. Clearly, paying huge numbers for a concert ticket is not limited to young teenage girls; it crosses all demographics.

The thought that runs through my mind is: how many people who went to those shows were late making their car payment, ran up the balance on a credit card which was already too big, or failed to meet some other financial obligation because they went to the show? I am afraid to learn the answer.

Personally, I have a hard time trying to imagine spending this kind of money for a couple of hours of entertainment. These are not people

saving their lunch money and doing without because they want to go to the concert next weekend. These are people spending three or four months' worth of groceries to go to a show, maybe even the cost of several months' worth of house payments! Their priority was not on the amount of the expenditure, but what they wanted to do in the instant. Not only do they want to do whatever they wish, but they seem to feel like they are entitled to it.

Have I ever spent money foolishly? I guess that would be a matter of opinion and I am sure I have demonstrated poor judgment a time or two. But what happened to meeting obligations first, and then spending what is left over on fun and frivolity? I keep hearing people complain about how families are struggling, how inflation is robbing them, and how it is tougher

to get by. I think some of that may be true but at the same time it is a lot tougher when people spend money they don't have on things they don't need, at a time when they shouldn't be spending at all. Life never told you that you were entitled to something just because you desired it. There once was a time when folks knew that and practiced it.

At the end of the day, I'm not sure the folks who go about seeking the instant gratification they cannot afford are any happier than their counterparts — they are just poorer.

Thought for the day: I want my children to acquire all the things I could never afford; then I am going to move in with them!

Until next time...I will keep ridin' the storm out!
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Picture-perfect summer: top iPhone camera tricks for amazing photos

MICKY SHEARON

Special to the Tri-County Reporter

Whether you're a casual snapper or an aspiring photographer, mastering iPhone camera settings can transform your photos from ordinary to extraordinary. Let's explore the best iPhone camera settings that can help you capture stunning images every time.

SHOOTING IN RAW

On iPhone 12 Pro and later Pro models with iOS 14.3 or later, you can take photos in Apple ProRAW. Capturing images in RAW format can significantly elevate your photography. Unlike JPEGs, RAW files contain unprocessed data directly from your camera sensor, preserving more detail about the scene. This extra information allows for extensive adjustments to highlights,

shadows and colors during post-processing, dramatically enhancing your final image.

Although RAW files are larger and require more storage, the flexibility they offer is invaluable, especially for professional photographers. Apps like VSCO and Adobe Lightroom are great for editing RAW files, and with a bit of practice, you'll find the results are well worth the effort.

To enable the RAW setting on your iPhone, Open Settings > Camera > Formats and enable "Apple ProRAW" (available on newer models).

RULE OF THIRDS

The rule of thirds is a timeless photography principle that can instantly improve your composition. By dividing the frame into nine equal parts with two horizontal and two vertical

lines, this grid helps you position your main subject along these lines or at their intersections. Doing so creates a balanced and visually appealing photo, guiding the viewer's eye naturally across the image.

This technique adds depth and interest, making it a favorite among both amateur and professional photographers. Enabling the grid on your iPhone camera can help you effortlessly apply the rule of thirds to your shots. Go to Settings > Camera. Then toggle the "Grid" switch on.

HDR SETTINGS

High Dynamic Range (HDR) photography is all about capturing a broader spectrum of light and detail in your photos. By combining multiple exposures, HDR can enhance both the shadows and highlights in a

scene. While newer iPhone models have advanced HDR capabilities, be cautious — overusing HDR can make your photos look overly processed and unnatural. I prefer to turn HDR off for a more natural look and then manually enable it in challenging lighting conditions, like low-light scenes. Experiment with HDR to see when it best enhances your photos.

To turn off your HDR setting, navigate to Settings > Camera. Then toggle off "Smart HDR" or "Auto HDR" (depending on your model).

MANUAL EXPOSURE AND FOCUS

Auto settings are convenient, but they often fall short in complex lighting conditions. Manually adjusting your iPhone's exposure and focus gives you better control over the final image,

ensuring it matches your vision. To do this, simply open the Camera app. Tap the screen to focus, then swipe up or down on the sun icon to adjust the exposure.

If you're in a situation where you're moving between light and dark areas, lock the focus and exposure by pressing and holding on to the screen until you see "AE/AF Lock." This can greatly impact the mood and quality of your photos, making manual adjustments a valuable skill to master.

PRESERVE SETTINGS

One common frustration with iPhone photography is the camera reverting to default settings after each use. By enabling the "Preserve Settings" option, you can save your preferred camera modes, filters and settings, ensuring your camera opens

with these preferences intact.

This feature is particularly useful for photographers who frequently switch between specific modes. It saves time and ensures you don't miss important shots, allowing you to maintain a consistent workflow and focus more on capturing great images rather than constantly adjusting settings. To preserve your camera settings, open Settings > Camera. Scroll to "Preserve Settings"

By mastering these iPhone camera settings, you can significantly enhance your photography and capture stunning images with ease. So, dive into your camera settings, experiment with these tips, and watch your photos transform from good to great!

Proposed Reno subdivision needs plan for sewer system to serve quarter-acre lots

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RENO — The developer of a potential Reno residential subdivision made up of 310 quarter-acre lots will have to clarify plans for installing sewer service or septic systems moving forward.

Reno City Council discussed the preliminary plat for the subdivision during its June 17 meeting. The property is north of State Highway 199 and south of Arvel Circle, and it would be accessible via Jackson Trail and Pearson Lane off SH 199. Typical lots described in the plat are 136

feet by 70 feet, or 136 feet by 85 feet for corner lots. Given these dimensions, lots would range from 9,500 to 11,500 square feet, more or less than a quarter of an acre.

The city of Reno has a rule that regulates homes must be built on one acre or more of land. Aside from aesthetic preferences, the city and Parker County mandate that lots need to be at least an acre to install septic systems. Unlike other cities, Reno does not provide sewer services, hence the need for septic. The only way a subdivision with lots less than an acre could be built in Reno is if

the developer also installed a sewer system. That's what will need to happen if the proposed 310-lot subdivision is to be built as detailed in the plat.

"State law requires the owner/developer to put the sewer and water in at their cost to serve their development," City Attorney Dottie Palumbo said during the meeting. "At this time, the owner/developer does not have an agreement with the city. He hasn't created a (Municipal Utility District), or he doesn't have some other entity for the sewer."

On the advice of Palumbo,

Reno City Council approved the plat with the condition that a note be added saying the developer must specify the plans for sewer or septic. Only Mayor Pro Tem Shelli Swift, who has advocated for solidifying the one-home-per-acre rule in the city's ordinances, voted in opposition.

"I would like to make a motion that a plat note be added to the plat prior to signature by the Planning Commission chair, the Planning secretary, mayor and interim city secretary," Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Kevin Vandenberg said during the meeting. "The plat note should read: The owner

or developer at its cost may construct sewer via an agreement with a municipality or via utility district or entity authorized to provide the same. If the owner/developer uses on-site sewage disposal system, the on-site sewage disposal system shall meet the requirements in the Texas Health and Safety Code, Chapter 366, and the Reno ordinance No. 2023-04 and to provide groundwater certification required by Texas Local Government Code 212.009 B-1, and the owner/developer at its cost extend necessary water lines to serve the lots on the property."

Council member Jennifer Vogle seconded Vandenberg's motion.

"Because of conflicting ordinances, not just the main one but the subchapters not matching, there's not a lot that we can do at this time," Vogle said after the council came out of an hour-long executive session to consult with the attorney regarding the plat.

If conditions detailed in the note are not met, Interim City Secretary Rebekka Roberts said the property will have to be replatted to align with current ordinances regarding onsite sewage.



Azle Event Center

Azle Event Center celebrated with a ribbon cutting ceremony June 10, hosted by the Azle Area Chamber of Commerce. Located at 900 Northwest Parkway in Azle, this family-owned event space can host 120 guests indoors and an additional 120 guests outdoors. To book your next party or family gathering, call Azle Event Center at 817-300-8231.

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help, and luckily was rescued by 3 selfless heroes who tied tourniquets around his legs, called 911 and got him to shore safely."

Lively said her brother has already undergone two surgeries with more likely to come. With major hospital bills and future rehabilitation costs looming on the horizon, Lively's family has taken to the site in order to help offset expected expenses. Currently, the Go-Fund-Me has raised over \$11,000 at time of press deadline Tuesday.

"We are so grateful that Kyle is alive," Marie Lively continued. "The doctors hope he will be able to walk again, and we know that he will. We also know this is going to be a long recovery, an uphill battle and a huge financial struggle for Kyle and his family. Kyle's main concern is his sons. He

is working tirelessly to make sure they are growing up to be good men and kind souls as well. Kyle owns his own elevator inspection company; however, he obviously cannot work right now, which adds more financial strain and stress."

The Fourth of July is the most active season for boaters each year according to the Boat Owner Association of the United States. U.S. Coast Guard research shows that four hours of exposure to

noise, vibration, sun, wind, waves and other motion can produce a kind of fatigue, or "boater's hypnosis," which slows reaction time almost as much as a 0.08 blood alcohol level. Adding alcohol only makes these symptoms worse and increases disorientation. Officials urge extra caution for this and related boating dangers this summer.

More donation information can be found at www.gofundme.com/f/HelpKyleLively.



Kyle Lively pictured with his two sons.

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College storyteller to show off Springtown's beauty in upcoming film

'Timeless' is about 1940s married couple

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SPRINGTOWN — Young filmmaker Emma Sumlin has always wanted to make a movie at her grandparents' home in Springtown.

Sumlin is a 21-year-old Dallas Baptist University student and the granddaughter of Eddy and Margaret Swanzy. For as long as Sumlin can remember, her grandparents have lived in Springtown, and she has fond memories of spending holidays with them in their home.

Now, Sumlin is excited to shoot parts of her upcoming short, silent film at her grandparents' home.

"I always knew I wanted to film something at my grandparents' house," she said. "It looks like a movie set."

Sumlin wrote and will direct the 1940s love story "Timeless," which will be shot in Springtown as well as at the Cottdale Community Chapel and the Grapevine Vintage Railroad.

"Timeless" follows the whirlwind romance between Pearce and Marjorie who, according to Sumlin's summary, "meet each other by accident and fall in love quickly." Viewers are expected to see Pearce and Marjorie get married and live happily until World War II comes knocking on their door. As Pearce is drafted into the military, he and his wife plan to write each other every week until Pearce's letters to Marjorie stop coming.

Sumlin was inspired to write this story and pursue filming it because of her nostalgia for the settings and

fashion of the 1940s as well as for classic stories of love, family and fighting for each other, she said. Sumlin has a lot of admiration for performers and directors from the Golden Age of Hollywood, like Audrey Hepburn, Grace Kelly and Alfred Hitchcock. For "Timeless," she was especially influenced by the 1946 Christmas classic "It's a Wonderful Life" and the love story between George and Mary Bailey. Sumlin enjoys tales that invoke feelings and compel viewers to discover themselves.

"I love love stories, but I also love stories that make you feel a lot of emotions," she said. "I love things that will maybe make you cry because it tells you something about yourself."

That's what she hopes "Timeless" will inspire in the audience — emotion and gratitude for their families. She wants them to remember "those beautiful, simple moments are really what matters. That's what makes a life and not just the big moments."

Sumlin started writing "Timeless" in April 2023 with her friend Grace Adams, who will play Marjorie in the film and is a fan of older movies like Sumlin.

"She looks like she stepped out of the classic period," Sumlin said about Adams. She also described Adams as a talented actress and a sweetheart.

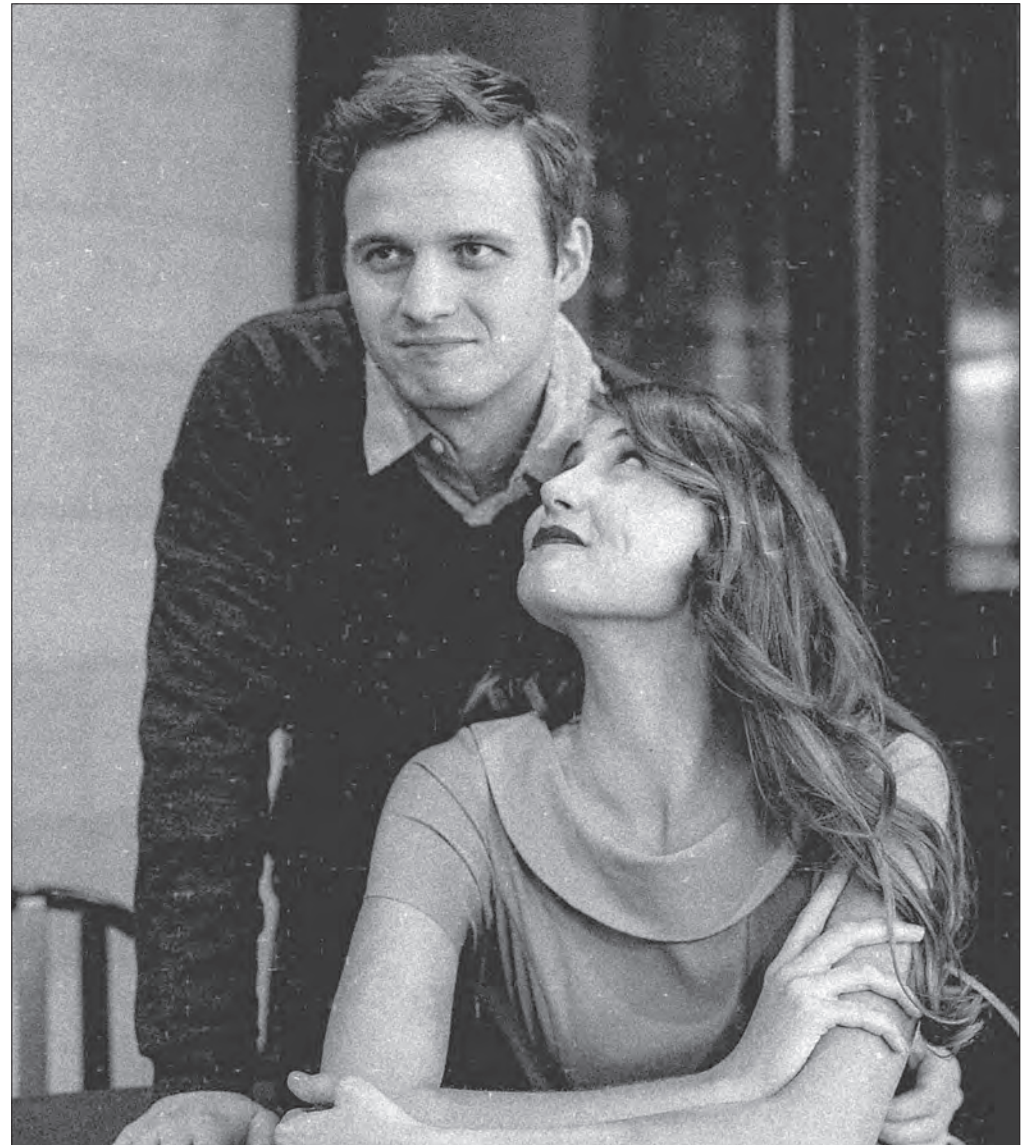
The pieces for the film have fallen into place. Her friend Jonathan Collins, who wanted to work with Sumlin again, is co-directing, editing and heading up cinematography

for "Timeless." Tennessee-based actor Jordan Pope, who will play Pearce, came out of the blue to audition for the part and, like Adams, matched up perfectly for the role. Sumlin secured locations to film, extras signed up to be in the movie, and "Timeless" received donations, including from Kingdom Story Company, which produces spiritual and faith-based films.

"I was just like, 'OK, God, I can't do this on my own,' especially with the fundraiser," Sumlin said. "We had to fundraise \$5,000, and I knew that was going to be really hard, but from the beginning, I was like, no, if God has provided this much already, He's going to provide now. And it was like, He gave us a little bit, and then He made us trust. He gave us a little bit and made us trust. And recently, we had a \$3,000 donation that sealed the deal, and we got to \$5,000, which is incredible."

Sumlin and her cast and crew will be filming "Timeless" for a little over a week in July. The parts of the film showing Pearce and Marjorie falling in love and living together as a married couple will happen at Sumlin's grandparents' house and property. Sumlin wants to bring the beauty and nature of Springtown alive on screen.

"Because this film is a silent film, there is no dialog or anything, and so everything is told visually," she said. "What I love about Springtown, and what I love about my grandparents' house, is how visually appealing it is. It's



COURTESY PHOTOS

Jordan Pope and Grace Adams pose for promotional photos ahead of filming the short, silent film "Timeless" together. In the movie, Pope and Adams will play married couple Pearce and Marjorie, respectively.

beautiful. And especially their house is just like a time capsule."

The story of "Timeless" is expected to fit within a 15 to 20-minute runtime. Being a silent film saves the production team resources because they won't have to worry about sound mixing, and it gives Sumlin a challenge to show her story through visuals and musical cues instead of relying on speech.

"It's so beautiful to see how so much of what impacts us is nonverbal, actually," she said.

Sumlin hopes the film will be ready to be released at film festivals in 2026. Though she would need to follow film festival screening rules, she would love to be able to show "Timeless" in Springtown.

Ultimately, Sumlin hopes Springtown residents realize through her film that their town is important and a worthy place for stories to be told in.

"I want people to feel like their place that they've raised their families matters, and stories need to be told there," she said. "Whether true or

made up, I think it's a great place to share people's stories and bring in aspects of the town."

Even though Sumlin has raised the \$5,000 required to make "Timeless" (i.e., pay the cast and crew as well as afford costumes and other equipment), the film's GoFundMe page is still active. Donations can still be made to ensure production continues to run smoothly. To give, visit <https://www.gofundme.com/f/timeless-short-film-fundraiser> online.

LEGAL PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Pursuant to Chapter 59, Texas Property Code, TMS STORAGE, LLC which is located at 9910 Hwy 199 W., Poolville, Texas 76487 will hold a public auction of property being sold to satisfy a landlord's lien. Sale will be at 10:00 a.m. on July 1, 2024 at 9910 Hwy 199 W., Poolville, Texas 76487. Property being sold includes contents in space of following tenant, TENANT'S COMPLETE NAME as shown on rental agreement: Michael Joseph Diaz Unit H87: misc. household.

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Public Notice

The City of Reno will have plat proposal for address 1203 Jaybird Lane. Springfield Addition (3.45Acres) Lots 1 Block 1. Abstract No. 942 Parker County Texas. Special P&Z meeting will be on July 8, 2024, at 7:00 PM. Special Council Meeting will be July 29, 2024, at 7PM

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BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT Max Colson John Lesko



Max Colson John Lesko was born June 13, 2024, to proud parents Garren and Cirena (Gowers) Lesko and big brother Maverick Lesko. Grandparents with bragging rights are Terry and Andi Gowers, Brad and Robin Smith, and the late Michael Lesko. Great-grandmothers are Christine Thornton and Sonja Davis. Late great-grandparents are John and Bette Hall, Kenneth Davis, Sandra Davis and Art and Mary Lesko.

Max was also welcomed by uncles and aunts John and Tay, Preston and Kendal, Layni, Michelle, Brandon and Maudie; cousins, Kamden, Kenleigh, Kenna, Brinson, Tinsley, Harleigh Jo, Daisy and Bronc. Paw sisters are Sage, Loretta, Copper and Champ.

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Craig Alan Stevenson 1964-2024

Craig Alan Stevenson, 60, passed away peacefully, Friday, June 14, 2024 in Azle.

A funeral service was held Friday, June 21, 2024 at Alexander's Midway Funeral Home.

He was born February 11, 1964 to Ernest Eugene and Lura Jane (Donnell) Stevenson in Fort Worth. Craig was raised in Azle and graduated Azle High School in 1982.

He worked for Stevenson Service company and later for RSC Rental. He became a proud father in 1995 with the birth of his daughter Lauren. Craig was a jack of all trades. He was the go to guy for any home repair or project. Craig had many interests to include hunting, fishing, motorcycle riding and flying drones. He had a heart for animals of all kinds. Craig loved going on adventures with his daughter, spending time with fam-



ily and enjoying life.

He is survived by daughter, Lauren Stevenson; parents, Gene and Jane Stevenson; brother, Brent and niece Kirstie Stevenson-Grantham and her husband Jordan, extended family and friends. Craig will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved him.

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Mollie Marie White 1944-2024

Mollie Marie (Whitaker) White, 79, passed away Saturday, June 22, 2024, in Haslet.

Visitation is from 6-8 p.m., Friday, June 28, at White's Funeral Home, Springtown.

Funeral Service will be at 10 a.m., Saturday, June 29, White's Funeral Home, Springtown.

Interment will be at Azleland Memorial Park.

Mollie was born Nov. 8, 1944, in Wichita Falls, the daughter of John and Mary (Horky) Whitaker.

She met the love of her life, Robert Melvin White, and they were married June 7, 1966. They would go on to spend 32 happy years together until his passing in 1998.

The Whites moved to Azle in 1975, and from there they settled in Springtown in 1989, where Mollie remained for 34 years. She was a very active part of the community, serving with the city parks and working various elections.

Mollie graduated from Midwestern University in 1967 with a bachelor's degree in English and went on to earn a master's degree in education from the University of North Texas in 1988. She spent her life devoted to the education of young people. She worked for 25 years as a teacher at the



Springtown Independent School District.

Mollie loved to travel, and in 2004, following her retirement, she traveled to several countries. She spent much of her spare time reading, making cross-stitch, embroidering and crocheting. She made many blankets for newborns in hospitals.

She was a member of Messiah Lutheran Church in Weatherford.

She is preceded in death by her parents; husband, Robert Melvin White; and one granddaughter, Naya White.

Survivors include her children, Natalie White Yancey (Kendall), Laura Michele White (Chris Amond); and her legacy continues through her grandchildren, Allyson Corinne Amond and Patrick Christopher Amond.

The Tri-County Reporter, Thursday June 27, 2024

Reno Council approves two full-time city hall positions

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RENO — To help with city hall staffing challenges, Reno City Council authorized two office part-time positions to be made into full-time jobs with benefits.

The shortage of employees working in the office at city hall is not a new problem. The issue has been mentioned on the city of Reno's Facebook page a few times and is the reasoning behind city hall being closed to the public on Thursdays.

Interim City Secretary Rebekka Roberts said the part-time front office positions were initially budgeted as full-time positions. When two full-time staffers quit, Roberts said the council asked her to rehire the positions as part-time ones to

Hiring applicants full-time to help keep city hall open to public Monday through Friday

conserve money. During the June 17 meeting, she requested the jobs be changed back to full-time because applicants aren't interested in working part-time.

"I've got more applications that have come in, but they're only interested in full-time because they're parents or people that just need to start their career and need insurance and can't afford it," Roberts said to council. "We all understand that with everything going up."

Roberts said having the option to have two full-time staffers will allow city hall to be open on Thursdays again once the new hires, who will answer phones and

collect water bill payments, are trained. Currently, one of these positions is filled by a part-timer, but if that person quits, her job can be filled by a full-timer.

Alternatively, council member Joy Jenkins proposed that only one of the positions be made full-time and for the city to work on hiring a city administrator. Reno has not had a city administrator since Scott Passmore quit at the end of February 2023.

"It's definitely needed," Jenkins said. "We need somebody that has some background, that has knowledge in laws, knowledge in how to get grants, management

experience, et cetera, et cetera."

But Jenkins' motion failed to get a second and died. Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Kevin Vandenberg then motioned to approve Roberts' request for two full-time positions; his motion was seconded by council member Jennifer Vogle.

"I know how desperately this is needed, and I realize we can't keep staff at all," Vogle said to Roberts during the meeting. "In the end, it's costing us more money and time."

The council voted to approve the full-time positions, with Jenkins casting the sole nay vote.

Azle City Council accepts bid to repair damaged water line

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AZLE — At a June 18 Azle City Council meeting, Public Services Director Rick White presented bids for a six-figure water line project. The project will make permanent repairs to a section of pipe at the intersection of Dalton Boulevard and the west-bound State Highway 199 frontage road.

Damage to the 8-inch waterline was made in January when Texas Department of Transportation employees accidentally drilled into the pipe while installing a support column, causing a water main break and the loss of service to nearby Eagle Heights Elementary and surrounding areas. Azle Mayor Alan Brundrett remarked on the likelihood of hitting the small pipe out of all the pos-

sible space on the roadway. "We're just lucky that way," White responded.

Out of six potential options, the city's consulting engineer, Jacob Martin LLC, reviewed the bids and recommended Jewett-based S-Co Incorporated for \$117,262. While the city has never contracted with S-Co, its consultants believe it to be a reputable business.

A new 8-inch water line

will be installed by the company, along with a new sleeve that covers it, by boring under SH 199 and installing 575 linear feet of high density polyethylene encasement pipe with the 8-inch water line inside the encasement pipe, per TxDOT requirements. The project is funded by the utility fund's capital improvement projects fund.

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SISD school board passes pay raise for teachers, librarians, nurses

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SPRINGTOWN — During its June 24 meeting, Springtown Independent School District's board of trustees approved a 2% increase in salaries for teachers, librarians and nurses based on midpoint calculations.

The raise integrates a step increase into the updated salary schedule for the upcoming academic year, according to a press release from SISD. Under the new salary struc-

ture, each staff member on a 187-day teacher contract will experience a minimum annual increase of \$1,250 for the 2024-25 school year.

"Investing in our educators is investing in the future of our community," Board President Rick Beall said in the press release. "The board is proud to approve this measure, ensuring competitive compensation and acknowledging the invaluable contributions of our teaching

professionals."

SISD Superintendent Shane Strickland supported the board's decision and said the new salary schedule will be posted on the district's website under "Careers" in the coming weeks.

"This salary increase reflects our commitment to supporting our educators and staff who play a pivotal role in the success of our students," Strickland said in the press release. "We recognize their

dedication and hard work, and this adjustment is a testament to our ongoing efforts to attract and retain top talent."

The school board also approved administrative and paraprofessional salary scales for the 2024-25 school year. All hourly and paraprofessional employees will receive a two-level increase on the current hourly scales, which is a 50-cent increase for almost all hourly employees in those catego-

ries, Communications and Marketing Director Kendra Hutchison said. Existing administrators were provided the same monetary increase as the teacher, librarian, and nurse scale — \$1,250 total annual increase.

These raises were approved even though the state hasn't increased school funding since 2019. Earlier this month following a preliminary budget workshop, Assistant Superintendent of Business

and Finance Wesley Thomas told The Tri-County Reporter it costs more to operate the district and its campuses than last year, but SISD isn't expected to get more funding from the state this year.

"We are extremely lucky in that the district has historically taken a very conservative approach, but we will have to be even more conservative for next school year," Thomas said about SISD's budgeting.

Reno Council approves brush cutter purchase

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RENO — Reno City Council approved spending \$11,200 on an articulating brush cutter attachment to allow public works employees to clean up the shrubbery around town.

The new tool will be paid for with revenue gained from an auction last month and with funds budgeted for streets equipment.

Public Works Director Chris Albright said the brush cutter will be attached to the department's skid steer and used to mow the shrubbery, which can be a fire and roadway hazard when overgrown.

"We desperately need one," Albright said to the council during the June 17 meeting. "We've gotten several complaints of brush falling into the road, and it'll be a lot easier to maintain it with this piece of machinery than with a weed eater or a chainsaw."

The city has a tractor with a brush cutter attachment, but Albright said he can't keep the tractor running despite the money he has spent to fix it.

"The tractor we currently have has the brush cutter secured to it, and it cannot be removed," Albright said to The Tri-County Reporter after the meeting. "The one council approved me to buy

is a removable attachment that will fit on our skid steer."

Albright told council he had originally planned to use the auction fund money, which amounted to \$10,650, to buy a tilt trailer for the public works department, but he realized a brush cutter is needed more than the trailer.

The council approved the purchase unanimously.

"I've been seeing all the brush on the side of the roads," council member Jennifer Vogle said during the meeting. "It's so hard to see around corners, and I was wondering if there was a bigger reason behind it. So, it makes sense."



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An articulating skid steer brush cutter attachment (example seen here) mounts to a skid steer and is used to cut overgrown brush.

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The free community event will include food from 6-8 p.m., or while supplies last. There will be live musical performances and plenty of fun with an awe-inspiring firework show to end the night.

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Parker Wilson smiles at the splash pad on June 24. The splash pad and the library have fun activities for kids over the summer.



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Parker Wilson runs away from the water on June 24. The splash pad can get busy over the summer.

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Santana are friends and mothers who bring their children to the park regularly. "The kids can entertain themselves, make friendships, and for us, our daughters went to school together,

so we are trying to keep that bond until next year," Galvis said, while pushing her child on the swing. "The park also allows us to interact with adults, too."

Galvis brings her children to the library to participate in the summer reading challenge and events. So far this summer, they have gone to the Summer Reading Kickoff,

Adventures in the Dark Story Time and the Reptiles on the Move show. The activities have had a good turnout, she said, with plenty of other kids for hers to bond with.

"It's good to see them interact with other children," Galvis said. "And the fact that they're not sitting down (and) on the screen is a big plus for us."

Children's Services Librarian Ava Bryant plans and hosts all events at the library for infants and kids up to age 12. She hosts a weekly story time that allows children to engage in reading throughout the summer and encourages them to connect with their parents while doing it.

"Story time is not just me

up there teaching the kids," Bryant said. "It's about a bonding experience with their caregiver and the child ... I'll try to educate the parents or caregivers on building those early literacy skills."

Bryant said the library gives children the opportunity to continue their learning throughout the summer and have fun doing it.

"The programs I plan also help to develop social skills in children," Bryant said. "I strive for the children's department to be a friendly, welcoming place."

For more information on the library's event schedule, visit <https://www.cityofazle.org/203/Library> online.

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Legacy Oaks raises Alzheimer's funds on solstice

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AZLE — Local senior living facility Legacy Oaks of Azle celebrated the summer solstice and raised money for Alzheimer's research Friday, June 21, with The Longest Day Carnival. The solstice marks the longest period of daylight and shortest night of the year. The Alzheimer's Association and others around the country have chosen this date to raise funds for dementia research to "fight the darkness of Alzheimer's." In 2024, nearly 7 million Americans suffer from Alzheimer's, 27% aged 74 or younger.

The carnival in Azle sold tickets for a wide variety of games and activities including face painting, a dunk tank, Pop-a-Shot and more. In an email sent to

the Tri-County Reporter, LOOA Executive Director Nichol Wesson reported the business raised \$2,534.45 with over 100 guests in attendance.

"The residents enjoy this event since there are so many different activities they are able to participate in and this year we had resident volunteers managing some of the tables," Wesson said. "This was my second year in the dunk tank, and it was a lot of fun. We let the staff and residents vote for which directors they want in the dunk tank, and we select the top four. I'm not sure who liked dunking me the most: the residents, staff, or my daughter."

Last year, Legacy Oaks similarly raised over \$2,000 during the celebration. One major draw to the event was its outdoor petting zoo made

up of rabbits, chickens and a goat. The animals are owned by the family of the site's activities director, who kept close watch over her mixed flock.

"Everybody loves them," LOOA Activities Director Katelynn Guereca said of the animals. "Sometimes my mom will bring them for support, the bunnies, therapy and everybody tends to love them. My grandma had Alzheimer's. It's just amazing they've got such a wonderful way for so many people to come out and support and hopefully one day we'll find a cure."

More information about Legacy Oaks of Azle, an independent living, assisted living and memory care community, can be found by visiting its website www.civitaseniorliving.com/legacy-oaks-of-azle.



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Noa Case, age 5, with rabbit Selena, visited the Longest Day Carnival from Denton and is the granddaughter of LOOA Community Relations Director Kelly Case.



LOOA resident Bonnie Henry, age 83, shoots basketballs at an arcade game during the carnival.



Vanna Zachry, age 10, pictured with rabbit Selena, visited Legacy Oaks with her grandmother Linda Jessup, siblings Jase, age 9, and Caroline, age 7. The children's great grandpa John Gyle and great grandma Bonnie Jessup both live at the facility, Jessup in the Cottage Memory Care Unit. "We know what Alzheimer's is like don't we," Linda Jessup asked her grandchildren. "It's very important to raise money for. So, we get to come to the carnival and buy tickets. It's so convenient to have here at Legacy Oaks. It's just wonderful so that we can come and celebrate and raise money at the same time for a worthy cause."

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SPORTS Roundup

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From left, Dawson Doggett, Melissa Chavez, Brylynn Bazzell, Grayson Lea and in front Lyndsey Shotwell pose at POJO Maker camp.

Springtown's Flaughter advances in summer track

RICK MAUCH

Special to the Tri-County Reporter

Mack Flaughter has made another major leap in her track and field career.

The senior-to-be at Springtown High School has qualified for the USA Track and Field Region 12 Championships at Seguin High School in Seguin July 4-6 by virtue of her recent performances at the regional qualifier. She qualified in both the long jump and triple in the Girls 17-18 division.

Perhaps making the qualifying even sweeter is that it happened on her home field in Springtown.

Flaughter cleared 36 feet, 7 inches in the triple jump to

place fourth and 17 feet, 7.5 inches in the long jump to finish sixth. The top eight in each event qualified for regionals.

Should she place in the top five at regionals, she will qualify for the USATF Junior Olympics in College Station July 22-28.

Flaughter, who will be a senior at Springtown High School, competed at the Class 4A State Meet in the triple jump for a third straight year in May. She also advanced to USATF regionals in 2023, finishing eighth in the triple jump.

LINEMAN CHALLENGE

Azle and Springtown had teams compete in the State Lineman Challenge Saturday,

June 22, in Abilene. Azle finished fifth in Class 5A and Springtown was fourth in 4A.

The competition was extremely close with the Hornets finishing just two points out of fourth place; they were just .03 seconds behind in one event and .40 behind in another.

Azle's team consisted of Devin Wingfield, Dylan Maines, D'Lathian Young, Conner Merrill, Ethan Alcalá, Cole Johnson, Michael Gault Case Moore, Leavy Owens and Brody Nelson.

Springtown's team included Hayden Nichols, Brett Cannon, John Mejia, Breyden Kearby, Jack Melton, Jake Hudson, Aaron Street, Colton Phelps,

Trent Wade, Julio Hernandez, Hayden Murrell, Robert Lewis and James Snyder.

AZLE SWIMMING

Brooke Nawakowski won three gold medals for the Weatherford Wild as the team competed in Flower Mound recently. Competing in the Womens 18-24 division, she won the 50-yard backstroke in a time of 33.07 seconds, the 50 breaststroke in 38.82 and the 50 freestyle in 30.23.

Also from Azle, Karla Rodriguez competed in the Girls 15-17 division and placed second in the 100 freestyle, clocking a 1:06.64, along with placing fifth in the 50 butterfly in 36.13. In that same division, Kayley Brekel

was third in the 50 free with a time of 30.22 and fourth in the 50 fly in 35.59.

Brekel also swam on the Mixed 15-17 200 medley relay, the anchor leg, which finished second with a time of 2:14.90.

LAKE WORTH SOFTBALL

Five members of the Lady Bullfrogs were honored as All-District 8-4A by the league's coaches.

Leading the list was junior shortstop/second baseman Katelyn Pahlen. She was named to the first team.

Selected for the second team was freshman infielder/pitcher Faith Robinson.

Honorable mentions are seniors Natalie Patron, catch-

er/first base; Alize Patrino, centerfield; and Reagan Hernandez, pitcher/infielder.

Named academic all-district were Pahlen, Patron, Hernandez, Patrino, freshmen Bailey Jones and Charlotte Arnett, along with seniors Brooklyn Thompson, Amayah Gutierrez, Hallie Morgan, Jaydy Ramirez and Carlisle Dean.

NEW LAKE WORTH COACHES

Boys basketball: Derrick Douglas is taking the helm of the Bullfrogs program. He will also serve as an assistant football coach.

As the 2023 5A Texas Association of Basketball

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MADelyn EDWARDS | TRI-COUNTY REPORTER
Kylie Altom and her younger brother Bodie Altom won champion titles at this year's Parker County Stock Show in the market goat contest.

'No days off'

Altom siblings take home buckles, banners after this year's Parker County Stock Show

MADelyn EDWARDS

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SPRINGTOWN — Last year around this time, Springtown High School FFA student Kylie Altom revealed that she doesn't take breaks throughout the year when it comes to raising animals and preparing for stock shows.

Kylie's strategy turned out to be successful after this year's Parker County Stock Show.

The incoming high school junior won grand champion in the market goat contest as well as middle weight division champion, two titles she

won last year as well. She also took home fine wool cross champion in the market lamb competition this year, which was a first for her.

"I'm very happy," Kylie said. "We work very hard all year from January to December, new animals constantly, every night tracking, treadmilling, working them, and each animal has different priorities. So, each animal has different needs, which means they get different feed, different workouts."

Kylie felt confident about her goat going into this year's county show, but it's always a toss-up on what the judge

will decide.

"Our county is very competitive," she said. "It's one of the most competitive, and you might have a good one, and you might think it's good, but you never know what to expect."

Kylie also placed third in the master showmanship contest this year, which means she won a showmanship event and then advanced to the next level where she had to show each of the four species of livestock — steer, pig, goat and sheep — animals that weren't hers and

PLEASE SEE **AL TOM** | B4

Let's get ready to wrestle

JOEY GARCIA

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PARKER COUNTY — Wrestling camp is an opportunity for kids to learn wrestling moves, spar and see what a real wrestling match looks and feels like.

Azle ISD held its wrestling camp June 10-13 with Springtown ISD hosting its own camp June 17-19. There were 21 participants at the Springtown ISD camp and 40 participants at the Azle ISD wrestling camp.

"The camp was meant to

introduce the new wrestlers to fundamental movements and techniques and to give them an introduction to the sport of wrestling," Azle High School wrestling coach Tyler Harrison said. "The more experienced wrestlers had the opportunity to sharpen their skills and learn some more advanced wrestling from our high school coaches and alumni that wrestle collegiately."

At the Azle camp, kids practiced the fundamentals of wrestling and sparred with one another. They also got to

play different games that involved wrestling movements and helped develop wrestling technique.

In one game, campers had green straps around an ankle; the objective was to remove their opponent's strap without losing their own.

The youngest campers even played games like shark and minnows, a game like tag, and Duck, Duck, Goose to work on their speed and mobility. Most of their time, however, was spent sparring

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Brantley Mobley puts his opponent in a head lock. Mobley will be in first grade next school year.

Hornets play 7 on 7 football in Boswell



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Joshua Guzman plays excellent defense as he swats the football away from the receiver.



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Garrett Bailey soars through the air as he catches a high pass over his defender.



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From left, D'Lathian Young and Aiden Mackey jump into each other to celebrate a touchdown.

Coach swings into new role

JOEY GARCIA

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AHS announces new softball coach

AZLE — Azle High School has announced Carlos Font as its varsity girls head softball coach. Font started his career with Azle Independent School District in 2019 as a seventh and eighth grade Spanish teacher at Forte Junior High.

Born and raised in Puerto Rico, Font moved to the United States when he was 14 years old. He shared about how baseball has been a part of his life since he was a kid because it is what his family did and it's the sport Puerto Rico is passionate about.

"In Puerto Rico, all you do is play baseball," Font said. "It's what my grandfather did, it's what my father did, it's what I do. It's been in our blood from early on."

After high school, Font played college baseball at Southern Nazarene University in Bethany, Oklahoma. He has worked for the Major League Baseball team the Minnesota Twins as a Spanish translator.

He also worked with student athletes at Texas Christian University, helping them to manage their time between practices, games, and school.

Font noted his background will help him in his new role because he has seen how different organizations are run and how they manage their teams and practices.

Font gives homage to previous coach Macy Pruitt for putting him in position to take

the softball program as the team was bidistrict champions two seasons in a row.

"We have a good program," Font said. "I think coach Macy Pruitt left this program in a good standing place."

For next season, Font's goal is to make it to the third round of the playoffs and to take the program even further in the future and get to the state championship.

The softball players can expect their new coach to have high expectations of them on and off the field.

Font has already begun working with the team this summer by having skills practice every Monday and Wednesday to get ready for next season.



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Carlos Font hits ground balls to his players during skills practice. Font is the new head coach for the Lady Hornets varsity softball team.

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ROUNDUP

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Coaches Assistant Coach of the Year, Douglas helped lead the Dallas Kimball basketball team to a Class 5A state championship. He has also coached three McDonald's All-Americans and 11 TABC All-State players.

Boys/girls soccer: Robert Alvarez, who has coached the Lady Bullfrogs for several years, now takes over the boys program, as well. He has been a head soccer coach for over a decade with numerous playoff appearances, including having led programs at Abilene Cooper and Abilene Wylie.

Golf: Coach Tony Kennedy comes to Lake Worth ISD after 20 years in the D-FW area. As a quarterback he played collegiately at Northeastern Oklahoma State University, where he was part of the Riverhawks' 1994 NAIA National Championship.

His career includes serving as head coach, offensive and defensive coordinator in football, along with being a head track and field coach with multiple regional and state qualifiers.

Tennis: Evan Gerhardt is stepping into a new position for Lake Worth after being a girls coach at Collins Middle School. He is now the head tennis coach for the Bullfrogs/Lady Bullfrogs at the high school level.

He previously coached varsity tennis at Gilroy High School and middle school tennis for Grapevine Colleyville ISD. He led Colleyville to an undefeated season and district championship in 2017.

As an athlete, Gerhardt qualified for the state tournament in doubles after having an undefeated regular season his senior year. He also has experience coaching basketball, softball, baseball and volleyball.

LAKE WORTH FOOTBALL

The Bullfrogs will host the Coach Chiaverini Football Camp June 28 from 10 a.m. to noon at Lake Worth High School, 4210 Boat Club Road. Registration begins at 9 a.m. and cost is \$80.

The camp is designed for high school athletes hoping to play football at the college level. Northeastern State University (Oklahoma) head coach Darrin Chiaverini, who is entering his first season as the River Hawks head coach, along with his staff, will evaluate talent from this elite prospect camp. Scholarship offers could be made on site.

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COURTESY AZLE SWIM FACEBOOK

Brooke Nowakowski (left), of Azle, shown with Azle High School coach Amy Estes, is having a strong summer swimming for the Weatherford Wild program.

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TRI-COUNTY REPORTER

From left, Alexa Copeland looks on as Asher Vick and Brewer Brisson practice wrestling techniques. Last year was Copeland's first year wrestling; she will be a senior next school year.



WRESTLE

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and learning various wrestling moves. The coaches also set aside time during the camp to speak to the kids about discipline, teamwork and integrity.

Springtown High School wrestling coach Sawyer Cooper, who is in his 10th year coaching, shared how wrestling can be a great place for kids to gain confidence in themselves.

"What we've really been trying to do this summer is we're really trying to get just

get repetitions for these kids to have confidence," Cooper said.

Cooper shared that he has seen kids go from failing to passing in school because they joined the wrestling team. He said wrestling has motivated kids to graduate who may not have because if they did not pass their classes they could not wrestle.

The Springtown camp taught campers specific moves like double leg take downs, sprawls, cross faces and head defense.

On the last day of camp, they held duals sorted by weight class and walked

through what a wrestling match would look like.

Springtown wrestling coach Sam Land shared that he saw progress and improvement in every single kid who attended camp — even the ones who had previously wrestled before.

Cooper said wrestling is different from other sports because it takes guts to walk out on the mat knowing there is no one who is going to come help you out.

"There ain't nobody else with you," Cooper said, "It's you ... and one other person and you've got to go to war."

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AL TOM

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were picked at random. She thought her master showmanship performance was the best she's ever done so far. For her, the key to good showmanship is being a student of showing livestock by paying attention to others competing in the ring and "being willing to learn and get better," Kylie said.

Kylie's 8-year-old brother Bodie Altom also earned a banner and buckle from this year's market goat show. Bodie was the heavyweight division champion and also placed in the market goat showmanship contest.

This was only Bodie's second year competing at the county show. In 2023, he won his class, and this year, he progressed to winning his division. This success felt good, Bodie said, and he was "super happy" when he learned about the results. He said his goal this year was to get first place, and he achieved that.

Kylie also crossed an objective off her list during this past major show season. She aimed to win her class at a major stock show and did just that in Houston with one of her goats. Next, she wants to win a division at a major show.

"That's what I hope for, a step at a time," Kylie said.

The Altoms primarily raise goats and sheep, but this

year, the kids tried showing pigs as well, though the results weren't as impressive.

"We learned to stick to goats and sheep," Kylie joked.

Bodie was the one who took an interest in pigs and hopes to try them again next year. Corey Altom, father of Kylie and Bodie, said his son fell in love with a family friend's pigs. After Bodie proved he was really interested in showing pigs, the family went all in and took seven pigs to this year's county show.

Typically, relationships with younger siblings can be rough, but Kylie had only

kind words to say about Bodie. She praised her little brother's performance and described him as a dedicated young showman.

"He tries his best to listen to me as much as he can," she said. "Sometimes he gets aggravated, but for the most part, he listens very well, and he takes everything that I say, and then he fixes it. And he does really, really good, especially for his age."

As soon as the Altoms returned from the county show, they started assessing their flock to get ready for the state fair in the fall.

Kylie reiterated her strategy: "No days off."



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The Altom kids show off the buckles and banners they earned at this year's county stock show. Kylie Altom took home grand champion market goat, middleweight division market goat champion and fine wool cross market lamb champion, among other accolades. Bodie Altom won market goat heavyweight division market goat champion and placed in the market goat showmanship contest.

Azle senior signing day

Azle seniors sign their intentions to play at their future colleges



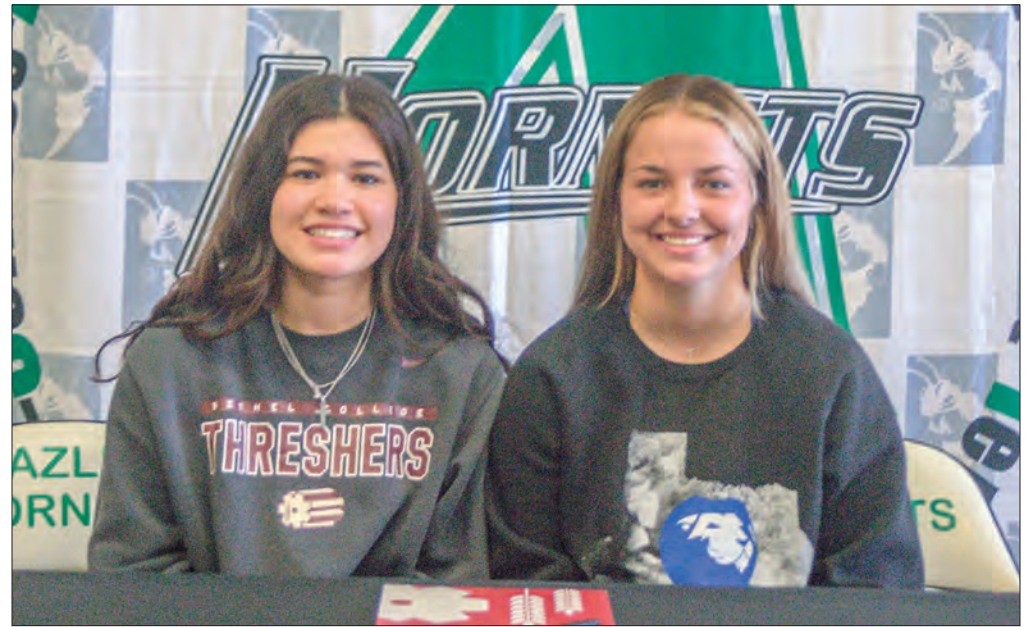
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Torrie Johnson's family comes out to watch her sign her intent to play softball at college. Back row from left are father Thomas Johnson, brother Cole Johnson and sister Jessie Johnson. Front row from left, mother Salina Johnson, Torrie Johnson and brother Cooper Johnson. Johnson will study nursing and plans to become an oncologist. This past season, Johnson was named District Catcher of the Year for the third year in a row.



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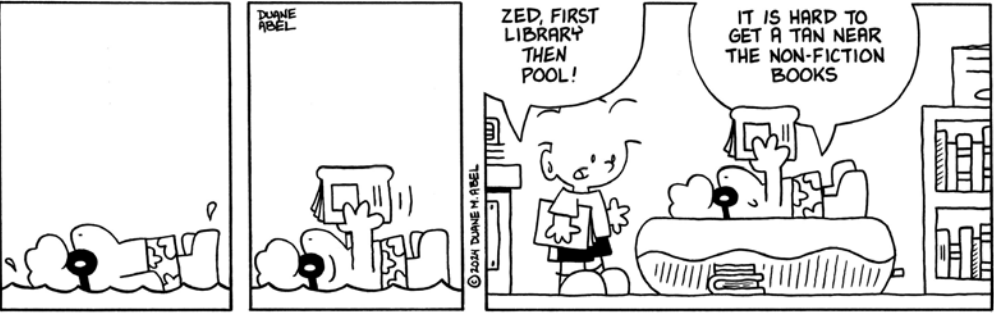
Cheryl Grubbs invites her family to celebrate her signing to play basketball in college. From left, sister Cheyenne Grubbs, Cheryl Grubbs, brother Shane Grubbs (standing) and mother Gina Grubbs. Grubbs will study criminal justice and plans to get into the fields of private investigation and forensic science.



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From left, Azle High School seniors Cheryl Grubbs and Torrie Johnson sign their intentions to play at their future colleges May 17. Grubbs is committed to playing basketball at Bethel College in North Newton, Kansas as a forward. Johnson will play softball at North Central Texas College as a catcher.

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- B. 12 7 5 3
Clue: Spring off ground
- C. 17 6 2 25 23
Clue: Sharp nails
- D. 23 1 13 11 1 17 4
Clue: Extend limbs/body

CORRECTION

The article "Azle welcomes new band directors" published in the June 20 edition of The Tri-County Reporter incorrectly spelled the name of Sebastian Marin, who is the incoming assistant band director at Forte Junior High. The story has been updated online with correct information. The Reporter regrets the error.

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- 6 singer Horne
- 7 TXism: "keep _____ under your hat"
- 8 TX-born Stephen Stills tune: "For What _____ Worth"
- 9 Daniel Defoe novel "Robinson _____"
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- 21 Odessa is seat of this county
- 22 TXism: "a _____ the pan"
- 27 high-pitched barks
- 28 TXism: "you can _____ hog, but you can't take him anywhere"
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- 36 lavish Texas party
- 37 pronounce Lamesa: "luh-____-suh"
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- 39 TXism: "_____ without a paddle"

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- 1 Astros GM in the 1980's, Smith
- 2 Grand _____ Opry
- 3 Wood County newspaper
- 4 TXism: "_____ ever saw" (unusual)
- 8 what George W. finally could say on 12/13/2000?
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- 11 Great Britain & No. Ireland
- 12 Texas has a chapter of this environmental organization (2 wds.)
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- 41 Texas pitcher Ryan (init.)
- 42 Texas legal specialty "oil _____"
- 45 hog fat
- 46 intl. distress signal
- 47 this Teri starred with TX Dabney in "Tootsie"
- 48 public school sports and academic org.
- 49 TX Barbara Mandrell tune: "Sleeping Single _____ Bed"

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- 31 TX Wayne Tippit had a part in this 1981 military film
- 34 TXism: "don't give a hoot _____ a holler"
- 35 Texans like it iced singer Haggard
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