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Teaching feelings with felt

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AZLE — Instead of driving her crazy, Maricela Carelock says she let her children drive her creative. Kids at

Azle Memorial Library took part in that creativity by learning through song and dance with the Maricela and Friends puppet show the morning of June 11.

Since she was a teenager,

Carelock, now a mother of eight and grandmother of nine, has loved singing and songwriting. After having children, she said these skills became a fun way to get her kids to listen. It

wasn't long before she began to incorporate characters which she fleshed out in felt.

Born in Costa Rica where she later worked as a teacher, Carelock moved to the United States in 1989 after

marrying an American. For the last 30 years, she homeschooled seven of her children using songwriting and ventriloquism as an educa-

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Carelock, dressed as a rocketeer, paraded and danced around the room with children in high visibility vests, superhero capes, and astronaut costumes.

Internally staffed AISD PD tackles vaping and home visits



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Chief Brockway speaks to the Azle ISD board of trustees.

School district police chief presents yearly safety report

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AZLE — The Azle Independent School District board of trustees has received yearly threat assessments in the past, but this year is the first time it has been presented by a "fully functioning" district police department. During a June 17 meeting, the board heard the annual safety report from AISD Police Chief Darren Brockway.

IN THE 23-24 SCHOOL YEAR AISD'S POLICE DEPARTMENT CONDUCTED

- 181 calls for service
- 99 incident and offense

reports

- 18 arrests and referrals
- Four adult arrest warrants served
- 75 Azle Municipal Court referrals (vaping)
- 18 Azle Municipal Court referrals (other)
- 52 home visits
- 209 LightSpeed Alerts
- 122 threat assessments conducted
- Seven incidents determined to be an imminent danger
- 21 threats of harm toward others
- 101 threats of harm toward self
- 42 assessments for students receiving special education services

• 18 assessments for students receiving 504 accommodations

"This coming school year will be the first with 100% AISD police officers," Brockway said. "I'm kind of excited because this is the first time we've ever been through this. This is our first year we're actually a fully functioning police department which comes with headaches and heartaches, but I was very pleased with the overall numbers."

The AISD Police Department was created in 2006. For many years it consisted of two employees: Derald Coomer and Nancy Sonneveld. The pair split

time teaching the Career and Technical Education criminal justice courses and performing truancy enforcement.

In this period, the district primarily relied on school resource officers from the Azle Police Department. The transition of phasing out Azle PD SRO's began last school year and was completed at the end of the most recent school year. The department also has a new dedicated headquarters at 483 Sandy Beach Road, next to the Forte Junior High stadium and across from Hoover Elementary.

The new headquarters has been used as a train-

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Tri-County Reporter publisher wins prestigious Texas Press Association award

STAFF REPORTS

COLLEGE STATION — The Tri-County Reporter took home a slew of awards from this year's Texas Press Association Convention and Trade Show June 22 in College Station.

Tri-County Reporter publisher Kim Ware won one of the most significant awards at the convention — the Frank W. Mayborn Award for Community Leadership. This is TPA's most prestigious honor and is given annually to a publisher or newspaper

Reporter's writing, photography staff also honored

executive who made significant contributions to society within the past year. The award's namesake, Frank W. Mayborn, was a newspaperman and a pioneer in radio and TV; he was known for his leadership and service to education.

"The Frank W. Mayborn Award for Community Leadership is established to honor other newspaper men and women who have a firm

commitment to community service and who are devoting the same zeal to that cause as Mayborn did during his long career," TPA's website states.

In his nomination letter, Hyde Media Group (the Reporter's parent company) Chief Operating Officer Sam Houston wrote that Ware has been involved in multiple community projects over the past year. This includes supporting and fundraising

for the Azle Area Ministerial Alliance's Follow the Flag event and National Day of Prayer; Eagle Mountain Pregnancy Help Center; Main Street Mingle benefiting Future Hope and Healing Center; Azle Rotary Club, providing scholarships to high school seniors; Community Caring Center's annual food drive; and Christmas on Main

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Tri-County Reporter publisher Kim Ware receives the Frank W. Mayborn Award for Community Leadership from outgoing Texas Press Association President Ken Cooke at the Texas Press Association Convention and Trade Show.



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Carelock turned back time for a local mom with the help of her son, Benjamin.



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Devin, a dad visiting the library with his child, was made a "human puppet" and sang a pitchy rendition of "God Bless America" for Flag Day.

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tional aid. It was her oldest — now 31 — son who encouraged her to continue her craft after her children had grown. She soon began to take her puppets on the road to local churches, then birthday parties, libraries and even, in one instance, put the "fun" in "funeral" after a request from a beloved departed friend.

"I've always been a silly mom and now I'm a silly grandmother," Carelock said. "I'm a kid in an old lady's body."

Through her puppets, over 100 backdrops and a trunk full of costumes, Carelock said her mission is to teach love, obedience and humility to children. During her show at AML, Carelock and her puppet crew sang songs about being kind to oth-

ers, respecting the environment and doing the right thing when no one is watching. Along with life lessons, Carelock also tackled grammar, describing the difference between nouns and adjectives in both English and Spanish.

"It's not a job. I'm a Christian so I feel like it's a mission and that's what I want to keep doing until I can't anymore," Carelock said. "We try to bring the kids into a deeper knowledge of themselves so that they have a lot of kindness."

The benefit of using puppets, Carelock said, is that they're much easier to train than children. With her puppets, Carelock had children and parents singing along, dancing and volunteering in her act with costumes and props.

AML Children's Librarian Ava Bryant knew Carelock

from a show she had done at her previous position in the Decatur Library and was excited to introduce her to Azle.

"I wasn't expecting everybody to have to dress up like an astronaut," Bryant said laughing. "Maricela's Puppet Show is geared more towards a younger audience, so I'm glad we were able to have something for them."

Bryant said shows like Carelock's are important tools in building imagination, creativity and stimulating children's minds through play.

"The singing and music that she does is very important for kids because music is a form of literacy, and it helps to build those foundational skills that we need to learn to read later. I also appreciated her kindness message ... I think that's really important for young kids, too."



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Carelock and Nana Sarah sing "You Are My Sunshine" with crowd participation.

Can we talk about conspiracy theories?



Common Practice

I tend to believe stories that match my views, or that are reported by sources that I agree with.

Best Practice

I search for verification on stories that I hear and share them with caution.

Helpful Habits

- Beware of conspiracies designed to make you suspicious of one group.
- Ask questions about the story and how it is designed to make you feel.
- Look for solid facts from multiple reliable sources.
- Think before you share. Does the story sound too good (or bad) to be true? Is the tone objective and factual, or is it sensationalist? Does the headline accurately reflect the story?

The End Game

We can all fall for conspiracy theories and unintentionally assist in spreading them. Learn how to spot and evaluate them, especially before we share them.

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...

- Remember that conspiracy theories are persuasive and will play upon our fears.
- Conspiracy theories are designed to help us feel in control and explain our frustrations.

Try this...

- What are the central claims of the conspiracy theory and where do they come from?
- Be skeptical of stories shared from sources supporting only one viewpoint.
- Conspiracy theories and misleading information thrive by invoking a strong reaction. If the information upsets you or makes you angry, it could be a sign that you're being manipulated.

July 4: A special celebration of the human spirit

Holidays come and go throughout the year and I do not think I am making an overstatement by saying people look forward to the unique customs and traditions connected with each event. Whether it be hanging a Christmas stocking, hiding eggs at Easter, or serving special foods at Thanksgiving, each one of our traditions reminds us of all the holidays we have experienced in our past and the special people and family we share the holidays with.

Granted, we cannot attempt to equate the significance of religious holidays like Easter and Christmas with Halloween. Two of them have deeply religious sig-



FROM MY FRONT PORCH

By Sam Houston

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

nificance and the other is a commercial event created for fun, frivolity and consumerism. Yet, each holiday seems to have its own traditions and rituals.

I commonly mark the comings and goings of holidays by my calendar. Anymore it is impossible to judge the change by my surroundings because the Halloween items are on display at Walmart seemingly before the kids start back to school. Heck,

Christmas stuff is up in the stores just about the time you would expect to see the Halloween items. It can be confusing!

This week we celebrate the Fourth of July and what a special day that is. It is full of cookouts and barbecues, parades, hotdogs and fireworks. My memories include smoldering ribs, ice cold watermelon, homemade ice cream and my favorite, fresh corn on the cob. On July 4 it

was tradition to have a roasting ear firmly gripped in my hands with butter delicately rolling down my chin. I will never forget the sensation or the taste. It's one of my favorite Fourth of July memories.

My memory takes me back to the bicentennial when the USA was 200 years old and what a big celebration that was. Now the USA is getting closer and closer to 250 years old! Uncle Sam and I have both aged these last 50 years. We have seen a lot of change and suffered through some crises and challenges. Through it all, there is something still special about a Fourth of July parade, seeing the flags unfurled, the bunting hanging from the busi-

nesses lining the street while the band plays the "Stars and Stripes Forever."

Sometimes I wonder if people stop and think how our forefathers created a nation out of nothing but wilderness; how they defeated one of the mightiest military forces in the world to win our freedom, and then our brilliant forefathers had the smarts to create a new form of government which had previously never existed. It allowed individuals to be free, while ensuring domestic tranquility and peace. They were sure a smart bunch of guys. I hope we stay grounded and honor their memory while maintaining the sacred trust which has been passed down

to us.

Let us not forget a nation is formed by the willingness of each of us to share in the responsibility for upholding the common good. As a nation, we are only as good as we allow our weakest citizen to suffer and endure. We are a country that has liberty as a statute! Think about that for a moment and give thanks for where you live and who you are. Now that is worth celebrating.

Thought for the day: *"Humanity has won its battle ... liberty now has a country."* — *The Marquis de Lafayette, French citizen and American Revolutionary War hero.*

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

Azle, America and its unique streets

NANCY LEE

Special to the Tri-County Reporter

As a relative newcomer to Azle, I have some favorite things I am enjoying about the make-up of this smallish town. The subject I'd like to address today is its thoroughfares.

There are a number of streets in Azle-proper that I find fascinating or spectacular or both. Let's start with the spectacular — and by that I mean the intersection of Farm Road 730/Northwest Parkway Frontage Road/Central Drive/Speer Street.

Driving south on FM 730 North and approaching the Jacksboro Highway underpass, you have a boatload of options — and you've got three other streets with drivers guessing your next move. Are you heading to Lake Worth? Do you need a fill-up? Do you drive a school bus? Are you craving pizza or tiny tacos? Is your car dirty? Are you a donut aficionado? Is it a nugget day? Speer Street is my favorite choice although I drive down all the other availables constantly. Speer has two things going for it: 1) Hello! Donuts! and 2) long ago in another city, I bought my first snazzy car from

Speer Imports. Speer equals happiness to me.

Central Drive seems as central to me as any other street in Azle, but its name makes Azle sound like a thriving business community — very uptown; a busy and productive sort of place. A couple of years ago I was able to direct a sweet Springtown woman to her physical therapy appointment on Central Drive. Then there's the dentist, the bank, the QT. The QT is unrivaled in its lunch crowd — that's a busy enterprise on Central Drive. Central (with help from Roe) also meanders its way towards our town's Central Park — one of the city's wonderful assets. It's a useful street.

Farm Road 730 feels like north Azle's Main Street to me. But why is it not Farm-to-Market 730? What makes a road a farm-to-market, and not just a farm road? It's definitely how I get to the market. When we were house shopping, our REALTOR® told us that the FM 730 roadway represented the "truck side" of the lake. But there are plenty of luxury cars and mid-sized cars traveling along FM 730. And thanks to the Texas Department of Transportation, we now have

a newly graded, paved and striped road. Makes for a safe ride on my main drag.

Another street I'd like to call attention to is Commerce Street. It's aptly named — The Azle Post Office and other businesses share this roadway. Certainly a business with happy hour half-priced drinks and slushies is a commercial establishment. One of my favorite volunteer haunts is on Commerce Street. Karen, the hard-working manager and Kim, the savvy eBay coordinator both conduct plenty of commerce.

What I fondly refer to as "Whataburger Lane" is a significant street in Azle, America. If you're heading south on FM 730, it veers left off of FM 730 right before the State Highway 199 underpass. Actually, you veer left only if you successfully cross multiple lanes of oncoming traffic. While a fair number of Azle-ites live off that street, aren't many of us just heading down Boyd Court (Burger Court) to get a snack? Now, I'm not an Azle resident who only dines on donuts and burgers. I have developed an interest in cooking since we moved here. I have a vegetable garden. And I picked fresh strawberries for the

first time ever and bravely attempted strawberry preserves. But Whataburger Friday is a thing in our circle.

Next, let's talk exits and turn lanes in our town. This is the fascinating part of my Azle, America report on thoroughfares.

EXITS. Admit it, it's pretty much a "trust fall" or "trust exit" when you are heading west on SH 199 and take the exit off SH 199 toward FM 730 North. Will they yield or not?? I once sat in the Whataburger parking lot facing the exit and watched to see how many drivers on the feeder observed the yield sign. Yes, I did this. I was in my learning stage of Azle dos and don'ts. I noted that at least three-fourths of the feeder traffic yielded to the exiters. This is encouraging!

When exiting, you have to have faith the approaching traffic will yield to you, but it's even more wise to be wise — and know where your car horn is located. Which brings up the question: is it a feeder or is it an access road? Feeder sounds more Texan to this native. Feeder is much more fun to say with a Texas drawl.

TURN LANES. Specifically, the right turn lane onto FM 730 North (after you have

completed the exit challenge). When we were new here, we usually stopped as we entered the right turn lane. It's scary to see so many people coming at you from the underpass. We were from a huge city where "drive friendly" is a cute suggestion. What the newcomer doesn't realize is that this lane is for right turners only — none of the approachers are in your lane. You can just continue at a decent rate of speed and move over a lane or two when it's safe to do so. Now when I see someone really slow down or stop on this turn, I think "hmm ... new Azle resident."

Stewart Street. For whom is it named? I always want to assume it was for Dr. James Azle Steward, but if so, it's misspelled. Can anyone explain this mystery? Stewart Street is vital — it's home to the Azle Opry and Cross Timbers Golf Course for starters. There are some beautiful homes off Stewart Street. And my favorite animal shelter is off that road. In addition, the right turn signal at the intersection of Stewart and Park Street is spectacular. As a dedicated right turn lane with its own traffic signal, traffic can continue down the hill to the feeder,

even if the other lanes are at a stop. What a deal! Very traffic-efficient.

When we lived in southern Texas, our daughter gifted me with a book that explained how all the streets in our city got their name. It was so helpful and it taught me the history of the original townfolk. Could someone write a similar book for me about Azle? I'd also like a Fort Worth version. Who is Rufe Snow? What did he do to get a street named after him?

And last but by no means least, my most favorite street name in these parts is down the road a bit. It's not in Azle, but it's close. If you've headed into Lake Worth for Mexican food or gardening supplies/lumber/tools, you've traveled down this street. And although it is a street, I feel it should be upgraded to an avenue. The name absolutely warrants it. I can spell it correctly now, but I admit it took me a while. It's listed on ancestry.com, so it must be a recognized name. Can you guess which street I am referring to? And who it was named for? First prize: a donut or burger.

See you on the road.

TxDOT encourages drivers to plan a sober ride ahead of July 4 holiday

STAFF REPORTS

July and August are the two deadliest months for drunk-driving fatalities, according to an article on the Texas Department of Transportation's website.

TxDOT reported 65 alcohol-related crashes occurred on average every day last year. An average of 89 Texans were killed every month in alcohol related crashes in 2023, or about three Texan deaths daily. However, the number

of drunk driving deaths on Texas roadways in 2023 was down 15% from 2022.

"Drunk driving can change lives forever," TxDOT Executive Director Marc Williams said. "In the worst case, families lose loved ones or face devastating injuries. But even when there isn't a crash, the decision to drink and drive can ruin careers and relationships. That's why we want everyone to know how important and easy it is

to always plan ahead for a sober ride."

One of those Texans who was killed by a drunk driver was 20-year-old Texas Wesleyan University football player Charles Trammell III in late August 2022. He was changing a friend's tire on the side of the road in Fort Worth when the crash occurred.

"There's not a day that goes by that we don't think about Charles the third and how much we miss him and miss

his presence," his mother Shenica Trammell said in a video for TxDOT. "He had a huge personality, a big smile, just lovable, a selfless young man who was everybody's friend. He would brighten up any room he went into. So that's what we lost; that was taken away from us."

Shenica Trammell and her husband Charles Trammell Jr. are among the faces seen and voices heard in a traveling exhibit showcasing first-per-

son testimonial videos by survivors, offenders and those who've suffered the loss of a loved one to a drunk driver.

Heading into July and August, TxDOT is sharing these stories about drunk driving crashes in its "Drive Sober. No Regrets." campaign to emphasize the importance of driving sober and the consequences of drinking and driving.

Even if a crash doesn't cause a death, driving im-

paired and getting a DWI can result in time-consuming legal hassles as well as fines and fees up to \$17,000, according to the TxDOT article.

Before and after the Fourth of July, law enforcement agencies will heighten their efforts to keep Texas roads safe during the holiday. From June 21 through July 7, increased patrols aim to reduce the number of DUI-related crashes, injuries and fatalities.

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Street's bicycle giveaway for kids.

Houston pointed out Ware has also served on the boards of the Azle and Springtown chambers of commerce, Lakeside City Council, Azle Economic Development Board and the boards of the regional press associations representing North, East and West Texas. Ware has also won several awards including the Azle Area Chamber

of Commerce's Citizen of the Year in February and the Lew and Sandy Shaffer Award last year.

"Few people can match Kim's boundless energy, enthusiasm and dedication to improving her community," Houston said in his letter. "She is a humble servant who leads by example, who enriches the lives of those around her and who elevates those which are lucky enough to associate with her. I can honestly say in my nearly 50 years of professional life, I value my business relationship with Kim above all oth-

ers. She is a newspaper professional who does her job with skill and expertise but understands that community service is the 'rent which is paid' by citizens for living in a community. I assure you this woman has 'paid her account forward' many, many times over. She is revered by her fellow citizens, admired by her peers and envied for her commitment to help others in need."

The award includes a \$3,000 journalism scholarship to the college of the recipient's choice, and Ware has chosen Tarleton State

University.

In TPA's Better Newspaper Contest, the Reporter earned five awards for its photos and articles in Division 6, which is reserved for weekly newspapers.

Houston and Tri-County Reporter graphic designer Jennifer Harrison won first place for column writing. Houston pens the Reporter's "From My Front Porch" column, while Harrison used to write the weekly gaming series "Game On." The contest results published in TPA's "Winners' Circle" highlighted Houston's column "Don't

Blame the Messenger" and Harrison's "New games coming out in 2024."

Tri-County Reporter photographers Zach Freeman, Madelyn Edwards and Jim Stevens earned first place for news photography. The judge remarked in "Winners' Circle" how the Reporter's attention-grabbing photos showed facial expressions and details in action shots.

Freeman and Edwards also placed second in feature writing for Freeman's profile on a local artist and Edwards' story following Springtown's public works crew as they put

up the town's Christmas tree.

"In a Feature Writing category against strong competition, this entry was among the ones that shined the brightest," read the judge's notes in "Winners' Circle." "Your talent was on full display with this entry."

Edwards also won third place in news writing. Jeff Prince, sports writer and photographer who left the Reporter at the end of 2023, placed fourth in sports photography.

Former Springtown Council member to join P&Z

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SPRINGTOWN — “Welcome back from Hawaii,” Springtown Mayor Greg Hood said to former city council member Walter Roberson, bringing attention to Roberson’s colorful floral shirt, at the June 25 meeting.

Roberson just exited the council in May after losing his re-election bid, and he was one of four new candidates who applied for a position on the Planning and Zoning Commission. Ultimately, the council appointed Roberson to the commission for a two-year term.

The P&Z makes recommendations to the city council

on cases regarding zoning changes, plat or site plan approvals and certain ordinance changes. The commission has a chairperson, five voting members and three alternate positions, all of whom serve staggered two-year terms, and the council considers appointments to the P&Z annually.

This year, the places for chairperson, Place 2, Place 4 and Alternate 1 were up for reappointment, and the members who currently hold these positions — Chairperson Ken Jensen, Place 2 Commissioner Diane Hester and Place 4 Commissioner Jessica Castro — reapplied for new terms. The only vacant spot was Alternate 1, which was previously held by a member who

has since moved outside the city’s limits.

Springtown City Council members interviewed four new candidates before making appointments last week. While all the applicants answered the council’s questions, Roberson stood out because of his previous experience serving on P&Z and the city council. He had a place on the council since 2021 and was on P&Z before that.

“After so many years on it, I think I’m better equipped this time around to serve and provide expertise in areas that I probably was not able to do so before with my knowledge of what goes on in the city of Springtown,” Roberson told council when asked why he

wanted to join P&Z.

As soon as Roberson was called into the council chambers for his interview, the council greeted him with jokes.

“Never heard of this guy before,” council member Michele Chandler Kelley said playfully about Roberson, who has lived in Springtown for nearly 30 years. “I don’t even know if this guy lives in Springtown.”

The laughs continued as the council acknowledged the silliness of having to ask Roberson standard questions about relevant experience and explain the requirements to attend monthly meetings and receive training. When new council member David

Martin got his turn to interview Roberson, Martin asked Roberson why zoning is important.

“Zoning is important because our zoning is going to dictate what comes into the city,” Roberson said in response. “Zoning simply tells us that we have to remember that it’s not about us as individuals but about what is best for the city of Springtown, what is best for the citizenry.”

Later in the meeting, the council agreed that Jensen would keep his place as chairperson and Castro would continue to serve in Place 4. Then, they reassigned Hester to the Alternate 1 position and gave Roberson the Place 2 spot.



MADelyn EDWARDS
TRI-COUNTY REPORTER

Former Springtown City Council member Walter Roberson is the newest member of the Planning and Zoning Commission. Roberson previously served on P&Z before his time on council.

AISD announces lunch prices, clarifies free meal eligibility

STAFF REPORTS

AZLE — In a recent letter sent out to parents, Azle ISD Assistant Student Nutrition Director Debra Venable laid out costs for lunches and breakfasts for the upcoming school year and answered some commonly asked questions about free and reduced-price lunch eligibility. For the 2024-2025 school year,

breakfast will cost \$1.95 per meal, lunch for pre-K through fourth grade students will cost \$2.95, and lunch for fifth grade students through high school seniors will cost \$3. Breakfasts are free for students eligible for reduced-price meals and are 40 cents for lunches. The letter advises parents who received a notification letter that their

child is directly certified for free or reduced-price meals to not complete an application for free or reduced-price lunches and to let the school know if any children in the household attending school are not listed in the letter.

In lieu of mailing a paper application to Azle ISD, at 300 Roe Street Azle, TX 76020, Venable said parents

can also apply online at www.schoolcafe.com. Parents with any questions about their eligibility or the application process are encouraged to call Venable at 817-444-5115 or email dvenable@azleisd.net.

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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 28th day of June 2024. Respectfully submitted, Wendi E. Andino State Bar No. 20486674 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 Amanda Marie Gutierrez

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SEALED PROPOSALS addressed to the City Council of the City of Springtown, Texas will be received at the City Hall Annex, 200 N. Main Street, Springtown, Texas 76082, until 3:00 PM on Thursday, July 18, 2024 for the purpose of furnishing all plant, labor, materials and equipment and the performing of all work required in the 2024 Street Micro Paving Project and other improvements incidental thereto, at which time and place the proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud in the City Hall Annex and retained by the city for tabulation, checking and evaluation. BIDS shall be submitted in sealed envelopes upon the blank Bid Form in the Contract Documents booklet. The entire Contract Documents’ booklet must be returned in a sealed envelope with the following forms filled out and signed; Bid Form, Disadvantaged Business Enterprises Form, Conflict of Interest Questionnaire, Local Government Officer Conflicts Disclosure Statement, Vendor Compliance to State Law form, Contractor Compliance to Texas Sales Tax Code form. The Bid Bond for five (5%) percent of the total bid must be included in the sealed envelope with the bid. The sealed envelope shall be marked 2024 Street Micro Paving Project - DO NOT OPEN UNTIL 3:00 PM on Thursday, July 18, 2024. A non-mandatory pre-bid conference will be held at 3:00 PM on Thursday, July 11, 2024 at the City Hall Annex, 200 N. Main Street. Representatives of the Owner and Engineer will be present to discuss the project and answer any questions. The Engineer will distribute to prospective bidders of record such Addenda, as the Engineer considers necessary in response to discussions or inquiries arising at the conference. PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS and contract documents may be examined and obtained without charge at the Springtown City Hall, 102 E. Second Street, Springtown, TX 76082. No hard copies of the Bidding Documents will be made available at City Hall. It is the responsibility of the interested party to print the Bidding Documents. Neither the Owner nor the Engineer will be responsible for full or partial sets of Bidding Documents, including any addenda, obtained from other sources. Each Bid must be submitted on the prescribed Bid Form and accompanied by Bid security as prescribed in the Instructions to Bidders. The Successful Bidder will be required to furnish the additional bond(s) prescribed in the Bidding Documents. In case of ambiguity or lack of clearness in stating proposal prices, the Owner reserves the right to adopt the most advantageous construction thereof, or to reject any or all bids. No bid may be withdrawn within forty-five (45) days after date on which bids are opened.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

City of Springtown is accepting sealed requests for a contract on group medical insurance until 10:00 A.M. local time, July 18, 2024, via email, at which time they will be publicly opened. Specifications may be obtained from Brinson Benefits at 214-379-5157. The Title of the email should include “RFP# 10-24-817 for Group Medical Insurance”. Any bids received after the time and date stated above, regardless of the mode of delivery, will not be considered. The City of Springtown reserves the right to accept, negotiate, amend, accept and/or reject any or all bids, in whole or in part, or to waive any informality in any bid, which, in its discretion, is in the best interest of the City of Springtown.

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Curb appeal

City of Azle approves improvement grant for former Azle Paint & Body, others

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AZLE — A Main Street staple is getting a makeover and new owners. The Azle Paint & Body building has stood at the heart of Azle since 1971. For years, it served as an aging landmark with its iconic red mansard-style roof and white-brick façade.

Over the last two weeks, passersby will have noticed the roof torn down and its eaves boarded up.

In the voicemail recording for the business, owner Eric Chisolm states Azle Paint and Body has closed and he has retired. Chisolm has not responded to a request for comment at the publication deadline.

During a May 7 Azle City

Council meeting, Community and Marketing Specialist Kristin Pegues introduced a Façade and Signage Improvement grant request naming the new owners for the property at 233 W Main St. The grant application is signed by Jeff Hess of 2HM Investments LLC. Using city beautification funds, the applicant proposed removing the metal roof and installing a new pitched shingle-style roof. The brick in front would be extended upward to the new roofline. Of the \$24,670 in general project expenditures listed by the applicant, a maximum of \$10,000 will be covered by the city's grant, which Pegues said should cover most of the roofing costs.

The Westworth Village-

based business deals in real estate development, and in the paperwork sent to the city, Hess described giving the building a "fresh new look" that will be appealing to citizens and new potential tenants.

"(The construction) will add tremendous curb appeal, hopefully giving other owners a sense of pride," Hess states in the document.

Since June 19, workers have been clearing the site in preparation for upcoming changes and improvements. After installing a new roof, documents given to the council also state that developers plan to give the building a paint job.

"Anytime you can take an old building and improve it, it just makes it better for



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The Azle Paint & Body Shop was de-roofed and gutted in the early stages of construction.

the city and improves the looks of everything," Billy Ragsdale, a worker with R&R Construction, said at the site.

The Azle Paint & Body building is just one of many approved FSIP recipients in what Pegues called "grant season." During the same

May 7 meeting, Pegues also presented a \$1,750 grant request for permanent wall signage for Froz-Zone, a frozen yogurt shop at Park Place Plaza. Both grant requests were approved by the council.

During the next meeting May 21, the council approved

two more grant requests for \$3,850 and \$1,800, respectively, for two permanent attached building signs for Tyler A. Harden's legal office at 415 W. Main St. and a temporary sign for Falcon Smoke Shop at Park Place Plaza.

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ing ground for officers along with other agencies. Brockway described the buildings as adequate and improving. The district is currently in the process of adding equipment for a processing area.

"The building actually ended up being perfect," Brockway said.

While the district employed two school resource officers from the Azle PD this year, it will fill those positions with new hires at the start of school in the fall. Brockway announced that Michael Luther and Shane Cantora from the North Richland Hills Police Department will be joining AISD as its newest officers. With longtime officer Steve Stutsman retiring, the district plans to start the 2024-2025 school year with 14 officers. The chief said because of Stutsman's unique background and certifications, he has had a difficult time filling his CTE education teaching position but expects to find someone for the job for the next school year.

Along with a chief of police, the district now employs a secretary, two officers assigned to Azle High School, one officer assigned to each elementary school, one officer assigned to Hornet Academy and two officers

assigned to both junior high schools in the district.

In addition to statistics from the school year Brockway also presented context on several key areas of concern. In one area of note, the police force began cracking down on vaping this year by referring perpetrators to the Azle Municipal Court.

"This was kind of an experiment, just being honest with you," Brockway said. "It's no secret vaping is a big problem in secondary campuses, not just in our district but all over the state. There was a new mandate that just came out that said if you got caught with a nicotine vape you had to do five days (in a Disciplinary Alternative Education Program) or 30 days in DAEP placement for THC vapes. We were talking at the beginning of the year, and I asked my group and said I want it to bite just a little bit more. I want especially these THCs out of the schools."

Brockway explained that due to a 2016 law, officers cannot give vaping citations for students on campus, but by working out a deal with Municipal Court Administrator Felicia King, Brockway said the district has found the solution he's looking for. When officers find a THC vape on a student they will instead file a municipal court referral for possession of drug paraphernalia.

The student must then enroll in the Success With Every Azle Teen initiative. Through SWEAT, juveniles pay for their offenses by doing a set number of community service hours and involvement in court mandated behavioral modification courses. Upon successful completion of the program, the case is dismissed and will not appear on their record.

"It's just a little something extra on top of the school punishment that we can give them to show that we don't want this in our schools," Brockway said. "I can tell you out of the 75 (vaping referrals), we do not have a repeat offender."

Vaping is not the only area where district police have been working outside of school walls. According to this year's numbers, which Brockway said required some estimation for its first month due to a management system error, officers with the school have made 52 home visits since fall of 2023. While being conservative on the scope of these visits, Brockway said they were often done as a welfare check for students whose teachers have not seen or heard from them in some time.

"There are cases where it's basically truancy but there are other cases where they had a car that broke down and we were able to get them the resources to get them to

school," Brockway said.

Officers may also visit homes after receiving a Lightspeed Alert from a district-owned device. Lightspeed Systems picks up typed keywords like "suicide," "kill" and "gun" sent from district devices, like student-used iPads, and ranks the potential threat as either high, low or in need of immediate response.

"The typical thing we get, someone will be joking on Google Chat to another student," Brockway said. "This homework stinks, I want to KMS (kill myself)." But this is a reference to suicidal ideation, so that is a phone call to the parent."

Brockway said out of the 209 Lightspeed Alerts it has received this year, only four required that he visit a student's home immediately in fear for their life. Even in those four cases, Brockway reported the students in question turned out to not be in immediate danger.

"It turned out not being that but we're not going to take that risk and there's no time to try and get someone to do a welfare check from another agency," Brockway said.

One of Brockway's biggest concerns from this year's numbers is the young age of students in some of the most serious cases the department has addressed.

"This year I have been very

alarmed at the number of children under 10 years old that are going through crises," Brockway said. "Some of those seven (incidents of imminent danger) are kids under 10. I don't know the reason for it. Nobody does. I don't know if this is going to be the norm, but we need to figure something out. For me to get involved really to even do anything they have to be at least 10 years old. We're all just going 'I've never seen this before' but it's happening."

Among other successes this year, the AISD Police Department joined the North Tarrant County Crisis Intervention Team and the Parker County Regional SWAT Team. After a four-year hiatus, Shattered Dreams, a simulation of the traumatic results of a distracted driving incident using students as actors, returned to Azle High School.

"To me it was just an excellent job despite technical difficulties," Brockway said. "I had students come up to me after and tell me how they were impacted."

Along with Shattered Dreams, the district also promoted safe driving with "Nickel from Nicole" in which students tape a nickel and card on their dashboard as a reminder of Plano teen Nicole LeGrow who died after a distracted driving incident in 2010. Students also pledged

to drive safe and sober during prom season in record numbers.

"I'm very proud of the number of students we had sign this," Brockway said. "I've never seen that before."

The district hopes to tackle issues with a multi-pronged approach providing free mental health resources for students, mandated mental health checkups for students who are assessed as a threat to themselves or others, along with ramping up civilian and officer training for school shootings. During the recent school year, the district conducted active shooter trainings at Hilltop Elementary and Silver Creek Elementary.

"In a school environment our rounds going downrange have a lot more consequence to them — we need to be very careful where we're putting those," Brockway said. "I am proud to report the lowest scoring of any of our qualifications since we started has been a 90. Anything below that is a failure just because of the environment that we're in."

As of his presentation, Brockway reports all AISD officers have been School-Based Law Enforcement certified. He hopes to soon create a phone service manned around the clock to address potential emergencies and threats.

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OBITUARIES

Patty Sonntag Neumueller 1950-2024

Our beloved Patty Sonntag Neumueller passed away May 21, 2024, at the age of 73, after a challenging battle with Parkinson's and Lewy Body Dementia, and will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

A Celebration of Life for Patty will be held this fall at the Heartland Animal Sanctuary in Wisconsin. In lieu of flowers, we ask that you please donate to Heartland Animal Sanctuary on her behalf.

Please share your memories and follow funeral updates at www.cressfuneralservice.com

Patty was born in Fort Worth in 1950. She grew up in Lakeside and attended Azle High School. After graduation, she attended the University of Texas in Austin before moving with her family to Wisconsin in 1972 where Patty met her future husband, Ed. They both attended the University of Wisconsin and she graduated with a Bachelor of Science in sociology in 1974. Patty and Ed married in 1976, and welcomed their amazing son, John, into the world in 1987.

Patty had a great love for all people and animals in need and volunteered in many different organizations. She trained as an EMT, volunteered for many years at the WayForward Food Pantry, Dane County Wildlife Rehabilitation Center, a friend's sheep farm and the Heartland Animal Sanctuary. In her career as a human resources director, she put her empathetic compassion into action, advocating for employees at Standard Imaging for 17 years. She retired in 2016.

Patty was an avid reader, enjoying biographies, history and the stories of James Harriet's All Creatures Great and Small. Together, Patty



and Ed enjoyed camping, hiking, birds, wildflowers and were unwavering supporters of many environmental and preservation efforts.

Both enjoyed trips to Sanibel Island, Florida and the California coastline, where they walked the wild-life refuges, entertaining their fondness for birds and enjoying shelling on the local beaches.

At home, Patty could often be found caring for her beloved dogs or in the garden tending to her flower beds. She and Ed frequently attended UW Badger sporting events and loved watching the Green Bay Packers.

She is preceded in death by her father, Larry Sonntag; her mother, Gemma Sonntag Neumueller; and father-in-law, Jack Neumueller; as well as sister, Mary (Dave) Waite; sister-in-law, Sharel Surles; brother-in-law Brian Bresser and 23 nieces and nephews.

Patty is survived by her husband, Ed; son, John; siblings: Steve Neumueller, Donna (Dick) Reinardy, Mike (Janis) Sonntag, Susie Sonntag, Mark (Henrietta) Sonntag, Joan (Mike) Moe, Mark (Kathy) Neumueller, Denise Bresser; and 23 nieces and nephews.

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Benny C. Sproles 1949-2024

A funeral service will be held at White's Azle Funeral Home July 3, at 10 a.m.

Benny was born Jan. 1, 1949 to B.F. and Ruby (Carter) Sproles in Benson, Arizona.

Benny married Lynnette (Nelson) Jan. 26, 1968. He served in the United States Army and was a veteran of the Vietnam war. He and his wife had four children and six grandchildren. Benny retired from Azle ISD after 25 years as a custodian.

Benny was predeceased by his parents, B.F. and Ruby Sproles and several siblings, his daughter, Jennifer Sproles; son, Clinton Sproles; and son-in-law and best friend, Cortlan Fowler.

Benny is survived by his wife of 56 years, Lynnette Sproles; his daughters, Kimberly Fowler and Stacy Baker; daughter-in-law, Amy Sproles; grandchildren, Lauren and Lily Fowler,



Cullin and Cyndi Fowler, Hannah Baker, Patrick, Emily and Parker Sproles; sisters, Brenda Devine, Dean Roberts and Stella (Steven) Webb; brother-in-law, Wendel Sons, along with numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

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Mary Ann Merrell 1941 —2024

Mary Ann Merrell of Weatherford made her final lap June 14, 2024, at the age of 82.

Mary was born Nov. 3, 1941, in Fort Worth to Melba and John Howard Presson. She married David Merrell April 5, 1958. She worked as a postal carrier, and enjoyed racing, collecting music boxes, and decorating for every holiday. Mary was a pioneer in the local dirt track community. In 1974, she won the Stock Car Prints Championship at the Cowtown Speedway against the men. She also won the King of the Hill Championship that year, as well as being voted "The Most Popular Driver." She definitely paved the way for women in racing and will be deeply missed by many.

Mary is preceded in death by her brother, Johnnie Presson; her sister, Bobbi Wagner; and her parents, Melba and John Presson.

Mary is survived by her husband of 66 years, David Merrell; her daughter, Judy and Mike Walton; her sons,



John David and Machel Merrell, Danny and Alyssa Merrell; her sister-in-law, Francis Presson; her brothers-in-law, J.C. Allen and George Hanson; her grandchildren, Matthew and Erika Walton, Marshall and Stephanie Walton, Casey Merrell, Christina and Joey Valles, Mike and Lindsey Walton, Chelsea and Clayton Barnes, Marissa Harmon, Taylor Harmon; and many great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, family, and friends.

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Gregory Daniel Schilb 1958-2024

Gregory Daniel Schilb, 66, passed away unexpectedly Sunday, May 26, 2024, in Weatherford.

Memorial will be held 11 a.m., Saturday, July 13, at Alexander's Midway Funeral Home in Springtown.

He was born Feb. 5, 1958 in Yonkers, New York to Louis Henry and Virginia (Gottron) Schilb.

They both preceded him in death along with his siblings, Doug, Tom, Ronald, Shirley, Robert, Louis and Richard; granddaughter, Bailey Reed and stepson; Matthew Reamy.

Gregory loved automobiles and was a hard worker who built Aggressive Plumbing. He could be found helping anyone who needed help whether it was family, friends or a stranger. To know him was to know his love for family, dogs and his automobiles. "How lucky are we to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard".



Survivors are his children, Richard Schilb and fiancé Hailey Griffin, Autumn Reed and husband, Bryce, Jason Schilb, David Schilb and Deanna Jacobs; siblings, Stewart, Arleen, Susan, Flo, John and Laureen; grandchildren, Sadie, Ty, Braden, Dellhia, Aliya, Mason, Kaiya, Yeliah, Avery and Ryder.

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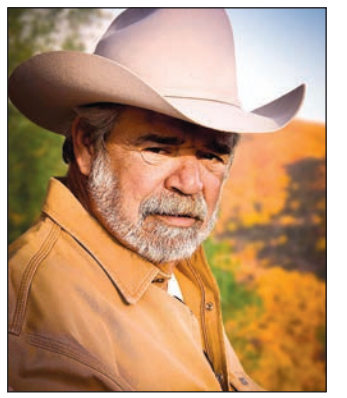
Chester A. Wiley Jr 1949-2024

Chester A. Wiley Jr, known to his family and friends as J.R./Chet, passed away Tuesday, June 18, 2024, at the age of 75. He was surrounded by his wife, Kelly Ann, and mother-in-law, Mildred Dodson, at Parkbend Nursing and Rehab in Fort Worth. Chester served in United States Army for a short period and had a successful career as a welder and engineer.

Wiley's favorite past time was playing golf, bowling, fishing, Nascar, watching old westerns and being surrounded by family and friends at his home for BBQ gatherings. Chester and his wife owned and operated Family Photography of Springtown for several years. Wiley also enjoyed spending time with his family and grandkids.

Preceding him in death were his parents Dorla and Chester Sr, brother Rick Wiley, sister Debbie Wiley, daughter Michelle Wiley and grandson Cody Binderup.

Left behind to forever cherish his memory are his wife of 33 years, Kelly Ann Wiley; sister, Teresa and Danny



Coelho; brother, David Wiley and wife; children, Todd Wiley, Tammy and Donald Stafford, Kristie Wiley, Dede and Jose Marquez, Laurie Mottu, and bonus children Mari Swain and Justin Hadley; many nieces, nephews and grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He will be deeply missed by his loved ones and was loved by everyone he came in contact with.

In Lieu of flowers, please send prayers.

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Curt Wilson Alumni Band plays for Azle High School

TCU grads from all walks of life put on big band performance before 10-day Greece tour

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Azle Junior High School band director Kevin Chapman (center) pictured alongside Dolt (left) and TCU student Anthony Tinsley (right) on trombones, arranged for the group to have a practice performance at AHS with the permission of director Greg Davis.



New TCU Director of Jazz Allen Cordingley joined in the performance as the group's baritone saxophone.



Rene Ozuna, director of performing arts at Fort Worth Academy, gasps for air after belting out a surprise saxophone solo.



Dr. Arthur "Skip" Dolt works as a dentist in Atlanta, Georgia but made time for his peers and former jazz instructor, Curt Wilson, at this special performance.

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Azle swimmers continue strong summer

RICK MAUCH

Special to the Tri-County Reporter

Brooke Nowakowski of Azle continued her strong summer swimming for the Weatherford Wild. She brought home five medals from their recent home meet at Cherry Park in Weatherford, including four gold and one silver.

Nowakowski, competing individually in the Women's 18-24 category, won gold medals in the 100-yard individual medley with a time of 1:15.53, 50 back in 33.04 and 50 breast in 37.26.

On relays she participated

in the Women 18-over division. She swam the leadoff leg of the Women's 200 free relay, posting a 2:09.14. She also led off the Mixed 100 free relay, which finished second with a clocking of 1:03.12.

So far this summer Nowakowski has won seven gold medals and one silver for the Wild.

Also from Azle, Kayley Brekel swam the anchor leg of the Girls 15-17 Mixed 200 Medley Relay that won a gold medal, leading the pack with a 2:11.06. During this summer she has won a gold, three silver and a bronze

SPORTS Roundup

RILEY TAKES HELM FOR SPRINGTOWN BOYS HOOPS

The Springtown Porcupines will have a new head coach courtside when they tip off the 2024-25 season. Jason Riley is taking the

helm after Nathan Purvis left to become a varsity assistant with the Weatherford Kangaroos.

Riley comes to Springtown after being an assistant at Cypress Woods since 2018.

Purvis led the Porcupines to one of their best seasons

in some time in 2023-24, posting a 19-13 record and advancing to the postseason. In the playoffs they threw a major scare into favored Burkburnett before falling 71-69.

It was the Porcupines' second straight postseason appearance, the first time that has happened since 2013-15.

Riley will also be the Springtown golf coach.

LAKE WORTH BASEBALL

Two members of the Bullfrogs were named honorable mention All-District 8-4A by the league's coaches. Fresh-

man Xavier Avila and senior Kash Martinez received the accolades.

Martinez also earned academic all-district honors.

NEW LAKE WORTH TRACK COACHES

Girls track/cross country - Tenaya White was a nine-time state champion as an athlete at Lancaster High School and is an LSU graduate, where she competed in the NCAA Championships in the 60-meter and 100-meter hurdles. In 2015, she won

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Springtown youngster bonds with family while raising pigs



COURTESY PHOTO

This year, Zayden Burke took three pigs to the Parker County Stock Show — Marley, Harley and Charlie. Harley, the dark cross who won reserve champion, was Zayden's favorite of the trio because she was easy to work with and smaller than the rest.

Zayden Burke wins breeding swine reserve champion at Parker County Stock Show

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SPRINGTOWN — Incoming Springtown Intermediate School student Zayden Burke may have earned the title of breeding swine reserve champion at the Parker County Stock Show, but he couldn't have done it alone.

His parents, grandparents, an influential trainer and a dark cross pig came together to make the success a reality.

"It's a family effort," Zayden's grandpa Rodney Hinkle said.

Zayden, 10, started competing at the Parker County Stock Show four years ago, just about as soon as he could.

"I've always wanted to do it since I was little, and I just wasn't old enough," he said. "I went to go watch one, and it made me impressed."

Zayden has shown both rabbits and pigs, but he prefers working with pigs. This year, he took three pigs to the competition — Marley, Harley and Charlie.

"I just like rhyming," he said about his pigs' names.

Harley, the dark cross that won reserve champion, was Zayden's favorite of the trio because she was easy to work with and smaller than the rest. In contrast, he disliked

Marley the most because the pig was stubborn and lazy. "She just wasn't the best," he said.

However, Zayden credited Marley as the reason why he got a trainer to work with. Stock show contestants have to bring their animals into the ring and walk them around for the judge to see, so Zayden practiced for that and received coaching weekly from the trainer.

"He helped me a lot," Zayden said. "That's how I got place second."

Zayden walked his pigs every day to prepare for the Parker County Stock Show. He and his family made the pigs look good before the big day by tanning and oiling them as well.

Zayden aimed to place either first or second at the show, and he did that by earning second in his class and the reserve champ title, which is a major win that he hadn't ever accomplished before. He also did well in the sale, making \$1,700 before add-ons. All the money he makes goes into a savings account for his future.

Zayden's mother, Cassidy Burke, noticed that getting a taste of success at this year's show made her son more

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Pickleball on the rise

Parker County area residents stay active in the summer playing pickleball

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PARKER COUNTY — Pickleball is the hot new summer trend that is taking over Azle and Springtown. Residents of both communities have been getting together in groups and using social media to organize scheduled times to play pickleball.

Pickleball was created in 1965 by Joel Pritchard, Bill Bell and Barney McCallum on Bainbridge Island, Washington. The sport is a mixture of tennis, badminton and ping pong, and is played with a perforated ball and paddles on a badminton-sized court. Like tennis, games are played in either singles or doubles.

"It's a great game for people of any ability or age," Azle pickleball player Will Norman said.

In Azle, residents meet to

play pickleball at the Church at Azle every Monday afternoon. Play was originally organized by Zach Hess until Azle Christian Church attendee Alice Martin took over the responsibility.

Martin was introduced to pickleball by her friend Patricia Dillion and the first day she played, she was hooked. Later that same night ordered her first paddles and pickleballs. Later, she started a Facebook group page called Azle Pickleball to communicate meeting times.

The Azle Pickleball players make their own pickleball court lines on the basketball gym floor using tape and set up their own nets.

It was all smiles the morning of Wednesday, June 12, when Azle Pickleball players joined forces with Springtown pickleballers on the newly constructed pickleball courts in Springtown.

Despite the scorching heat that day, they played doubles on the outdoor courts. The players high fived each other using their paddles after every match.

It was the largest group that had attended on a Wednesday morning with eight people showing up to play.

Springtown pickleball players have a Facebook group called POJO Pickleball where they post play dates and locations.

Springtown Independent School District transformed its old tennis courts into pickleball courts for students and the community to use.

"The funds were minimal to the district outside of the man hours to update/replace electrical wiring and timers. The bulk of the work was donated by local business own-

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Back row from left: Pickleball enthusiasts Kathy Cruz, Bertha Wyatt, Will Norman, Tiare Edmundson and Patricia Dillion. Middle row from left, Melissa Robertson and Alice Martin. Bottom row from left, Abigail Robertson and Lyla Wyatt.

'I love making an impact on student athletes'

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AZLE — Jason Riley has coached basketball since 2013 and will be the new boys varsity basketball coach and golf coach at Springtown High School.

Riley graduated college from Lamar University and originally wanted to be a lawyer until he was invited by his former high school coach to work at Spur High School as a coach. The following year, Riley worked in his first head coaching position at Covington High School where he took his team to the playoffs for the first time in over 20 years — they won their first playoff game in over 25

Springtown High School announces new basketball coach

years. Riley worked at CHS from 2014-2016.

Riley then worked at Rio Vista High School as a head coach from 2016-2018. He was the first assistant junior varsity coach at Cypress Woods High School for six years, from 2018 to this year; the team went to the playoffs multiple times, were district champions and played in the regional tournament.

Riley says what the Springtown boys varsity basketball team can expect from him is that he'll do what is best for the team and chal-

lenge them to be better every day.

"I love making an impact on student athletes," Riley said. "If the only thing I do is teach these kids basketball, then I failed them. I think a coach has a responsibility to help them become better young people and to help get them ready for adulthood."

This will be Riley's first year coaching golf. He has been playing golf for about six years and watches golf regularly. Riley says what he thinks will be the most different from coaching basket-

ball is there will be no team aspect and he will not have to raise his voice as much. He says there are a lot of similarities between coaching golf and basketball, with preparing for and executing game plans on game days.

Riley is married and has a 2-year-old boy. His wife will work as a teacher at Springtown Elementary School. He believes being a good father and a good husband is important for his student athletes to see.

Riley coached at Springtown's boys basketball camp June 24-26 and will be hosting some open gyms for the high school basketball players this summer.



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From left, Jason Riley stands next to Jeff Bryant as he explains a drill at Springtown boys basketball camp. Riley will be the head boys varsity basketball coach and golf coach at Springtown High School.

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confident in the ring. "He was a completely different kid than when he was out here practicing," she said. "He just went out there and knew what he had to do and got it done. We were impressed."

Zayden hasn't been the only one learning to raise pigs. His parents, Cassidy and Max Burke, are figuring it out, too, thanks to the help of Zayden's grandparents Rodney and Julie Hinkle.

"Cassidy has done things she thought she would never do," Rodney Hinkle said before his wife Julie chimed in that Cassidy can wash a pig now.

Cassidy Burke said she has been raising pigs for as long as Zayden has, and she enjoys seeing her son improve his skills and get better in the way he handles his feelings. In fact, both parents have noticed a change in Zayden. His father Max Burke said while his son succeeded at the stock show, it was difficult to contain his emotions as he



Zayden Burke, 10, won reserve champion at Parker County's breeding swine show. He was also the up ear reserve champion.

thought of Zayden's growth. "His attitude has changed," Max Burke said. "It's helped him with anger and how to control it in stressful situations."

Raising pigs and competing helps teach kids responsibility, Rodney Hinkle said, "that they have to work for something to get it instead

of it just being handed to them." He also said it allows families to come together and meet good people within the community.

"It's a family tradition, but yet it's also a family bonding together, doing good together and sharing it all together," Rodney Hinkle said. "And that means a lot."



When Zayden Burke succeeded at this year's Parker County Stock Show, his family was by his side: grandmother Julie Hinkle, father Max Burke, mother Cassidy Burke and grandfather Rodney Hinkle.

Cassidy Burke also remarked on how the family has been getting along while working toward a common goal.

"I think it's everybody helping and contributing, and it makes a difference in Zayden's future," she said. "I think him seeing all this and being part of it is good for

him, especially being the only child."

Zayden felt good, though surprised, by his win. Now, he is setting his sights on next year's show; he hopes to come in first place and try for the grand champion title. Meanwhile, his family is gearing up for more shows, jackpots in the fall and maybe

competing in one of the major stock shows.

"I'm excited to see how he's going to do even if he does terrible out there," Cassidy Burke said about the possibility of her son competing at majors. "The first time I'll see a difference in him, and we'll know what we got to work on for next time."

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Hornets welcome new soccer coach

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AZLE — The Azle High School boys varsity soccer team has a new head coach ... sort of.

John Epps has coached at AHS for four years as the varsity assistant girls soccer coach and assistant swim coach. He'll also be head coach for the varsity boys soccer for the 2024-25 school year.

Epps received his undergraduate degree at Tarleton State University and a master's degree from the University of Texas at Arlington.

Epps has played soccer since he was 4 years old and played club soccer for two years during his time at TSU.

He is very excited to work with the boys and is optimistic about the future of the soccer program. Epps gives credit to his predecessor, saying he did a good job and set the program on the right course success.

Epps shares that it isn't just soccer that is important but building strong young men of high character. He wants to see every one of his student athletes succeed in life in everything they do.

Epps says although he



John Epps will be the new head boys varsity soccer coach at Azle High School.

JOEY GARCIA | TRI-COUNTY REPORTER

must push his athletes hard on the field, he wants to make sure he supports them, cares for them and leads them in the right direction in life.

Epps has already begun in his new role as the boys soccer coach. The team has been meeting over the summer for skills training sessions every Tuesday and Thursday. His goal for the team is to get back into the

playoffs. "We're working as hard as we can to have a successful season ... and make Azle proud of us," Epps said.

A story Riley shared from his time coaching at CHS was during a playoff game, his team was up by 8 points with a minute left in the game and the feeling of joy from the team and the community in attendance filled the gym.

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ers," SISD's Operations and Student Services Executive Director Micheal Chavez said. The courts are open to the public 24 hours a day, seven days a week, however students have precedence over the court during school hours.

The courts were finished in spring 2023 and according to Chavez, the courts have been a big hit.

"I think the community is overall satisfied," Chavez said. "The courts are in constant use and the district cannot be happier with the outcome."

Before playing on the new courts, the Springtown group played at the Newby Pavilion located near Wells Fargo Bank. They had to set up their

nets and draw their own lines each time they met to play.

They are all very happy about the new courts but would like to see a couple more additions to the court.

"I love it," Kathy Cruz said. "I would like to see shade and a bathroom."

Martin shared that she would love to see a community indoor gym in Azle for the

community to be able to play pickleball and other sports.

Whether you're in Azle or Springtown, you will find someone playing pickleball and these pickleball communities are looking to welcome new players.

"If you're feeling stressed out, come out and get loose," Springtown pickleball player Bertha Wyatt said.



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a silver medal at the Pan American Games in Toronto, Canada.

Boys track - Othell Robinson joins the Bullfrogs family. He will also be the offensive coordinator for the football team. In his 25-year career, he has helped develop some of the best football players in the state of Texas. During his time at Desoto, he served as the pass game coordinator and was an integral part of the Eagles' 2016 state championship run. He

is married to former DeSoto Lady Eagles basketball coach Andrea Robinson, who led DeSoto to state championships in 2021 and 2022.

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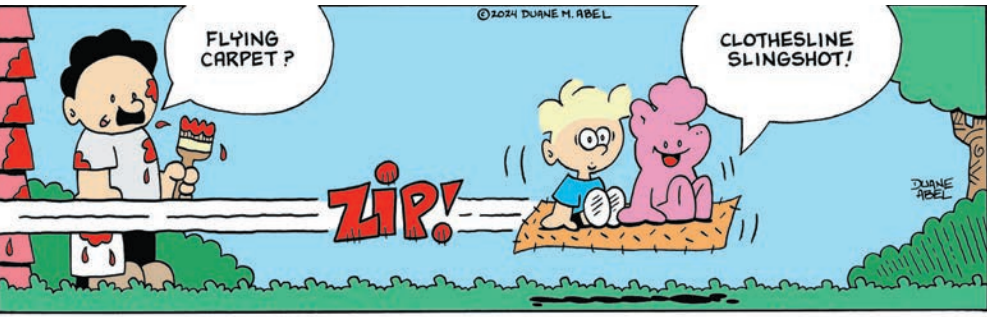
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Level: Beginner

Solution to last week's puzzle

JUNE 27, 2024

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WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to headaches.

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Answers: Serious

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Solve the code to discover words related to the beach. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 2 = S)

- A. 2 10 4 2 25 24 4 14
Clue: Warm light
- B. 2 25 5 23 14
Clue: Coastline
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Clue: Water hobby
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"At Camp Invention, campers engaged in an inspiring summer experience that provided opportunities for open-ended, hands-on exploration of science, technology, engineering and more," Reed said. **"Our campers took on a variety of exhilarating activities each day, had fun collaborating with friends, thought creatively and invented their own solutions to real-world challenges. Also, behind all the fun we had at camp, our campers mastered over 25 of the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (the state educational standards for Texas) and we did it all through play and exploration!"**



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From left, Camden Grenert and Alice Kirbie make a pizza like an astronaut using their "Dexter arms in outer space."



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Camp Invention director Breanna Reed and Makayla Davidson read instructions to build an "Arty Bot."



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Camp Invention assistant director Rebecca Windham helps Averie Hoover get tape out of her hair before working together to build an "Arty Bot."



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From left, Camp Invention instructor Mr. G helps Sadie Adams and Gunner Thompson build a spin art machine. The craft was inspired by National Inventors Hall of Fame® Inductee Lonnie Johnson and his story of how he built his first robot.



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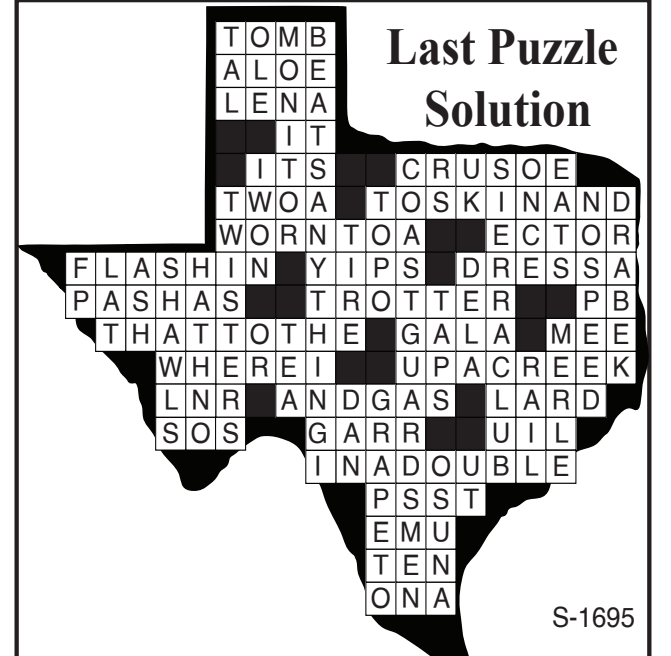
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1 "got a ___ in my throat" (emotional)

5 TX Roy Orbison hit "It's ___" (1964)

6 home of Baylor film ___ (scam)

8 commercials, e.g. Clay Allison epitaph: "He never killed ___ did not need killing"

16 peke and green in Bandera, "Dixie ___" for city slickers

21 ___ Campo, Texas

22 Maureen O' ___ of film "Rio Grande"

23 TXism: "his facts ___ elastic" (liar)

24 TXism: "it ___ poke in the eye with a sharp stick"

30 TX-based Sunoco once was "___ Company"

34 TXism: "bend ___ elbow" (drink)

35 record companies

36 TX Roy Bean's court ___ was in his Langtry saloon

37 petty quarrels

39 ___ Court is last resort for civil appeals

43 TX Gene Tierney 1945 film: "Leave ___ Heaven"

44 delicious melon: "Pecos Can ___"

45 WBAP ___/FM

46 "it's ___ better days"

47 TXism: "___ on her" (pretty girl)

49 degraded

52 Texas-based American Airlines would hire this aircraft mainten. worker dir. from Andrews to Junction

54 wind turbine part

55 TXism: "never sign anything in ___ of a neon light"

12 noted fictional detective, Wolfe

13 thin, ghostly figure

14 laugh word

15 TXism: "plain as the ears ___ mule"

17 7-Eleven slushies

19 Texas Nokona baseball gloves are hand ___

20 this Josh was Aggie offensive line coach (2019-22)

24 great NFL and UT quarterback, Bobby (init.)

25 enjoy fried okra

26 you can make ___ at Lone Star Park

27 Bank in East Texas

28 Olympic ski race

29 TXism: "___ as a baby's backside"

31 neither's sidekick

32 abortion case that's been overturned "___ v. Wade"

33 hides out (2 wds.)

38 in Duval County on U.S. 59

40 ___ Ross State University in Alpine

41 once a rival to the AP news agency

42 "E" of "EMT"

48 ___ Ward, Texas in Hale County

50 TX Kenny sang you gotta know when to hold 'em and when to ___ 'em

51 O.J.'s judge, Lance

56 four-bagger by an Astro or Ranger

57 make ecstatic

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