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springtownreporter@tricountyreporter.com SPRINGTOWN — By 10:30 a.m. July 16, the temperature outside the Swanzys' yellow house with a white wraparound porch in the heart of Springtown had already grown hot, but that didn't stop a crew of young creatives from proceeding with

The main huddle included director Emma Sumlin, photography director Ionathan Collins and lead actors Grace Adams and Jordan Pope. A gaffer, a makeup artist and a behind-the-scenes videographer made up some of the other crew members. On that sunny morning, everyone on set played their part to make a short, silent film called

The team effort is something Joshua Sweet noticed while capturing behind-thescenes footage and conducting interviews with the cast



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# Scenes from 'Timeless'

Crew comes together to make movie in Springtown



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"I feel like showcasing each and every person is important as well because every person plays a big part," he said. "You see the film, but with the (behind-the-scenes) you see the effort and the

## **Dusk Avenue residents rally** against proposed heavy machinery auction site

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AZLE — Over a dozen residents of Dusk Avenue filled seats at a recent Azle Planning and Zoning Commission meeting to voice their concerns about a heavy machinery auction company's proposal to move in next door.

The city notified residents within 200 feet of the subject property and held a public hearing Aug. 15 where anyone could come to state their before the P&Z to propose reopinion on the issue.

Doug Bryan spoke at the meeting to voice his desire to make 331 Southeast Parkway in Azle his new company headquarters. Bryan is the owner of Iowa-based Bryan Heavy Equipment Inc. The company has expanded into Fort Worth and hopes to make Azle its newest location.

Currently, the 13.101-acre property is zoned for heavy commercial use. Bryan came

zoning the area to a planned development district which would allow him to build an auction site for trucks, trailers, construction and agricultural equipment.

"Timeless" co-director, editor and cinematographer Jonathan Collins films a scene with lead actor Jordan Pope as director Emma Sumlin supervises.

Along with rezoning, Bryan requested a variance to delay the timing of the required tree study until the time of site plan and plating applications. He also requested to waive the eight-inch masonry

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(L-R) Tayla Presley was excited to start her first day at Azle Elementary alongside her aunt, sixthgrader Eden Leeson.

# Previously convicted child sex offender granted new trial

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A Parker County judge has granted a new trial for a Springtown man who was previously convicted of repeated sexual abuse of a child.

On May 23, Aniceto Turrubiates Sanchez, 38, was sentenced to 35 years in prison without parole.

Sanchez was initially arrested August 2021, after his wife found him with the victim, who was partially undressed, at their home. According to a

press release from the Parker County District Attorney's Office, Sanchez's wife testified her husband claimed nothing happened between him and the victim, but the victim told her that Sanchez had been sexually abusing her. Sanchez's wife took the victim to Cook Children's Hospital where she was examined by a sexual assault nurse examiner. The victim reported Sanchez had molested her between 10 and 20 times, which led to his arrest



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# Rock School rocks school

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AZLE — Along with the rest of the district, Azle Elementary, colloquially known as The Rock School, started its first day of class Wednesday, Aug. 14. Located on Lakeview Drive, the school serves roughly

Azle Elementary sees students return for 2024-2025 year

750 fifth and sixth grade students.

The current Azle Elementary School opened in 2018 as a replacement for the original Rock School on

Roe Street, which now serves as the Azle Independent School District administration building. The original

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# "It's going to be a great year"

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AZLE — Azle Junior High School started classes Wednesday, Aug. 14, welcoming some of the last students who will ever walk through the old campus' doors.

The building on School Street was constructed in 1953, just seven years after the founding of the Azle Independent School District, and served as its high school until 1970, when the current high school on Boyd Road was completed. While the building contains over half a century of Azle history, today the original structure struggles to meet the needs of the nearly 700 students and staff who walk its halls.

Last November, Azle voters passed Proposition A, which allocates \$151,500,000 to construction of a replacement Azle Junior High on the location of the existing campus, along with other district-wide needs. The proposed three-story facility will be built with an additional 200 sixth-grade students in mind and will include

# Students, staff at AJHS excited for new start to school year

classrooms that meet Texas Education Association size requirements. The proposed structure will allow for more opportunities for advanced academics and extracurriculars, and will include a stage, storm shelter, larger science labs and much more, all contained under one roof. Construction began on Phase I last month and the new building is expected to be ready starting in the fall of 2026.

Many of his year's new seventh and eighth graders were excited but nervous to walk these halls, either for the first time or again, for the start of a new school year. Junior high and Azle ISD staff greeted students on their way into the school, large parts of which are now fenced off for construction. Jessica Hanson, the district's executive director of educational leadership, said the morning was going smoothly.

"It's always exciting to just

welcome in the kids every year and see them smiling and their parents excited for the start of school," Hanson said. "Their nerves, you know, are on high, but then they all look so cute in their new clothes and their new shoes, but the first day is always just so high energy and exciting. It's going to be a great year and a great, great day."

After gathering in the gym, students parted ways and trekked across school grounds to make it to classes on separated portions of the campus.

"I hope I can pass again like I did last year," Kayla Johnson, an eighth grader leading a group of seventh graders said. "I hope I can succeed in all the sports that I'm trying out in and get my Ironman award that I'm trying to go for. I just want to be, I guess, welcoming to all the new seventh graders."



(L-R): Jessica Hanson, who was their former elementary school principal, poses with Azle Junior High seventh graders Amelia Henley and Harper Duddles on their first day. It was also Henley's birthday that day and she was excited to now have eight class periods instead of four. Duddles remarked that she is most excited to be in school with a friend who had previously only been homeschooled.



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(L-R): Eighth grader Kayla Johnson, and seventh graders Ruca Dirks, Dallisia Spencer, Krystal Ramirez and Skylar Farris pose for a photo on the first day of school.



(L-R): Eighth graders Avrey Anderson and Gwen Carlson pose for a photo, excited for athletics and spending time with their friends.



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# Inside out or upside down, life goes on

I taught an older adult Sunday School class for several years. It consisted of people primarily between the ages of 60 and 90, many who were widows or widowers. The class was not named the "older adult class," but it clearly was. The previous Sunday School teacher had moved to west Texas to be near his children, and the group had approached me to teach the class. I am very certain they did not pick me for my wealth of biblical knowledge but rather because they envisioned me bringing life to a class which over time, had lost its forward momentum. Taking the role has been one of the great pleasures of my

One of my favorite class members was Earlene. She was a widow with a big personality and love of life. She always had a smile on her face and was the kind of



#### FROM MY FRONT PORCH

By Sam Houston

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person who made you smile when you saw her walking toward you. When my mother died, her funeral was 300 miles away, and I nearly fell out of my chair when Earlene walked through the funeral home door on the night of Mom's visitation. She and a friend had driven all that way because she thought I might need her. She was right.

One night, months later, I was having a dinner party at my home for about 10 people, and of course Earlene was on the invitation list. The night we gathered she arrived looking like a million dollars. Her hair was freshly done, as

was her makeup, and she was wearing a matching ensemble that gave her an elegant appearance.

As guests arrived and assembled in the living room I happened to look down and noticed the most peculiar sight. Evidently Earlene had been in a rush when she got dressed because the shoes she was wearing did not match! I immediately pointed out the error to her and good naturedly kidded her for the rest of the evening. Earlene explained that she tried on both shoes because she wanted to see how they looked with her outfit. She somehow had left the house without making the final decision.

I kept kidding Earlene throughout the evening. Finally, without anger or angst, she looked at me and said, "Sam, I am 84 years old, and I do silly things all the time. It is part of getting older." She went on to say, "I just hope that in about 15 years when you do something silly. you can hear my voice up in heaven laughing at you saying, I told you your day was coming." It was a fun evening and a memory I will never forget.

This past week had been a long one for me. I had started early and stayed late all week at work. On Friday, I decided instead of going to work at the crack of dawn as I usually do, I would treat myself to breakfast at the local café. I was giving myself a chance to relax a little bit before I started the last day of the week.

I jumped out of bed, showered and shaved as usual. but since it was Friday, I decided to dress a little more casual than usual. I slipped into some jeans and grabbed a golf shirt off a hanger and was out the door. My wife had been a little under the weather the prior couple of days and I was trying to be quiet and not wake her. For whatever reason, I did not take a glance in the mirror before I shot out the door.

When I arrived at the café. I sat down, and the attentive waitress brought me a first cup of coffee. I immediately put the cup up to my lips and took a slow satisfying sip, only for the silence to be interrupted by the voice of my server saying, "your shirt is inside out."

It took me a second to let the words soak in. It did not make sense and then I looked down and could see the shirt

I was wearing was inside out! Evidently, when I did laundry and hung the shirt up, I had placed it on the hanger inside out. When I dressed that morning, I had slid the shirt on and never took a second to check how I looked in the mirror. I had merely bounded down the steps, jumped in the car and drove to the café.

I was mortified, and sheepishly thanked the waitress and retired to the rest room to switch my shirt around.

Walking back to my table, I could hear a voice in my head, laughing away at my self-induced embarrassment. Earlene, I am glad I could make you smile. I bet it isn't the last time.

Thought for the day: If you learn to laugh at yourself, you will be entertained for a lifetime

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

# Not a creature was stirring.

It was the slowest of hot, muggy days in the thicket. Mercury in the thermometer bulged and lodged in threedigit territory. Someone said he saw a dog chasing a rabbit, and both creatures were walking.

The general store cash register had broken the silence twice before two geezers wandered in, and they weren't there to buy anything. Their quest was to find a domino game.

Realizing that commencing with just two players meant that the odds of winning were 50/50, they resorted to one of their oldest pastimes ...

One of 'em grabbed the syrup pitcher, carefully pouring a single droplet on the tattered oil cloth table covering. Then came all kinds of silly wagers, such as which fly would discover the sugary treat first, which would become stuck and which would



#### THE IDLE AMERICAN

By Dr. Don Newbury

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escape and return to flight. It's a "made-up game" closely paralleling the children's book, "What to Do When There's Nothing to Do."

The unlikely pastime provides credible evidence that the maxim "fits" when life's shadows grow long. In at least two scriptures we are said to be "once an adult and twice a child."

The old pair soon abandoned the "fly game," since even the pesky flies thought it too hot to aimlessly fly ...

They spoke of words they abhor, but grudgingly tolerate. You won't hear "no problem" or "right quick" cross

their lips. "No problem" is a catch-all response that no longer means anything, and "right quick" is an expression for the younger crowd, one opined. The geezers "gruffed" about politics, cringing at the thought of broaching a subject that surely would darken their day.

Almost simultaneously, they extracted their wallets. This meant there soon would be multiple pictures of grandchildren, with verbal descriptions — often to the point of excess — for each photo.

Sure enough, one of the old-timers unfurled a packet of photos. So many were

unleashed that they almost reached the floor. The other guy — without any grandchildren nor prospect of any — was reminded of childhood days, when perfect attendance at Vacation Bible School warranted pin-on medals. Over the years, he had so many medals hanging from his chest that they like the string of his buddy's photos — could easily have

been tripped over ... "Before you show me pictures of your grandchildren, I want to show you one of my pride and joy," he said, knowing the joke to be so old that describing it merely as rancid would be complimentary.

The old-timer produced a single photo showing his "Pride" (furniture polish) and "Joy" (dishwashing detergent).

There was polite laughter — borderline gratuitous before the "grandchildless"

guy admitted, "No grandkids, but we do have 'grandcats."

Watching the vignette unfold, the general store owner said, "Men, I don't think I've shown you a picture of my new grandbaby."

In unison, the two buddies answered, "No, and we really appreciate it."

Oh, me. How often have we "faked it" — reaching for superlatives to thrill parents or grandparents — when we really want to say, "Yep, that's a baby." ...

The man who has only 'grandcats" tells about a friend who has peddled Science Diet dog food for decades.

He poses an unlikely question upon meeting new friends, asking them if they have dogs. If they do, he unerringly offers a sobering observation.

"I hope you're feeding them

Science Diet; if you don't, they will die." ..

Such reminds of the pet lover who provided a major distinction between dogs and cats. I thought of several, but remained silent, wanting to "hear her out."

"When you ask a dog to 'stay,' it 'stays'," she said. "When you ask a cat to 'stay,' it purrs, 'I'll get back with you later."

Hard to argue with that. Aren't we fortunate to be able to select the pets we like? A final truth for most: We don't have pets; pets have us ...

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# Letter to the Editor

#### Azle City Ordinance

Dear Editor, The Paxton/Abbottdevised 2023 "Death Star" bill, H.B. 2127 has hit Azle now. So much for local control of Home Rule Cities, the once exalted position of the Republican Party in Texas. After outlawing the Denton citizens' popular vote to ban natural gas drilling and fracking within their city limits, the drillers have begun to befoul that town like that same trillion-dollar natural gas cartel did almost two decades ago in Fort Worth.

Azle will now cede the cities rights-of-way to heavy industry to do as they please to our neighborhoods, our streets and any vacant undeveloped property they can

coerce from locals for a pittance. Buried pipelines will crisscross the community and a constant procession of 80,000-pound tank trucks will destroy public streets.

I've watched school buses stop on narrow rural roads to let the frack water tankers pass. The earthquakes, the hundreds of billions of gallons of contaminated water injected back into the earth to potentially contaminate the thousands of residential water wells. And with the wellhead price of natural gas at record lows, as always, the investors' dividends will be paid before the public good is met.

- Jim Duncan, Azle

# Azle FFA Chapter set to celebrate 90 years

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The Azle FFA Chapter turns 90 years old this year.

On Nov. 1, 1935, the Texas FFA Association approved and granted charter number 49 to the Azle FFA Chapter. At the time, the Future Farmers of America was just a fledgling organization having been founded only seven years prior in Kansas City, Missouri. Ninety years of teaming up with Azle ISD's Vocational Agriculture program providing educational experiences in agriculture is quite a record. The areas of instruction included animal, soil, and plant sciences, mechanics, record keeping, and more especially the main area that FFA chapters and members are recognized for today -



AZLE FFA By Jack DeShazo

Jack DeShazo has decades of experience in the

LEADERSHIP, Currently the Azle FFA Chapter boasts 391 members.

Now, before we go any further, let's make sure we all are on the same page with some basic information about agricultural education and FFA. FFA is the companion youth organization to an agriculture education program offered by the local school district. The Texas FFA Association, the largest state association according to the most recent records,

show a current membership total of 177,401 members in 1,095 local chapters all across the state. The FFA is the largest youth organization in the U.S.A. consisting of 1,027,273 members in 9,235 chapters in all 50 states, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

For some of you more seasoned former FFA members, here are a couple of ways the organization has changed. The current national FFA membership

roster reflects a female membership of 42.4 %. Twenty-three of the 25 largest cities in our nation have schools that provide agricultural education and FFA membership. Obviously, the FFA organization has expanded into areas that 30 years ago would never have been fathomed.

In the coming year, we will be celebrating the Azle FFA Chapter's arrival on the scene 90 years ago. We will periodically highlight Azle FFA history, accomplishments as a chapter, individual Azle FFA member achievements and maybe even throw in a few trivia

We'll visit again in 3-4

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# ROCK-LEADERS

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(L-R) Assistant principal Phoebe Hayes, principal Shaunary Feller and counselor Brittney Bowers pose behind lawn art on the first day of school at Azle Elementary School.

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building housed Azle students and educators since 1939 and was built with New Deal Works Progress Administration funds for first through twelfth grades after a larger school was needed for the growing community.

Over the summer, Shaunary Feller was named Azle Elementary's new principal after former principal Kristen Kiss departed for Eagle Ridge Elementary School in Keller ISD. Feller has worked in Azle ISD for 25 years as a teacher, counselor, administrator and more. Feller has a bachelor's degree in elementary education, a master's degree in school counseling, and a doctoral degree in education with a focus in special education. She lives in Decatur with her husband, Nick, a daughter, Katie, and a son who graduated from Azle High School, Cale McDonnell.

Feller was excited to go back to her roots and return to a campus environment after working in administration

over the last few years.

"It's been very smooth this morning," Feller said of her first day as principal in a fully populated Azle Elementary.

"The parents have been so patient while we waited for the teachers to get to their classrooms. I'm just really ex-



Azle Elementary fifth-grader Alanna Baker came in with her mom, on the left.

cited. It's going to be good."

Fifth-grader Tayla Presley started her first day at Azle Elementary alongside her aunt, sixth-grader Eden Leeson. The pair were excited to be in school together and to see their friends after the summer. Leeson and her mother said Azle Elementary was the best school she's ever been in.

"We came from Galveston, and they were bullied and tortured so bad down there," Leeson's mother said. "We moved here like in March, just at the end of the school year, and she just loves it. My mom was in the corner, she was like, 'she was never this excited in Galveston.' She cried every day from just

everything."

Azle Elementary fifth-grader Journie Edmonds entered school with her friend Gianna Zavala. The two were most excited to see friends new and old. Edmonds' mom was excited for the start of school but also wishes she could keep them home longer.

Azle Elementary fifth-grader Alanna Baker came in with her mother and asked Feller for directions to her homeroom. Feller pointed them in the right direction and remarked on how much of the first day confusion has been eliminated with different software and apps the district now uses. Baker said the thing she was most excited for this year was lunch.



Azle Elementary fifth-grader Eliajah Saenz.



Azle Elementary fifth-grader Dabnaey Perez.



Azle Elementary fifth-grader Camila Perez.



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Azle Elementary fifth-grader Anthony Villagomez.

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RENEWAL PERMIT NO. WQ0015566001

**APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION**. Town of Lakeside, 9830 Confederate Park Road, Lakeside, Texas 76108, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for a renewal of TCEQ Permit No. WQ0015566001, which authorizes the disposal of treated domestic wastewater at a daily average flow not to exceed 30,000 gallons per day via surface irrigation of 12.46 acres of non-public access pasture land. This permit will not authorize a discharge of pollutants into water in the state. TCEQ received this application on January 29, 2024.

The wastewater treatment facility and disposal site are located approximately 700 feet south of the intersection of Aquilla Drive and Crest Ridge Drive, in Tarrant County, Texas 76108. The wastewater treatment facility and disposal site are located in the drainage basin of Lake Worth in Segment No. 0807 of the Trinity River Basin. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and is not part of the application or notice. For the exact location, refer to the application.

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The TCEQ Executive Director has completed the technical review of the application and prepared a draft permit. The draft permit, if approved, would establish the conditions under which the facility must operate. The Executive Director has made a preliminary decision that this permit, if issued, meets all statutory and regulatory requirements. The permit application, Executive Director's preliminary decision, and draft permit are available for viewing and copying at Lakeside Town Hall, 9830 Confederate Park Road, Lakeside, Texas.

**PUBLIC COMMENT / PUBLIC MEETING. You may submit public comments or request a public meeting about this application.** The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or to ask questions about the application. TCEQ holds a public meeting if the Executive Director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING. After the deadline for submitting public comments, the Executive Director will consider all timely comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. Unless the application is directly referred for a contested case hearing, the response to comments will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments and to those persons who are on the mailing list for this application. If comments are received, the mailing will also provide instructions for requesting a contested case hearing or reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in a state district court.

TO REQUEST A CONTESTED CASE HEARING, YOU MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IN YOUR REQUEST: your name, address, phone number; applicant's name and proposed permit number; the location and distance of your property/activities relative to the proposed facility; a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the facility in a way not common to the general public; a list of all disputed issues of fact that you submit during the comment period; and the statement "[I/we] request a contested case hearing." If the request for contested case hearing is filed on behalf of a group or association, the request must designate the group's representative for receiving future correspondence; identify by name and physical address an individual member of the group who would be adversely affected by the proposed facility or activity; provide the information discussed above regarding the affected member's location and distance from the facility or activity; explain how and why the member would be affected; and explain how the interests the group seeks to protect are relevant to the group's purpose.

Following the close of all applicable comment and request periods, the Executive Director will forward the application and any requests for reconsideration or for a contested case hearing to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.

The Commission may only grant a request for a contested case hearing on issues the requestor submitted in their timely comments that were not subsequently withdrawn. If a hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be limited to disputed issues of fact or mixed questions of fact and law relating to relevant and material water quality concerns submitted during the comment period. TCEQ may act on an application to renew a permit for discharge of wastewater without providing an opportunity for a contested case hearing if certain criteria are met.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ACTION.** The Executive Director may issue final approval of the application unless a timely contested case hearing request or request for reconsideration is filed. If a timely hearing request or request for reconsideration is filed, the Executive Director will not issue final approval of the permit and will forward the application and request to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.

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work that it took to get the film done."

The story of "Timeless" started with Sumlin, a Dallas Baptist University student in her early 20s and the granddaughter of Springtown residents Eddy and Margaret Swanzy. In April 2023, Sumlin felt inspired to write the 1940s tale with her friend, Adams. They came up with the story of Marjorie and Pearce, who meet, fall in love and get married. Then, their lives change when Pearce is summoned to war.

Like Marjorie and Pearce's romance, the pieces required to make this film fell into place like clockwork. Collins joined the project to not only serve as the cinematographer but also as co-director and editor. The roles for the two leads were cast, and the team raised enough money to fund the project. All this led up to July 16 when the cast and crew gathered at the Swanzys' home to shoot scenes of Marjorie and Pearce's loving married life. The camera captured the couple reading together outside on their porch in quiet harmony, and they exchanged romantic glances, realizing how lucky they were to have found each other. The scenes were calm, and the atmosphere behind the camera was pretty relaxed as well.

"It's gone flawlessly," Sumlin said July 16. "Usually on films, you're freaking out, like 'Oh, we're out of time. I got to cut it. We got to cut this scene because we're not going to get it done.' We've had so much time to do everything. Every single scene we've ever shot is exactly how I pictured it, and we've had time to have creative freedom."

To prepare for filming, Sumlin created her storyboard in a dark notebook and drew out each image she wanted to capture on film. This helped her remember what shots she wanted to get, but she also enjoyed getting creative with her

team and deviating from the storyboard.

"A lot of our best scenes have been impromptu," Sumlin said, describing how the group came up with new ideas. "It brings it to life and lifts it up even more.'

Furthermore, Sumlin praised her team, saying they were all good at their jobs, got things done without having to be asked and aimed to serve. But beyond work, the director also wanted to bring the creatives together to bond and become friends.

"We've had some people come extra days even when they don't have to be here because they said it feels like a family, and it's so much fun," she said.

The crew behind the camera strived to get the best shots, working with the natural lighting outside, making sure the shots were free from the crew's modern-day cars in the driveway and placing the camera in the appropriate places to catch the action. This process included lots of discussion between the group, especially Collins and gaffer Kyle Boessler. A gaffer handles lighting throughout production, but Boessler said this responsibility was shared between him and Collins.

"He makes the final decision," Boessler said. "He's really open, and he likes to let me play around a lot ... so, I can give him my advice, and then he tells me yes or no, depending on what he sees through the camera."

On set that day, Collins appeared like a mastermind as he led the crew to work. He operated the camera and was at the forefront of decision-making.

"If that is what everyone thinks when they look at me when I'm working, I must be doing something right," Collins said. "This is my first time being a director of photography for this type of production.

Previously, Collins has worked as a production assistant and in post-production. On "Timeless," he serves as the co-director and editor in addition to photography

director. "My mindset is I don't know everything," he said. "And obviously there's a lot of people here who have been on sets. who have had a lot more set time than I have, and so I ask them, 'What do you think of this?' And I think that's one of the reasons why maybe I work so well with some of these people is, it's like, yes, I want the scene to look like this, but what can you do? How can you make this better?"

Collins described himself as a visual person. Because of his work in broadcasting, he knows how to set up a shot and make a person look good on camera. In fact, he was doing broadcast projects at Dallas Baptist University when he met Sumlin, who saw that he was talented and wanted to make a movie with him. They worked together on another short film, so when Sumlin had the idea for "Timeless," she recruited Collins' help. He wanted to work with Sumlin again and was intrigued by her ideas, so he signed on.

Alongside Collins, Sweet was also filming but for a different purpose. Sweet, who is based in Mesquite, was capturing what was going on behind the scenes, including conducting interviews with the cast and crew.

"This is my passion," he said about the filming

Behind the scenes isn't the only film work Sweet does. He has worked as a cinematographer, videographer, camera assistant and film

"I've done everything that it takes to make a film," he said.

Being involved with film projects isn't about the money for Sweet. He's not opposed to earning an income; in fact, he is trying to break into commercial work, like working with companies making ads, and using corporate money to fund film projects. But he has also been fulfilled by working on projects without a budget.

"You don't have to have a big budget to make Hollywood-style movies," he said. "Get a good camera and shoot. Get some good audio



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Joshua Sweet captures behind-the-scenes footage of "Timeless" being filmed in Springtown. Behind the scenes isn't the only film work Sweet does; he has been a director of photography and worked as a cinematographer, videographer, camera assistant and film director.

and shoot. Get some friends who are serious about this and interested."

Pope, one of the lead actors for "Timeless," also spoke to being fueled by passion. He traveled to Texas all the way from Tennessee to be in the film.

"Not a lot of people have the opportunity to do it, so a lot of people chase acting or whatever," Pope said. "It's their dream to do it. So, any chance I get to do it, I want to do it, doesn't matter how far it is.'

It also didn't hurt that Pope got along with the rest of the crew making "Timeless," particularly his co-star Adams, who he instantly connected with.

"We're all friends now," he said. "That's what a movie set does to you. You don't leave not friends."

As soon as Pope saw the casting call for his character Pearce, he sent Sumlin a message with his headshot, reel and resume. He said she was instantly convinced that he was the right person to play Pearce.

"She kind of just put faith in me like that," he said, snapping his fingers for emphasis.

When the cast and crew took a lunch break, Adams was still in her costume, a blue and white gingham dress, as she ate. It may seem brave of her to have risked eating food in such a pretty dress, but Adams revealed that was nothing compared to what she did the day before.

Yesterday, we filmed the wedding scene, and I was in my wedding dress, and right after, we went to Whataburger," she said. "So, I was in Whataburger in my nice white wedding dress, but I didn't spill on it. ... I was a little worried for a second, but I put the napkin on the lap and everything, had napkins on the ready (and) made it through."

Adams met Sumlin at Dallas Baptist University in fall 2022, her first semester at the campus. Adams recalled that she and Sumlin were in the same 8 a.m. gov-



Make-up artist Maribel Rivera curls actor Grace Adams' hair on the set of the short, silent film "Timeless" in Springtown. Rivera described the make-up as matching the time period of the 1940s, natural while still adding color to the face. As Adams was portraying the early days of married life as Marjorie, the make-up was a symbol of her personality: elegant and carefree.

ernment class.

"Afterwards, we would have breakfast together, and so that's how we got to know each other more," Adams said. "And then our last class of the day, we had world literature, so we got to see each other at the beginning (of the day) and the late afternoon."

Adams said she and Sumlin became friends fast and found they had a lot in common. This led to Adams working with Sumlin to create the story of "Timeless," inspired by their shared interest in vintage time periods.

While shooting scenes of Marjorie's married life, Adams had her hair up in a swirly bun with a shape that resembled a cinnamon roll, and her make-up was supposed to match the time period of the 1940s, natural while still adding color to the face. This part of her style was meant to represent the character's elegant and care-

free personality, said Maribel Rivera, a hair and make-up artist on set.

Rivera, who came to the Springtown set from the Keller area, has been doing make-up, including on sets, for a few years now. Rivera has a make-up retail day job, but she would love to work on sets full time.

"I started off studying psychology and then quarantine hit. I dropped out of college and ended up going to makeup school, like a whole 180 (degrees)," she said. "But I've always wanted to do something in the arts, so I feel like it was perfect for me."

Rivera worked on Adams' hair and make-up in between scenes and stayed nearby to make adjustments when needed, like securing flyaway hairs coming through Adams' bun.

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footage from a scene they had shot. The crew came up with a way to feed footage from the on-set camera to Sumlin's phone.



Flanked by lead actors Grace Adams and Jordan Pope, "Timeless" director Emma Sumlin, center, reviews



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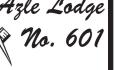
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# **OBITUARIES**

## **Brent William Creamer**

1969-2024

Brent William Creamer, 54, took Jesus by the hand and crossed over the River Jordan July 9, 2024. Brent is the son of Gene Creamer and Jonetta Mullennix Wright.

Brent grew up on a farm with his brother Russell and friends on the banks of Ash Creek in Azle and took great pride in being "raised country." Growing up, Brent enjoyed trapping, quail hunting, fishing and coon hunting with his bluetick hound, Dixie. He excelled at playing baseball when growing up and passed a lot of his knowledge of the game to his son Jake. Brent graduated with honors from Azle High School with the class of 1988. He was greatly influenced by his Papaw Creamer who he worked for while growing up at Creamer's Service Station in Azle. Brent earned his A&P license and worked at Premier Aviation and spent more than 20 years at Lockheed Martin as an aircraft mechanic and inspector. He was very meticulous and excelled at everything he did. Brent enjoyed building hot rod cars and trucks, guns and anything mechanical. His greatest passion was singing, self-taught mastery of the guitar and playing his greatgrandad's fiddle.

Brent accepted Jesus Christ as his savior at an early age. The family finds comfort in knowing he is playing his fiddle and guitar in heaven with the "Angel Band."



Brent is preceded in death by grandparents, Arvie Jacob and Eva Mae Creamer and Warren and Ann Mullennix; cousin Jeffrey Creamer (son of Johnny Creamer and Diana Yale); stepdad Martin Wright; and numerous aunts, uncles and friends.

He is survived by his wife Krystal and her children and grandchildren; son Preston Jacob Creamer and his mother, Katrina Weekley; stepmother Theresa Creamer; brother Russell Creamer and wife Pam; uncle Johnny Creamer and wife Carolyn; aunt Shauna Smitt and husband John: and numerous cousins.

Brent will be dearly missed and loved by all, and we know in our hearts he has arrived at his new home in Beulah Land. "In the sweet by and by we shall meet on that beautiful shore."

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#### Joseph Nobles 1957-2024

Joseph Nobles passed away Aug. 8, 2024.

Funeral arrangements will be announced at a later date. Joseph was a man of many talents. As a surveyor, he was known for his skill and dedication to his work. Beyond his profession, he was also a talented musician, with a deep love for playing the bass guitar. The music of the James Gang and Yes inspired him, and he spent countless hours playing along to the

missed by all who knew him. He was preceded in death by his brother, Glenn Nobles, and his parents, Jo Ann and George Nobles.

songs he loved. He will be

He is survived by his daughter, Emily Piering, and her husband, Jeremy; his son,



Lynn Nobles, and his wife, Melissa; his sister, Michelle Nobles; his granddaughter, Addison; and his niece and nephew, Samantha and Ryan.

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# **Esther Ola Vinson**

1928-2024

Esther Ola Vinson was born Feb. 28, 1928, to William Noah and Joyce Geneva Betterton in Green Forest, Arkansas, and passed away July 22, 2024. She worked as a secretary for the University Christian Church in Fort Worth and General Dynamics as well as a REALTOR® for Ebby Halliday. She spent her retirement years volunteering at All Saints Hospital as well as the Azle Community Caring Center and the Azle Senior Center. She attended church at Walnut Ridge Baptist in Arlington and was a member at Ash Creek Baptist Church in Azle.

She is preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Otis and Arlow Betterton; husband Howard Vinson; two sons, Melvin Styles and Neil Baird Jr.; great-granddaughter Rachel Hurst and greatgrandson Russell Baird.

She is survived by two daughters Kathryn Williams and Mary "Miggie" Boney;



several nieces and nephew; 11 grandchildren; 24 greatgrandchildren; and seven great-great-grandchildren. She was an amazing woman, mother, Granny and friend who will be missed immensely by her family and friends.

A memorial service is planned for 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 24, at the Azle Senior Center, 601 Southeast Parkway in Azle.

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Local barbershop gives away

free haircuts and supplies for new school year

**ZACH FREEMAN** 

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AZLE — Kingdom Kutz Barbershop helped kids get a good start to their school year by giving away fee haircuts, backpacks and school supplies to local kids. Owner Brad Vaughn said he and his staff give away free haircuts at the beginning of back-toschool season each year, but this was the first time they also gave away supplies.

"We had clients give us money to get school supplies or we had them drop off these school supplies," Vaughn said. "It's just a way for us to help the community out there.

Vaughn said that by helping kids look a cut above the rest on their first day, the barber helps boost self-esteem. Staff came in on their day off Monday, Aug. 12, to cut hair and help parents cut costs. Vaughn predicted they would probably give away 50 haircuts by the end

of the day. "It's just something I've done to get back to community," Vaughn said. "You know, I've always said, be the light in the darkness. There's a lot of people struggling right now. Any way we can help, we're here to do

that, so I'm glad to." Kingdom Kutz barber

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Dustin Morrow said this effort was a part of living up to the business' name. He credited his coworker Dawn Odom for being instrumental in organizing the supply drive. Parents who brought their kids into Kingdom Kutz that day were appreciative of the shop.

"I heard about it on Facebook," Chelsie Hamm, a Springtown mom, said. "I'm very grateful. You know with the economy the way it is it's going to help out a lot. He's going to go in with more self-confidence — you know, looking better."

Azle resident Hal Baslee brought his grandson to get a free haircut and spoke highly of Kingdom Kutz' efforts, saying the staff and owner were "the most awesome, incredible people I've ever seen."

Kingdom Kutz is located at 12258 S. Farm-to-Market Road 730 in Azle. It is open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 to 11 a.m. and 12:20 to 6 p.m. It is also open Fridays, but closes an hour early at 5 p.m. and is open Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. To schedule an appointment, call 817 994-7614.

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# **Senior Spotlight**

#### JACKIE "JJ" JOY

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AZLE — Just because you are 60 or older doesn't mean you don't know how to have fun. Recently at the Azle Adult Activity Center (Senior Center), there was a contest that brought some laughter to the hearts of those present.

The rules were simple: bring someone new or someone who has been present for at least two years to eat a meal and earn lots of points. What was the reward? Putting a whipped cream pie in the face of Mike Talmont, volunteer director, or Jackie "JJ" Joy, director.

So, who won? Since the second-place winner was not present, third place winner, Maggie Helinski, had the pleasure of putting the first pie in Mike's face. (Thanks for being such a good sport, Mike!) First-place winner, Pat Neeper, had the honor of getting Jackie in the kisser, and

Grandparents Day is on the calendar Sept. 8. But at our center, we celebrated in August. Sixteen grandchildren ranging from 2 to 17 years old came to have fun with their family. Earlene

enjoyed it perhaps a little too

much?

Gardner organized a variety of activities that included games, painting Christmas ornaments, making pictures and flowered pencils. (Great job Earlene)

Also provided was a pot-

Also provided was a potluck meal topped off with ice cream floats. At the end of the day, everyone was smiling and able to take something home with them.

For a year and three months, the Azle Adult Activity Center was closed due to the pandemic. When the doors reopened in June 2021, we began working on getting exercise classes started again. With the greatest pleasure, we are excited to announce that starting Sept. 30, the center will once again have classes for its participants. Jan Ford and Pasquela Miller will be leading yoga and other exercises in our facility. More details will be available soon so watch our calendar posted on the City

If you have questions about



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Pat Neeper gets Director Jackie Joy with a pie in the face.

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any part of the center, please come see us at 601 Southeast Parkway, inside Ash Creek Park, or call 817-444-0070. We will be glad to give you a tour and answer any questions you may have. Open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., seniors can enjoy fun activities such as bingo or bridge, contests, special events or meeting with friends (old or new), and

for a suggested donation of only \$2, a nutritious meal is provided.

Our next trip is to the Senior Synergy Expo/ Empowering Seniors. The event will be in the Amon G. Carter Jr. Exhibits Hall located at 3400 Burnett-Tandy Drive in Fort Worth. Some have described this as the ultimate health fair for senior adults. Scheduled Aug. 29, 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., the center will be commuting by car this year. We have some folks volunteering to use their car for transportation. To register, contact our center or go online to seniorsynergyexpo.com.

All adults 60 years of age or older are welcome to be a part of the happenings at the Azle Adult Activity Center. Come see us soon.

# Lake Worth City Council sets proposed tax rate

#### **JOLEE SKINNER**

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LAKE WORTH — Lake Worth City Council held a special meeting Tuesday, Aug. 13 to discuss and take a record vote on the proposed maximum tax rate ahead of a public hearing in a few weeks.

Maggie Helinski gets Mike Talmont with a pie in the face.

The city council met at 5 p.m. to take a record vote on the proposed maximum tax

rate of \$0.525420 per \$100 valuation, which is equal to the voter-approval rate. The proposed tax rate supports the budget for the fiscal year beginning Oct. 1, 2024, and ending Sept. 30, 2025.

The voter-approval rate is the highest tax rate the city can adopt without holding an election

election.
Because the current tax rate of \$0.380557 per \$100 valua-

tion exceeds the no-new revenue tax rate of \$0.376996 per \$100 valuation, a public hearing is required, where residents can provide their input for council consideration. The public hearing is set for Sept. 3 at 5 p.m. in Lake Worth city council chambers at 3805 Adam Grubb St.

A separate public hearing on the proposed budget has been set during the city council meeting Aug. 20. After receiving public input from both hearings, the city council will set the tax rate and adopt a budget Sept. 17.

The public hearings will be held in accordance with Property Tax Code 26.06 and 26.061 and are required by the state Property Tax Code as well as the Local Government Code.

City Manager Stacey

Almond clarified the record vote does not approve the proposed tax rate but sets the maximum rate that can be approved.

"This is not approving the tax rate, this is just setting the maximum tax rate," Almond said. "So, between now and public hearing, you (council) could make changes to this item."

The maximum tax rate of

\$0.525420 per \$100 valuation was approved unanimously by the council. The final vote will be Sept. 17, 2024, in city council chambers.

For more information about Lake Worth city council meetings, go to www.lakeworthtx.org/city-council

#### TIMELESS

Though she wasn't born until the early 1940s, Margaret Swanzy knew the style of the time by seeing photos of her family members, and she had notes on costumes.

"I got pictures of my mother in the '40s, and she didn't dress like they did," she said with a laugh, referring mainly to Adams' costumes. "They were poor, too."

The Swanzys are known for avidly attending Springtown sporting events and watching all the action from the sidelines. But this time, the sidelines were their own front porch. On the morning of July 16, Margaret Swanzy was sitting in one of the wicker chairs and kept an eye out for wasps. Eddy Swanzy handled transportation in a way; he opened the gate for anyone who needed to enter or exit his property and let people know that it was fine

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to drive on the grass in order to back up when leaving. He warned people not to step in fire beds and offered water to

"It's interesting to see how knowledgeable these kids are," Margaret Swanzy said.

The Swanzys' home — a dream house for Margaret that was inspired by "Gone with the Wind" — was built in 2004, and they have lived there ever since. Their house was not only used to film in but also served as home base and dormitories for some of the young creatives for about a week. Despite air conditioning repairs and other challenges, the Swanzys served as gracious hosts, though Margaret Swanzy admitted that she was praying for

patience.
As the news about the film has gotten out, Margaret Swanzy said she has received several comments on Facebook about how proud she must be of her granddaughter.

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"And I am," she said. "But I'm even more proud watching her because she's very

good."
Sumlin's grandfather Eddy
Swanzy even scored a part in
the film as a minister.

"Everybody is crying, and I'm supposed to pull out a handkerchief and give it to Grace," Eddy Swanzy said about his role. He joked, "I told her, 'You know those clowns that have those handkerchiefs that keep pulling out?' I said, 'That's what I'm going to do.' ... Emma said, 'We can do a scene where you do that; it's just for fun.'"

Facebook, despite having a reputation for being used more by older generations than younger ones, played a role in aiding "Timeless" by connecting talent with the project. For example, Sophia Swim found "Timeless" all the way from Bradenton, Florida. Swim messaged Sumlin and offered to play the role of Laine Kellman, a

friend of Adams' Marjorie. After sending over her headshots, Swim won the role by being willing to come all the way to North Texas for filming.

"In this industry, it's difficult to get work because if you're not as financially well off, the casting groups or apps and stuff are so expensive," Swim said. "So, you do what you can, you find what you can on Facebook acting groups."

Swim is fresh out of high school and is currently getting her education in film. She has done theater before but is just starting to break into on-camera work. Being as green as she is, Swim said working on "Timeless" has been a learning experience for her because she's been able to see how things work in front of and behind the camera.

"I know it's going to open doors for future things, but it's helping my resume as well," she said. The filmmaking industry may be on the rise in the Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex. The Dallas Film Commission serves as an aid to projects in the area, and the recently established Fort Worth Film Collaborative works through Tarrant County College to train future filmmakers. In an article from earlier this year, Fort Worth Report cited Texas Film Commission's statistic that "Tarrant County is

projects."

"It's getting better," said
Boessler, who is based in
Mansfield, when asked if
DFW is a good place to be a
filmmaker. "If you would've
asked me that question a
couple of years ago, I probably would've said, 'No, not
really."

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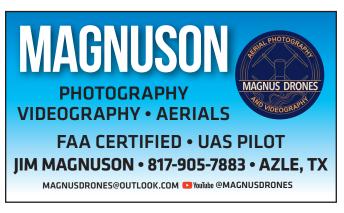
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Boessler (and Fort Worth Report) attributed this change to Taylor Sheridan shooting projects like "1883" in Fort Worth. He also cited Red Productions as making an impact by having a location in Fort Worth.

"It's not the best," Boessler said. "It's getting a lot better than it was."

It may be a while until anyone sees "Timeless," but when they do, Collins wants them to see a film that was worth watching and recognize the work of the people who made it.

"I don't want this to look like someone shot this on an iPhone," he said. "I wanted it to look like we spent time and effort and money finding the location, finding the costumes, making this something that's kind of unique, not just, 'Oh, some kid just shot this on his iPhone in a weekend. We're all done.' No, we had gaffers come out for lighting. We had people come out and run the sets, decorate the sets. We had actors who were passionate about what they were doing. ... There is a place to tell these interesting types of stories."



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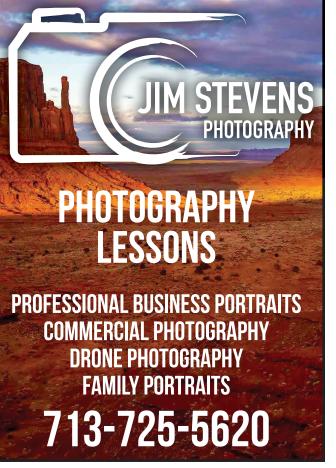
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(L-R) Jessica McKinney and Jennifer Herrington at August's monthly chamber luncheon.

# Azle Chamber selects new administrative assistant

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AZLE — Jessica McKinney was named the new administrative assistant for the Azle Area Chamber of Commerce in a newsletter last month. McKinney was formerly operations manager for the Tri-County Reporter.

Hartley McCauley was the

chamber's administrative assistant since February 2022. McCauley recently joined the Parker County Chamber of Commerce as an event coordinator. Chamber director Jennifer Herrington thanked McCauley for her service and wished her the best luck in this new opportunity in a letter introducing McKinney to chamber members.

"I am confident that she (McKinney) will continue to provide the service and professionalism you've come to expect from the Azle Chamber team," Herrington said. "Jessica has the experience and expertise necessary to ensure a seamless transition and help us strengthen our chamber. She has deep ties to this community"

#### **LEGAL PUBLIC NOTICES**

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ELEVATED TANK REHABILITATION

Separate sealed bids for the construction of Elevated Tank Rehabilitation (Azle bid number 2024-009) will be received by the City of Azle, Texas until 3:00 PM on September 12, 2024, at City Hall, 505 W. Main Street, Azle, Texas, 76020, and then at said location publicly opened and read aloud. The project consists of performing a variety of rehabilitation projects on an existing 0.5 MG multi-legged elevated tank including repairing cracking and spalling on the foundations, replacing and/or adding exterior and interior ladders and safety climb devices, upgrading the handrail system, adjusting windage rods, electrically grounding the tank, and recoating the interior and all associated ancillary work and appurtenances. A non-mandatory Pre-Bid conference will be held at 10:00 AM on September 4, 2024, located at Azle City Hall, 505 W. Main Street, Azle, Texas, 76020. The Contract Documents consisting of Advertisement of Bids, Information for Bidders, Bid Proposal, Bid Bond, Contract, Performance and Paymen Bonds, Maintenance Bond, General Conditions, Notice of Award, Notice to Proceed, Plans, Specifications, and Addenda (if any) may be examined at the following location: JACOB & MARTIN, LLC 1925 Fort Worth Highway, Weatherford, Texas 76086 The Owner reserves the right to waive any informalities and to reject any or all bids. Bids may be held by the Owner for a period not to exceed 60 days from the date of bid opening for the purpose of reviewing the bids and investigating the qualifications of Bidders prior to awarding of the contract. Copies of the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS must be ordered online at www.jacobmartin.com. Orders for CONTRACT DOCUMENTS may include hard copies for pick up, mail out or digital download via www.jacobmartin.com. Upon verification of online payment, hard copies may be picked up at Jacob & Martin, LLC, located at 1925 Fort Worth Highway, Weatherford, TX 76086. Cost for hard copies of the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS will be \$100.00 for 11x17 half size plans. Cost for digital download of CONTRACT DOCUMENTS will be \$0.00. Contractors must purchase a set of CONTRACT DOCUMENTS to be considered a registered plan holder eligible to bid the project. A certified check or bank draft, payable to the order of CITY OF AZLE, TEXAS, negotiable U.S. Governmental bonds (at par value) or a satisfactory Bid Bond executed by the Bidder and an acceptable surety in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the total bid shall be submitted with each bid. City of Azle, Texas Alan Brundrett, Mayor August 15 & 22, 2024

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Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of LEANN DAWN DEBOCK Deceased, were issued on August 7, 2024, in Cause No. 24P280 pending in the County Court of Parker County, Texas, to: Howard Debock. All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. c/o: Howard Debock 173 Fair Haven Lane Springtown, Texas 76082 Dated the 13th day of August, 2024. Michele Audet Attorney for Howard Debock State Bar No.: 00792338 918 S. Main St. Weatherford, TX 76086 Telephone: (817) 341-0088 Facsimile: (817) 341-0090 Email: micheleaudet@sbcglobal.net

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS CITY OF AZLE, TEXAS WALNUT CREEK FORCE MAIN

Separate sealed bids for the construction of WALNUT CREEK FORCE MAIN (Azle RFP No. 2024-010) will be received by the City of Azle, Texas until 3:00 PM on September 19, 2024, at City Hall, 505 W. Main Street, Azle, Texas, 76020, and then at said location publicly opened and read aloud. This project includes installing approximately 4,500 linear feet of 8-inch PVC or HDPE sewer force main along with associated appurtenances. A non-mandatory Pre-Bid conference will be held at 2:00 PM on September 12, 2024, located at Azle City Hall, 505 W. Main Street, Azle, Texas, 76020. The Contract Documents consisting of Advertisement of Bids, Information for Bidders, Bid Proposal, Bid Bond, Contract, Performance and Payment Bonds, Maintenance Bond, General Conditions, Notice of Award, Notice to Proceed, Plans, Specifications, and Addenda (if any) may be examined at the following location: JACOB & MARTIN, LLC 1925 Fort Worth Highway, Weatherford, Texas 76086 The Owner reserves the right to waive any informalities and to reject any or all bids. Bids may be held by the Owner for a period not to exceed 60 days from the date of bid opening for the purpose of reviewing the bids and investigating the qualifications of Bidders prior to awarding of the contract. Copies of the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS must be ordered online at www.jacobmartin.com. Orders for CONTRACT DOCUMENTS may include hard copies for pick up, mail out or digital download via www.jacobmartin.com. Upon verification of online payment, hard copies may be picked up at Jacob & Martin, LLC, located at 1925 Fort Worth Highway, Weatherford, TX 76086. Cost for hard copies of the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS will be \$100.00 for 11x17 half size plans. Cost for digital download of CONTRACT DOCUMENTS will be \$0.00. Contractors must purchase a set of CONTRACT DOCUMENTS to be considered a registered plan holder eligible to bid the project. A certified check or bank draft, payable to the order of CITY OF AZLE, TEXAS, negotiable U.S. Governmental bonds (at

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amount equal to five percent (5%) of the total bid shall be submitted with each bid. City of

Azle, Texas Alan Brundrett, Mayor August 22n? and 29??, 2024

Pursuant to Chapter 59, Texas Property Code, Kenny's Mini Warehouse, which is located at 10201 Jacksboro Hwy Fort Worth Tx 76135, will hold a public auction of property being sold to satisfy a landlord's lien. Sale will be at 10:00 am, End At 1:00 pm on August 24,2024 at 10201 Jacksboro Hwy Fort Worth Tx 76135 For information call Charlene 817-238-8309. Property will be sold to highest bidder for cash. Seller reserves the right to not accept any bid and to withdraw property from sale. Property in each space will be sold by the space. Property being sold includes contents in spaces of following tenants: TENANT'S NAME Eryn Story unit B-42, Mark Carrington E-222, Warren Martin F-279 Gabe Wiggins G-259, Glady's Landers H-270, Theodore Marn I-327, Household items. VOID IF LIEN IS SATISFIED IN FULL BEFORE SALE. All payments and notices should be made at 10201 Jacksboro Hwy Fort Worth Tx 76135

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The <u>City of Springtown</u> is soliciting proposals for the construction of the following project:

# Water Supply and Treatment Design for Water Treatment Plant Capacity Improvements

Sealed proposals must be delivered to:

Physical Address: The City of Springtown City Hall, 102 East Second St., Springtown, Texas 76082

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Proposals shall be received no later than <u>September 12, 2024 at 2:00</u>

<u>PM</u>. The proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud at this time and place. Bids received after this time will be returned unopened. Address proposals to <u>David Miller</u>, <u>City Administrator</u>.

Contract Documents and geotechnical report may be examined free of charge at the following addresses:

Engineer	Owner
Westwood Professional Services, Inc.	City of Springtown
7557 Rambler Road Suite 1400	102 Easy Second Street
Dallas, TX 75231	Springtown, TX 76082
Clint A. Bissett, P.E.	David Miller, City Administrator

Advertisement and bid phase information for the Project can be found at the following web site: <a href="https://cityofspringtown.com/live/city-services/bid-invitations/">https://cityofspringtown.com/live/city-services/bid-invitations/</a>

Contract Documents may downloaded or viewed free of charge at this web site. It is the downloader's responsibility to determine that a complete set of documents, as defined in the Instructions to Bidders are received. Printed copies of the Contract Documents may be purchased at the website for the cost of printing. The cost for printed Contract Documents is not refunded.

This web site will be updated periodically with addenda, planholders lists, bid tabulations, additional reports or other information relevant to bidding the Project.

A non-mandatory pre-bid conference for the project will be held on: Date: August 28, 2024

Time: 2:00 PM

**Location: City of Springtown City Hall** 

Direct questions regarding distribution of Contract Documents for this project to Westwood. Direct questions related to the design of the project to:

<b>Project Manager</b>	
Clint A. Bissett, PE	
972-235-3031	
Clint.bissett@westwoodps.com	

This project consists of design improvements of the Surface Water Treatment Plant, which includes two (2) new pumps, one (1) new Trident Unit, and upgrades to the electrical equipment and controls.

Bidders must submit a cashier's check, certified check, or acceptable bidder's bond with their proposal as a guarantee that the Bidder will enter into a contract for the project with the Owner within 15 days of Notice of Award of the contract. The security must be payable to Owner in the amount of 5 percent of the bid submitted. Contractor must execute the contract, bonds and certificates of insurance on the forms provided in the Contract Documents.

Contractors for this Project must pay no less than the prevailing wage rates for the area established by the Owner and included in the contract documents.

The City of Springtown reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any informalities in the bidding.

Performance, Payment, and Maintenance Bonds are required.

The Owner reserves the right to adopt the most advantageous interpretation of the bids submitted in the case of ambiguity or lack of clearness in stating proposal prices, to reject any or all bids, and/or waive formalities. Bids may not be withdrawn within 90 days from date on which bids are opened.

This contract is contingent upon release of funds from the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB). Any contract or contracts awarded under this Request for Proposals are expected to be funded in part by a loan or grant from the TWDB. Neither the State of Texas nor any of its departments, agencies or employees is or will be a party to this Invitation to Bid or any resulting contract.

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END OF SECTION

# Lake Worth Fire Chief talks growth on new fire station

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LAKE WORTH — The City of Lake Worth will have a new fire station at 6620 Charbonneau Road in July or August of next year after Lake Worth city council approved the construction this

Lake Worth Fire Chief Ryan Arthur said the original fire station is in good condition, but it's time for a change.

"The original fire station was constructed in 1948, (and) there's a lot of great history in that building," Arthur said. "Yes, it's in great shape, we're just out of room. It's time for something new."

Arthur says COVID-19 really prompted the idea of a brand new fire station after a couple of remodels back in 2008.

"What really kind of hit was COVID(-19), we had to expand," Arthur said. "We were sleeping two personnel per bedroom, to try and cut down on the amount of spread and infection. We had to convert offices into bedrooms just so we had space."

Arthur spoke about the new station lasting a long time from now and said it will have all the requirements needed for the fire service.

"The new building is making sure that we're looking ahead 50 years in what we are going to need in a building," Arthur said. "We're building something that's going to last for quite some time."

Fire technology has heavily advanced in recent years and Arthur said the new building will contain all the latest technology being used.

"There's mapping technol-

ogy, there's wi-fi technology, really the most advanced from how the personnel are alerted when a call comes in, that's going to be next level," Arthur said. "We've worked with all the partners to make sure that what's going into that building is going to be the most advanced right now and it will carry on for probably another 10 years."

Arthur said the realization that workers in this career field get exposed to a lot of contaminants that can cause cancer and illnesses wasn't fully realized until the last 20 vears.

"You go to a house fire, or you go to somebody's house for a medical emergency, those personnel are getting exposed to certain things that can be contagious and they can bring it back to the fire station," Arthur said. "You look at newer buildings, they have air lock front entry between living quarters and the apparatus bay where the units are stored."

Arthur said the planning of this project took lots of engagement with Lake Worth and Tarrant County officials about where the location would be.

"We looked at several different spots in the city and where we ended up to-



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Lake Worth Fire Chief Ryan Arthur is standing on the site of a new fire station currently being constructed.

day, thankfully to Tarrant County, they were able to sell that property to us and we purchased it from Tarrant County," Arthur said. "That partnership, without it, I don't think we would be here

The overall planning of the new station took about twoand-a-half years and Arthur praises the Lake Worth city

dedication to the city's first responders.

council for its continued

"Our elected officials and our city administration, they take care of the employees, they take care of the fire department and the police department," Arthur said. "That is what's really great about this city.'

The new Lake Worth fire station being built.

## **SANCHEZ**

the next day.

Sanchez told the investigator he denied sexually abusing the victim, according to the press release.

"However, what we pointed out to the jury in closing argument was that his story changed during the interview," Assistant District Attorney Abby Placke said in the press release at the time of the conviction. "Originally, he said he came home and went to sleep. Then he said he came home and watched T.V. then fell asleep. Later, he said he was watching T.V. with the victim then fell asleep. Finally, he said he watching T.V., then went to sleep. We felt his hiding important details was indicative of his consciousness of that he made a mistake, but out and admit what he had

In June, Sanchez's attorney

error in admitting outcry evidence that injured Sanchez's rights. In this context, an outcry witness is a person 18 years or older who a child approaches first to allege abuse, and in Sanchez's case, there were three of these witnesses: the victim's mother, the nurse who examined the victim and the forensic interviewer who spoke with the victim. Sanchez's attorney argued it was wrong to have three people testify with more or less the same information about the same

"Only one witness could and should have been allowed to testify about the digital penetration outcry, and only one witness could and should have testified regarding the alleged outcry that (Sanchez) used his penis to touch the victim's private parts," the motion for new trial document states. "To the extent the court allowed any duplicative outcry testimony, even if additional detail was provided, that improperly allowed the state to bolster the victim's testimony with the rote hearsay that should have been excluded, and this was a material error likely to injure (Sanchez's) rights.'

In July, the Parker County District Attorney's Office filed a reply to the motion for a new trial. It stated that during the original trial, Sanchez's trial counsel objected to the testimony of two of the outcry witnesses, but the court overruled the objection.

"Counsel for the state at trial took steps to prevent overlapping outcry testimony as well as outcry testimony from an improper outcry witness," the reply document stated.

The reply noted that the nurse who examined the victim was allowed to testify with details of the alleged abuse not only as an outcry witness but as a health care professional testifying about the victim's medical history, diagnosis and treatment. Also, because the victim testified with the same information as the outcry witnesses. the district attorney's office claimed admitting the outcry evidence did not harm Sanchez.

"If the victim did testify to the same acts of abuse that (their mother), (nurse Stacey) Henley and (forensic interviewer Brittany) Lain testified to, (Sanchez) was not harmed

even if the admission of the testimonies of (the victim's mother), Henley and Lain was erroneous," the reply states.

Furthermore, the district attorney's office argued that new trials aren't supposed to be allowed just because of sympathy, the belief that the defendant is innocent or a vague suspicion.

"A trial court may grant a motion for a new trial only if the original trial was not held in accordance with the law," the reply stated. "A trial court should not grant a new trial if the defendant's substantial rights were not affected. ... Instead, the defendant must demonstrate that the first trial was 'seriously flawed' and his substantial rights to a fair trial were affected as a result."

instead of a new trial, the prosecution recommended Sanchez's arguments be examined by the Court of Appeals, which would allow all parties to access the witness testimony and trial exhibits.

But, earlier this month, 415th District Court Judge Graham Quisenberry granted a new trial and ordered the previous conviction judgement to be vacated.

"Admission of the Lain and Henley testimony was error," Quisenberry's order states. "(Sanchez's) substantial rights were likely injured by the erroneously admitted evidence."

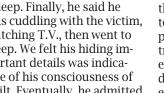
Subsequentially, District Attorney Jeff Swain appealed Quisenberry's order to the Second Court of Appeals in Fort Worth.

"Essentially, the judge changed his mind about rulings he made during trial, so he granted this convicted sex offender a new trial," Swain said in a press release from his office released last week. "In trial, he allowed us to introduce outcry testimony from three witnesses, who told jurors what our victim told them about how Mr. Sanchez abused her. He has now decided that ruling was in error. In our view, a judge should not grant a new trial just because he has second thoughts about a ruling he made during a trial. That's what appeals are for. We believe the judge's rulings during trial were correct under our state's law, which allows for outcry testimony to be admitted in child sexual abuse cases as an exception to the hearsay rule."

Swain added, "Lost amidst the legal wrangling in a system focused on a defendant's rights is the fact that, unless Judge Quisenberry's order is overturned, a teenage girl is going to have to relive the worst thing that has ever happened to her in front of yet another dozen strangers."

Quisenberry also lowered Sanchez's bond from \$60,000 in November 2021 to \$40,000, and Swain's office requested that the Court of

Appeals increase his bond. "If we do not get pretty quick relief from Judge Quisenberry's bond order, this convicted sex offender is likely to be released on a bond a third lower than what he had before a jury heard his case and convicted him," Swain said in the press release. "I don't see how his flight risk would not be increased rather than decreased now that he has seen how a jury evaluated the evidence. Also, if we prevail in our appeal of the order granting a new trial, Mr. Sanchez, at age 39, will be imprisoned until he is 74 years old. We need a bond high enough to ensure his return to face his sentence or a retrial.'



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# City of Azle proposes increased property tax rate, sets final budget meeting

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AZLE — No Azle residents joined the meeting to speak during a Monday night, Aug. 19, public hearing on the proposed budget, the ad valorum tax rate and water and sewage rates.

The budget for fiscal year 2024-2025, which begins Oct. 1, will raise more revenue from property values than last year's budget.

The ad valorem, or assessed, property tax rate is proposed to increase from the current rate of \$0.5688744 to \$0.614087 per \$100 in valuation. This will produce a total increase in property tax revenue of \$1,529,327 or a 17.43% increase from last year's budget. These increases are attributed to increased property values, new construction and a debt-issuance for the Dunaway Lane

Reconstruction Project. The project itself adds \$0.035 to the tax rate. Water and sewer rates will remain unchanged.

A combined tax rate of \$0.6140869 per \$100 is proposed for FY 2024-25, with \$0.5324341 allocated to the General Fund for maintenance and operations and \$0.0816528 allocated to debt service. The proposed rate is 0.045215 more than the tax rate adopted last year.

Taxable values are esti-

mated to be \$1,677,767,961 which is an 8.79% increase from last year's certified total of \$1,542,278,275. This increase includes \$69,161,050 in new construction

"While the national and regional economies continue to recover, the city still faces many challenges," City Manager Tom Muir stated in the budget's overview. "The cost of providing city services is rising very quickly. These

rising costs will also negatively (a)ffect the still active new home construction, as will elevated interest rates. As always, staff will keep a close eye on the economy and stay prepared to respond to changes as they come. Staff has made every effort to create a budget that will provide the services our citizens have come to expect, and staff will continue to seek improvements where they can be found. Furthermore, it is

important to take a cautious approach in the coming year while at the same time intensifying our efforts to attract new businesses to Azle."

The city will vote to pass the proposed budget during a Monday, Aug. 26 meeting starting at 6 p.m. The proposed budget, and past budgets, are available to read online at cityofazle.org/ DocumentCenter/Index/16.

# Civil Air Patrol invites community to open house Aug. 27

#### **NEWS RELEASE**

Azle Composite Squadron, Civil Air Patrol (CAP) invites the public to an open house from 6 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 27 at Cornerstone Community Church, 2233 E. Highway 199, Springtown. The entire community is welcome to walk through the parade of displays and learn more about Civil Air Patrol. Members of the squadron will be present to greet visitors, explain CAP's missions, and provide demonstrations related to aerospace, communications, emergency services and youth leadership.

There will also be an opportunity to sign up for the next Cadet Great Start

Class beginning Sept. 17. Azle Composite Squadron serves youth from Azle/ Springtown/Weatherford and surrounding areas. The group meets weekly throughout the year on Tuesday evenings from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Future leaders are challenged academically while building their life skills and experiences using curriculum materials and opportunities provided by Civil Air Patrol. The focus for cadets is on character development, leadership, fitness, emergency services, and aerospace education/STEM. As cadets learn about these areas, they advance through a series of achievement levels, earning honors and increased

responsibilities along the

way. Civil Air Patrol has been an integral start for many astronauts, pilots, engineers and scientists. Homeschooled cadets can even earn high school credits for their work in the program, Involvement from local communities is encouraged by recognizing volunteer work performed outside Civil Air Patrol. The squadron supports Wreaths Across America at both Azleland Memorial Park and Holder's Chapel Cemetery and assists the local chapter of the Veterans of Foreign Wars with flag placement for Memorial Day. In addition, the squadron provides

a Color Guard for various events and ceremonies throughout the community and are available by request.

Adult members are the foundation of the squadron, providing support to perform the squadron's missions in cadet programs, aerospace education, and emergency services/disaster relief. Adult members who are pilots can become qualified to provide orientation and mission flights. They also volunteer to fill roles in administration. personnel, communications, public affairs, information technology, aerospace education, logistics, transportation and training. CAP provides a structured education and

training program to teach adults how to perform these

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- · Leadership building experiences
- · Friendship building opportunities
- · Mentoring/mentorship

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screening wall requirement and have a tree preservation buffer serve as the screening

Bryan spoke before commissioners and described his plans for the site which includes space to park at least 100 vehicles along with storage and a staging area for vehicles being auctioned. With its quarterly auctions, Bryan said his business will likely bring people to Azle who will stay, eat and patronize other businesses in the city. Bryan said his business will also create several new jobs for the community.

The property borders Dusk Avenue and Park Street to the north and Ash Creek Park to the south. The property is

located in a flood zone and is currently heavily wooded.

Many of the concerns raised by residents from the neighboring areas had to do with the environment, health impacts, and the effect the business could have on local scenery on such an important Azle entryway. Residents also expressed fears it would create a traffic hazard on the nearby service road.

"I have walked the street on Dusk Avenue for 32 years," resident Steven Mobley said. "This is where I grew up, five houses down from where I am today. The quiet street is where I rode my bike, played in the woods, learned to fish in the creek, built tree forts. and I grew up, as I'm sure many of you did as young children. Today's proposed rezoning would ultimately change this scene forever. The impact to my homestead would forever be altered. We can dive deep into the environmental impact of the changing of the waterway's floodplain, the destruction of the animal population that we love so much, the lack of roadway from TxDOT, the sewer systems, but honestly, what hurts more than anything is to think out of looking out of my kitchen window to see a mass heavy equipment storage and auction fa-

cility. It's gut-wrenching." With Curt Lampkin dissenting, four of the five present P&Z commissioners voted to recommend that Azle City Council deny Bryan's request for rezoning. The council will have the final say on the decision and is expected to hear the matter at a Sept. 17 meeting. At least six out of the seven city council members would need to vote in favor in order to approve the request.



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Steven Mobley speaks before commissioners at the P&Z meeting.





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# FeedLot holds night market

Azle Farmers Market tests Thursday nights, coordinator speaks about future activities

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AZLE — The FeedLot, at 225 Church St., was home to food trucks, vendors and live local music Thursday evening, Aug. 8, for the location's first-ever Thursday night market.

Amanda Scott, special events coordinator for the City of Azle, took over operations for the city-owned FeedLot earlier this summer. She said the Thursday night market was an experiment to see what works for the vendors and the community. If there's enough interest, Scott said she hopes to potentially open the market Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays. With school in session and cooler temps on the horizon, Scott hopes to capitalize on high school football season this fall.

"I'm excited about this." Scott said. "We have a lot of really cool stuff coming up. We're going to start streaming the away games here. We're going to have watch parties and a DJ for halftime, and we're going to invite the peewee cheerleaders out to perform cheer and dance."

The hard work and persistence of vendors who came out to sell their wares in nearly triple-digit heat was not lost on Scott. Even with a high of 104 F Aug. 8, the organizer was satisfied to see cars lined up along the length of Church Street to check out the goods and goodies on display.

"The vendors are amazing," Scott said. "Before I started, (I never thought about) the work that has gone in to prepping with the food trucks, prepping for the vendors. It's like, gosh, your heart just goes out to them. You want them to be successful.'

While attending the vendors' night, Mayor Pro Tem Randa Goode said she is a big fan of the Azle Farmers Market and that she's made it out every weekend.

"I think it's awesome that they're opening other opportunities, especially for evening," Goode said. "You know, consumers can come out after work and get some



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Visitors indulge in a variety of services at the market.

fresh vegetables and fruits. I love it. I hope to continue to see it grow."

Vivian Pena's business. www.aurapothecary.com, filled a corner of the market with fresh scents of frankincense, lavender and jasmine. Pena makes soaps and deodorants from her Fort Worth home. Her products are advertised as natural, edible and scented with essential

"I love it," Pena said of the Thursday night market. "I think it gives more opportunities for everybody that lives in Azle, local restaurants and us the vendors as well and it definitely helps our families.'

Fun guys and gals from Poolville-based McPherson Family Farms were also represented at the Azle Farmers Market, All in Fungi's Christina Robinson sold farm-grown pearl ovster and lion's mane mushrooms raw, powdered and in cookie form.

Songwriter, singer and entertainer Chris Journeay also performed country hits and covers of local legends for the entertainment of the park's

shoppers and diners. With concerns that the FeedLot violated the city's noise ordinance, amplified live music was briefly halted at the food truck park last month. Since then, city staff reports having received numerous requests to bring back the music. City planners stated that the bands play a vital role in creating an inviting atmosphere for the venue's patrons. During an Aug. 5 Azle City Council meeting, council members voted to amend the Parks and Recreation

Ordinance (Article 1.09.035

in the Code of Ordinances) to place the FeedLot in the same exempted category as the Central Park Amphitheater and Ash Creek Community Center.

Saturday, Aug. 17, the FeedLot celebrated the dog days of summer by partnering with the Azle Animal Shelter to have an adoption day, dog treat cooking demo and dog training presentation. To keep up to date with FeedLot hours and activities follow "The FeedLot" on Facebook.



**ZACH FREEMAN** | TRI-COUNTY REPORTER Aledo Local Wildflower Honey sold market visitors with their bee-utiful display.

Chris Journeay performs at the Thursday night market.



FeedLot coordinator Amanda Scott



Christina Robinson sells mushrooms at the night market.



Soaps and whipped tallow from Aurapothecary on display at the Thursday night market



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Defensive back Riley Self traveled with his fellow Hornets to Boswell for scrimmages this week.

### Lady Pines shine in elite tourney

#### **RICK MAUCH**

Special to the Tri-County Reporter

The Springtown Lady Pines (8-3) hit the road to Denton to face some of Texas' toughest competition in the Ryan Volleyball Tournament last weekend. They finished fifth in the prestigious event, defeating several larger programs, including Class 6A Weatherford and Lubbock Cooper.

"We played some really good volleyball this weekend. Our kids battled through adversity and got better daily," first-year Springtown coach Abigail Zipoy said. "Our team is starting to mesh and come together nicely."

Libby Tedder was named all-tournament for the Lady Pines. Tournament results and highlights were:

#### Defeated Little Elm 2-0

- · Kills: Tedder 8
- · Digs: Brooklynn Quintanilla 11, Tedder 9
- · Assists: Bailey Walker 5, Kallie Conway 5
- · Receptions: Quintanilla 10

#### **Defeated Saginaw 2-0**

- · Kills: Tedder 7
- · Digs: Tedder 8, Quintanilla 7
- · Assists: Conway 10
- · Receptions: Quintanilla 12

#### **Defeated Nevada (Texas) Community** High 2-0

- · Kills: Tedder 11
- · Blocks: Corinne Hall 3
- · Digs: Quintanilla 13, Gracie Carter 8
- · Assists: Conway 6
- · Receptions: Quintanilla 8, Tedder 8

#### **Defeated Denton Ryan 2-0**

- · Kills: Tedder 8
- · Aces: Quintanilla 3, Tedder 3
- · Digs: Walker 8, Quintanilla 7
- · Assists: Walker 9

#### · Receptions: Tedder 12, Quintanilla 11 **Defeated Wichita Falls Memorial 2-0**

- · Kills: Tedder 12
- · Digs: Quintanilla 16, Tedder 8
- · Assists: Walker 13, Conway 11 · Receptions: Quintanilla 20, Tedder 16

#### Lost 2-1 To Chisholm Trail

- · Kills: Tedder 16
- · Blocks: Olivia Williams 3
- $\cdot$  Digs: Tedder 10, Quintanilla 8
- · Assists: Walker 11, Conway 9 · Receptions: Quintanilla 18, Tedder 18

#### **Lost 2-0 To Walnut Grove**

- · Kills: Tedder 11
- · Digs: Quintanilla 14, Aerial Jackson 13
- · Assists: Walker 8
- $\cdot$  Receptions: Quintanilla 17, Tedder 15

#### **Defeated Weatherford 2-1**

- · Kills: Tedder 11
- · Aces: Ouintanilla 3
- · Digs: Quintanilla 14
- · Assists: Walker 9, Conway 8

#### · Receptions: Quintanilla 20, Tedder 20 **Defeated Lubbock Cooper 2-0**

- · Kills: Tedder 11
- · Digs: Jackson 9, Quintanilla 9, Tedder 7
- · Assists: Conway 9, Walker 8

Earlier in the week, the Lady Pines fell 3-0 to Peaster and rallied for a 3-2 win over Godley. After winning the opening game 25-17, Springtown dropped the next two 26-24 and 30-28, before winning the fourth game 25-16 and taking the fifth contest 15-7. Leaders against Peaster included Quintanilla with seven digs. Against Godley, Tedder had 11 kills and Quintanilla posted 16 digs. Springtown was hosting Azle at press

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# Tapping into success

#### **ZACH FREEMAN**

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AZLE — Since before he can remember, Shepherd Parr has loved dance. Today, his love has led him to national recognition and the Master Dance of America 2025 title.

"He came out of the womb moving and grooving," his mom Danielle Parr said in ar interview with the Tri-County Reporter. "So, he comes by it honest."

At an early age, Shepherd Parr's mother said he did not like "Sesame Street" or other childhood classics, but instead tuned into "Dancing with the Stars" each week. Dancing with his older sister in the family living room also remains a formative memory for Shepherd Parr. When one of his mother's

#### Azle boy wins Master Dance of America 2025

friends noticed his affinity for cutting a rug, she recommended the boy be placed in a dance class. When he was just 4 years old, his mother relented and enrolled him in

his first class. "I was not a dancer," Danielle Parr said. "This whole life is not what I anticipated. I never thought that

we would be those people." Shepherd Parr turns 10 this month, and apparently, his decade of practice has paid off. At age 7, he earned first runner up at his first ever Dance Masters of America competition in 2022. He tried out for DMA

after learning about it from one of his dance instructors at Eminence Dance Complex,

Amy Feril. Feril, his choreographer, has participated in DMA her whole life and rec ommended it to Shepherd after seeing his skills. She and her husband Harry own the studio and have been a big inspiration to the boy.

"They've been a big inspiration with me in this path," he said. "They've been really supportive, and they're always right by my side, and we've done so many mock interviews, so many audition preps, and they've really helped me to accomplish

The Parrs have lived in Azle since 2017. His sister Piper is in the Civil Air Patrol and dad, Mitchell, works for Lockheed Martin. Piper Parr is 14 and attends the same dance studio. Danielle Parr works part-time at a pie shop while her son dances to help pass the time. The Parrs drive 40 minutes to Roanoke multiple times a week for

each practice. Shepherd Parr does not take many breaks from his passion. His mother estimates he spends about 15 hours per week dancing over four to six days. Whether homeschool is in session or it's summer break, he stays

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# We ARE Our Brother's Keeper donates 200 backpacks at back-to-school event



PHOTOS COURTESY RYAN SACCO

#### Organization also hosts car show fundraiser, raises \$800

#### **MADELYN EDWARDS**

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SPRINGTOWN — School has started in the Springtown area, and some kids went back to class with backpacks they received at the We ARE Our Brother's Keeper event

Aug. 10. Jessica Castro, co-founder of the overdose awareness group, indicated the Back-to-School Family Day was a success; 200 backpacks, most of them filled with school supplies, were distributed, and families were able to enjoy snow cones, a bounce house and games.

Back-to-School Family Day was held in conjunction with the third annual Cars for the Cause car show. Castro would've preferred to have had more cars enter, but the fundraiser did garner \$800. The money is expected to go to We ARE Our Brother's Keeper's funeral fund that

supports those who lose loved ones to overdose. People who died of overdose were also memorialized on the square at the event.

Collectively, the car show and the back-to-school event included a DJ as well as organizations like Parker County Hospital District, Unity Recovery, Springtown Narcotics Anonymous, Guardians of the Children Big Sandy Chapter, Parker County Stand Up Against Suicide and Domino's Pizza.

"We feel beyond blessed with the volunteers that helped us, businesses that helped us with raffles, supplies and games," Castro said on her Facebook page. "Thank you to the families that allowed us to honor your loved ones in our memorial section. And thank you to everyone that came out and enjoyed the gorgeous cars!'

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# We ARE Our Brother's Keeper donates 200 backpacks and hosts car show fundraiser, raises \$800



The group Parker County Stand Up Against Suicide attended the back-to-school event in Springtown Aug. 10, hosted by local overdose awareness group We ARE Our Brother's Keeper.



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This truck won first place in the third annual We ARE Our Brother's Keeper Cars for the Cause Car Show Aug. 10 on the Springtown Square. The car show was held in conjunction with the Springtown overdose awareness group's Back-to-School Family Day.



Sarah Stevens won second place in the Cars for the Cause Car Show. The event raised \$800 for Springtown overdose awareness group We ARE Our Brother's Keeper's funeral fund.



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The motorcycle group that advocates for victims of child abuse Guardians of the Children Big Sandy Chapter also attended We ARE Our Brother's Keeper's Back-to-School Family Day event.

# Lake Worth seeks to continue climb

#### RICK MAUCH

Special to the Tri-County Reporter

Not so long ago — 2021, to be exact — the Lake Worth Lady Bullfrogs won three volleyball matches in an entire season for a second straight year.

Now to some, that might seem like a long time as they are seeking a third consecutive trip to the playoffs. And with a solid amount of returning talent and an impressive sub-varsity performance in 2023, it's easy to under-

stand the optimism.

"The girls have worked hard this summer to get ready for the 2024 season. Our JV and varsity teams are young and open-minded to learning more each day, which will correlate down to our freshman," head coach Alex Oppenborn said. "They are excited for this season

and look forward to the many competitors we will face."

Returning starters are senior middle blocker/right side hitter Danica Long (honorable mention all-district, 147 kills, 82 blocks), along with juniors Karina Velez Esteves, outside hitter/defensive specialist (second-team all-district, 48 aces served, 225 digs, 390 returns); setter/right side hitter Sophia Ayala (19 aces); and middle block-

er/right side hitter Adyssey Hurrington (21 blocks). Key reserve Breanna

Arrellano, a sophomore, is also back.

The freshman team had an overall record of 19-5 with

overall record of 19-5, with most of that team now on varsity or JV.

"There is great talent this year between our freshmen and JV teams, and we are excited to see them grow this year," Oppenborn said.

The Lady Bullfrogs compete in District 7-4A with Springtown (24-20, 8-3, second in 8-4A, third round of playoffs), Burkburnett (20-18, 6-2, second in 7-4A, bidistrict, moved over) and first-year program Eagle Mountain. Also in the district are Decatur (23-17, 10-0, 8-4A champions, third round, preseason No. 9 in state), Krum (29-14, 7-4, third in 8-4A, second round), Bridgeport (9-27, 2-8, fifth in

8-4A) and Castleberry (1-29,

0-10, sixth in 8-4A).

"Looking at our district, we have tough competitors to go against with the addition of Eagle Mountain and Burkburnett. District is an exciting time and with the district growing there will be even more competing going on," Oppenborn said.

"As always, we are excited to compete and get better each game."

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busy with intensives.

"A normal week for me kind of looks crazy," Shepherd Parr said. "So, we usually start off with a few technique classes, like ballet leaps and turns, and then I go through company dances, where I learn them, and go to competitions. Then I have some rec classes that I do just for fun, and I get to perform some dances at recital and it's just super fun and it just keeps going all-year-round."

In February 2024, Parr won Texas Dance Masters. He went on to compete against the best of each state at the national competition in Anaheim, California July 1, where he earned the title Master Dance of America 2025. At this year's national competition, he also placed as the highest individual in the tap-dancing category for his age group. Out of all that competition's winners, Danielle Parr said only two boys won class awards — the other top-ranking contestants were all girls. Shepherd Parr represents Chapter 48,

which covers parts of North and Central Texas, as its first national titleholder. Along with dance, contestants are judged on their resume-writing and interview skills by a panel of judges.

"His dance teacher, she was a professional dancer, and she was the head (Dallas Cowboys) cheerleader, and she says auditioning was so much easier for her because of Dance Masters of America," Danielle Parr said. "She's like, 'I grew up doing this. This is what we did all the time. I interviewed all the time. Easy, easy.' So, (Shepherd will) be well equipped by the time (he's) heading out to the real world."

The competition consists of a three-minute interview, a group audition in four different styles of dance: jazz, tap dancing, ballet and acrobatics, followed by a solo in your style of choice. Contestants are presented with choreography they've never performed before and are given 15 minutes to memorize it before they demonstrate for the five judges. While initially stressful, Shepherd Parr said his experiences in DMA have improved his interview and

dance skills as well as his confidence.

He will attend next year's national competition in Orlando, Florida to perform his send off and pass his title on to the next champion. The boy will then be able to compete in DMA's Junior age bracket.

"I'm kind of nervous because in Junior, they're all super good," he said. "It's one of the stiffest competitions because there's so many of them, and I've seen them dance, and I'm like, 'wowie zowie, they're so good.' So, I think I could win, but it's going to be pretty hard."

Along with participating in his lifelong passion, Shepherd Parr has gotten to reap the rewards of his labor in a number of ways. Upon winning Master Dance of America 2025, he received a small cash prize and will receive financial help with his flights and hotel accommodations next summer. He also got to go to Disney Land and plans to go to Disney World next year. Even with the travel and acclaim, the boy said his favorite part of the DMA experience is just getting to be a kid with his friends.

"My favorite memories are just goofing around with my friends at dance competitions, and then we're like hyping each other right before we go on to dance," Shepherd Parr said. "One of the things that I love about dance is that you can feel your emotions through even if you're having a hard time."

Shepherd Parr has big aspirations for the future. He hopes to one day work at Eminence Dance Complex and eventually own his own studio. Shepherd Parr also hopes to one day reach the pinnacle of dance in America by performing on Broadway. He encourages others to chase their goals and hopes that other boys are not afraid to dedicate themselves to dance like he has.

"Believe in yourself,"
Shepherd Parr said. "Even
if you're hard on yourself,
know that every second matters, and that if you work
hard, your dreams will come
true. Don't be hard on yourself, even if people make fun
of you, because I've been
there. Even if they criticize
you, know that what they
say is not true, and just keep
working hard."



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(L-R): Danielle, Mitchell and Piper Parr stand behind Shepherd Parr as he holds his award.

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time and is playing in the Glen Rose Tournament this weekend.

#### **AZLE VOLLEYBALL**

The Lady Hornets (4-3) began the season with a thrilling 3-2 victory against Euless Trinity. The teams went back and forth in the contest, with Azle winning the first, third and fifth games, 25-18, 25-20 and 15-9, while dropping the second and fourth games, 27-25 and 25-23.

- · Kills: Jacqui McClain 23, Elizabeth Lund 12
- · Aces: Milley Massey 2
- · Blocks Destiny Brune 5
- · Defensive digs Heather Lockridge 18, Lund 11, Macie Baker 9
- · Assists Massey 32, Gabby Briseno 17
- · Receptions Lund 29, Lockridge 25

The Lady Hornets followed with a 3-0 loss to Boswell.

- · Kills McClain 11, Lund 8
- · Blocks Brune 3
- · Digs Lund 13, Lockridge 13, McClain 12
- Assists Sophie Weger 12, Massey 10
- · Receptions Lockridge 26, McClain 24

Azle played in the **Duncanville Tournament** this past weekend, results including:

#### **Lost 2-1 To Lake Belton**

- · Kills: McClain 8
- · Digs: Lockridge 8 · Assists: Briseno 14
- · Receptions: Lockridge 16, McClain 13

#### **Defeated Arlington Sam Houston 2-0**

- · Kills: Brune 4
- · Blocks: Arely Licerio 3, Brune 3
- · Digs: Macie Baker 7, Mc-Clain 7
- · Assists: Weger 10
- · Receptions: Lockridge 9, Baker 8
- **Defeated North Dallas 2-0** - Statistics Not Available.

#### **Defeated Desoto 2-0**

- · Kills: McClain 9
- · Digs: Lockridge 7
- · Assists: Massey 9 · Receptions: Lund 8

#### Lost 2-1 To Lewisville -**Statistics Not Available**

Azle was playing at Springtown at press time and is in the Granbury Tournament this weekend.

#### LAKE WORTH VOLLEYBALL

The Lady Bullfrogs' (3-4) season got started with a 3-0 loss to Brewer.

- · Kills: Breanna Arellano 4 · Blocks: Odyssey Hurrington 3
- · Digs: Jasmin Martinez 25 · Assists: Sophie Avala 12
- · Receptions: Karina Velez Esteves 18, Ja. Martinez 18 · That was followed with
- a 3-1 loss to Arlington
- · Kills: Long 7, Cher'rish

Winston 6

- · Aces: Abigail Montelongo 3
- · Digs: Esteves 13
- · Assists: Ayala 21 · Receptions: Esteves 28,
- Emily Frado 12 They then played in the Castleberry Tournament, results including:

#### **Defeated Venus 2-0**

- · Kills: Long 5
- · Aces: Aaliyah Mendez 3, Ja. Martinez 3
- · Digs: Ayala 7, Esteves 6
- · Assists: Ayala 8
- · Receptions: Esteves 15

#### **Defeated Western Hills**

- · Kills: Long 5
- · Aces: Ayala 7 · Blocks: Ayala 3, Long 3
- · Digs: Ja. Martinez 6
- · Assists: Ayala 10

#### **Defeated North Side 2-0**

- · Kills: Arellano 5
- · Aces: Esteves 5 · Blocks: Long 3
- $\cdot$  Digs: Long 7, Martinez 6
- · Assists: Ayala 13 · Receptions: Esteves 6

#### Lost 2-1 To Waco

- **Connally** · Kills: Long 6
- · Aces: Esteves 6, Arellano 3 · Digs: Ja. Martinez 18, Ayala 9
- Assists: Ayala 12 · Receptions: Esteves 15, Martinez 14

#### **Lost 2-1 To Castleberry**

- · Kills: Long 5
- · Aces: Long 6, Esteves 4, Ayala 4, Ja. Martinez 3
- Digs: Ja. Martinez 14,

- Esteves 9
- · Assists: Ayala 12 · Receptions: Ja. Martinez 20, Juliana Martinez 10
- Lake Worth was hosting Kennedale at press time and is playing in the Granbury Tournament this weekend.

#### **FOOTBALL SCRIMMAGES**

Fans got their first look at area teams in game-type action this past week as scrimmages got underway. Azle traveled to Boswell and Springtown hosted Brock, while Lake Worth traveled to Aubrev.

The preseason wraps up this week with all three teams scrimmaging Thursday, Aug. 22. Azle hosts Frisco Wakeland, Lake Worth hosts Waco Connally and Springtown is at Mineral Wells.

The games count on the record starting the following week as the regular season begins. Two of the three teams are on the road. Azle (3-7 in Class 5A

Division Llast season) travels to face Abilene Cooper (5-7, second round of 5A Division II playoffs last season). Springtown (9-4, third round of 4A Division I play-

offs last season) is at Joshua (1-9 in 5A Division I). Lake Worth (6-5, bidistrict in 4A Division I) hosts Frisco Panther Creek (11-2,

playoffs). All games begin at 7 p.m.

third round of 4A Division I

#### **AZLE CROSS COUNTRY**

The Hornets and Lady Hornets competed in the Kennedale Wildcat run Aug. 16. Both teams finished second in their respective divisions.

#### Top finishers for Azle were:

Varsity girls (5K): Reese Jeter, fifth, 20:44.89; McKenzee Roberts, 10th. 20:54.07; Yasmeer Tejeda, 11th, 21:02.67; Audrina Montoya, 13th, 21:25.21; Brooke Maples, 14th, 21:47.12.

Varsity boys (5K): Parker Huffaker, ninth, 17:21.94; Pablo Neri, 15th, 17:41.60; Jose Romero, 25th, 18:06.08.

The junior varsity Lady Hornets won their division as Lily Hindman (14:58.98), Eviana Quillen (15:01.86) and Noah Kovach (15:07.53) finished second, third and fourth on the 3200-meter

The Hornets JV was second, led by Bo Milligan (18:54) and Eli Walker (19:06.56), who were sixth and seventh over Azle will compete in the

Denton Ryan Gingerbread Jamboree Thursday, Aug. 22.

#### SPRINGTOWN CROSS COUNTRY

The Lady Pines won their division and the Porcupines were fourth in theirs in the Cowtown Challenge in Haltom City Aug. 17.

On a 5K course, Brayden

Levario of Springtown won with a time of 19:26.06. The Lady Pines were led by Madelyn Walker, second, 13:35.90 on a 3200-meter course; and Izzy Parker, fifth, 13:46.22.

Also for the Porcupines, Jordan Cervantez was 19th in 21:45.53 and Peyton Bening was 21st in 22:14.59. Also for the Lady Pines, Alyson Barco, 14th, 14:17.73; Kerrington Edwards, 20th, 14:59.85; and Isabella Wahler, 21st, 14:40.04.

Springtown was competing in the Nocona Relay at press time and is in the Boyd Yellowjacket Invitational Aug. 31.

#### **LAKE WORTH CROSS COUNTRY**

The Bullfrogs and Lady Frogs hit the trails at the Cowtown Challenge in Fort Worth. The top finisher was Lady Frog Feyli Santana, 34th on the 3200-meter course with a time of 16:11.66, while the Bullfrogs were led by Jason Gonzales, who was 45th on a 5K course with a 24:38.69.

Next up for Lake Worth is the Spartan Invitational in Burleson Saturday, Aug. 24.

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Visit https://azlesports. rankone.com/Website/ Main and click on the camps link. Aug. 24, AHS, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., incoming grades pre-K through six. Cost is \$60 for silver level, \$75 for gold and \$150 for VIP (15 spots only).

# Lady Hornets look to build from 2023

#### **RICK MAUCH**

Special to the Tri-County Reporter

Last season the Azle Lady Hornets volleyball team broke through and won a bidistrict match after three years of frustration in the opening round of the

playoffs. Now, with plenty of talent returning, coach Kenley Buckholt's team is looking to

build on that success in 2024. "We are further ahead at the start of this season than we were last year. My returning starters gained a ton of experience last year and are ready to take charge now,"

Buckholt said.

"I have five seniors this year (Ellie Lund, Gabby Briseno, Cienna Feldman, Destiny Brune and Arely Licerio) that have done a tremendous job so far at being leaders on and off the court. They are building our program into being family centered and have helped form connections across all of our levels. I'm really proud

Lund (middle blocker, 100 kills) and Brune (middle blocker, 78 blocks, 16 Jacqueline McClain (outside

of them!"

aces served) are returning starters, along with juniors hitter, 540 kills, 49 aces, 44 blocks, 255 digs, 372 serves received), Millie Massey (setter, 916 assists, 28 aces, 225 digs) and Heather Lockridge (libero, 392 digs, 694 serves

returned, 18 aces). McClain was the District 5-5A Newcomer of the Year in 2023. Massey was a first-team selection, with Brune and Lockridge being second-team honorees.

Junior outside hitter Addison Dorris (honorable mention all-district) and senior middle blocker Arely Licerio were key reserves from last season.

Buckholt is also counting

on a strong freshmen class, which includes four on junior varsity and one on varsity.

"Our A Team and B Team are going to be pretty competitive as well," she said. "My sophomores are doing a great job of leading on JV at the moment."

The Lady Hornets are once again in District 5-5A, alongside Aledo (34-9, 11-1, 5-5A champions, third round), Chisholm Trail (25-15, 10-4, second in 3-6A, bidistrict), Granbury (19-23, 9-3 in 5-5A, second round), Brewer (17-15, 4-8, fifth in 5-5A) and Saginaw (11-28, 1-11, seventh in 5-5A). Azle was fourth in

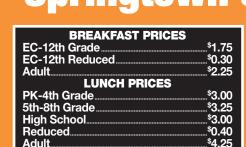
the league standings last season with a 5-7 record (18-28 overall).

"Our district will be very competitive this season. I think it will be a continuous battle for the top four spots," Buckholt said. "We are going to have to work hard and stay on top each and every game.

"Azle volleyball as a whole is growing every year. Between both of the camps we hosted this summer for grades K-ninth we had over 300 players come out, which is the highest turnout we have had since I've been in Azle. Now, it's just a matter of providing more opportunities and resources for our younger players so that they are able to keep developing.

"My girls have worked hard all off season and throughout summertime to prepare for this season. I'm really proud of the commitment they put in off the court this summer at Hornet Elite Camp, going to camps, clinics and attending weekly skill sessions. We are coming off of a great previous season and we are all hungry to keep going the distance.

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K - 4th Lunch

Pears Thurs Breakfast Pizza, Fresh Apple Slices Fri Yogurt w/Granola, Strawberries Lunch: Everyday - Choice of one meat, two vegetables, and one grain/bread with milk., Variety of milk is offered every day for breakfast and lunch

**Mon** Chicken Sliders/French Toast w/Sausage, Veggies, Apple Slices or Orange, **Tues** Chicken Steak Sandwich or, Macaroni & Cheese, Veggies, Apple or Sliced Peaches, Weds Chicken & Waffles, Veggies: (Bell Pepper Strips, Carrots, Salad Cup), Tator Tots, Applesauce Cup or Blueberries Thurs Cheese Bites/Popcorn Chicken, Roll, Veggies: (Bell Pepper Strips,, Carrots, Ranchero Beans, Salad Cup), Apples

5th - 12th Lunch

Slices or Strawberries Fri Baked Potato & Roll, Pizza, Veggies Watermelon Craisin or Grapes **Lunch: Everyday** - Choice of one meat, two vegetables, and one grain/bread with milk., Variety of milk is offered every day for breakfast and lunch.

Mon Steak fingers, Popcorn Chicken Roll Corn, Mashed Potatoes Salad Cup Blueberries, Sliced Pears **Tues** Chicken Alfredo, Chicken Fried Steak Sandwich Salad Cup Strawberry Applesauce, Orange Weds Hamburger or Cheeseburger French Fries Apple, Mixed Fruit Thurs Cheese Quesadilla, Beef Tamale Black Beans Bell Pepper Strips, Carrots, Salad Cup Apple Slices, Pineapple Chunks

Fri Baked Potato w/ Pulled Pork, Chili or Hot Dog, Chili Tots Salad Cup Banana, Watermelon Craisin This menu is sponsored by ...

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namon Granola Pouch Fruit Cup Thurs FUNfetti Mini Pancakes, Fruit Cup Fri Trix, Cereal, Chatsnax, Bananas

LUNCH: Everyday - Variety of milk. Your choice of 1 entree & 1 fruit or juice Mon Chicken Spaghetti, Hot Dog, Mixed Fruit, Green Beans, Sweet Potato Tots, Baby Carrots Tues Breaded Chicken Sandwich, Meatball Sub Sandwich, Apple, Corn, Steamed Peas Weds Chicken Nuggets, Soft Beef Taco, Brown Rice, Mixed Fruit, Refried Beans, Steamed Carrots Thurs Buffalo Chicken Sandwich, Spaghetti w/ Meatsauce, Honey Wheat Breadstick, Oranges, Corn,

Mixed Veggies Fri Cheese Pizza, Sunbutter & Jelly Sandwich, Pepperoni Pizza, Smile Fries, String Cheese Stick, Peaches GRADES 5TH - 8TH BREAKFAST: Everyday - Assorted Fruits and Cereal, Juice, White or Chocolate Milk, Yogurt w/Granola

Mon Bacon, Lucky Charms, Biscuit, Oranges Tues Cinnamon Toast w/ Oatmeal, Cocoa Puffs, Red Apple Slices Weds Pig in a Blanket, Strawberry Yogurt, Honey 'n Oats Granola, Bananas **Thurs** Breakfast Bites (mini pancake with sausage), French Toast Sticks, Oranges Fri Breakfast Pizza, Cinnamon Roll, Peaches LUNCH: Everyday: Variety of milk, Your choice of 1 entree & 1 fruit or juice, rolls, crackers • Salad bar offered daily

Mon Fish Sticks, Meatball Sub Sandwich, Popcorn Chicken Wrap, Whole Wheat Roll, Pears Diced, Potato Medley, Steamed Peas

Tues Bean and Cheese Burrito, Cheeseburger, Chicken Spaghetti, Bananas, Crinkle Fries Weds Frito Chili Pie, Hot Dog, Orange Chicken & Rice, Oranges, Pinto beans Thurs Chicken and Waffles, Mini Corn Dogs, Tater Tot Casserole, Whole Wheat Roll,

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Diced Potatoes Weds Pig in a Blanket Strawberry Yogurt Honey 'n Oats Granola, Bananas Thurs Breakfast Bites (mini pancake with sausage), French Toast Sticks, Oranges Fri Breakfast Pizza, Cinnamon Roll, Peaches

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# Lady Pines loaded with talent for 2024

#### **RICK MAUCH**

Special to the Tri-County Reporter

When the Springtown Lady Porcupines reach the playoffs, they advance. With 10 postseason appearances since 2012, they have reached at least the second round in each season, with third-round appearances in 2012, 2022 and 2023, and a fourth-round appearance in 2013.

And there's every reason they will return to the playoffs and advance this season. First-year Lady Pines head coach Abigail Zipoy inherited a team that returns

six starters and a host of overall returning talent as Springtown looks to build on last season's 24-20 record. The Lady Pines finished second in District 8-4A with an 8-3 record and reached the third round of the playoffs before being eliminated by Stephenville for a fourth straight year.

"It's clear that Springtown volleyball is a promising place. The level of competition in our district is high, pushing us to elevate our game and embrace every challenge," Zipoy said. "Our players are demonstrating

incredible dedication and resilience, working hard to improve their game and build strong team chemistry.'

Back as starters are:

Defensive specialist Aeriel Jackson, senior: District 8-4A Setter of the Year, 39 aces, 287 digs, 325 receipts

Outside hitter Libby Tedder, sophomore: 8-4A Newcomer of the Year, 373 kills, 39 blocks, 16 aces, 203 digs, 205 receptions Libero Brooklynn

Quintanilla, junior: First-team All-District 8-4A, 51 aces, 413

digs, 584 receptions Setter Ryleigh Strickland,

sophomore: Second-team All-District 8-4A, 186 assists

Setter Kallie Conway, junior: Second-team All-District 8-4A, 29 aces, 301 digs, 555

Right side hitter Kelbie Druxman, senior: Honorable mention All-District 8-4A, 69 receptions

Key reserves back from last season include junior setter Bailey Walker (151 digs, 360 assists), junior middle blocker Natalia Del Valle and senior middle blocker Corinne Hall (33 blocks).

The Lady Pines will compete in District 7-4A, which includes all the teams from 8-4A last season, with the addition of Burkburnett (20-18, 6-2, second in last season's 7-4A, bi-district in 2023) and first-year program Eagle

The league also features preseason No. 9 in the state and defending district champion Decatur (23-17, 10-0, third round), Krum (29-14. 7-4, third, third round), Lake Worth (16-32, 4-6, fourth, bi-district), Bridgeport (9-27, 2-8, fifth) and Castleberry (1-29, 0-10, sixth).

"Our district has some incredibly competitive teams,

which will make each match both challenging and exciting," Zipoy said. "Our girls are committed and working hard to improve their game and create unity within our team. We're looking forward to an exciting season.

"We have asked the girls in our program to do things they have never done before and day by day they are buying more into the process and adjusting to things as necessary. Overall, Springtown volleyball is in a strong position, and I'm confident that the hard work and commitment of our athletes will lead to success.'

# Going back to school? Check out these transportation safety tips

#### **STAFF REPORT**

The American Red Cross offers this checklist parents can follow to help make sure their students are safe as they return to the classroom.

For younger kids or those who are going to school for the first time, teach them:

Their phone number, address, how to get in touch with their parents at work, how to get in touch with another trusted adult and how to dial 911.

· Not to talk to strangers or accept rides from someone they don't know.

For kids who walk to school, teach them to:

· Walk on the sidewalk. If no has come to a complete stop sidewalk is available, walk facing traffic.

· Stop and look left, right and left again to see if cars are coming.

· Cross the street at the corner, obey traffic signals and stay in the crosswalk.

· Never run out into the street or cross between parked cars.

For students who ride the bus to school, teach them to:

· Get to their bus stop early and stand away from the curb while waiting for the bus to arrive.

· Board the bus only after it

and the driver or attendant has instructed them to get on. And only board their bus, never an alternate one.

· Stay in clear view of the bus driver and never walk behind the bus.

For kids who bike to school, teach them to:

· Always wear a helmet. · Ride on the right in the same direction traffic is

going. For parents who drive their children to school, teach the kids to always wear a seat belt. Younger children should use car seats or booster seats until the lap-shoulder belt

fits properly (typically for children ages 8-12 and over 4 feet, 9 inches), and ride in the back seat until they are at least 13 years old.

For teenagers driving to school, make sure they:

· Use seat belts.

· Don't use their cell phone to text or make calls and avoid eating or drinking while driving.

Families aren't the only ones who have to navigate school traffic. Now that school has started, all drivers should remember to:

· Slow down.

· Yellow flashing lights indicate the bus is getting

ready to stop, so slow down and be prepared to stop. Red flashing lights and an extended stop sign indicate the bus is stopped and children are getting on or off.

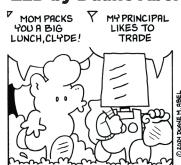
· Motorists must stop when they are behind a bus, meeting the bus or approaching an intersection where a bus has stopped.

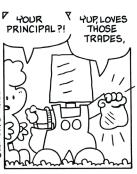
· Motorists following or traveling alongside a school bus must also stop until the red lights have stopped flashing, the stop arm is withdrawn and all children have reached safety. This includes two and four-lane highways.

· If physical barriers such as grassy medians, guide rails or concrete median barriers separate oncoming traffic from the bus, motorists in the opposing lanes may proceed without stopping. Do not proceed until all the children have reached a place of safety.

Students who have cell phones can download the free Red Cross First Aid and Emergency apps to give them access to first aid tips for common emergencies and real-time weather alerts. Find the apps in smartphone app stores by searching for the American Red Cross or going to redcross.org/apps.

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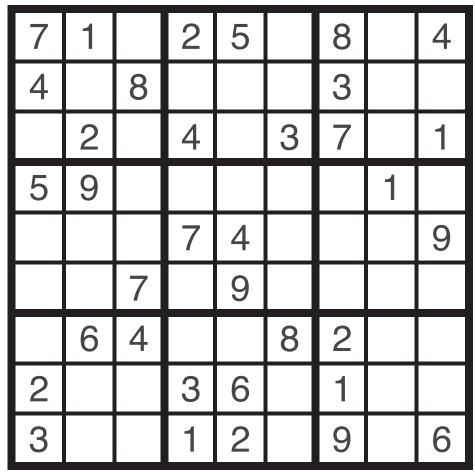








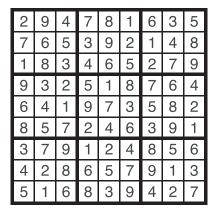
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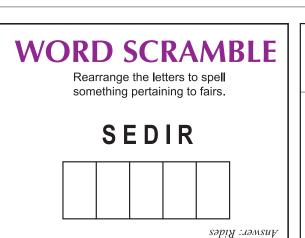


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# Solution to last week's puzzle

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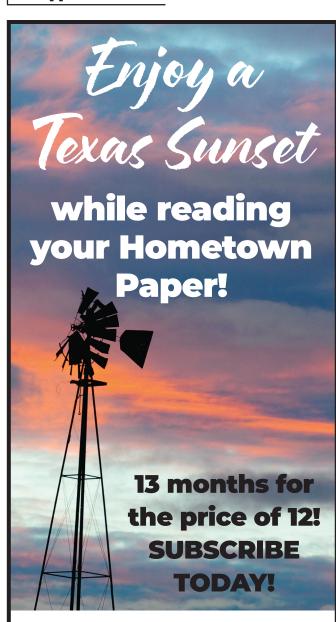
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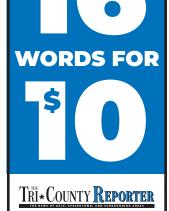
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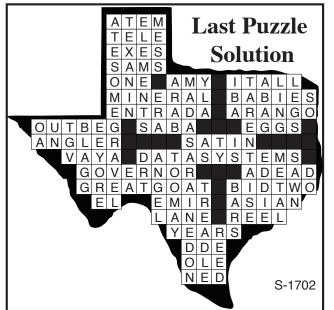
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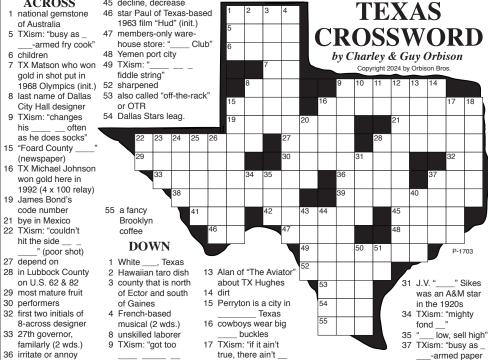




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