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JOHN ENGLISH | TRI-COUNTY REPORTER Dr. Rose Mary Neshyba, Lake Worth ISD Superintendent

Lake Worth **ISD focuses on** reading this year

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Special to the Tri-County Reporter

The first day of school for the Lake Worth ISD is Aug. 13, and superintendent Rose Mary Neshyba said there is a district-wide focus on reading this year.

"We're continuing our theme of 'literacy, literacy, literacy,'" Neshyba said. "We've done several things. Three years ago, we outfitted a Winnebago that we converted to a bus that has hit all of our apartment complexes this summer and given out books. What we're trying to do is get books in our students' hands. We want them to practice reading. We want to instill a love of reading, so that's our thing.'

As of June 28, the book bus had made 76 stops and had distributed 1,959 books, but it did not end there.

Neshyba said the district recently started a new program to promote read-

They roll out the carpet and set bean bags out so students during the first half of the football game can go down and get a book.

"We started it three seasons ago and we were targeting our pre-K through fifth grade students. We ended up having middle school students show up and saying, 'Can you get some books for us?""

In addition to literacy, the district's leadership team has found a creative way to address a current financial strain.

"With the budget deficit, one of the things we decided to do was tighten up through attrition," Neshyba said. "We've cut personnel down to the bone. We've cut it down so that we only have one social worker per campus. It's not ideal, but we're trying to keep our money in the classrooms. So, through attrition, when someone leaves, we try to see if we could divide those job responsibilities out and have other people take them on, so as things evolve, we're tightening things up as we go."

Springtown's first private Christian school grows, looks toward future



MADELYN EDWARDS I TRI-COUNTY REPORTER Four-year-old twins Elliot and Edison Reed smile for a picture with Hilltop Family Christian Academy pre-kindergarten teacher Janet Heil on the first day of school.

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SPRINGTOWN — Hilltop Family Christian Academy's enrollment has more than doubled in just its second year of existence.

Last year, the academy kicked off its inaugural school year with six students. Farlier this month Head of School Judy Workman said the academy has 17 students four pre-kindergartners, nine kindergartners and four in first through third grades — and more could enroll at any time. The growth

Head of school talks about education at Hilltop, possibility of vouchers

isn't a bad thing, but moving forward. Workman wants to make sure the academy retains its values of order, peace, respect as well as honoring and utilizing God's

Another part of Hilltop Family Christian Academy's core beliefs is ensuring small class sizes with a maximum of 12 kids per class.

"That's a hard-and-fast rule," Workman said. "If we were going to grow out, like more first graders than 12, then we'd have to have two classes."

to have more than 12 kids is a big relief to them and to the parents, too, because they know that their child is going to get more attention that way," Workman said.

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Prior to Hilltop, Workman served as an educator for 21 years and worked in Boyd, Bridgeport and Springtown. When she was young, she said the only career options

ing that has proven quite successful.

"I think that's a positive in terms of what we're trying to do," Neshyba said. "But we also bring the library bus to our home football games.

Even with the budget cuts,

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word in instruction, while welcoming more students.

"I think that's the key there, is that you can grow," Workman said. "You just have to make sure you're intentional about how you communicate your culture."

Limiting class sizes is important for teachers because "realizing they're not going

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Vehicle crashes into local tractor dealership

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LAKE WORTH — An elderly man crashed his vehicle into the front of a local tractor business on Jacksboro Highway.

On Aug. 21 at 11 a.m., a man in his early 80s drove a white Chevrolet Suburban into the front of E&E Equipment, which is in unincorporated Tarrant County at 11601 Jacksboro Highway. The business owner, Mark Ellenbarger, was inside the building with a couple who drove a long way to come to his business when the crash occurred.

Ellenbarger called 911 immediately following the crash. Thankfully, not one



JOLEE SKINNER | TRI-COUNTY REPORTER PLEASE SEE CRASH | A3 A white Chevrolet Suburban crashed into E & E Equipment Wednesday morning, Aug. 21.

Recent AHS grad dies in accident

Joshua White mourned by community, loved ones

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AZLE — Joshua White, a 2024 Azle High School graduate, died Monday morning, Aug. 19, following a car accident. While in high school, White competed on the wrestling team. He and his father, Brian, were also dedicated members of Genesis Jiu Jitsu in Azle.

White worked at Creekside Grill in Azle. In a Facebook post, the restaurant said,



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Joshua White in his AHS graduation photo.

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Azle officer awarded by MADD

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AZLE — During an Aug. 19 Azle City Council meeting, Officer Marco Gallardo of the Azle Police Department was presented with the **Distinguished Enforcement** Hero Award by representatives from Mothers Against Drunk Driving, Texas. Emma Dugas, MADD state program manager, and Shay Harris, MADD program specialist, presented the award to Gallardo for apprehending 41 intoxicated drivers in 2023.

In a public statement from the APD, Gallardo was recognized for leading the department with the highest number of DWI arrests.

"(This) esteemed recognition is reserved for officers who have demonstrated exceptional dedication to DWI enforcement," a Facebook post reads. "We are so proud of his continued efforts and dedication to removing

impaired drivers from our roadways."

In one notable instance, Gallardo was responsible for the investigation that led to Azle resident Donald Read's 60-years prison sentence. Last year, Read was arrested Aug. 25 for his sixth — at least – DWI in the city. The effective life sentence for the 64-yearold came down in March 2024.

In a phone call to the Tri-County Reporter, Read's ex-wife said she was grateful for his arrest, that she felt Donald Read had gotten away with bad behavior for most of his life and that he had been a danger to their family.

MADD seeks to prevent intoxicated driving and to support those impacted by it through advocacy, victim assistance, and a variety of partnerships with other organizations and governmental bodies throughout the country. Learn more about MADD by visiting *madd.org/*.

This Saturday, Aug. 24, the

APD and departments around the country will be participating in "Saturation Saturday." Each year, MADD designates the Saturday before Labor Day weekend as Saturation Saturday, a day to team up with law enforcement departments nationwide to amplify the message that if you choose to drive impaired, you will get caught.

A recent analysis by Laborde Earles Injury Lawyers leveraged data from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration spanning the years 2017 to 2021 and found Texas roadways are some of the most impacted by drunk driving. The study found Texas had the highest percentages of drivers exceeding the legal blood alcohol concentration or BAC limits based on reported fatal drunk driving incidents. More than four of every 10 Texas drivers involved in a fatal crash had a BAC of more than 0.08 g/dL. Over



COURTESY APD

(L-R): Azle Officer Marco Gallardo stands in front of the Azle City Council with Emma Dugas and Shay Harris.

the five-year period that was measured, 11,185 of 27,392

drivers (40.83%) involved in fatal accidents were over the

limit, while 7,682 (28.04%) surpassed 0.15 g/dL.



JOLEE SKINNER | TRI-COUNTY REPORTER The Rev. DeWayne Adams receiving his certificate from Lake Worth Mayor Walter Bowen.

July 1 proclaimed 'Father DeWayne Adams Day' in Lake Worth

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LAKE WORTH — Lake Worth City Council proclaimed that July 1, 2024, will be known as Father DeWayne Adams day in the city.

On Aug. 20, Lake Worth city council honored the priest at St. Anne's Church, the Rev. DeWayne Adams, for his dedicated service to the community.

Father Adams thanked the city council and said being in

"Thank you very much for this wonderful honor," Adams said. "And I want to say that coming to this community is something that I didn't dream of, but it's becoming a dream come true."

Mayor Walter Bowen responded to Adams and said he had come to the best place. Mayor Bowen gave some history about St. Anne's Church. In Oct. 1947, 28 Episcopalians gathered to start a new mission in North

Lake Worth has been a dream. Fort Worth. The members first met at places like the Rockwood Golf Course Club House and at Oakwood Cemetery.

The Episcopal group, which already had over 250 members, eventually purchased its 4-acre property at 6055 Azle Avenue and St. Anne's held its first worship service Sept. 12, 1965, in its new building.

Adams was the interim priest before being titled as St. Anne's official church priest.





right: Kelli Yeats, Lauren Reynolds, Cori Randolph, Katy McIntyre, Laura Stewart, Tricia Hurst. Kelly York, Juli Formane, and Margaret Cantu. Not pictured: Monai Owens, Lauren Osborne, and Diane Fairchild.

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 5TH - 1 PM UNTIL 6 PM

Salon Galleria, located at 601 W. Main Street in Azle, is excited to announce our 20th anniversary of doing business and beautifying the community!

We appreciate all of the ladies past and present that have made Salon Galleria so successful! In celebration, we will offer champagne and wine Thursday September 5th between 1 pm and 6 pm. Everybody is welcome to enjoy some refreshments and meet some of the great talent we have to offer.

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A legend comes to life

This past weekend I had the pleasure of traveling to Tarleton State University and witnessing the unveiling of a 13.5 foot tall, 3,500-pound bronze manifestation of the Tarleton State mascot, the Texas Rider. This sculpture is a welcome addition to Memorial Stadium and was created by my friend and Granbury artist Mike Tabor.

Tabor styled the sculpture with a classic look. The rider sports a vintage haircut, neck rag and hat creased in a 1950s style. His hat is held in one hand flung high in the air, and the face is serious, but not scowling. Clearly, the mascot looks like he "came to play." Mike has been quoted with saying, "I hope people feel something special when they look at it. It was special for me, the first representation of the Tarleton Texan in human-like form; it's very meaningful."

Make no mistake, this was quite an unveiling. The event took place before the very first national telecast of a Tarleton football game and



FROM MY FRONT PORCH By Sam Houston

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the dignitaries included Tex- children and grandchildren. as A&M System Chancellor John Sharp, board of regents Chairman Bill Mahomes, regents John Bellinger and Jay Graham, Dr. A Dwain, and David and Lynda Mayfield. The Mayfields and their Bar M Bar Ranch provided the funding for the artwork.

My friend and the president of Tarleton, Dr. James Hurley and his staff did an admirable job of keeping the overflow crowd in check and the program moving quickly in the 100-degree heat. There were alumni, students, faculty members, former "Texas Riders," cheerleaders and supporters of Tarleton in all shapes and sizes, all present to catch a glance of history.

What I enjoyed most about the activities was watching Mike's family, especially his

I have no way to estimate how many "selfies" will be taken of Mike's statute over the next 100 years, but I venture few if any students or visitors will pass by without taking out their camera and capturing this magnificent piece of art and adding it to their memory book. How cool is it for the generations of Mike's family to know he has sculpted his way to become an integral part of the very history of one of our great Texas universities. For an artist, it cannot get much better than that.

My wife taught school with Mike for several years — so many that she refers to him as her "work husband." It is through their close relationship that I met Mike and his wife Suzy and have seen our

PHOTO COURTESY TARLETON STATE UNIVERSITY

Mike Tabor, his wife Suzy and their family at the unveiling of the "Texas Rider" statute at Tarleton State University on Saturday August 24th.

friendship blossom. I was so pleased to see Mike receive the recognition he deserves, but at the same time, maintaining his good natured, self-deprecating demeanor throughout the event. It was clear to everyone present that to Mike, his work reflects upon the world in a

way much greater than himself; it reflects all the good things about Tarleton University and what it stands for. What more could an artist hope to accomplish?

Congratulations to Tarleton University and to its alumni, students and faculty! You now have a landmark that will forever stamp Tarleton onto the hearts of many. Good job Mike! I am proud of you as I can be.

Thought for the day: The best thing about art is that the people who create it live forever.

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

Doing Small Things in a Great Way

Few topics have more resources available than parenting. Additionally, friends, parents, grandparents, uncles, aunts and even strangers offer advice, whether solicited or not, on the topic. Despite the unending help all around us, many new parents are still left feeling stressed and unprepared to be the best parents possible for their children. Why is this?

There are many possible reasons and combinations of reasons, but one that seems to surface nearly all the time is the fact that each child is unique, so a "one-size-fitsall" approach to parenting simply doesn't work. It may also be daunting to realize you are completely responsible for a highly dependent (at first) human being! Psychologist Penelope Leach wisely quipped, "First babies have the often-unenviable task of turning people into



HOPE MATTERS

By David Shaffer

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6, Moses instructed the late to him and to others is people of Israel to teach their to be done first by example sons (and daughters) "diliand second through a holistic gently," which was to include approach, which includes a talking about the words of variety of methods (mind-God, using reminders that ful of children's uniqueness), are unmistakable and writing incorporating everyday life them down so that they may situations. Henry Ford, founder of the be readily seen. In describing when to do this, Moses said

Ford Motor Company, said, "Nothing is particularly hard if vou break it down into small jobs." Clearly, parenting is difficult, and having a parenting plan is important. Still, taking one step at a time (small jobs of parenting) helps reduce how overwhelming the responsibility may seem. Martin Luther King Jr. added this applicable bit of

wisdom: "If I cannot do great things, I can do small things in a great way.'

As we raised our children, nonstop real-life situations afforded amazing occasions to discuss topics, act in kindness and address cultural issues. Age-appropriate training was always taking place (most of which were not obviously spiritual), creating an atmosphere of learning.

I call this type of parenting an apprenticeship model with parents of faith not only training their children in the ways of the Lord but working through everyday life situations with love and empathy, approaching topics from a biblical perspective. The growing children are then given increased responsibilities as they mature. Ideally, they will be able to carry on the faith and pass on this hope to others (cf. 2 Timothy 2:2). The apprenticeship model of parenting is certainly not limited only to people of faith ter was born Aug. 20 of this

but may be adapted to fit almost all families.

While I fully embraced this parenting model, I made plenty of mistakes along the way. Sometimes I was too limited in my training; other times, I stepped in too quickly and thwarted a learning opportunity. Fortunately, I had the benefit of wise counsel from my wife, Daniele, in such situations. She has been and remains an incredible partner and example to me of an "all-in" parent, loving with all her heart and not taking easier paths when they would shortchange our kids. I noticed how nothing was wasted. Even my mistakes allowed me to model transparency and my dependence upon the Lord, often requiring my asking for forgiveness from our sons.

Today our sons are both married, and we have three amazing granddaughters.

year to our youngest son, Jonathan, and his wife, Olivia.

I am sure many grandparents would agree that a deeply enriching joy in life is to see your children love and care for their children. Daniele and I feel deeply blessed to see this so beautifully happen with our sons and their wives.

The cycle of life continues. Every funeral I officiate seems to include at some point the cry of a baby. The late Fred Rogers, host of Mister Roger's Neighborhood on PBS, said, "Grandparents can be very special resources. Just being close to them reassures a child, without words, about change and continuity, about what went before and what will come after."

Not everyone will be parents or grandparents, but we all can share in the awesome responsibility of passing on to the next generation what we value most in the context of our love and support.

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house, when you walk any-

The biblical philosophy

of parenting is that God has

given believing parents the

primary responsibility for

the spiritual nurture of their

and when you get up.

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Our newest granddaugh

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"his kindness and dedication touched us all, and his presence will be deeply missed by everyone at our restaurant." White's funeral was at

CRASH FROM PAGE A1

person was seriously injured. including the driver.

Ellenbarger said his secretary was sitting at the front desk and saw the crash in its entirety. He said the crash was so loud, he compared it to a spaceship crashing.

According to Ellenbarger, the elderly man was coming

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1 p.m. Friday, Aug. 23, at First Baptist Church in Azle. Creekside Grill closed for business during the funeral and interment in honor of White and to allow staff to attend services. White was buried at Ash Creek Cemetery following the funeral. He and his family have

reportedly attended Trinity Bible Church in Willow Park for many years. Fellow church-member Jennifer Dubeansky has rallied community-members to cook meals and buy gift cards for the White family through www.mealtrain.com/ trains/774mq2.

into the tractor dealership to get some parts for his lawnmower when he lost control of the vehicle.

Some of Ellenbarger's employees were on their lunch break when the crash happened but saw everything that happened.

First responders from Azle and Fort Worth arrived on the scene shortly after the crash. A sheriff's deputy also responded to the crash scene.

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Ellenbarger said the damage was significant, but he and his employees were able to get the wall the man crashed into boarded up within hours after the crash. The owner said he was worried at first about possible theft with all the damage but was comforted with everything being boarded up so sturdily.

Springtown recognizes International Overdose Awareness Day



MADELYN EDWARDS | TRI-COUNTY REPORTER

Springtown Mayor Greg Hood presents a proclamation for Aug. 31, 2024 to be named International Overdose Awareness Day to Jessica Castro, co-founder of Springtown overdose awareness group We ARE Our Brother's Keeper. Hood made his proclamation at the city council meeting Aug. 22.

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Woman sentenced to 50 years for intoxicated driving, drug possession in Azle

STAFF REPORT

AZLE — A Fort Worth woman who had a rollover auto accident in Azle with three children in the vehicle —along with various drugs and alcohol — pleaded guilty and was sentenced by a judge to 50 years in prison in a trial that concluded Thursday, Aug. 22, in Weatherford.

In July, Hanna Springstead, 29, pleaded guilty to felony charges of driving while intoxicated with a child passenger, possession of 125 grams of methamphetamine and 34 grams of psilocin with intent to deliver, and possession of 15 fentanyl pills and less than a gram of MDMA. She elected to have 43rd District Court Judge Craig Towson assess her punishment.

After hearing two days

of testimony, on Thursday, Towson gave Springstead two 50-year prison sentences for the possession with intent to deliver charge, 10 years for the fentanyl possession charge, 10 years and a \$10,000 fine for the DWI with a child passenger, and two years in a state jail for the MDMA possession.

"This was a very serious offense involving a verified drug dealer that could have resulted in the deaths of three young children," District Attorney Jeff Swain said. "Miraculously, no one suffered serious injuries in the accident. Judge Towson's sentence reflects the danger posed to our community by this defendant's intoxicated driving and drug dealing. That is especially true for

the fentanyl, which has been causing so many fatal overdoses in our county in recent years.'

During the trial, Azle police officers testified about the single vehicle rollover accident they responded to on State Highway 199 in the early morning hours of Jan. 6, 2023. Officers described finding Springstead outside a 2008 Chevrolet Impala, which was resting on its side, while three small children remained inside the vehicle.

"The three kids were all in car seats, but none of the seats was attached to the car," said Assistant District Attorney Mallory Vincent, who tried the case with Assistant District Attorney Ryan Whyte. "APD officers had to use a glass punch to

get into the car through the rear windshield to rescue the children. When one officer emerged from the vehicle, he had a baggie with fentanyl pills entangled on his pistol. At least after the accident, these pills must have been where they would have been accessible to the three kids, who range from 8 months to 5 years old."

As officers investigated the car further, they found a partially consumed bottle of Fireball whiskey, a backpack, glass jar, a cookie tin, and a bag, all of which had multiple drug exhibits inside. They also found \$873 in cash and a notebook that catalogued a multitude of drug transactions, according to a Parker County Sheriff's Office Special Crimes Unit narcotics

investigator who testified. "From what we found, it appeared that Ms. Springstead was a significant drug dealer

in the Azle area," Whyte said. A toxicology report from the Tarrant County Medical Examiner's Office admit ted during the trial showed Springstead had methamphetamine and tetrahydrocannabinol in her system as well as a blood alcohol concentration of 0.05.

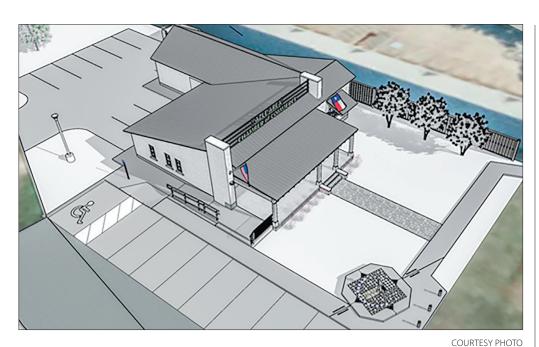
"Under Texas law, the legal limit for alcohol concentration is 0.08, so Ms. Springstead was under that," Swain said. "However, she combined that with meth and THC, which combined to cause a pretty significant level of intoxication."

Springstead will be eligible for parole when her



A mugshot of Springstead from an April booking.

actual time served plus her good time credit equals 12.5 years, Swain said. "After that point, the decision on whether or not to release her is within the discretion of the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles."



An overhead rendering of the proposed Azle Area Chamber of Commerce office.

Join the SISD Citizens' **Facilities Advisory Committee**

SHANE STRICKLAND

Dear Porcupine Family, We are seeking community members to join the SISD Citizens' Facilities Advisory Committee to help our district plan for the future. This committee is charged with: · Representing the entire community in the facility planning process.

· Honoring the district's history, traditions and values. \cdot Assisting the district in assessing and prioritizing current and long-term facility needs, including: · District enrollment, capac-

ity and campus utilization

· Building age, safety and

- equity
- · Evolving educational deliv-

ery and programs · Considering the educational needs of all students and aligning recommendations with the district's mission, vision and goals.

· Considering the district's current financial position and funding methods to develop a fiscally sound recommendation.

The committee will report its findings to the Springtown ISD board of trustees, including recommendations on how to meet the district's needs through future bond programs.

If you are interested in joining, please fill out the form at the following link: bit.ly/ SISDadvisorycommitteeform

We encourage those interested to contribute their insights and expertise. Your participation will help shape the future of our district.

Thank you for your continued support.

Shane Strickland Superintendent of Schools Springtown ISD

Azle chamber nears quarter million in funds raised for office

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AZLE — During this month's Azle Area Chamber of Commerce meeting,

year, it would soon need its own dedicated space in Azle. During the March 2024 luncheon, chamber leaders unveiled plans and renderings for such a development. The groundbreaker, beginning at \$5,000, followed by pace setter at \$10,000. For \$25,000, sponsors will be given the developer title. The next sponsorship level is vision-



Director Jennifer Herrington announced the organization has raised \$222,901 of the \$950,000 needed to build its new office space on Main Street. This is an increase of \$7,451 from July's luncheon.

The chamber welcomes new businesses to the community, facilitates interactions between different business owners and public officials and has a stated goal of making Azle a better community. Since the AACOC's founding in 1959, it has had offices in several locations across the city, but it has never owned an office building.

Currently, the chamber meets at the 404 Main Place event venue. With membership approaching 400, the chamber board decided. last W. Main St., at Main Street's intersection with Locust Street.

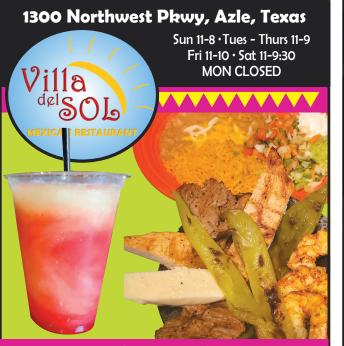
The proposed land is just a little larger than two-fifths of an acre. The building will be 2.400 square feet with an additional 685 feet in porches. The spot will feature a human sundial on the Tarrant-Parker County line. This interactive feature will allow people to stand in the middle of the sundial and tell what time it is based on their shadow.

As part of its fundraising efforts, the AACOC announced that sponsors of the project will be permanently recognized on a wall of honor in the office. The initial sponsorship level is promoter, which begins at \$2,500. The next sponsorship level is

building will be located at 256 ary at \$50,000 and the highest sponsorship level, legacy partner, starts at \$100,000.

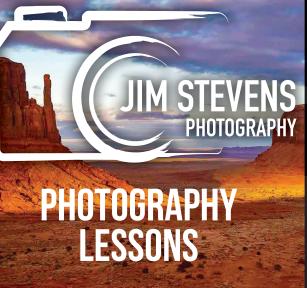
The chamber also hopes to sell personalized engravings for the 200 standard bricks and 100 large bricks that will pave the walkway leading up to the building. The standard engraved walkway brick is available for \$300 and the large walkway brick, which is twice as large, costs \$500.

To contact the AACOC, call 817-444-1112, email info@ azlechamber.com, or visit 404 W. Main St., Suite 102 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays. The office closes an hour earlv on Fridavs. More information about the chamber can be found at www.azlechamber.com/home.



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Azle Council raises tax rate, approves FY 2024-25 budget

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AZLE — Like many surrounding communities, residents of the City of Azle will pay more in taxes during the next fiscal year.

In a special council meeting, members of Azle City Council approved the annual budget, ratified a tax rate increase, and established water and sewer base rates for the City of Azle fiscal year starting Oct. 1.

All council members except by 12.75% from the cur-Stacy Peek were present for the brief meeting held in City Hall's community room

Aug. 26. Ordinance No. 2024-21 was adopted, which will increase the property tax rate rent rate of \$0.5688744 to \$0.6140869.

The increase in property tax revenue in the budget is \$1,529,327. The property tax revenue to be raised from new property added

to the tax roll this year is \$424,709.

City Manager Tom Muir cited rising costs in providing city services to explain this year's higher tax rate. The water and sewer base rates for FY 2024-25 reflect

no increase over the FY 2023-24 base rates. In addition, there were no changes to the consumption rates for Azle water and sewer customers.

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available to her were to be a teacher or nurse. Luckily, education suited her fine.

"I love to teach math, and I love taking a student from where they are to where we need to be to learn that concept," Workman said. "Even when my kids were young, I tutored a lot of kids.'

Workman thought she had finished her career at Springtown Elementary School as a math specialist. She had heard of Hilltop Family Christian Academy, which was created by Springtown's Hilltop Family Church and is located on the church's campus, but she didn't think about working there until she received a call from a higher power.

"I retired for a year at (Springtown Elementary School), and then, literally, I was driving down the road, down (Farm-to-Market Road) 51 past here, and the Lord said, 'You need to go over there and apply," she said. "And I was like, really? I'm retired."

Workman applied to be a

teacher at Hilltop, but she didn't expect to be offered the head of school role. The school was originally headed up by the church's former Kids Minister Rebekka Harper, but Harper and her husband took an opportunity to move to another state last year. In light of Harper's imminent departure by December, Workman was asked to fill the head-ofschool role.

"The board wanted to hire one head of school for the whole year, and so I had applied to teach, but I put admin on there, too," Workman said. "I have a principal certification and a master's in curriculum. And so, they called me back and said, 'Do you want to be head of school?' And I was like, 'Oh, wow, I didn't know about that.""

Workman took the job and started just days before school started last year. She said Harper worked with her until she moved. Workman also taught math last year and is teaching this year, too, unless she finds someone else to be the first through third grade teacher. She thought being head of school would mean she would have to deal with a lot of discipline, but that wasn't a big

issue. In fact, she likes being able to turn arguments between kids into teachable moments.

"If the kids get cross with each other, we're just applying scripture to it," she said. "We talked about kindness and what it means to be a friend, and Jesus wants you to be a good friend. So that makes it really cool to get to see the kids grow in their knowledge of the Bible and what God's word does for them.'

Workman also said the school's staff wants to work with parents to address a child's discipline or emotional needs at home and in the classroom.

"The one thing I tell parents is that we want to partner with you," she said. "If there's a behavior that your child is doing at home, and you want us to help you by getting with you and making a plan on what we're going to do if we see that behavior and what you're going to do so that child is supported to do the right thing all day long and all night long."

That communication with parents last year is part of what made Hilltop Family Christian Academy's inaugural school year a success,

Workman said. In addition, the kids excelled last year academically and participated in a lot of fun activities. This vear. Workman wants to see Hilltop's students become strong readers and develop basic ideas about how numbers work together.

Several different jobs are included under Workman's head-of-school title. including marketing, budgeting, purchasing supplies, managing a website and training teachers, tasks that would likely be done by multiple people at other schools. She credited Hilltop's school board and the church's congregation for being supportive of her work and the school as a whole.

"We have an Amazon wish list, and every time I share with them, they are so good to go out there and buy the things on the wish list,' she said about the church community.

In the future, Workman said she wants to see the school grow at "the right pace" and continue to provide support for teachers to

do their jobs. Ultimately, the plan is for the school to extend through high school in the coming years.

At least part of Hilltop Family Christian Academy's future depends on whether the Texas Legislature approves a private school voucher program, which could bring in more growth for Hilltop. Last year, Texas Gov. Greg Abbott prioritized the establishment of a voucher program in the regular legislative session as well as in the special sessions, but such a bill never made it to his desk for signing. The state's voucher program would have established education savings accounts where families would receive thousands of dollars for private school tuition as well as other private educationrelated expenses. Another legislative session is coming next year, and this time, Texas lawmakers with provoucher stances may be able to send a bill establishing such a program to the governor's desk.

Workman believes a voucher program may allow Hilltop's accreditation process to speed up. She said accreditation usually takes three to five years to com-

plete, but with vouchers, the school may be able to get accredited by next fall. Hilltop Family Christian Academy is a member of Oral Roberts University Educational Fellowship, which makes the school eligible to apply for accreditation through the International Christian Accrediting Association. Through these organizations and their oversight, Workman said there is a foundational accreditation program that quickens the process to help private schools get accreditation and take advantage of voucher programs. If the legislature votes for vouchers, the academy could start its accreditation process at that time.

"They saw that they needed to pivot and make a program where newer schools could get accredited and be a part of that voucher plan, whatever that looks like," she said.

Like all things related to the Legislature, time will tell what is decided and how it will affect schools like Hilltop.

To learn more about Hilltop Family Christian Academy, visit its website at hilltopfca.com online.



"One exciting thing is to hear a student read for the first time, where they're really putting it together and reading," Workman said.

MADELYN EDWARDS | TRI-COUNTY REPORTER Hilltop Family Christian Academy's staff includes kindergarten teacher Amy Davidson, Head of School Judy Workman and pre-kindergarten teacher Janet Heil.

Amanda Davidson smiles with her pre-kindergartener Elijah before heading into Hilltop Family Christian Academy.



Scotty Farson

1980-2024

OBITUARIES

Stephen Duane Barto Sr. 1948-2024

Stephen Duane Barto Sr., age 76, passed away Monday, Aug. 12, 2024. Stephen was a coach, father and friend to all. He was born June 7, 1948, in Fort Worth, to the late Eugene and Bettye (Seyster) Barto.

A memorial service was at 4 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 24, in Biggers Funeral Chapel.

Stephen married the love of his life, Lajuana Barto, and together they had two children. He ran his family-owned business which was started over 50 years ago. Besides his business, Stephen enjoyed golfing, old cars, working around his place, helping others, church but most importantly, he loved his family. He had a beautiful granddaughter, Sloane, that he loved being with. Stephen was a man of God, attending the Church of Azle. He will be missed by all that knew and loved him.

Stephen was preceded in death by his parents and his



wife, Lajuana Barto. He is survived by his son, Stephen Barto Jr.; daughter Natalie Barto; granddaughter, Sloane Barto: brother. Roger Barto; sisters, Glenda Curry and Becky Nevoit; brother-inlaw, Johnny Foster; sisters-inlaw, Joe Foster, Polly Jordan and Colo Foster; and lots of nieces, nephews and cousins.

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Scotty Farson of Azle passed away suddenly Aug. 21. He had the biggest heart and made an impact on everyone he met. He will be greatly missed. Some things he always said were: "A horse is a horse, of course, of course," and "Why ask why? Try bud dry." I can still hear him saying them. We don't have plans for a memorial currently due to funds.

He is survived by his mom, Linda Ramey; brothers, Eric and wife Sabrina, and David; one niece and two nephews, all of Azle; an aunt and uncle of Watauga; one uncle, an aunt and cousins from



Washington and Tennessee.

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Jimmy David Jeter Sr. 1938-2024

Jimmy David Jeter Sr., 85, a loving father and grandad, passed away peacefully, Sunday, June 30, 2024, at home, surrounded by those that love him. He was born Dec. 21, 1938, in Fort Worth to Oran David and Ruby Lois (Bales) Jeter. They both were there to welcome him home, along with his wife of 62 years, Linda June (Skidmore) Jeter and a great-granddaughter, Logyn Jeter.

Oaks and graduated from Northside High in 1957. He was a man of many talents. Jimmy enjoyed playing sports and excelled in baseball and tennis. Later in life he enjoyed snow skiing and golfing with his son. He was a builder and helped with the building of the Aztec Saddle Club.

Left to cherish fond memories are his children. Jimmv "Bo" Jeter Jr and wife, Paula,

and Jodie Beall and husband, Jerry; grandchildren, J'son (Brooke), Jacob (Amy), Janna (Joey), Jerad (Chloe) and Jordan (Ridglea); great grandchildren, Reese, Thomas, Holyn, Beckett, Paisley, Parker, Audrie, Caison and Braxton. A memorial service was held July 3 at Ash Creek Baptist Church in Azle.

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Shonna Sue Fulkerson 1963-2024

Shonna was a lively spirit that could light up a room when she entered it. She never met a stranger and shared her kindness with all. She was loved by many and had a loving heart for everyone. Shonna's biggest accomplishment in life was her family. She loved to share stories about being an identical twin, stories of growing up with her older siblings in New Mexico, stories of her life, and her favorite always being her sons. She is preceded in death by her son Joshua Lee Angell; father Jimmie Fulkerson; Mother Jaquitta "Jo" (Fulkerson) Sons: brother Jimmie Duane Fulkerson; and her love Joshua Barnhill. She is survived by sons Clavton Barnhill, his wife Shelby Barnhill and their children; Benjamin Barnhill, his wife Montana Barnhill, and



Death of infant under investigation

STAFF REPORT

AZLE — The Wise County Sherriff's Office is investigating the death of a 6-week-old baby after she was brought to Texas Health Harris Methodist Hospital Azle Monday, Aug. 19.

The infant was identified as Ayelen Judith Tzi Sub, born July 10, by the Tarrant County Medical Examiner's Office. The baby's cause of death is listed as pending on the medical examiner's website.

In a statement to WFAA, Wise County Sheriff Lane Akin said the baby's parents earlier in the day took her to Texas Health Azle because she wasn't feeling well and had a rash. The baby was ex-

amined, and the family was sent home, Akin said.

Later that day, the baby began to have trouble breathing, so her parents took her back to the emergency room. The baby then "turned blue," Akin said, and was rushed to Cook Children's Medical Center in Fort Worth, where she died. The baby and her parents lived together at a home in Boyd, near Briar. The WCSO has reportedly obtained a search warrant for the home but did not respond to a request for comment from the Tri-County Reporter by press deadline. Likewise, a representative from Texas Health did not responded to a request for comment.

Auction yard owner pulls rezoning proposal

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AZLE — After being denied by the Azle Planning and Zoning Commission at an Aug. 15 meeting, Doug Bryan of Bryan Heavy Equipment Inc. has retracted his request to rezone the property at 331 Southeast Parkway to a planned development district. Bryan had desired to make Azle his company's new headquarters with the creation of a heavy equipment and transportation auction site just a stone's throw from Main Street.

After a public hearing where residents from abut-

ting Dusk Avenue voiced their concerns, the P&Z voted 5-to-1 to not recommend Bryan's proposal to the city council. He was scheduled to speak with the council, who would make any final decisions on the matter at a Sept. 17 meeting. Sometime late last week, Bryan pulled his proposal instead. City Manager Tom Muir said that, as far as he knows, Bryan still plans to buy the property next to Ash Creek Park, but he does not yet know for what purpose. Located in a flood plain, Muir remarked it would be difficult to build much more than a parking lot as it currently stands.

Pansy Ruth Hill 1933-2024

Pansy Ruth Hill went home to be with her Lord and Savior Aug. 25, 2024, after a short stay in Texas Health Harris Methodist Hospital in Fort Worth.

A visitation will begin at 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 31, at Kimbrough-Jacobs Funeral Home followed by a funeral service at 11 a.m. Burial will follow at Oakwood Cemetery.

Pansy was born June 3, 1933, in Dothan. She was the daughter of Irven Pippen and Ouida Richardson Pippen. She grew up in Cisco. She was happily married to Morris Ray Hill for 27 years.

She was cherished by her family and friends, and she will be missed. She loved to go fishing, work in the garden and go to church. She attended Ash Creek Baptist while living in Azle. She taught each one of her grandsons to fish, shoot shotguns and drive



she lived and had a good sense of humor.

Pansy is survived by her sisters Lynne Sander and Pat Pippen; three children: Perry Hill, Jennifer Hill Campbell and Jody Hill; four grandsons: Jeremy Campbell, Jonathan Daniel Hill, Benjamin Ross Hill and Joel Hill; and three greatgrandchildren: Bradlev Campbell, Audrie Campbell

Jimmy grew up in River



her old pickup. She loved the outdoors. She worked for the State of Texas for 25 years. She made friends everywhere

and Rebecca Hill.

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their child; sister Sandy Bell and her husband Greg Bell; brother Lindell Fulkerson and his wife Angie Fulkerson; identical twin sister Donna Fulkerson Todd and her husband Terry Todd; and numerous nieces and nephews in New Mexico.

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Individuals recognized at school year's first board meeting

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At its first board of trustees meeting since the start of classes, Azle ISD recognized several notable individuals for their achievements and the benefit they have had on the school district. Principal Shelley Newton was recognized by the board for her school, Eagle Heights Elementary, being named an Educational Results Partnership 2023 Honor Roll School.

"Only 12% of eligible schools in the state of Texas were recognized by the Educational Results Partnership Honor Roll (which is) sponsored by the Campaign for Business and Education Excellence and is presented with the Texas Business Leadership Council," Azle ISD Communications Director Amanda Moore said. "The goal of the honor roll is to recognize high-performingachievement-gap-closing in schools nationwide. Schools that received the ERP Honor Roll distinction have demonstrated consistently high levels of student achievement improvement and achievement levels over time and a reduction in achievement gaps among student populations."

Career and Technical Education Director Suzanne Murr also recognized Nick Webb, Local 178 apprenticeship director, International Union of Operating Engineers and AHS teacher Jarrett Cotton for all they've done to implement the Crane Operator CTE program in Azle ISD. Webb married an Azle grad, and his children attend Azle schools. He has

been assisting in the district's new crane operator program since last year. Webb provided much of the equipment, cranes and the \$150,000 simulator necessary for classes. Murr hopes to have students receive their commercial driver's license through the program as early as Christmas. For no cost, Webb has come to the campus and taught the class as well as arranged field trips and summer apprenticeship opportunities for the students. Webb's desire to help Azle students get a head start into lucrative prospective careers comes from a genuine love for the community.

"Nick came to us, and he said, 'we need people in this career, and I think I can do it," Murr recalled. "I said, 'well, gosh, Nick your business office is about a rock's throw from Eagle Mountain-Saginaw Career Center and they've got just what you need.' (Webb responded) 'I don't want to go to Eagle Mountain. I want to come to Azle.' Because of Nick and Mr. Cotton working with him, we created an unbelievable program."

Azle reporter Zach Freeman of the Tri-County Reporter was also recognized by the district for being named to the 2024 Texas Association of School Boards Media Honor Roll.

"Criteria for this election includes media representatives' efforts to get to know the superintendent, board president and the district's mission and goals, record school news in a fair and accurate, balanced manner, give a high profile to the positive news about schools, visit schools and maintain a policy of no surprises by sharing information with school officials," Moore said.



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(L-R): Azle ISD CTE Director Suzanne Murr with AHS teacher Jarrett Cotton and Nick Webb of the International Union of Operating Engineers.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE

A tax rate of \$0.550000 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of Town of Lakeside.

PROPOSED TAX RATE
NO-NEW REVENUE TAX RATE
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE

\$0.550000 per \$100 \$0.462496 per \$100 \$0.550853 per \$100

The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the 2024 tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax revenue for Town of Lakeside from the same properties in both the 2023 tax year and the 2024 tax year.

The voter-approval rate is the highest tax rate that Town of Lakeside may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate.



(L-R): Superintendent Todd Smith stands next Tri-County Reporter Zach Freeman.

LEGAL PUBLIC NOTICES

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 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 22n? and 29??, 2024

PUBLIC NOTICE:

City of Reno, Texas Public Hearing on Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Pursuant to Texas Local Government Code section 102.006 and Sec. 26.052 of the Texas Tax Code, the City of Reno City Council hereby gives notice that it will hold a Public Hearing and consider action on the Proposed Budget for the fiscal year 2024-2025. The Public Hearing will be conducted during a special meeting to be held on Monday, September 9??, 2024, at 7:00 pm at the Reno City Hall, 195 West Reno Road, Azle, Texas 76020. This budget will raise more revenue from property taxes than last year's budget by \$697,407.47 which is a 62.82% increase. The property tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year is \$90,136.61.A copy of the proposed budget is available for public viewing at the above City Hall address or by contacting the City Secretary at 903-785-6581.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of Ronald David Fisher, Deceased Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Administration for the Estate of Ronald David Fisher, Deceased, were issued on August 21, 2024, in Cause No. 24P183, pending in the County Court of Parker County, Texas, to: Wendy Lee Fisher, Independent Administrator. Claims may be mailed in care of the Estate as follows: Wendy Lee Fisher, Independent Administrator c/o Jennifer S. Ruelas, Attorney Ruelas Andino Law, PLLC 1020 Fort Worth Highway, Ste. 500 Weatherford, Texas 76086 All persons having claims against said Estate, which is currently being administered, are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. Dated this 22nd day of August 2024. Respectfully submitted, By: /s/ Jennifer S. Ruelas Jennifer S. Ruelas State Bar No. 24106374 Ruelas Andino Law, PLLC 1020 Fort Worth Highway, Suite 500 Weatherford, Texas 76086 Tel: (817) 609-8935 Fax: (817) 550-6020 jennifer@ruelasandinolaw.com Attorney for Wendy Lee Fisher



The proposed tax rate is greater than the no-new-revenue tax rate. This means that Town of Lakeside is proposing to increase property taxes for the 2024 tax year.

A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WILL BE HELD ON September 12, 2024 AT 6:30 AT 9830 Confederate Park Rd.

The proposed tax rate is not greater than the voter-approval tax rate. As a result, Town of Lakeside is not required to hold an election at which voters may accept or reject the proposed tax rate. However, you may express your support for or opposition to the proposed tax rate by contacting the members of the Town of Lakeside of Town of Lakeside at their offices or by attending the public hearing mentioned above.

YOUR TAXES OWED UNDER ANY OF THE RATES MENTIONED ABOVE CAN BE CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS:

Property tax amount= (tax rate) x (taxable value of your property)/100

FOR the proposal: Chris Ayers Carmen Neu

Chris AyersKathy LivingstonCarmen NeuwirthAmy RobinsonRona Gouyton

AGAINST the proposal: PRESENT and not voting: ABSENT:

Patrick Jacob

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

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

The following table compares the taxes imposed on the average residence homestead by Town of Lakeside last year to the taxes proposed to be imposed on the average residence homestead by Town of Lakeside this year.

	2023	2024	Change
Total Tax Rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.493500	\$0.550000	increase of 0.056500 per \$100, or 11.45%
Average homestead taxable value	\$250,000	\$250,000	increase of 0.00%
Tax on average homestead	\$1,233.75	\$1,375.00	increase of 141.25, or 11.45%
Total tax levy on all properties	\$1,075,121	\$1,276,228	increase of 201,107, or 18.71%

For assistance with tax calculations, please contact the tax assessor for Town of Lakeside at 817-230-4181 or ncraven@lakesidetexas.us, or visit www.lakesidetexas.us for more information.

Springtown Council raises property tax rate

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SPRINGTOWN — Springtown City Council unanimously approved raising the city's tax rate by about 4 cents last week.

Earlier this month, city staff briefed the council on an unexpected issue with the state's Truth in Taxation calculation process stemming from the council's decision in 2022 to approve a tax freeze for homesteaders who are 65 or older and/or disabled. Qualifying for the freeze means the amount of property tax a person pays to the city of Springtown will not increase for the rest of the time they own that house. For the city, this results in a loss in revenue that must be made up by nonqualifying taxpayers. Instead of showing that loss, the state's calculations incorrectly removed \$58 million from the tax roll.

Therefore, the comptroller's form called for a higher than usual no-new-revenue rate and voter-approval rate, though these labels don't accurately describe the values the rates represent. The socalled no-new-revenue rate of 50.6589 cents per \$100 valuation would produce more revenue than the current year, and the voter-approval tax rate of 56.5615 cents per \$100 valuation was above the usual threshold for triggering an election.

Ultimately, the council adopted the no-new-revenue rate for the new fiscal year, which is more than the 2023-24 rate of 46.6087 cents per \$100 valuation, at its Aug. 22 meeting. Springtown Assistant City Administrator Christina Derr confirmed that the impact on the average taxpayer, which is described as owning a home with about a \$238,000 taxable value, will see their tax bills go up by about \$96.

The last time the rate was increased was for tax year 2017 and the 2017-18 budget, Derr said. City Administrator David Miller started his job in Springtown around that time and said the tax rate used to be about 62 cents per \$100, and the city council has been able to lower it over time while providing "better, more

efficient services than ever in the past."

Rate hasn't increased since about 2017

Miller specified that neither city staff nor the council is responsible for proposing a higher tax rate, but it is a result of the way Texas' tax law is written.

"It's odd; it's weird; it is the most convoluted Truth in Taxation thing I've ever seen," Miller said during the Aug. 22 meeting. "But the reality of it is that is your notto-exceed amount."

This issue with the state's tax law is only expected to have an impact this year. Next year, the values of the properties that qualify for the freeze will return to the tax roll at a lesser rate, and that may put Springtown in a position to lower the tax rate next year, Miller said.

"We're not trying to raise the tax rate because we need more money," he said during the meeting. "Financially, we're very strong. The tax rate is being raised because the comptroller gave us no other option on how to figure the formula. ... Rest assured

that next year, those will roll back into the tax roll, and we'll reevaluate it next year."

The higher rate allows for the city to pay cash for some purchases — like a police patrol vehicle, two trucks for the public works department, a Kubota tractor with a Batwing mower and side-arm, and an additional animal control vehicle — as opposed to financing them.

"If you finance any of that, you're looking at an interest rate anywhere from 5-7%," Miller said. "If you choose to finance it, we will bid it out; we will get the best interest rate we can get. But the reality is, now is not a good time to be financing anything." SPRINGTOWN'S 2024-25

BUDGET INCLUDES: · 5% cost-of-living pay raise for city employees;

 \cdot 5% increase on utility rates;

• About \$90,000 for park improvements;

A new mower; A monument sign for the

public library;

• Creation of a citizens academy for residents to learn how the city operates;

• Equipment for a special response team that will allow police to respond to active shooter and hostage situations;

• A UTV for administration and police to use during special events;

• A full-time court clerk;

A utility technician;

• Two new groundskeepers for the park;

• A full-time kennel technician;

• And two part-time librarians.

Miller told the council the theme for this year's budget cycle is "honoring the past, treasuring the present and shaping the future." The city administrator interpreted this mantra as providing services to residents now, planning to capitalize on future growth and never forgetting Springtown's history and identity.

"One of the things I hear all the time from citizens is, 'We're growing so much (that) we're going to lose sight of who we are,'" Miller said. "We don't want to lose sight of who we are, and we will never try to lose sight of who we are. We are Springtown, Texas. We always have been. We always will be. Does it look differently than it did 10 years ago, 15 years ago, 30 years ago? Yes. What's the benefit to that? You're getting better streets; you're getting better services. It all fits hand-in-hand."

Miller and some council members praised the hard work of Springtown employees to assemble the budget.

"We've had workshops; the city staff has put in many hours, so what y'all see up here is a result of lots and lots and lots of time spent." Mayor Pro Tem Ted Martinez said during the meeting. "We have been through every question imaginable, I think we have, so what we've got proposed is a culmination of a lot of work. We're all citizens here (referring to the council). every single one of us, and so we've got a big stake in this also." "We'll pay the same amount," council member Michele Chandler Kelley added.

Along with the tax rate, the council unanimously adopted the budget for the new fiscal year.

Reno residents debate proposed one-home-per-acre ordinance

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RENO — An ordinance to solidify Reno's one-homeper-acre rule is still in limbo after last week's city council meeting.

Reno City Council held a public hearing regarding an ordinance that would "(provide) for one unit per acre for (Single Family Residential-1) zoning districts." Passing the rule is expected to close loopholes and contradictions within the city's ordinances.

This topic has been discussed by the council before in the past few years and seems to die in the municipal process instead of being enacted. Recently, the council sent the draft ordinance to the Planning and Zoning Commission for a public hearing and a vote. However, P&Z did not discuss

City council takes no action until comprehensive plan is amended

the proposed rule; Reno P&Z Chairperson Justin Williams said it would be against the law to discuss the ordinance because it doesn't adhere to the city's comprehensive plan. Williams cited Texas Local Government Code Section 211.004 that states, "Zoning regulations must be adopted in accordance with a comprehensive plan."

Reno's zoning ordinance that is detailed in the comprehensive plan on its website allows for no more than four units per acre in Single Family Residential-1 districts. Meanwhile, Single Family Residential District-Estate's density is no more than one home per acre, and Single Family Residential District-2 permits four to six units per acre. In practice, lots in Reno have to be one acre or more to account for septic systems since the city doesn't have a public sewer system. If a developer wanted to bring in smaller housing lots, they would have to make a plan to install sewer lines.

At the Aug. 19 meeting, the council heard from residents on both sides of the issue those who want the housing density that one-homeper-acre provides and those who think the city should be capitalizing on higher density subdivisions.

The council discussed this topic further in closed session. When they came back into the public meeting, the council members took no action on the proposed ordinance.

"The city council needs to amend the city comprehensive plan," Mayor Hector Bas Jr. said after coming back from executive session. "The comprehensive plan must be reviewed by the Planning and Zoning Commission before being considered by the city council."

The people who spoke in favor of the one-homeper-acre rule justified their opinion based on the quality of life they have in Reno wanting to maintain a more rural atmosphere, living at a slower pace and having room to spread out and raise livestock.

"I like being able to sit out at night and watch the owls fly over," resident Meredith Hull said during the meeting. "I didn't get to do that in Fort Worth. ... Keep in mind, those of us that are out here are out here by choice. We are here because we wanted to be here."

Those who favored the proposed ordinance also said increasing density would put more pressure on infrastructure in the city, like the school, the roads, the police and fire departments and the water system.

"We can't keep up with what we got," resident Ted Lyon said during the meeting. "We're on (water) restrictions now in proof. Streets are already behind on street maintenance. That's without these new developments, which is going to increase the traffic flow if we go to quarter and eighth acre lots."

On the opposing side, resident Jesse LaForest said he likes bigger lots, but he doesn't think they are feasible considering the city's budget and water infrastructure issues. He also said bigger lots mean more water used for irrigation.

"There's going to have to be some hard decisions that need to be made," LaForest said during the meeting. "(There) has to be planning. We can't stick our head in the ground and say, 'Oh, the infrastructure. It'll get better by one acre lots.' It's not going to get better; it's going to be worse."

Resident Kim White echoed LaForest's statements by saying that while larger lots may be more popular, they are unfeasible and unrealistic.

"Your answer is not disincorporation. Your answer is not one acre lots," White said during the meeting. "Your answer is controlled and managed growth."

Tarrant County issues burn ban for unincorporated areas

STAFF REPORT

The Tarrant County Commissioners Court approved an outdoor burning ban Tuesday, Aug. 20 for unincorporated Tarrant County. With this order, there will be no outdoor burning permitted without the approval of the Tarrant County Fire Marshal's Office for the next 90 days, excluding cooking, welding and the use of fire pits for social gatherings. The severe drought conditions in unincorporated areas of Tarrant County have prompted the Tarrant County

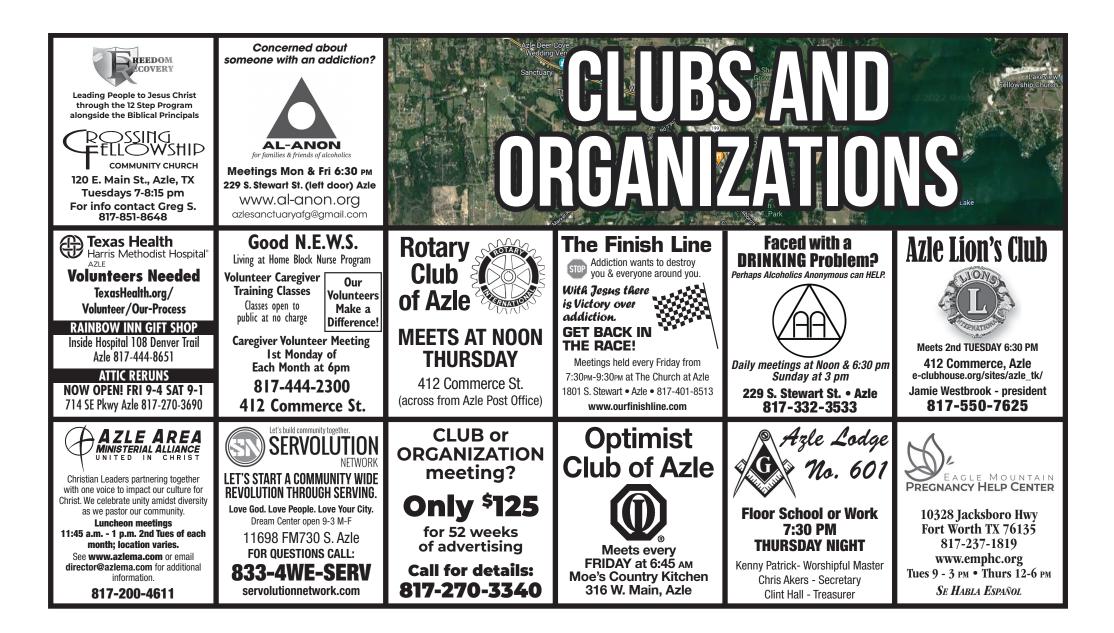
Fire Marshal to request the ban on outdoor burning to protect the lives and properties of Tarrant County residents. The Texas A&M Forest Service supports the request for an outdoor burning ban. A violation of the court order prohibiting outdoor burning is a Class C Misdemeanor with a fine up to \$500.

For residents in rural areas, Interim Fire Marshal David Butler recommends keeping a perimeter of approximately 30 feet mowed around homes and outbuildings to prevent a fire from reaching those

nor structures.

Residents should also remove unwanted combustible debris and vegetation away from their homes and be sure to keep water hoses accessible in the event a small fire starts. For information on outdoor cooking, the use of firepits and outdoor welding guidelines, go to www.tarrantcountytx.gov/burnban.

"We encourage all Tarrant County residents to take these precautions and be safe during this time of extreme drought conditions," Butler said.



Lake Worth ISD recognizes teachers who received Teacher Incentive Allotment

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LAKE WORTH - On Aug. 19, the Lake Worth Independent School District board of trustees recognized and thanked eight teachers who received the Teacher Incentive Allotment. Six of the recipients work at Effie Morris Early Learning Academy, including Mia West, Rebekah May, Cindy Duncan, Ava Castillo-Cantu, Karey Bennett and Kinsey Teague.

Kathryn Fairman, who works at Marine Creek Leadership Academy, and Mindy Massey, who works at Howry STEAM Academy, round out the eight recipients.

Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning Jeff Seeton said Lake Worth ISD is proud of the teachers and is honored to have them as part

of the Bullfrog family. "Our district is incredibly proud of the dedicated teachers who were recognized at the August board meeting with the Teacher Incentive Allotment," Secton said. "Their commitment to excellence in education directly results in meaningful growth for our students and their impact on our students' lives is truly commendable. This recognition is a testament to their hard work and passion for teaching and we are honored to have them as part of our Lake Worth ISD Bullfrog family."

The Teacher Incentive Allotment is a program built to reward teachers in Texas for their effectiveness in the classroom.

The goal is to also recruit and retain effective teachers by providing additional funds to a teacher's salary



(L-R): Mia West, Rebekah May, Cindy Duncan, Ava Castillo-Cantu, Karey Bennett, Kathryn Fairman, Mindy Massey and Kinsey Teague.

based on their performance as a teacher. This initiative was created by the Texas Legislature in 2019.

To receive Teacher Incentive Allotment, a teacher must be designated to be recognized by the Texas

Education Agency. Once they are designated, they can receive an annual allotment for their school district based on

where the teacher works if they meet eligibility requirements by TEA.

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the Lake Worth superintendent said her staff has done an excellent job of hiring necessary personnel.

"We're nearly complete on all of our staffing except our special ed teaching positions," Neshyba said. "I've talked to several people, and we are looking for teachers who are special ed certified. That's what we're still working on. We will be having a briefing for new teachers so that when they come to new teacher orientation, they can hit the ground running.'

For Neshyba, the Special Education Department is a personal project.

"I'm an old special ed director," Neshyba said. "So, when it comes to special ed teachers, it's really important to me that we get people who not only know the content, but also understand students with special needs. Teaching is a calling, and special ed is a real calling."

The district is also especially accommodating to new ment across the district to als, implementing a program that helps get transfer students acclimated to the Lake Worth ISD curriculum as quickly and seamlessly as possible. "One of the things we're going to do is that when a student moves into the district, we'll have an on-boarding system so that we can assess where they are and what they bring with them." Neshyba said. "Parents can meet with the school ad-

ministrators so that we can start that relationship with the family and provide them with the resources they need so they don't have to spend days or weeks trying to figure out where we are on the instructional end."

Neshyba said the most important issue the district has addressed in recent years, perhaps, is one that remains a focus this coming school vear.

"I just met with teachers, and I have to say, one of the things I'm really pleased with is the consistency on things we did last year with our curriculum," Neshyba said. "There were some really good vibes there. I think the consistent curriculum we are rolling out to teachers is a positive. I'm very pleased with how we got it in place last year, and we are going to take it up a little this year. Everyone is on the same page and the language and expectations are the same across the district.

"The other part of it is through our admin, our leadership team, we continue to look at systems improvesee how we do things and how we can do them better." The coming school year is not without its challenges, as the cost of electricity is up 19%, according to the LWISD chief financial officer, and insurance costs have also increased.

public school, you have to come to school every day," Neshyba said. "It's not like daycare where you can pick and choose the days you want to come. So, attendance is important. And then as you move into the upper grades, sometimes I'm not sure if everyone appreciates how intense our lessons can be. If you miss a day, you miss building blocks. It's critical that our kids are here. You can't teach them if they are not here. And of course, the money we generate for the schools is based on daily attendance, so we need the kids here every single day."

Overall, Neshyba is optimistic heading into 2024-25, as she has heard positive feedback from parents and students.

"What I have found is that most of our parents like the fact that it is a small school setting," Neshyba said. "We have a culture of accepting everyone who walks through our doors. We have 23 different languages spoken in the district. We had 38 families move in the school year before last, and no one spoke any English. I have to say that our director of bilingual education and our teachers embraced those families. "So, what I see is that we have a diverse group of students, and we're very accepting and tolerant of those who are different. The teachers and students are welcoming everyone who comes through the door. I think that's a huge positive."

TxDOT is teaming up with law enforcement to prevent drunk driving

STAFF REPORTS

AUSTIN - The reckless act of drinking and driving could change your life forever, but it only takes a few minutes to find a sober ride.

As law enforcement increases its presence on Texas roadways leading up to Labor Day, drivers can save their own lives and the lives of others by finding a rideshare, transit or other safe ride.

While many people enjoyed an extra day off during the Labor Day weekend last year, 14 Texas families and communities mourned the loss of a loved one. In 2023, there were 334 DUI-alcohol related traffic crashes in our state over the Labor Day holiday weekend, resulting in 14 fatalities and 35 serious injuries. The Texas Department of Transportation wants to prevent these crashes and save lives by encouraging drivers to make the right choice this Labor Day holiday weekend and beyond. Beyond the possibility of taking a life — including your own — driving

One person is killed every eight hours in alcohol-related traffic crashes in Texas

impaired and getting a DWI can result in time-consuming legal hassles and fines and fees up to \$17,000.

TxDOT is launching the "Drive Sober. No Regrets" campaign to remind motorists about the dangers of drunk driving. In partnership with local law enforcement, the campaign urges Texans to always make the right choice and get a sober ride home or face the consequences.

At the center of the campaign is Analicia Zarate of Edinburg, who was just 4 years old when she and her

"Every drunk driving fatality is preventable, plain and simple," said TxDOT **Executive Director Marc** Williams. "If you plan to celebrate Labor Day by drinking, make sure you arrange a sober ride using a rideshare, taxi, public transit or a designated driver.

TxDOT is working with law enforcement agencies across the state as they boost efforts to identify and arrest drunk drivers through the Labor Day holiday.

"Drive Sober. No Regrets" s a key component of #EndTheStreakTX, a broader social media and word-ofmouth effort that encourages drivers to make safer choices while behind the wheel to help end the streak of daily deaths. Nov. 7, 2000, was the last deathless day on Texas roadways.

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Neshyba said there is one other critical issue, which is often overlooked.

"I don't think that some parents realize that when you enroll a student in a



mom were headed home from church Nov. 12, 2000. A drunk driver ran a stop sign and hit their car, killing her mom (Nereida Flores Garza) instantly. Due to Analicia's own injuries from the crash, she wasn't able to attend her mom's funeral.



Azle Scout earns highest honors

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AZLE — Eagle Scout is the highest rank attainable in Scouts BSA and only 6% of Scouts have been recognized with this honor since the program's inception. Azle High School senior William Kisner,

17, joined the highest echelons of scouting in an Aug. 19 honors ceremony.

"I'm extremely proud of him," father and troop leader Tom Kisner said. "If anybody thinks it's been easier for him than other Scouts, it's the opposite. I'm probably harder on him than I am any of the

other Scouts." Kisner started as a Tiger

Cub Scout in 2013 and became a Boy Scout in 2018. He earned 36 merit badges total, 15 more than the required 21 for Eagle Scout. He was also elected to the Order of the Arrow, a BSA honor society, and completed the ordeal in



JIM STEVENS | TRI-COUNTY REPORTER (L-R): Marie Kisner and Tom Kisner pose for a photo with their son, William Kisner, at an honor ceremony Aug. 19.



COURTESY TOM KISNER

(L-R): Mayor Alan Brundrett, William Kisner holding the mayor's proclamation, and Superintendent Todd Smith at the honors ceremony.

July 2020. Kisner has camped 90 nights and has done 131 hours of community service, his father said.

Along with earning at least 21 merit badges, Eagle Scouts must demonstrate "Scout Spirit," an ideal attitude based upon the Scout Oath and Law, service and leadership. This includes an extensive service project that the Scout plans, organizes, leads and manages. Kisner's

Eagle Project was enhancing the nature trail behind Azle High School. The nature trail itself was a previous Eagle Scout project by Keaton Schlueter in 2011. Kisner added a pavestone walkway, a shelter and three disk golf goals so the area can be used by the AHS Outdoor Adventures Class.

After the ceremony, Azle Independent School District Superintendent Todd

Smith and Azle Mayor Alan Brundrett met with Kisner to congratulate him. The mayor also presented Kisner with a proclamation declaring Aug. 19, William Kisner Day in the City of Azle.

At the ceremony, Benjamin Spence, Jude Shew and Alex Maqueda were also recognized as First Class Rank, Star Scout Rank and Star Scout Rank, respectively.

Lake Worth ISD votes to not approve new **Tarrant Appraisal District plan**

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LAKE WORTH — Lake Worth Independent School District board of trustees approved a resolution to oppose the new Tarrant Appraisal District 2025-2026 reappraisal plan during an Aug. 19 meeting.

The TAD board approved

a reappraisal plan that will freeze property values in Tarrant County in 2025. Then, after 2025, it will switch to a two-year appraisal schedule. Lake Worth ISD and other school districts in Tarrant County receive funding based upon property values. The TAD board met Aug. 9 and gave the green light for this new reappraisal plan.

LWISD Chief Financial Officer Trent Dowd said many school districts are concerned about the TAD reappraisal plan.

"All of the ISDs in Tarrant County are extremely concerned about this," Dowd said. "We are very concerned about our local values." Dowd explained to the board that the new plan

encouraged all residents,

in a press release, to take

time of extreme drought

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safety measures during this

would significantly drop local funding for the school district. He said the Tax Code states if enough taxing entities in Tarrant County oppose this plan, TAD will have to reconfigure the reappraisal plan.

"All we're asking is that they work with us to find a plan that benefits both taxpayers without seriously harming

school districts," Dowd said.

Lake Worth ISD Board President Armando Velaquez asked Dowd how school districts have been received by TAD and if there has been an openness to have discussions with citizens. Dowd replied that there has been a mixed review on how school districts are being received. The board was also pre-

sented with another resolution from Dowd that would disapprove the Tarrant Appraisal District 2025 budget. This resolution was similar to the previous one, except it focused on the TAD's 2025 budget, which includes a 17% budget increase.

The board voted unanimously in favor of opposing TAD's 2025 budget.

Briar-Reno Fire Marshal's Office issues burn ban



MADELYN EDWARDS TRI-COUNTY REPORTER Pack 303 Cub Scouts

STAFF REPORT

RENO, PELICAN BAY, SANCTUARY — The Briar-Reno Fire Marshal announced a burn ban in effect Friday, Aug. 23. With this order, there will be no outdoor burning permitted without the approval of the Briar-Reno Fire Marshal's Office for the next 90 days. This includes welding and the use of fire pits for social gatherings.

The ban on outdoor burning applies to the city limits of Reno, Pelican Bay and Sanctuary. Residents of unincorporated Tarrant County need to follow Tarrant

County burn ban guidelines. The severe drought conditions across several counties, including Tarrant County and Parker County, have prompted the ban on outdoor burning to protect

lives and property. The Keetch-Byram Drought Index shows drought conditions for all counties in Texas.

The Texas A&M Forest Service supports the request for an outdoor burning ban.

A violation of the ban prohibiting outdoor burning is a Class C misdemeanor with a fine up to \$500.

The fire marshal's office

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Cub Scouts Pack 303 to host recruitment Pinewood Derby Sept. 3

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SPRINGTOWN -Springtown Cub Scouts Pack 303 is hosting a different version of one of its most classic events to attract new scouts to the pack.

Pack 303 is hosting a recruitment Pinewood Derby

at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 3 at the Springtown First United Methodist Church (at the corner of Main Street and Third Street) called "Run whatcha Brung.'

The Pinewood Derby is an annual event in which scouts craft miniature cars to race against their peers. Scouts returning to Pack 303 can

bring any car they have made in the past to qualify for the recruitment derby. New recruits who don't have a derby car will be able to build one to race. Ashleigh Ward, a leader in the pack, said the event is meant "to show (recruits) how exciting Scouts truly is."



watch as the cars go by on the racetrack during the Pinewood Derby in 2023.

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of a small fire.

Wild times at Azle Memorial Library

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AZLE — Over the summer, Azle kids learned all about the animals that call North Texas home. Terri McNutt, conservation educator for the Texas Wildlife Association, visited the Azle Memorial Library July 30 with a veritable menagerie of animal bones, skins and other educational artifacts.

Groups of kids ages 4-12, took turns passing materials around the room to read about and get a feel for some of the animals they might encounter in their everyday lives.

"It's very important for our younger generation to learn how to take care of what we have," McNutt said in an interview with the Tri-County Reporter. "Today, we're just learning about wildlife and the difference between wildlife and domestic animals and some of their adaptations that they have to keep them safe ... Teachers are welcome to invite us to come to your school, all of our programs are free. So, we just want to get the word out to as many people as we can, about how to take care of what we have."

McNutt has worked for the TWA for a year but was a schoolteacher at Ponder and Northwest Independent School Districts for nearly three decades.



Hilltop Elementary student Paige Maldonado, 9, poses with a raccoon-skin scarf.



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Terri McNutt winces at a comment made by an Azle student while presenting a program about North Texas animals.



McNutt shows off a bobcat skull as it rotates between the room's groups.



Kids examine a stretched-out coyote skin in the library community room.





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Football season has arrived

RICK MAUCH

Special to the Tri-County Reporter

The games count for real now. Area football teams kick off the regular season Friday, Aug. 30, with two of the three being on the road; all games start at 7 p.m.

AZLE FOOTBALL

The Hornets hit the road to Abilene to take on Cooper at Shotwell Stadium. The Hornets, who return nine offensive and five defensive starters, are looking to return to playoff contention. At Cooper, with eight offensive and nine defensive players returning, the Cougars are also looking for a return to the glory days of deep playoff taruns.

Azle offensive leaders returning from 2023: QB Derrek Vowell, 67% completion, 667 yards, six TD passing; RB Hagen Hughes, 143 carries, 747 yards, four TD.

Cooper offensive leader returning from 2023: QB Austin Cummins, 978 yards, 11 TD passing.

loss; DL Devin Wingfield, 41 tackles, sack, three tackles for loss.

Area teams kick off regular season

Cooper defensive leader returning from 2023: DL Dycin Davis, 85 tackles, six sacks.

SPRINGTOWN FOOTBALL

For the first time since 1979, Springtown and Joshua will meet on the football field when they clash in Joshua. The series, which dates to 1958, is tied at 5-5, with the Owls on a three-game win streak. However, in recent seasons the teams have been going in completely different directions. The Porcupines are regulars in the postseason dating back many years, including a 9-4 record and third-round appearance in 2023.

The Owls, meanwhile, have won a total of eight games since 2019 and are coming off a 1-9 season. Springtown returns four

offensive and five defensive starters. The Owls have eight and seven. three TD.

Joshua offensive leader returning from 2023: RB Eli Martinez, 763 yards, five TD.

Springtown defensive leaders returning from 2023: DB Chase Thompson, 102 tackles; DB Darren Sweely, 88 tackles, five for a loss, two interceptions.

Joshua defensive leader returning from 2023: LB Eryk Martinez, 91 tackles.

LAKE WORTH FOOTBALL

The Bullfrogs open the season at home against Frisco coordinator in Duncanville, helping lead the Panthers to back-to-back Class 6A Division I state championships in 2022 and 2023.

The Bullfrogs were expected to return four offensive and eight defensive starters for the season ahead. Panther Creek returns seven offensive and six defensive and is preseason ranked No. 3 in the state in 4A Division.

The Panthers are in only their third season of varsity competition and have reached the playoffs in each

Azle defensive leaders returning from 2023: DL Conner Merrill, 149 tackles, two sacks, four tackles for Springtown offensive leaders returning from 2023: WR Dylan Crutchfield, 29 catches, 268 yards; WR Braydon Butler, 22 catches, 289 yards,

Panther Creek. It will be the debut of Todd Peterman as Lake Worth head coach. He was formerly the offensive of their first two. After going 3-8 and reaching bidistrict

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Springtown football preview

RICK MAUCH

Special to the Tri-County Reporter

In a decade at the helm of the Springtown football program, Brian Hulett has not failed to lead the Porcupines to the postseason. And once there, they have found success, including 12 playoff victories in the past five seasons

The Porcupines are coming off a 9-4 season that saw them advance to the third round of the playoffs. With the exception of a bidistrict exit in 2022, Springtown reached the state semifinals

Porcupines look to extend playoff streak

in 2019, followed by quarterfinal appearances in 2020 and 2021.

While the team graduated 28 lettermen, there is still

plenty of talent to indicate the Porcupines are good bets to get back to another postseason berth.

"We have some guys back who have been there before, and some guys who haven't, but have potential. How quickly do we get this together will determine a lot for us," Hulett said. "Losing as many seniors as we did, along with who they were, leaves a void in leadership. That is some-

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Lake Worth football preview

New coach brings championship resume' to Bullfrogs

RICK MAUCH

Special to the Tri-County Reporter

The Lake Worth Bullfrogs are no strangers to the high school football playoffs. In fact, one has to go back to 2011 to find the last time Lake Worth wasn't a part of the postseason picture.

Advancing in the playoffs — that's been another matter. From 2012-2020 they were eliminated in the bidistrict round. Then came a breakthrough with back-to-back 10-3 seasons that saw the Bullfrogs advance to the third round before again being ousted in bidistrict last season, finishing 6-5.

Now at the helm is a coach who knows more than a thing or two about winning in the postseason — and the regular season, for that matter. Todd Peterman comes to Lake Worth after having been the offensive coordinator for Duncanville, which is the reigning two-time defending Class 6A Division I state champion.

During those two seasons the Panthers were 29-1, with the lone loss coming to twotime defending Class 6A Division II state champion DeSoto — who they defeated in 2022. Duncanville has been one of the most prolific offenses in the nation, outscoring its opponents 1,394-357 the past two seasons.

TALENT

Senior wide receiver/running back Anthony Johnson, who caught 20 passes for 304 yards and three touchdowns, returns on offense. He also rushed for 127 yards and an additional score.

The Frogs have plenty of re-

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Lady Hornets Volleyball

LAYTH TAYLOR | TRI-COUUNTY REPORTER The Lady Hornets played in the Granbury High School Classic Volleyball Tournament Aug. 22-24 in Granbury. The Lady Hornets took on El Dorado High School Aug. 23 and came away with the 2-0 victory for Round 1 of Day 2.

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The Wakeland Wolverines gave the Hornets a good workout in the scrimmage Aug. 22.

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Azle football preview

RICK MAUCH

Special to the Tri-County Reporter

It hasn't been that long since the Azle Hornets were a powerful force in area high school football. For four consecutive seasons from 2018-21 they won 37 games, a pair of district championships, were district runnersup twice and advanced to the second round of the playoffs three times.

The past couple of seasons, however, have seen the Hornets finish 3-7 back-toback, along with district records of 3-5 and 2-6 with consecutive sixth-place finishes.

It's understandable why optimism exists for more in 2024. The Hornets return

Hornets have talent for turnaround

plenty of talent as hope to make upward strides.

"I'm extremely excited to see what we do on the field. We return a lot of experience and our kids have really had a great off-season and summer," head coach Devon Dorris said.

Dorris has led the Hornets to seven playoff berths since coming onboard in 2010, including three seasons of 10 wins or more.

RETURNING TALENT

Dorris noted nine returning starters on offense, including junior quarterback Derrek Vowel (67% comple-

tion, 667 yards, six TD, three int.), junior running back Hagen Hughes (143 carries, 747 yards, four TD), a host of wide receiver talent with senior Garrett Bailey (five catches, 50 yards, TD), senior Cash Moore (21 catches, 249 yards) and junior Aiden Mackey (two catches. 56 vards. TD). and four experienced blockers back on the line with seniors Dylan Maines, Leavy Owens, Kasenn Thomas and D'Lathian Young. Moore, Maines and Owens

were named second-team alldistrict last season. The defense returns a host

f talant a small Cardiana

Ethan Alcala (13 tackles, sack), Conner Merrill (49 tackles, two sacks, four tackles for loss) and Devin Wingfield (41 tackles, sack, three tackles for loss) are back on the line, with senior Case Moore (30 tackles, sack, two fumble recoveries) and senior Hunter Ooten (four interceptions, four forced fumbles) back at linebacker and defensive back. Ooten also contributed on

the offense with five catches for 30 yards. Merrill garnered a second-

team all-district honor in 2023.

(12-1, third round).

Denton (4-7, bi-district), Birdville (4-6), Brewer (3-7), Azle (3-7) and Keller Fossil Ridge (3-7), which is dropping down from Class 6A.

"There are no easy games. We have three teams in our district that are ranked in the top 10 in the state in the preseason poll (Aledo No. 1, Ryan No. 2, Richland No. 7)," Dorris said. "Those three teams are backloaded on our schedule. We will play them three out of our last four games."

The Hornets host Ryan Oct. 18, host Aledo Nov. 1 and travel to Richland Nov. 8.

impact from junior defen-

sive back Riley Self, senior

linebacker Joshua Guzman,

sophomore wide receiver

Brayden Combs and fresh-

There's no other way to say

it. the Hornets are going to

have to find success in what

might just be the toughest 5A

league in the state. For start-

includes two-time defending

state champion — and state-

record 12-time overall champ

Then, there's fellow peren-

nial power Denton Ryan (8-3,

second round) and Richland

— Aledo (16-0 in 2023).

ers, District 3-5A Division I

man running back King

Stephens.

DISTRICT

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in 2022 they were 11-2 last season.

Lake Worth is seeking to extend its playoff streak to 13 straight years.

Lake Worth offensive leader from 2023: WR/RB Anthony Johnson, 20 catches, 304 yards, three TD receiving, 127 yards, TD rushing. Panther Creek offen-

sive leader from 2023: WR Cristian Trickett, 1,401 yards, 24 TD.

Lake Worth defensive leader from 2023 (stats not available): DL Chris Satcher.

Panther Creek defensive leader from 2023: ATH Seth Jackson, 132 tackles, four interceptions.

SPRINGTOWN VOLLEYBALL

The Lady Pines (13-6) competed in the Glen Rose Tournament this past weekend.

Libby Tedder received alltournament accolades for a second consecutive week. She was also honored at the Denton Ryan Tournament the previous week. Lost 2-1 to Blum Kills: Tedder 20, Addy Burtnett 10 Aces: Tedder 4

Digs: Brooklynn Quintanilla 35, Tedder 13

Assists: Bailey Walker 19, Ryleigh Strickland 18 Receptions: Tedder 23, Quintanilla 16 **Defeated Tolar 2-0** Kills: Burtnett 9, Tedder 7 Digs: Tedder 12

Assists: Kallie Conway 1 Receptions: Quintanilla 12. Defeated Waco Robinson 2-1

Kills: Tedder 13, Burtburnett 9 Blocks: Natalie Del Valle 3 Digs: Tedder 24, Quintanilla 14 Assists: Walker 19 Receptions: Quintanilla 1, Tedder 15 **Defeated Midland** Christian 2-1 Kills: Tedder 23 Digs: Quintanilla 22 Assists: Walker 22 Receptions: Tedder 22, Quintanilla 20, Aerial Jackson 16 **Defeated Lorena 2-1** Kills: Tedder 10 Aces: Ouintanilla 3 Digs: Quintanilla 15 Assists: Walker 10 Receptions: Tedder 16, Quintanilla 15 Lost 2-0 to Melissa Kills: Tedder 10 Digs: Quintanilla 9 Assists: Conway 11 **Receptions: Yantzy** Martinez 12, Quintanilla 11, Tedder 11 Lost 2-0 to West Plains Kills: Tedder 12 Aces: Conway 3, Tedder 3 Digs: Gracie Carter 9 Assists: Walker 11 Receptions: Tedder 16, Carter 9 Prior to the tournament, the Lady Pines defeated rival Azle at home 3-1 Aug. 20. Kills: Tedder 26 Aces: Quintanilla 3, Tedder 3 Digs: Quintanilla 26, Tedder 21 Assists: Conway 24, Strickland 19 Receptions: Quintanilla 33, Jackson 17 Springtown was playing in a tri-match against Godley and Ponder in Godley at press time. They are in the

Peaster Varsity Showcase this

weekend. **AZLE VOLLEYBALL**

The Lady Hornets (9-7) were in the Granbury Tournament last weekend. Lost 2-0 to Wolfforth Frenship Digs: Heather Lockridge 8, Miley Massey 7 Receptions: Jacqui McClain 10 **Defeated Stephenville** 2-1 Kills: McClain 18, Elizabeth Lund 13 Digs: Lockridge 15, Macie Baker 12 Assists: Massey 24 Receptions: Lockridge 28, Lund 15 **Defeated Burleson 2-0** Kills: McClain 10 **Digs: Lockridge 8** Assists: Massey 13 **Receptions: Lockridge 9** Lost 2-0 to Brennan Kills: McClain 5, Lund 5 Digs: Lockridge 10, Lund 10 Assists: Massey 7 Receptions: Lockridge 14, Lund 10 **Defeated Paschal 2-0** Kills: McClain 9 Digs: Lockridge 8 Assists: Massey 14

Receptions: Lockridge 12 Defeated El Paso El Dorado 2-0 Killes McClein 10

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10 Receptions: Lockridge 16,

Lund 13 Defeated Mansfield Timberview 2-0 Kills: McClain 11

Digs: McClain 5, Lund 5 Assists: Massey 15 Receptions: McClain 13 Leaders in their pre-tournament 3-1 loss to Springtown were:

Kills: McClain 25 Aces: Lund 4 Blocks: Destiny Brune 5 Digs: Lockridge 22, Lund 17 Assists: Gabby Briseno 26 Receptions: Lockridge 30, McClain 27

Azle was playing at Frisco at press time and is in the Godley Tournament this weekend.

LAKE WORTH VOLLEYBALL

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AZLE CROSS COUNTRY

The Lady Hornets finished third in the Denton Ryan Gingerbread Jamboree recently. Top Azle runners over the 5K course were Reese Jeter, seventh, 20:26.21; Audriana Montoya, 10th, 21:01.95; Yasmeen Tejeda, 18th, 21:56.72; and McKenzee Roberts, 25th, 22:16.32.

The Hornets placed fourth among the boys. Parker Huffaker led, finishing 18th in 17:37.89.

Azle will compete in the Burkburnett Jamboree on Aug. 29 and in the Lubbock Invitational Sept. 7.

SPRINGTOWN CROSS COUNTRY

The Lady Pines placed first as a team in the Nocona Relay recently. They had a combined team time of 25 minutes, 44 seconds over the 4-mile course.

The Porcupines were ninth as a team with a combined time of 36:20 over 6 miles.

Springtown is in the Boyd Yellowjacket Invitational Aug. 31.

LAKE WORTH CROSS COUNTRY

The Bullfrogs and Lady Frogs competed in the Spartan Invitational in Burleson Aug. 24.

Leading the Lady Frogs, who finished third in the 1A-4A Girls division, were Jacksiry Perez, 12th, 16:51.18; Jocelyn Gallegos, 14th, 16:52.98; and Feyli Santana, 17th, 16.78 over the 5K course.

Pacing the Bullfrogs, who were fourth among 1A-4A Boys, were Roman Mtambala, 14th, 22:06.54; Carlos Manrriquez, 15th, 22:51.96; and Charles Msenga, 21st, 23:47.57.

Next up for Lake Worth is a return trip to Burleson for the Elk Run Aug. 30.

AZLE TENNIS

The Hornets/Lady Hornets dropped a 15-4 contest to Saginaw Chisholm Trail recently. Madison Hamilton and Aspen Castaneda won their girls doubles match 6-4, 6-3.

They also won in singles, Hamilton winning 8-2 and Castaneda 9-7.

Azle was playing at Colleyville Heritage at press time before returning to District 5-5A play at home against Brewer Sept. 3 at 4 p.m.

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thing that needs to come along quickly as well."

The Porcupines return four offensive and five defensive starters, among 15 lettermen. Also, Hulett knows how to sculpt winners, as supported by his 133-62 career record over 17 seasons, including 79-44 at Springtown.

The offense returns receiver Dylan Crutchfield, who hauled in 29 receptions for 268 yards and three touch-downs. Also back to high-light the passing game is senior receiver Braydon Butler, who had 22 catches for 289 yards and three TDs.

Seniors Chase Thompson

at free safety and Darren Sweely at strong safety are back to lead the defense. Thompson was the leading tackler last season with 102 tackles, including 36 solo takedowns, while Sweely posted 88 tackles that included 32 solos and five for a loss. Sweely also intercepted a team-leading two passes.

All four players were named all-district last season, along with senior offensive/ defensive lineman James Snyder and senior tackle/center Breyden Kearby, both 6-1 and 270 pounds.

The Porcupines have plenty of talent to draw from their sub-varsity. The junior varsity was 7-3 last season and the freshmen were 9-1.

While the Porcupines have

been playoff regulars since 2012, one thing that has eluded them has been a district championship. Hulett has guided the program to six runner-up finishes in league play, including last season.

This season will again present a challenge. The Porcupines are preseason ranked No. 18 in the state by "Dave Campbell's Texas Football." However, they share District 5-4A Division I with Decatur (10-5, state semifinals in 2023), which is preseason No. 8.

The Porcupines and Eagles meet in the regular-season final Nov. 1 in Decatur. The Eagles escaped with a 23-17 thrilling win in Springtown last season.

While the Eagles and

Porcupines are the teams to beat in district, Hulett is wary of the rest of the league, which included Fort Worth schools Western Hills (5-6, bidistrict in 2023), Eastern Hills (5-5), Southwest (4-6), Carter-Riverside (4-6) and Diamond Hill-Jarvis (0-10).

Springtown's season gets underway at Class 5A Division I Joshua (1-9) Friday, Aug. 30. That is followed by hosting 4A Division II Graham (10-2), preseason No. 9 in the state, Sept. 6; traveling to perennial Class 4A Division I power Kennedale (7-4) Sept. 13; and wrapping up pre-district by hosting 4A Division II China Spring (8-4), preseason No. 11 in state.

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turning starting experience on the offensive line with seniors Eli Lopez and Michael Andrade, along with junior Nic Gonzalez.

Johnson, Lopez and Gonzalez were each firstteam honorees in 2023.

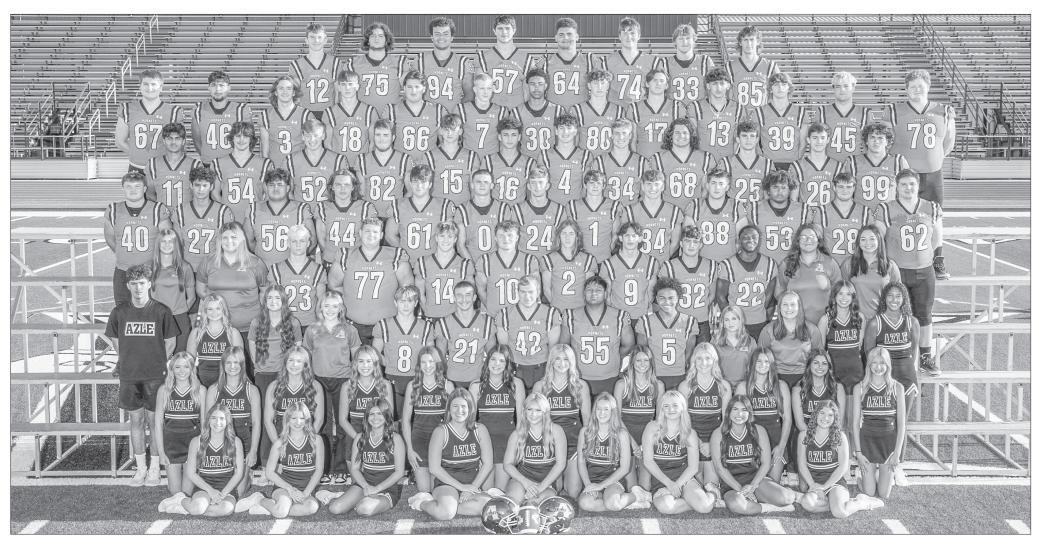
On the defensive side of the ball, junior lineman Chris Satcher returns as a starter, along with a plethora of talent in the defensive back with senior Abdala Songolo, juniors Sarcosie Kabila and Mctobia Pilot and sophomore Garion Peoples. Satcher was named second-team all-district. "We have High hopes and look forward to seeing how this season unfolds," Peterman said.

The Bullfrogs will compete in District 6-4A Division I. The league features perennial power Kennedale, which went 7-4 last season and advanced to bidistrict, along with area (second round) finalist Alvarado, which finished 7-5 and is preseason ranked No. 22 in the state.

Fort Worth Castleberry (3-7), Carrollton Ranch view (2-8) and Waxahachie Life (2-8) round out the league.

"It should be a tough and competitive district," Peterman said.

Azle vs. Frisco Wakeland



DATE	TIME	LOCATION	OPPONENT
Aug 22	7:00 PM	vs Frisco Wakeland	Hornet Stadium
Aug 30	7:00 PM	@ Abilene Cooper	Shotwell Stadium
Sep 6	7:00 PM	vs Weatherford	Hornet Stadium
Sep 20	7:00 PM	VS Denton High	Hornet Stadium
Sep 27	7:00 PM	@ Brewer	Brewer HS
Oct 4	7:00 PM	vs Birdville	Hornet Stadium
Oct 11	7:00 PM	Keller Fossil Ridge Keller High School	
Oct 18	7:00 PM	Denton Ryan Hornet Stadium	
Oct 25	7:00 PM	Granbury Granbury High Scho	
Nov 1	7:00 PM	Aledo	Hornet Stadium
Nov 8	7:00 PM	Richland Ath. Complex	Birdville

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NEXT WEEK





Meet the Hornets

LAYTH TAYLOR | TRI-COUNTY REPORTER

Azle High School held its community Meet the Hornets Night Aug. 26. Area residents got to meet players, learn about all the fall sports programs and get ready for the upcoming football games. For full gallery go to tricountyreporter.com.







BOOK REVIEW Missing persons and a hint of the supernatural in the new Cork O'Connor novel

TERRI SCHLICHENMEYER

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Your usual chair at the table is unoccupied.

Down the hall, your bed's still made; the blankets, straight. The noises you make, the scent of you, it's all gone, missing from the places vou should be. Will vou return soon? Only you can be sure but, as in the new novel "Spirit Crossing" by William Kent Krueger, there are people hoping you will.

Annie O'Connor hadn't wanted to come back home for anything but the family wedding that was a month away. She hadn't wanted to leave Guatemala, though she spoke to her partner, Maria, about home in many warm ways. She wasn't afraid that she'd encounter problems for being what the Anishinaabe called "Two-Spirits," because

her family was open and loving. No, Annie had another secret, and she didn't know if she'd have time to tell it.

Like a lot of 7-year-olds, Corcoran O'Connor's grandson, Waaboo (Ojibwenowin for "Little Rabbit") was curious, active and smart. Unlike his contemporaries, however, Little Rabbit knew the spirit world, and so when he seemed to speak to spirits in the woods one afternoon, his grandfather paid attention and Cork made a grisly discovery.

Daniel English, O'Connor's son-in-law and Waboo's father, worked as a tribal police officer and he'd been talking angrily about the large number of Native American girls who'd gone missing in northern Minnesota, and how the local police did little about it.

Case in point: the young woman who lay in a shallow grave in a blueberry patch. Daniel believed - hoped - she was one of the Lakota girls he'd been searching for.

But Waboo said there were two girls whose spirits were lost. Was the other spirit that of Olivia Hamilton, a white girl whose father had money, and who the police were trying hard to find? Why were young women disappearing without a trace in northern Minnesota? And, as the county and tribal police got closer to a killer, why would someone want to murder a little boy who saw people that others could not see?

It's been a long summer, and you've missed Cork O'Connor, haven't you? Yep, so you're good and ready for another installment, and "Spirit Crossing" will make you very happy.

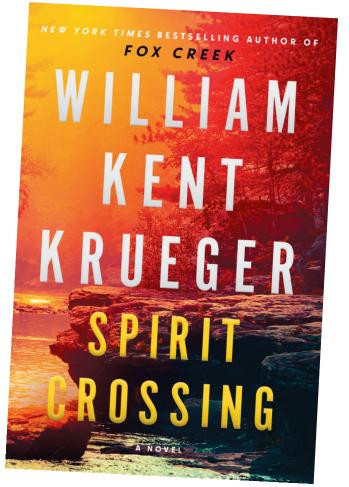
As you've come to expect, author William Kent Krueger

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pulls readers into this novel in his O'Connor series quick and easy, with characters you can't help but get involved with — including some of Krueger fans' old favorites, some recent favorites in new plotlines, and new folks you'll really want to get to know. It's like attending your hometown's small-town festival and running into new friends and people you've known for years but haven't seen in awhile. You're happy to have a cold one with some of them.

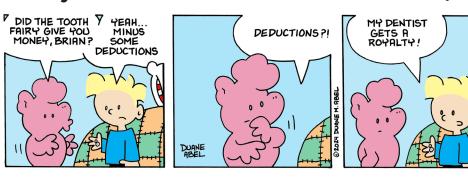
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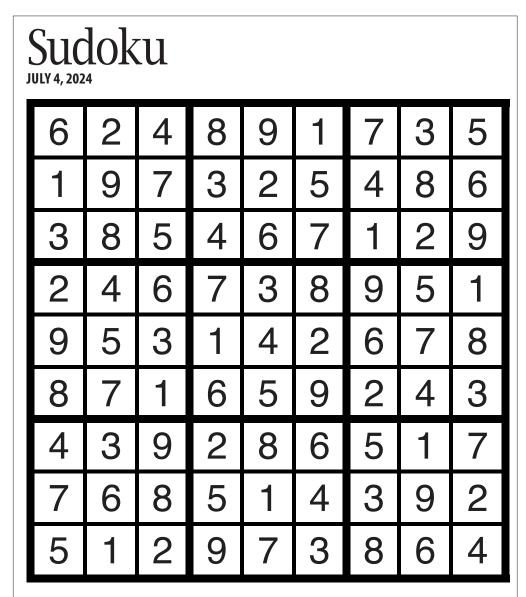
O'Connor novel, reach back a few — at least three or four novels — to get your bearings. If you're already a fan, get "Spirit Crossing" and put the phone on silent. You won't answer it anyhow; you'll be occupied.



"Spirit Crossing" by William Kent Krueger, c.2024, Atria, \$28.99, 336 pages

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Springtown School Menu

BREAKFAST PRICES EC-12th Grade EC-12th Reduced Adult LUNCH PRICES PK-4th Grade	\$1.75 \$0.30 \$2.25 \$3.00	
5th-8th Grade High School Reduced Adult Students may prepay for their meals.	\$3.25 \$3.00 \$0.40 \$4.25	September 2-6, 2024 PK through 12th Grade *Menus are subject to change.

BREAKFAST: Everyday - Various Juices & Cereals, Toast, Milk Variety, Fruit, Jelly, Assort-**PK - 12th Breakfast** ment, Buttermilk Biscuit, Variety of milk is offered every day for breakfast and lunch.

Mon No School Labor Day Tues Pancake Sausage Bites, Strawberry Applesauce Weds Sausage Biscuit, Mandarin Oranges Thurs Cinnamon Roll, Apple Slices Fri Yogurt Parfait, Blueberries

K - 4th Lunch

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 No School Labor Day Tues Chicken Alfredo/Chicken Nuggets, Roll, Italian Blend Vegetables, Fresh Veggies Apple Slices or Mandarin Oranges Weds Cheeseburger or Hamburger, Emoticon Potatoes, Fresh Veggies, Strawberry Applesauce or Sliced Pears Thurs Chicken Sandwich, Cheese Quesadilla, Cuban Black Beans, Fresh Veggies Apple or Blueberries Fri Baked Potato/Pizza (Cheese or Pepperoni), Roll, Roasted Broccoli, Fresh Veggies, Banana or Watermelon Craisins

5th - 12th Lunch

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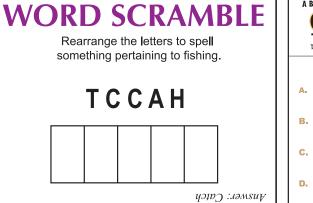
Mon No School Labor Day Tues Meatball Sub, Spaghetti, Roll, Italian Blend Vegetables, Fresh Veggies (Cucumbers w/Tajin, Baby Carrots, Broccoli) Applesauce, Orange **Weds** Regular or Spicy Ten-ders Waffles, Tator Tots, Fresh Veggies, Apple, Sliced Strawberries **Thurs** Beef or Chicken Tacos or Nachos, Corn, Refried Beans, Apple, Sliced Pears Fri Baked Potato w/Pulled Pork, Cheese Quesadilla Chicken Sandwich, Glazed Carrots, Fresh Veggies Blueberries, Banana

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Solution to last week's puzzle

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BREAKFAST: Everyday - Assorted Fruits and Cereal, Juice, White or Chocolate Milk, Graham Crackers, Toast

Mon No school Tues Eggo Cinnamon Mini Waffles, Fruit Cup Weds Bananas, Banana Chocolate Chip Oatmeal Cookie Thurs Pancake Sausage Breakfast Sandwich, Green Apple Slices Fri Orange, Craisins, Animal Crackers, Froot Loops

LUNCH: Everyday - Variety of milk. Your choice of 1 entree & 1 fruit or juice

Mon No school Tues Cheesy Baked Penne, Loaded Baked Potato, Whole Wheat Roll, Apple, Corn, Steamed Peas Weds Bean and Cheese Burrito, Cheesy Nachos, Apple Juice, Pineapples, Corn, Salsa, Mild, Steamed Carrots Thurs Chicken & Cheese Pizza Quesadilla, Popcorn Chicken Bowl, Whole Wheat Roll, Oranges, Corn Mixed Veggies Fri BBQ Boneless Wings, Cheese Pizza, Peaches, Smile Fries, Steamed Broccoli

GRADES 5TH - 8TH

BREAKFAST: Everyday - Assorted Fruits and Cereal, Juice, White or Chocolate Milk, Yogurt w/Granola

Mon No school Tues Pancakes, Yogurt Parfaits, Bacon, Pears Diced Weds Cinnamon Toast Crunch, Reduced Sugar, 2 oz. Hashbrown, Bananas Thurs Eggo Waffles, Bacon, Apple Sauce Fri Breakfast Burrito, Vanilla Yogurt, Peaches

LUNCH: Everyday: Variety of milk. Your choice of 1 entree & 1 fruit or juice, rolls, crackers • Salad bar offered daily

Mon No school Tues Cheesy Nachos, Hamburger, Sloppy Joe, Crinkle Fries, Steamed Medley, Apple Weds BBQ Boneless Wings, Chicken and Cheese Quesadilla, Green Chile Enchiladas, Black Beans Mixed Fruit Thurs Chicken Tenders, Spicy Chicken Sandwich, SteakFinger Bowl w/ Roll, Corn, Steamed Peas, Pineapples tFri Cheese Pizza, Pepperoni Pizza, Popcorn Chicken, Potato Medley, Steamed Broccoli, Peaches

HIGH SCHOOL

BREAKFAST: Everyday - Assorted Fruits and Cereal, Juice, White or Chocolate Milk, Yogurt w/Granola

Mon No school Tues Pancakes, Yogurt Parfaits, Weds Cinnamon Toast Crunch, Reduced Sugar, 2 oz Thurs Cinnamon Toast Crunch, Reduced Sugar, 2 oz, Eggogi Waffles Fri Breakfast Burrito, Vanilla Yogurt

LUNCH: • Everyday: 1% unflavored or non fat chocolate milk & juice • Salad Bar

Mon No school Tues Loaded Baked Potato, Bacon Pizza, Cheese Pizza, Chicken & Cheese Pizza Quesadilla, Sweet Fire Chicken, Hamburger Weds Chicken and Waffles, Cheese Pizza, Hamburger Pizza, Chicken Burrito, Orange Chicken & Rice, Thurs Spaghetti w/ Meatsauce, Pepperoni Pizza, Supreme Pizza, Beef Quesadilla Triangles, Chicken and Vegetable Dumpling, Spicy Chicken Sandwich Fri Pizza Grilled Cheese, Meatlovers Pizza, Veggie Pizza, Arroz con Pollo (Cheesy Chicken & Rice), Terivaki Chicken, Chili Cheese Dog

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H-E-B launches 2025 search for Texas' top educators

STAFF REPORTS

Nominations for the 2025 H-E-B Excellence in Education Awards are now open to all Texas public school professionals in Texas and close Oct. 7.

Teachers, counselors, principals, early childhood centers, school boards and districts can win cash prizes for their outstanding work. Since 2002, the H-E-B Excellence in Education Awards program, which recognizes educators who go the extra mile to serve their students and their communities, has awarded more

than \$14 million in funding to finalists, winners and their schools.

All state-certified public school educators currently teaching in Texas are eligible for the awards program, as well as Texas early childhood education centers/schools.

"Educators are the backbone of our society, and they deserve recognition for going above and beyond to uplift our communities

and shape the next generation of leaders," H-E-B Public Affairs Manager Jill Reynolds said. "By nominating an educator, you are starting a journey that can lead to impactful benefits for not only the school but also your community."

Anyone can nominate their favorite Texas educator at heblovesteachers.com/nomi*nate/*. Eligibility is not dependent on proximity to H-E-B

store locations. Nomination categories include teacher, school counselor, principal, early childhood facility, school board and school district.

Nominations for the 2025 H-E-B Excellence in Education Awards open until Oct. 7

Educators who are nominated will receive an invitation to apply before Dec. 2. While a nomination is not required to apply for an award, a nomination lets an educator know they are appreciated and encouraged to apply for

the awards program. Finalists and winners will be selected by a panel of judges composed of educators, administrators and community leaders throughout the state. Ten winners six teachers, two counselors and two principals — along with an early childhood facility, public school board and two school districts, will be announced at an awards ceremony in May. Each award

recipient's school will also receive a matching grant.

In 2024, the H-E-B **Excellence** in Education Awards program distributed over \$780,000 in cash and grants to educators and schools. Through this program, H-E-B seeks to pay tribute to those educators who go the extra mile each day to serve their students and communities, and who inspire others to do the same.

Texas tops list of states whose residents lack health insurance

STAFF REPORT

New data has identified the states where the highest percentage of residents lack health insurance — with Texas ranking first.

The analysis from personal injury attorneys Bader *Scott* examined the latest data from the United States Census Bureau, highlighting significant disparities in access to healthcare in comparison to the national average, 7.4% of uninsured residents.

Texas ranks highest, with 16.6% of the state's population without health insurance -124% above the national

average. The state continues to face significant healthcare access barriers, leaving many of its residents without essential health coverage. Georgia and Oklahoma tied for second at 11.7%.

At the opposite end of the scale, Massachusetts boasts the highest insurance rate, with 97.6% of its population covered by health insurance. Hawaii follows closely with a coverage rate of 96.5%, while Vermont is third with 96.1%.

According to the Texas Medical Association, the uninsured are up to four times less likely to have a regular

source of health care and are more likely to die from health-related problems. They are much less likely to receive needed medical care, even for symptoms that can have serious health consequences if left untreated. About one-in-six Texans live at or below the poverty level. For children, the ratio is nearly one-in-five. Extending health coverage to the uninsured could improve their overall health by 7-8%. A lack of insurance also increases their dependence on Medicaid which could have financial consequences.

Health Insurance Coverage by State

RANK	STATE	INSURED RATE	UNINSURED RATE
1	Texas	83.4%	16.6%
2	Georgia	88.3%	11.7%
3	Oklahoma	88.3%	11.7%
4	Wyoming	88.5%	11.5%
5	Florida	88.8%	11.2%
6	Nevada	88.9%	11.1%
7	Alaska	89%	11%
8	Mississippi	89.2%	10.8%
9	Arizona	89.7%	10.3%
10	N. Carolina	90.7%	9.3%



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