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A cage full of prairie dogs awaits release at the FWNC&R.

# Prairie dogs get new digs at Fort Worth Nature Center

**STAFF REPORT** 

This effort marks a hopeful, born bacterial disease, be-

ease, according to the United States Geological Survey. FWNC&R natural resource staff members Nic Martinez and David Reasoner, along with Friends board member Megan McConnell, recently traveled to Canyon to cap-

# **APD** investigates alleged robbery, kidnapping

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# **ZACH FREEMAN**

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AZLE — The Azle Police Department is currently investigating an alleged robbery and kidnapping that occurred at the Azle Walmart parking lot Aug. 31. The department posted to Facebook acknowledging the claim and asking those with more information to call 817-444-3221.

Chandra Jacobs, the woman who reported the crime to Azle police, did not respond to a request for comment by press deadline.

Kim Hatfield Norris, who claims to be Jacobs' cousin, posted to Facebook giving updates on the situation as it unfolded. Hatfield Norris reported that Jacobs had disappeared earlier that day after visiting Pinnacle Bank and Quik Trip between 1 and 2 p.m.

"Chandra went to Walmart today," Hatfield Norris said. "When she got back in her car two men were in the backseat. They had a knife and told her to drive. They stole all her money and eventually got out and ran into a wooded area. She is safe. She has some scratches and bruises but ok. She is at Azle PD giving them a report now. Please be aware of your surroundings.

Azle Police Chief Ben Hall said the department cannot release additional information at this time.

# City set to hear "game plan" on **Azle's future**

# **ZACH FREEMAN**

AZLE — The City of Azle will host a meeting to determine plans for its future Sept. 10. For almost a year, the city government has been working with the public to devise a comprehensive master plan for the years between 2025 and 2045. With the city recently having released a draft of the plan to its website, www.cityofazle.org/684/ *Comprehensive-Plan*, it is geared up for most in-depth meeting yet, next Tuesday from 6-8 p.m.

Main Street, thoroughfares, parks and more. Using the plan as a guideline, the City of Azle hopes to establish goals and strategies that guide the city's growth, development and character over the next 20 years.

The meeting will give residents the chance to speak their minds about the city's direction at Azle City Hall, 505 W. Main St. Potentially anything regarding the plan is up for discussion, but prospective speakers are encouraged to preview the plan, identify what they think might be missing and prepare their points prior to attending.

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FORT WORTH — In a sig nificant local conservation initiative, the Fort Worth Nature Center & Refuge, in collaboration with the Friends of the Fort Worth Nature Center, has relocated a new colony of black-tailed prairie dogs to its grounds.

et cautious, step forward, following the loss of the FWNC&R's previous prairie dog colony in 2015, likely due to disease — a fate that unfortunately has become common across their range habitats.

The sylvatic plague, a flea-

came a significant proplem for prairie dog populations after it was introduced to the United States by rats arriving on ships at the turn of the 20th century. As much as 90% or more of a prairie dog colony is likely to die off after infection from this dis-

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The plan will cover land use, developments on Azle's

# Honoring Dad: Sisters enter '71 Chevelle in car shows

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AZLE — When Azle-area resident Jeff Davis died, mourners paid tribute to him by doing burnouts — spinning car wheels and leaving tire marks — in front of his home.

The burnouts were a fitting gesture considering Davis' main interest and passion cool cars. Davis' daughter, Sarah Stevens, has lots of old photos of her dad's previous vehicles, including muscle cars and classics. He and his family had even owned local car lots.

"Throughout his life there wasn't a vehicle he wasn't interested in either looking at, working on, racing or sell-

Stevens: 'It's going to be in our family until the wheels fall off"

ing," Stevens' sister Alicia Davis wrote in their father's obituary.

Jeff Davis built a garage at his home dedicated to his passion. Stevens remembers her dad working out there when she was young and instructing her to "hold the flashlight still" and pass him tools.

"He had me out there handing him the wrong size wrenches," she said with a laugh.

Stevens said her dad would also find Barbie jeeps on the side of the road and upgrade

them with car batteries. "It would make the tires spin, and it would pop wheel-

ies and stuff," she said. Transforming ordinary

things into something cool was Jeff Davis' specialty, Stevens said. For example, she recalled how he turned a wagon into a cooler with racing slicks.

"He would take something that's just normal and then just hot rod it up," she said As an adult, Stevens hasn't exactly adopted her father's

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Sarah Stevens and her sister plan to enter their late father's 1971 Chevrolet Chevelle into as many nearby car shows as possible, including Sting Fling's Classic Car Show in Azle.





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# New engineering program at Lake Worth High School taught by NASA engineer

# JOHN ENGLISH

Special to the Tri=County Reporter

Students at Lake Worth High School are able to enjoy three new courses this school year from an instructor who not only works for NASA but also has a pending patent.

Tommy Bowers, who joined the Lake Worth ISD last school year, teaches such courses as Introduction to Engineering Design, Aerospace Engineering, Digital Electronics and Robotics, and LWISD students are responding favorably.

Bowers, 64, said he was initially approached about the job prior to the start of last school year by an old colleague.

"Dr. Jeff Seeton recruited me to create a new engineering program at Lake Worth High School," Bowers said. "We worked together previously where we established a program that had success at the national level. Lake Worth ISD administration has been very supportive as we build this new program at LWHS." Bowers said the response

from the student body and Lake Worth community has been overwhelmingly positive as well.

"The community has been very supportive of the new engineering program,"



Lake Worth ISD Engineering teacher Tommy Bowers assisting students with a class project

COURTESY PHOTO



Lake Worth ISD teacher Tommy Bowers demonstrates engineering principles to his students.

Bowers said. "Recently I had a community member donate four 3D printers to be utilized in the district's engineering and STEM courses."

The first course for the program was initially offered last school year with the Introduction to Engineering Design class and has grown by more than 30% since that time.

The enrollment in the engineering program has jumped from 88 students last school year to 117 this school year.

Bowers said perhaps the most exciting aspect of teaching engineering classes for him is to witness young people have those "ah-ha" moments in the field of study about which he is so passionate.

"Seeing the students' expressions as they start understanding various concepts is my most enjoyable experience as a teacher," Bowers said. "I really feel I learn as much from the students as they do from me."

Bowers said the most common obstacle he faces as an engineering teacher is also one that almost immediately goes away.

"Getting the students to believe they can do the work may be the most challenging part," Bowers said. "But soon after starting, the students understand that they are more than capable of doing the work and succeeding."

Bowers said his work at NASA has prepared him well for the world of academia.

"I was a flight test engineer before becoming an educator," Bowers said. "I have been an educator for 11 years now. My NASA work is exciting to me, as it has allowed me to develop a new fuel alternative and fueling system for the first stage of rockets. The NASA work ties the closest to the Aerospace Engineering course we offer ration more efficient. "The new design of the project I am working on reduces the overall weight of a rocket but provides the same amount of thrust as existing rocket designs," Bowers said. "Reducing the overall required weight allows a bigger payload as the moon and Mars explorations become

more prevalent."

at the high school."

Bowers, whose hobbies

include flying, deep sea fish-

ing and track and field, said

his pending patent revolves

around making space explo-

# Can we talk about **news**

# LET'S TALK

# consumption?

# **Common Practice**

I assume that the news I see online, especially when shared by friends, is reliable.

# **Best Practice**

Because a lot of information online isn't always factual or fair, I do my due diligence to discern whether the news I consume is true and constructive.

# **Helpful Habits**

- Seek out the good; don't just avoid the bad. Seek out content that is humanizing and thoughtfully provides different perspectives.
- If you consider sharing the article, use a higher level of discretion. If you're not sure, don't share.
- Empathize with loved ones when discussing misinformation they have shared and point to credible sources. Don't publicly shame people for sharing misinformation.
- Report content on social media that is false or harmful.

# The End Game

- Carefully discern whether the news you consume is true, honest, and helpful.
- Broaden your world by exploring different perspectives.
- Learn how to spot inauthentic content.
   Teach your friends and family how to be a savvy consumer of news.

# AZLE

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

> For more information: facebook.com/LetsTalkAzle LetsTalkAzle@gmail.com



# LET'S TALK Practices

# Think about this...

Understand that there is an industry whose job is to say something so outrageous that you click on it and forward it. Don't do that job for them. Reflect on the bias of the news you consume. Content is made by human beings with pre-existing beliefs, so totally unbiased content is rare. Content captures our attention when it provokes a strong emotional response, like fear or anger. Things aren't always as bleak as they seem on the news.

# Try this...

When consuming media content, ask yourself:

**Is it true?** Do a quick Google search to see if other trusted media outlets are reporting the same thing.

**Is it honest?** Consider if the content is misleading. Does the article try to paint one event as indicative of a broader trend, without evidence? Is it specific about what has happened? Is the headline misleading?

**Is it helpful?** What is this media intending me to do and feel, and is that a constructive part of our world? How does it make the other side look? Is it inflammatory? Does it encourage me to disregard, dismiss, hate, or fear another group?

Based on your answers, decide whether to believe the article. Use an even higher threshold of discernment before sharing news.

# Labor Day should not be taken for granted

This past Monday most of us had a day off from work as we celebrated the Labor Day holiday. To many, the day is just another holiday which for some marks the unofficial end of summer and the beginning of fall. It is usually the same weekend that college football kicks off and dove hunting season opens, and so it seems to be a natural bridge from the heat and strain of a long hot summer and the fun-filled activities of fall.

Being a child raised in a city with a strong organized labor presence, it saddens me a little when people do not note the profound historical and cultural significance of Labor Day and the contributions and achievements of the American labor movement. This holiday honors the relentless efforts of workers and the labor organizations that fought for improved working conditions, fair wages and basic rights in the workplace. Understanding Labor Day's importance requires delving into the rich history of the American labor



movement and recognizing the strides made toward improving labor conditions in the United States.

The origins of Labor Day trace back to the late 19th century, a time when the American industrial revolution was in full swing. The rapid industrialization of the country led to an increase in factory jobs, but these positions were often characterized by grueling hours, hazardous working conditions and minimal wages. Workers, including men, women and children, who labored long hours for meager pay, often in unsafe environments. This period was marked by significant labor unrest and the rise of various labor organizations seeking to address these inequities.

One of the pivotal events in the American labor move-

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> ment was the Pullman Strike of 1894. Workers at the Pullman Company, which manufactured railroad cars, went on strike to protest wage cuts and high rents in company-owned housing. The strike escalated into a nationwide railway strike, disrupting transportation and drawing national attention to the plight of workers. The federal government's intervention, which involved deploying troops to break the strike, highlighted the tense relationship between labor and management and the need for organized labor advocacy.

Amidst these struggles, the labor movement made significant gains. Unions such as the American Federation of Labor played a crucial role in advocating for workers' rights. The AFL focused on

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student to reach their high-

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meaningful learning experi-

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tices that prepare them for

est potential. Azle ISD faculty

securing better wages, working conditions and hours through collective bargaining. Another important labor organization was the Knights of Labor, which sought broader social reforms and inclusive labor practices. These organizations, through strikes, negotiations and public advocacy, laid the groundwork for labor reforms that would follow.

Labor Day itself emerged as a symbol of these efforts and achievements. The first Labor Day was celebrated Sept. 5, 1882, in New York City, organized by the Central Labor Union. The idea quickly gained traction, and by 1894, Labor Day became a federal holiday. The establishment of Labor Day was a recognition of the contributions of workers and a nod to the importance of labor organizations in advocating for fair labor practices.

The significance of Labor Day extends beyond its historical roots; it is a celebration of ongoing labor struggles and victories. Over the years, labor unions have

continued to advocate for workers' rights, leading to significant improvements in workplace safety, fair wages and reasonable working hours. Legislation such as the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938, which established a minimum wage and overtime pay, and the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, which aimed to ensure safe working conditions, were direct results of labor advocacy and demonstrate the lasting impact of the labor movement.

I am sure many young people cannot imagine a workplace with no overtime pay for mandatory overtime hours worked. Nor might they imagine children some younger than 10 years old — working a full time job, or being hurt on the job with no recourse. I doubt they can imagine labor riots where men risked their lives for the right to earn a living wage. For the most part, these sort of conditions no longer exist, and that is because of the efforts and vigilance of the American labor movement.

Labor Day represents much more than a break from work; it is a tribute to the struggles and successes of the American labor movement. It honors the contributions of workers and the pivotal role of labor organizations in shaping fair labor practices.

Monday may have been a great day for a cookout, or boating at the lake, or simply dozing in the hammock in the backyard. Hopefully, sometime during the holiday weekend there was a moment of pause to reflect on the progress made in labor relations and the challenges that remain. The American worker is the best in the world. Their role in producing the products and services we need plays a vital role in maintaining our freedom and independence. Thank you for all you have done!

Thought for the day: *"The* American labor movement was the principal force that transformed misery and despair into hope and progress". Martin Luther King

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

# **Azle ISD Community**

I hope everyone had a wonderful Labor Day weekend. We are off to a great start to the 2024-2025 school year in Azle ISD with an enrollment of 7,240 students. I am thrilled to welcome back our Hornet families and extend a warm welcome to all our new families joining the Azle ISD community. I also encourage the return of any families who may have left Azle ISD for other educational settings.

Our commitment to providing a safe and nurturing environment for all students remains a top priority. We understand that a secure campus and classroom learning environment is the foundation for academic success and student growth. We have



**AZLE ISD** By Todd Smith, M.Ed., Superintendent

Mr. Smith started his career in education in July of 1994

right here in Azle ISD. He taught agricultural science at Azle High School, served as a high school assistant principal, principal of Walnut Creek Elementary, director of district operations, assistant superintendent, and interim superintendent from

March 7, 2020, until becoming Superintendent in June of 2020. He is thankful for the passion and dedication exhibited by Azle ISD faculty and staff and is extremely proud of the work Azle ISD has accomplished and the impact they will continue to make on the lives of our students.

taken extensive measures to ensure that our campuses and classrooms are safe havens for learning, including enhancing safety protocols, upgrading our facilities, and providing our staff with comprehensive training.

In addition to safety, we are deeply focused on fostering academic excellence for

success in the classroom and beyond.

This year, we are excited to roll out our strategic plan, which results from extensive collaboration among our staff, parents and community members. This plan, aligned with our vision and mission. helps define our future and sets clear priorities in three key areas; academic experience, staff talent, and overall integrated student supports at all grade levels. It is a roadmap that will help guide us in our vision of "Every child will be future ready, not by chance, but by design."

At the heart of this work is our "Portrait of an Azle Hornet Learner." This portrait captures the qualities we aspire to develop in every student, from pre-kindergarten through 12th grade. Skills identified include communication, collaboration, passion, resilience and integrity. These are the traits that will prepare our students not only for academic success but for life as responsible, productive and compassionate citizens.

Beyond academics, we recognize the importance of extracurricular activities in shaping well-rounded learners. We offer a wide range of programs — from athletics to fine arts, CTE-related organizations, various clubs and leadership opportunities — that allow students to explore their passions and develop valuable life skills. This school year, we have

expanded our YMCA partnership opportunities to include a more robust after-school program at all elementary campuses. We encourage all students to get involved and take advantage of these enriching experiences.

As we move forward together, I thank you for your continued support and partnership. Our school district, campuses and community thrive when parents, staff and the community work together toward a common goal: the success and wellbeing of our students. I look forward to a fantastic year filled with learning, growth and achievement.

We Are Azle! Todd Smith Superintendent

# Up with Parrots, Down with Whoops....

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By Dr. Don Newbury

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\Uncle Mort had never heard of "support parrots," but admits he shouldn't have been surprised.

"Seems like way too many of my friends are either sued or getting sued, but none of the squabbles involve birds," he laughed. This was his jovial response upon reading recently that a New York City woman was awarded threequarters of a million dollars when neighbors complained that her parrots were "too noisy."

The birds' owner, Meril Lesser, had lived in an apartment for several years before the legal battle started in 2015 when neighbors complained of the birds' "noisiness." No doubt Lesser and her parrots laughed all the way to the bank when the brouhaha was settled recently ...

Damian Williams, U.S. attorney for the Southern District



of New York, said the settlement is "the largest recovery the Department of Justice has ever obtained for a person with disabilities whose housing provider denied them their right to have assistance animals."

Mort assumes the ruling applies to fowl as well, and/ or that perhaps New Yorkers lump anything that breathes into the animal category.

Anyways, the news set him to thinking about a possible "win-win" scheme that historically melts into a "loselose." ...

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It's not Mort's first experience with "comfort creatures." Years ago, when he heard that whooping cranes were making a comeback, he almost helped out.

When their numbers were dangerously low, he offered a practical solution.

"Just take a bunch of 'regular cranes' and teach 'em to whoop," he suggested ...

Now, he envisions making fast bucks rounding up the regular cranes down in the thicket.

Properly fed and nested, these birds could readily

become support cranes, he believes. Since East Texas cranes aren't known for whooping, Mort thinks those New Yorkers will pay big bucks when he labels 'em "whoopless support cranes."

A similar ploy went afoul years ago when Mort offered "support possums," which he said didn't stay awake long enough to provide much support . . . .

While on the subject of whooping, there's bound to be "record whoops" come Nov. 30 when Texas A&M University and the University of Texas hook up in College Station to resume a football rivalry that never should have ended.

The Aggies and Longhorns played annually for 96 years, ending when A&M jumped to the Southeast Conference in 2011. For decades, the A&M/ UT annual Thanksgiving showdowns were beyond

memorable and featured nationally on TV.

Now, for crying out loud, the Aggie/Longhorn game has a SPONSOR — Cotton Holdings Inc. I don't even know what Cotton Holdings sells, but I'll wager we'll find out when the ads roll during the game. (Count me among those shedding tears that the game won't be played on Thanksgiving Day, but at least on the same weekend.) I'm also in another "boo-hoo" group — the one that deeply misses amateur collegiate sports ...

I'm not saying he's the best quarterback EVER, but he may be the most generous athlete ever to come down the pike. The recent \$5 million gift from Patrick Mahomes to his alma mater, Texas Tech University, is one of the largest ever by an athlete. Texas Tech fund-raisers must be gleeful, already

dreaming of additional projects up the road warranting Mahomes' favor.

The current gift will go toward a \$100-plus million upgrade of Jones Stadium. Don't be surprised if Buzz — the 12th steed to gallop around the stadium when Red Raider touchdowns are scored sports a fancy saddle with NIL markings (name/identification/likeness). This could be the first-ever NIL contract with a horse.

If the Fort Worth Star-Telegram had prevailed in 1925, Texas Tech teams would have been known as the "Dogies." Late Star-Telegram publisher Amon Carter led the charge for the Texas Legislature to fund Texas Tech. In the mascot contest, however, Red Raiders won out. Maybe they were afraid too many folks didn't think the "guns up" crowd could spell "doggies."

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# The most dangerous time of day to drive in Texas

### **STAFF REPORT**

New research has revealed the most dangerous times to drive in each state, with 5 to 5:59 p.m. being the most dangerous in 12 states.

The study by personal injury lawyers Scott Vicknair studied the latest data from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's Fatality and Injury Reporting System Tool to see which times of the day saw the most fatal crashes in each state be-

# *In Texas, it's 9 to 9:59 p.m. based on number of fatal crashes*

Dogs were taken to Weatherford

Parker County Animal Shelter

tween 2017 and 2022. In Texas, the study found that between 9 and 9:59 p.m. is the most dangerous time to drive in the state. This is because 1,409 of the 21,517 fatal crashes recorded in the state between 2017 and 2022 occurred during that time, which is 6.55% higher than any other time in the day. From 6 to 6:59 p.m. saw the most fatalities overall when looking at the entire nation, but only holds a majority in 10 states, with 12,813, or 5.91% of the 216,907 fatal crashes nationally occurring. "While rush hour is the most dangerous time to drive, and all states had the most fatalities during the afternoon and evening, not a single state had its highest numbers in the morning, which is surprising," a spokesperson for Scott Vicknair said. "With earlier times of the day usually having fewer cars on the road, this doesn't mean they aren't dangerous, as often the way you drive can make any environment you travel equally dangerous."

# Most Dangerous Time to Drive

All 50 states and District of Columbia

ТІМЕ	STATES
5:00 pm - 5:59 pm	12
6:00 pm - 6:59 pm	10
8:00 pm - 8:59 pm	7
9:00 pm - 9:59 pm	7
4:00 pm - 4:59 pm	5
3:00 pm - 3:59 pm	5
2:00 pm - 2:59 pm	3
7:00 pm - 7:59 pm	2

# PSCO finds 58 neglected dogs at northeast Parker County home

### **STAFF REPORT**

Deputies attempting to serve a warrant found many neglected dogs at a home in northeast Parker County, according to a press release from Parker County Sheriff's Office.

Parker County Sheriff Russ Authier said in the press release that deputies were conducting a warrant service on a person who was reportedly living at the northeast Parker County residence Aug. 28. Although they didn't find the subject of the warrant, an investigation was initiated after discovering numerous dogs inside the residence living in extremely poor conditions.

Inside the home, the sheriff's deputies observed 58 dogs with obvious signs of neglect in about one dozen kennels, according to the press release. The kennels were stacked on top of each other with up to three to five dogs caged in each crate. All dogs were covered in a large amount of urine and feces, with swarming flies and larvae covering the crates and floors. Deputies also reported a foul, pungent ammonia odor emitting from the residence.

Deputies called animal control officers to the scene because of the severe neglect and hazardous living conditions, which presented an apparent danger to the health of the animals. A seizure warrant was obtained for the safety of the dogs, according to the press release.

Authier said in the press release all dogs were taken to the Weatherford Parker County Animal Shelter where they will receive proper veterinarian treatment and hygiene care. The dogs will later be placed for adoption at the shelter pending a property hearing.

Animal cruelty charges are pending the ongoing investigation, according to the press release.

# Sordyl graduates from MSOE

# **STAFF REPORT**

MILWAUKEE, WI — Mikolaj Sordyl, from Azle, graduated from Milwaukee School of Engineering in spring 2024. Sordyl received a Bachelor of Science in biomedical engineering.

Students with a cumulative GPA of 3.70 or above are listed as having graduated with "High Honors." Undergraduate students with a cumulative GPA between 3.20 and 3.69 are listed as having graduated with "Honors."

Milwaukee School of Engineering (www.msoe. edu) is the university of choice for those seeking an inclusive community of experiential learners driven to solve the complex challenges of today and tomorrow. The independent, nonprofit university has about 2,800 students and was founded in 1903. MSOE offers bachelor's and master's degrees in engineering, business and nursing. The faculty are student-focused experts who bring real-world expe-

rience into the classroom. This approach to learning makes students ready now as well as prepared for the future. Longstanding partnerships with business and industry leaders enable students to learn alongside professional mentors and challenge them to go beyond what's possible. MSOE graduates are leaders of character, responsible professionals, passionate learners and value creators.

# 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	\$0.550000 per \$100
NO-NEW REVENUE TAX RATE	\$0.462496 per \$100
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE	\$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.

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

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# NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE

This notice only applies to a taxing unit other than a special taxing unit or municipality.

A tax rate of \$0.556319 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of the City of Reno, Texas.

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

\$0.556319 per \$100 \$0.366684 per \$100 \$0.340111 per \$100 \$0.556319 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 the City of Reno, Texas from the same properties in both the 2023 tax year and the 2024 tax year.

The voter-approval tax rate is the highest tax rate that the City of Reno, Texas may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate, unless the de minimis rate for the City of Reno, Texas exceeds the voter-approval tax rate for the City of Reno, Texas.

The de minimis rate is the rate equal to the sum of the no-new-revenue maintenance and operations rate for the City of Reno, Texas, the rate that will raise \$500,000, and the current debt rate for the City of Reno, Texas.

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

A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WILL BE HELD ON

September 19, 2024 at 7pm at City of Reno City Hall, 195 W. Reno Road, Azle, Texas.

The proposed tax rate is greater than the voter-approval tax rate but not greater than the de minimis rate. However, the proposed tax rate exceeds the rate that allows voters to petition for an election under Section 26.075, Tax Code. If the City of Reno, Texas adopts the proposed tax rate, the qualified voters of the City of Reno, Texas may petition the City of Reno, Texas to require an election to be held to determine whether to reduce the proposed tax rate. If a majority of the voters reject the proposed tax rate, the tax rate of the City of Reno, Texas will be the voter-approval tax rate of the City of Reno, Texas.

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

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

(List names of all members of the governing body below, showing how each voted on the proposal to consider the tax increase or, if one or more were absent, indicating absences.)

FOR the proposal: \_

AGAINST the proposal:\_

PRESENT and not voting:

### ABSENT:

Statements required in notice if the proposed tax rate exceeds the no-new-revenue tax rate and the voter-approval tax rate but does not exceed the de minimis rate, as prescribed by Tax Code \$\$26.06(b-1) and 26.063(c).

	2023	2024	Change
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	2023 adopted tax rate	2024 proposed tax rate	(Increase/Decrease) of (nominal difference between tax rate for preceding year and proposed tax rate for current year) per \$100 or (percentage difference between tax rate for preceding year and proposed tax rate for current year)%
Average homestead taxable value	2023 average taxable value of residence homestead	2024 average taxable value of residence homestead	(Increase/Decrease) of (percentage difference between average taxable value of residence homestead for preceding year and current year)%
Tax on average homestead	2023 amount of taxes on average taxable value of residence homestead	2024 amount of taxes on average taxable value of residence homestead	(Increase/Decrease) of (nominal difference between amount of taxes imposed on the average taxable value of a residence homestead in the preceding year and the amount of taxes proposed on the average taxable value of a residence homestead in the current year), or (percentage difference between taxes imposed for preceding year and taxes proposed for current year)%
Total tax levy on all properties	2023 levy	(2024 proposed rate x current total value)/100	(Increase/Decrease) of (nominal difference between preceding year levy and proposed levy for current year), or (percentage difference between preceding year levy and proposed levy for current year)%

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 Neuwirth Rona Gouyton

Kathy Livingston irth Amy Robinson

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.

TRI+COUNTY REPORTER

# Boaters, waterfowl hunters prompted "clean, drain, dry" ahead of teal season opener

### **STAFF REPORT**

As Texans gear up for the opening of early blue-winged teal duck hunting season Sept. 14, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department urges boaters, paddlers and waterfowl hunters to do their part to protect the Texas lakes aquatic invasive species.

"While we want everyone to have a great time, we also want to avoid giving invasive species free rides to new lakes," Brian Van Zee, TPWD Inland Fisheries regional director said. "The best way to prevent the spread of many harmful aquatic invasive species is to clean, drain and dry your boats and equipment every time you visit any lake."

Zebra mussels and giant salvinia continue to spread to new areas in Texas. While they remain some of the biggest threats to Texas lakes, other highly invasive species can also be spread or introduced by boaters, including common salvinia, water hyacinth and crested and yellow floating hearts.

Zebra mussels, nonnative shellfish that attach to hard surfaces, pose a significant threat to Texas lakes. These invasive mussels damage boats and infrastructure for water supply and control, alter lake ecosystems and cause harm to native species. They also litter shorelines with hazardous, sharp shells that impact lakefront recreation.

Zebra mussels are now found in 37 Texas lakes across seven river basins, as well as in river reaches downstream of infested lakes. TPWD and partners monitor numerous at-risk lakes around the state for early detection of zebra and closely related quagga mussels, but once they've been introduced and become established in a lake, nothing can be done to control or eradicate them.

"Zebra mussels and quagga mussels can be attached to boats or even carried by anchors or attached to plants clinging to boats," Monica McGarrity, TPWD senior scientist for aquatic invasive species said. "Microscopic zebra mussel larvae can also be transported in residual water in the boat. Taking just a few minutes to clean, drain and dry boats can make a huge difference in our efforts to prevent further spread of this highly damaging species and harm to Texas lakes.'

Giant salvinia, a highly invasive, free-floating aquatic fern that can double its coverage area in a week, is one of the major threats to Texas lakes. This invasive plant can produce thick surface mats that make fishing, boating, swimming and other water recreation nearly impossible.

Giant salvinia is currently present on 27 East Texas lakes and numerous rivers, creeks and marshes between Houston and Beaumont. While TPWD efforts have kept giant salvinia from currently limiting angling or boating access in Texas public waters, they could still hitchhike from one lake to another on a boat, trailer or other equipment.

"There's no doubt that Texans love their lakes, but we also need Texans to take action to help protect

them," John Findeisen, TPWD aquatic habitat enhancement team lead said. "It only takes a tiny fragment of an invasive plant to create a problematic infestation in a new lake. Preventing aquatic invasive species introductions avoids impacts on boater access as well as costly, long-term efforts to manage these species once they become established in a lake. An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure — it only takes a small amount of our time as responsible boaters to clean. drain and dry our boats and equipment to prevent new introductions of aquatic invasive species."

TPWD urges boaters to follow these three simple but crucial steps to clean, drain and dry boats and gear before traveling from lake to lake. Remove plants, mud and debris; drain all water from the boat and gear; once back home, open compartments and allow everything to dry completely for at least a week, if possible.

If a boat or other equipment has been stored in the water at a lake with invasive mussels, it is likely infested and poses an extremely high risk for transporting these invasive species to a new lake unless it is properly decontaminated. Before moving the boat, call TPWD at 512-389-4848 for guidance.

In addition to cleaning, draining and drying their boats and trailers, hunters should also make sure they aren't inadvertently carrying invasive species on other equipment like waders, decoys, decoy bags and marsh



#### A flock of teal gather by the waterside.

sleds, cleaning, draining and drying this equipment as well. A video to help hunters learn how to properly clean, drain and dry can be found on the TPWD YouTube Channel.

"Waterfowl hunters can help keep invasive mussels and aquatic plants from being moved and harming more lakes by taking a few minutes to remove plants and debris from boats, along with draining water before leaving the lake and allowing everything to dry completely afterward before traveling to a new location," said Monica McGarrity, TPWD senior scientist for Aquatic Invasive Species. "Taking just a few minutes for these simple steps can help prevent impacts on ecosystems, infrastructure and recreation, and make a huge difference in our efforts to protect and preserve Texas lakes for current and future generations."

In addition to the harm that invasive species cause, their transport can result in legal trouble for boaters or hunters. Transporting prohibited aquatic invasive species in Texas is illegal and punishable with a fine of up to \$500 per violation. It's also the law that boaters must drain all water from their boat and onboard receptacles, including bait buckets, before leaving or approaching a body of fresh water. They must also remove all invasive plants from the boat and trailer before leaving a lake.

For more information on how to properly clean, COURTESY TPWD

drain and dry boats and equipment, visit the TPWD YouTube channel for a short instructional video. To learn more about zebra mussels and other invasive species in Texas, visit tpwd.texas.gov/ StopInvasives.

TPWD and partners monitor for invasive species in Texas lakes, but anyone who spots them on boats, trailers or equipment that is being moved can help prevent new introductions by reporting the sighting to TPWD at 512-389-4848. Anyone who finds invasive species such as zebra mussels in lakes where they haven't been found before can help identify new introductions by emailing photos and location information to aquaticinvasives@ tpwd.texas.gov.

# Elderly mistreatment at all-time high in Texas, new findings reveal

*Washington, Missouri, Texas are top three states for elder abuse* 

# **Reports on maltreatment of the elderly per year**

RANK STATE TOTAL PER YEAR AVERAGE PER YEAR\* MOST COMMON

#### **STAFF REPORT**

Texas is the third state with the highest proportion of elderly mistreatment at 3,115 cases per 100,000 people annually. The state sees an average of 127,724 total maltreatment reports per year. The most common form of maltreatment in Texas is self-neglect, with a shocking average of 73,139 cases per year; this is followed by neglect, which sees 15,559 cases per year.

The approximate population over 65 in each state was calculated using 2022 census data. This data was filtered to only include cases where the victim was over 65 years, and then used to find the average number of recorded cases of each maltreatment type per year. This study was conducted by the National Adult Maltreatment Reporting System. NAMRS defines neglect as the failure of a caregiver to provide the services needed to maintain the health and safety of an individual and alleges this is reinforced by Texas' healthcare shortage. NAMRS data was gathered and analyzed by personal injury lawyers at RP Legal Group to reveal the states with the most mistreated elderly population.

Robert Rikard from RP Legal Group said: "Many elderly patients in nursing homes already suffer from illnesses or medical conditions, making it crucial to take any improper treatment seriously. It's alarming that these maltreatment figures are so high, especially in states like Washington, Texas and Oregon. Providing the best care for the elderly is more critical than ever, especially given that a growing proportion of Americans are living longer. These findings shed

1	Washington	47,252	3,597	Financial Exploit
2	Missouri	36,942	3,309	Self-neglect
3	Texas	127,724	3,115	Self-neglect
4	Maine	9,308	2,953	Unlisted
5	Oregon	24,054	2,950	Neglect
6	Kansas	13,582	2,679	Self-neglect
7	Alaska	2,597	2,560	Self-neglect
8	Montana	5,430	2,380	Self-neglect
9	Oklahoma	14,858	2,226	Self-neglect
10	Virginia	31,146	2,122	Self-neglect

\*per 100,000 population over 65

light on the states with the most severe issues, which can allow for the allocation of the correct resources, training, and measures to reduce the number of maltreatment re-

# ports and injuries." **THE STUDY FINDS:**

 $\cdot$  Washington is revealed as the state with the highest proportion of mistreated

elderly care home patients, according to a new study. • Per every 100,000 people aged 65 or over, there are 3,597 maltreatment cases reported annually in Wash-

ington.

• Missouri, Texas, Maine, and Oregon round out the top five states with the most mistreated elderly population.



# **OBITUARIES**

# **Edna Harvison** 1949-2024

Edna Harvison was born May 27, 1946, in Columbus, Ohio, to James and Edna (Taylor) Handley, and peacefully passed away Aug. 27, 2024, in Perrin. She was a beloved figure in Springtown, where she spent more than 50 years as a dedicated businesswoman.

A funeral service will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 7 at Hilltop Family Church in Springtown, with burial to follow at Springtown Cemetery. Visitation will be held 6-8 p.m. Friday, Sept.6 at the church.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be sent to Neighbor to Neighbors food pantry of Springtown at: P.O. Box 1391, Springtown, Texas 76082, or any Parkinson's organization of your choice.

Edna married Jimmy Harvison Oct. 29, 1974, in Colleyville, and soon after moved to Springtown to pursue their passion for the hatcherv business. This is when she earned the fond nickname, the "Chicken Lady." In addition, they established J & E Air Conditioning in 1976, a venture they successfully operated until selling it in 1999. After that, Edna embarked on her own journey, founding West Side Storage, where she worked tirelessly for 20 years before enjoying her well-deserved retirement.

Known for her warm personality, Edna was always ready to help others and had a gift for making friends wherever she went. She had a deep love for animals, particularly cows, cats and chickens, which filled her life with joy. She often enjoyed spend-



ing time outdoors, working in her yard and overseeing her beloved pets.

Her contributions to the community and her caring spirit will be remembered by many. Edna leaves behind a legacy of kindness and entrepreneurship that touched the lives of those around her.

Edna is preceded in death by her parents, James and Edna Handley; brothers Jerry and Donald Handley; and in-laws J.P. and Blanche Harvison.

Those left to cherish Edna's memory are her loving husband of 49 years, Jimmy Harvison of Perrin; son J.J. Harvison of San Antonio; daughter Christy Dauenhauer and husband Bobby of Springtown; sisters Donna Dickerson and husband Clyde of Paradise, and Martha Johns and husband Bruce of Burleson; sisters-in-law Donna Handley of Paradise, and Vera Knight of Alvarado; grandchildren Caitlin and Payton Dauenhauer of Springtown; numerous nieces and nephews; and a host of friends and family.

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# Jennifer Ann Waite 1970-2024

Jennifer Ann (Linkeman) Waite, 54, passed away,



# **Glenn Zack Clancy** 1983-2024

Glenn Zack Clancy, beloved son, brother, and uncle, died at his Azle home Saturday, Aug. 17, 2024.

Visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 4 at Biggers Funeral Home.

Funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 5 in **Biggers Funeral Chapel.** 

Glenn was born July 26, 1983, in Ogden, Utah, and lived in California and Texas, graduating in 2002 from Rim of the World High School in Lake Arrowhead, California, where he was an Explorer Scout with the San Bernardino Sheriff's Department. After returning to Texas, Glenn was a certified nursing assistant from 2011 to 2014, then obtained his commercial driver license to become a truck driver. He traveled the country, then worked a variety of local delivery jobs before joining a Fort Worth culinary services company, Savor, in 2022.

Although Glenn traveled many miles, he knew life's journey was measured in moments. Glenn was generous with his time, resources and love, and will be missed by all those whose lives are richer because they knew him. He is survived by his



mother, Julia Dunaway; stepfather, Steve; his father, Vincent Clancy Jr.; stepmother, Susan; siblings, Helen Clancy, John David (Lauren) Stokes, Alexandra (Jake) Laney, Misty (Tony) Mecham, Melody (Dave) Bergman and Kevin (Lindsay) Soderlund; Glenn, 41, also leaves behind the light of his life, Angela Williams, and her children, Skyla and Jaxon; nieces Taylor, Grace, Kyndal and Meggan; and nephews Garrett, Kadin, Austin, Carson, James, and Cage.

The family wishes memorial contributions would be made to the animal rescue charity of your choice.

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# Remembering what matters: 5 truths for tough times

#### **MICKY SHEARON** micky@hcnews.com

"Life is like a box of chocolates. You never know what you're going to get." This famous line from one of my favorite movies, "Forrest Gump," perfectly encapsulates the unpredictable nature of life. We often find ourselves navigating through unexpected challenges, just as we discover the variety of flavors hidden within a box of chocolates.

Life is, in fact, a series of unpredictable events, often filled with ups and downs. It's easy to feel on top of the world when things are going well. But when life takes a turn for the worse, it's just as easy to feel lost, overwhelmed and disconnected. During these challenging moments, there are certain truths that can help anchor us, guiding us back to a place of peace and resilience. While seemingly obvious, these truths are often forgotten in the heat of the moment. Let's explore five essential things to remember during tough times.

### **1. LIFE IS SHORT AND UNPREDICTABLE**

Deep down, we all know that life is fleeting, and nothing is guaranteed. Yet, when faced with the reality of mortality — whether it's our own or that of someone we love -we're often caught off guard. It's like missing the last step on a staircase, momentarily throwing us off balance. This truth, though difficult to fully grasp, can serve as a powerful reminder to live fully today.

Instead of letting the fear of death or the unknown paralyze you, let it motivate you to live more boldly. Don't wait for tomorrow to take action on your dreams, spend time with loved ones, or experience the joy of the present moment. Life's most significant loss isn't death itself but the opportunities we miss because we're too afraid to take that next step. So. embrace today with courage and passion, and make the most of your time.

# 2. CHANGE IS INEVITABLE

One of life's constants is change. No matter how stable things might seem at the moment, change is always on the horizon. Change can be daunting to think about, especially when we're comfortable or when it's unwelcome. But it's important to remember that change is often necessary for growth. Consider this: the situation you're in right now, whether good or bad, will not last forever. Circumstances evolve, people come and go, and what seems overwhelming today may be a distant memory tomorrow. By accepting and adapting to change, you can find peace in the present and hope for the future. Remember, every season of life has its purpose, and every challenge brings with it an opportunity to grow

### stronger and wiser. **3. YOUR RESPONSE IS YOUR POWER**

We can't control everything that happens to us, but we can control how we respond. This truth is a cornerstone of resilience. In challenging times, it's easy to feel powerless, but by focusing on our reactions and decisions, we can regain control over our lives.

Patience and perseverance are key. It's not about waiting for things to improve but about maintaining a positive attitude while working toward a better outcome. Your actions, more than your words, define who you are. And often, the most powerful thing you can do is to let go of what you cannot change and focus on what you can — yourself. By adjusting your mindset and approach, you can turn even the most difficult situations into opportunities for growth.

### 4. HARD TIMES **BUILD STRENGTH**

There's a saying that goes, "What doesn't kill you makes you stronger." While it may sound cliché, it holds a significant truth. The storms of life — those difficult, trying times – are often the very experiences that shape us into who we are meant to be.

Hardships strip away the nonessentials, leaving behind only what truly matters. They force us to confront our deepest fears, to endure pain, and to push bevond our limits. And in doing so, they reveal an inner strength we may not have known we possessed. It's in the midst of these struggles that we often find our most significant source of resilience and growth. So, when vou're facing a tough time, remember that it's not just about surviving — it's about emerging stronger on the other side.

# **5. EMBRACE THE UNKNOWN**

One of the most unsettling aspects of life is not knowing what the future holds. But uncertainty doesn't have to be a source of anxiety; it can also be a source of freedom. When you accept that you don't have all the

aturday, Aug. 24, 2024, in Fort Worth.

A memorial will be at 11 a.m., Wednesday, Sept. 4 at Legacy Church.

Jennifer was born Feb. 21, 1970, in Wood River, Illinois.

Her mother. Alice (Roberson) Templeton preceded her in death along with her father-in-law, Henry Waite Jr. and nephew, Tyler Linkeman.

Jennifer is survived by her loving and devoted husband, Henry Waite; father, Danny Linkeman and stepmother, Pam; stepfather, Ricky Templeton; stepdaughter, Chelsea Waite; daughter, Kayla Harfield and husband, Brad; sons, Justin Slevin and wife, McKenna and Alex Waite; brother, Darren Linkeman and wife, Renee

Gray; mother-in-law, Billie Waite; sister-in-law, Emma Johnson and husband, Rick; brother-in-law, Brian Waite and wife, Patty; grandchildren, Sawyer, Camden, Lane, Georgia, Kolton and Harvey; and an abundance of nieces and nephews.

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answers, you open yourself up to new possibilities and experiences.

Life's greatest adventures often come when we let go of our need for control and allow ourselves to be carried by the winds of change. You may not know where you're headed, but that's okay. What's important is that you keep moving forward, trusting that the journey itself will lead you to where you need to be.

As you navigate life's uncertainties, keep your mind open and your spirit willing. The path may be winding and unpredictable, but it's on this journey that you'll find growth, new perspectives and perhaps even joy in the unexpected.

# ... ATTEND THE CHURCH OF YOUR CHOICE THIS SUNDAY

#### Pastor: Paul Brownback 10400 Jacksboro Hwy 817-238-1404 www.TheAbbeyChurch.com Morning Worship...... 10:30 AM Community Groups ...... Various Times **ASH CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH** Pastor: Dr. G. Wesley Shotwell 300 South Stewart St. 817-444-3219 www.ashcreekbc.org Contemporary Worship-TMP ...... 10:45 AM Traditional Worship ......10:45 AM Evening Worship/Youth Refuge ...... 6:00 PM Wednesday Evening......6:15 PM **AZLE FIRST ASSEMBLY of GOD** Rev. Joshua Lowrance 1020 S.E. Parkway, Azle 817-237-4903 Sunday School......9:30 AM Morning Worship...... 10:30 AM

THE ABBEY CHURCH

#### Wednesday Evening......7:00 PM **COMMUNITY BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH** Pastor - Alton Davis 817-521-4510 cbfazle.org 1405 Reynolds Rd., Azle

Directions: 730 N. to 1542 .5 mi. right on Cardinal, left on Reynolds 

**AZLE CHRISTIAN CHURCH DISCIPLES OF CHRIST** Interim Minister Rev. Russell Clark Family Life Minister Emerson Braun 117 Church St. • 817-444-3527 Sunday School......10:00 AM Morning Worship......11:00 AM **CORNERSTONE COMMUNITY CHURCH** 2233 Hwy 199 E., Springtown 817-221-LIFE (5433) Wednesday.....7:00 PM **CROSSROADS BAPTIST CHURCH** Pastor - Jon Baker Corner FM 730S & FM 1886 817-755-0279 Transportation Available Worship Service......10:30 AM Wed. Prayer Service......7:00 PM THE EDGE CHURCH - AZLE 1313 S.E. Pkwy, Azle 817-237-4822 Missouri Synod "Love God - Serve Others - Share Jesus" Traditional Worship ......9:30 AM 5

### Contemporary Worship......11:00 AM FIRST METHODIST CHURCH OF AZLE C

Pastor: Rev. Raymond Gilman 200 Church St., Azle 817-444-3323 Morn. Worship ......8:30 & 10:45 AM

### **GRACEPOINTE CHURCH** 4110 E. Hwy 199, Springtown Pastor: Timothy McKeown 817-221-5683 gracepointesbc.org Sunday School.....9:45 am Sunday Service.....11:00 AM Wednesday Bible Study ......6:00 PM

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800 Highcrest Dr Azl	e 817-444-3063
Saturday	5:00 рм
Sunday	9:00 ам
Sunday	11 AM (Spanish)
Daily Mass (M, T, Th, F)	8:00 ам
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Sunday School	9:00 ам
Traditional Service	10:00 ам

### **SOLID ROCK BIBLE CHURCH**

591 S. Reno Rd, , Springtown, Texas 76082		
Pastor - Bill Gay - 817-304-7443		
Coffee and Donuts9:00 AM		
Sunday School9:30 AM		
Morning Worship10:30 AM		
Children's Church After Music Service		
Ned. Prayer Meeting6:30 PM		
Ved Bible Study 7.00 PM		

**LEGACY CHURCH** Assembly of God Church Pastor: Gary D. Veazey Hwy. 199 & Jaybird Lane 817-221-2983 Morning Worship......9:15 & 11:00 AM Kidz Zone.....9:15 & 11:00 ам Weds Evening Legacy Group Legacy Youth, Kids All Services......7:00 PM THE RANCH CHRISTIAN COWBOY CHURCH Pastor: Greg Slankard 7955 Reed Rd., Azle 682-327-7082 www.TheRanchCCC.org Sunday School 9:30 AM • Worship 10:00 AM Weds 7:00 pm • Thurs Potluck 6:30 pm SILVER CREEK METHODIST CHURCH Pastor: Bill Killough 2200 Church Rd., Azle 817-444-1382 www.silvercreekmc.org Sunday School 9:30 AM • Worship 10:30 AM **SILVER CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH** Pastor: Jay Ditty Minister of Music: David Musick Corner FM 730 S. & Veal Station Rd. Church 817-444-2325 www.silvercreekbc.org Sı

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### THE WORD@LAKESIDE CHURCH OF GOD 9396 FM 1886 Fort Worth, TX 76135 817-237-5500 thewordatlakeside.com Pastors: Brandon and Kelly Bohannon Worship Pastor: Christen Moody Family Life and Young Adult Pastors: Jodie and Mark James, Kids Pastor: Katie Pearson, Student Pastors: Taylor and Sheridan Tomlin, Creative Directors: Logan and Carrie Edwards, Connections Coordinators: Preston and Ashley Larrew Equip Sunday School at the WORD ...... 9:30 AM Empower Worship at the WORD ..... 10:45 AM Kids at the WORD..... 10:45 AM PreK at the WORD ..... 10:45 AM Emanate at the WORD (Special Needs Ministry) ..... 10:45 AM Nursery at the WORD ..... 10:45 AM Young Adults at the WORD ...... 6:00 PM Wednesdays Adult Bible Class......7:00 PM

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00 рм	Awana Kids at the WORD 6:30 PM
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A church alive is worth the drive! For more information or rates on listing your church, call Jessica at 817-270-3340

# Azle Future, Hope and Healing Center sings for change

Local nonprofit to hold fundraiser at Billy Bob's Texas

# ZACH FREEMAN

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AZLE — Billy Bob's Texas, 2520 Rodeo Plaza, Fort Worth, will host a night to remember Sept. 15 with the Notes to Recovery Charity Event benefiting, in part, Azle's very own Future, Hope and Healing Center. The FHHC has held a number of fundraisers over the last year with the goal of raising \$1.6 million to build a domestic violence shelter for the Azle area. Over the summer, FHHC held a casino night which netted the organization more than \$7,000. In total, FHHC has raised about \$15,000 for the project. Executive Director Sally Daniels said the organization still has a long way to go.

Without the help and services they need, FHHC said abuse victims are at a greater risk for homelessness, drug addiction, long-term financial hardship, chronic illness, mental illness and crime. What's more, children who grew up in a household where domestic abuse is prevalent perform worse in school and are more likely to one day engage in the aforementioned behaviors as well.

According to the organization, approximately 50% of domestic violence victims with an Azle address are seeking shelter in surrounding communities. Azle area residents fleeing from abuse sometimes travel as far as Weatherford, Fort Worth and Decatur for a safe place to stay. Daniels hopes to change that and give women and families a shelter right in town. As many as 90% of women and their children risk becoming home less while leaving an abusive relationship.

"Our area does not have a viable emergency shelter for victims of abuse," Daniels said in an email to the Tri-County Reporter. "The Weatherford shelter is very small. The Bridgeport and Fort Worth shelters are too 

 FHHC and Hope's Bazaar staff and Azle High School students stand in front of the resale shop after selecting clothes for a fundraiser fashion show earlier this spring.

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 with the FHHC, these other
 victims in their own homes,
 going to the link www.axs.
 sive homes, 'Galent'

17 families we do not have a shelter where they can flee for safety in the past seven weeks. When victims of abuse are no longer being abused, our community and first responders are safer. The most dangerous call a police officer responds to is a domestic assault call. Educating the community and helping to keep it safe are just a few of our goals."

Talks of a fundraising concert began as early as January of this year. After Daniels met Terressa Nordstrom, a local business owner, the two went to work making it a reality. Nordstrom was able to connect Daniels with her organization, Notes to Recovery, a nonprofit that works with female veterans who have experienced domestic violence or sexual assault, and Matthew JC of JC Allstars and Operation Rock the Troops. Operation Rock the Troops is a nonprofit that works with veterans with PTSD. Along

with the FHHC, these other organizations will also benefit from funds raised for the event. In a phone conversation with the Tri-County Reporter, Nordstrom wanted to express to readers that the entire Azle community would benefit from the event.

"Both nonprofits use music to help veterans deal with their PTSD," Daniels said. "Terressa helps organize concerts with both of those organizations, so she was the perfect person to collaborate with."

The organization announced its plans to build an emergency shelter at a community meeting Nov. 16, 2023.

Due to the increase in domestic violence cases, the Azle Police Department established a domestic violence unit in March 2023. This unit partners with FHHC to provide resources and consultations to victims.

In 2023, the center provided 334 nights of safe sleep to victims in their own homes, 56 nights at motels, 74 counseling sessions, 12 support groups, paid deposits and/ or utilities for at least six people and \$525 in Walmart gift cards to help victims get re-established. FHHC is primarily supported by its resale shop, Hope's Bazaar at 141 W Main St., Azle.

Billy Bob's will open its doors at 1 p.m. Sept. 15. For a \$25 door fee, guests can support a great cause and enjoy the day with silent auctions, giveaways and performances through 10 p.m. Headliners JC Allstars and The Lowdown Drifters will perform at 6:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. respectively. The event will also feature Christian Sly, Jessica McVey, Shelby Ballenger, Sara Schafer, Mike Mancy, Josh Stone, Jeff Grossman, Deanna Wheeler, Aubrey Lynn, Rachel Stacy, Steve Helms, Ben McPherson, Sarah Hobbs, USA Cheerleaders and a surprise special guest.

Readers can buy tickets by

going to the link *www.axs. com/events/635573/notes-torecovery-charity-event-tickets* or by going to billybobstexas. com/events and clicking on the Notes to Recovery Charity Event.

FHHC is also looking for sponsors for the event. Big spenders can receive a variety of rewards at \$5,000, \$10,000 and \$20,000 sponsorship levels. Jag Metals, Sutton Printing, Hidden Gardens, Matt and Ryan Johnson, Lantern Ink, Cody Jinks, BSG wraps, 1307 Production and Texas Red Hot Radio and vettix.org have all given substantial gifts this far.

"The community support continues to grow, and we have had more local companies reach out in the past six months to support our agency," Daniels said. "Future events include a murder mystery dinner, our second annual candlelight vigil to bring awareness to the community and honor those that have had the courage to leave abusive homes, 'Galentines' ladies' event in February 2025, FCCLA Fashion Show at Azle High School in March 2025, Derby and Casino nights 2025. We will also be starting our monthly community education breakfast groups in October."

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To reach Daniels call 817-556-1762 or email *sd@fhhc. charity.* 

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Springtown Council denies rezoning for Goshen Road Mexican restaurant

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the zoning at 301 Goshen Road from single family residential to commercial. The property is behind Taco Bell, south of the Goshen Road and South Birch Street intersection and is surrounded by a mix of residential and commercial zoning. The council discussed the rezoning proposal at its August meeting, and generally, members asserted that 301 Goshen Road is not the right place for that kind of zoning. Mayor Pro Tem Ted Martinez questioned how the change could affect the commercial density by State Highway 199 and Goshen Road. Likewise, council member Richelle Pruitt described the area as "messy" in terms of traffic. "That type is not really a good fit there," Martinez said during the meeting. Council member David Martin pushed the discussion forward by saying the commercial zoning does not adhere to the city's land use maps, which call for single family residential zoning west of the fire station on the south side of Goshen Road. "This could very easily be a commercial corridor, but our planning documents, part of our comprehensive plans, do not show this as commercial," Martin said during the meeting. "We might be putting the cart before the horse in this case." The council also took into consideration that two neighboring property owners opposed the zoning change primarily because they had concerns about their land being used for access. Assistant City Administrator and City

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Secretary Christina Derr said during the meeting that access to 301 Goshen Road



SPRINGTOWN — Springtown City Council turned down a rezoning request that would have made way for a Mexican restaurant on Goshen Road.

In July, Springtown Planning and Zoning Commission voted to recommend the city council change from its neighbors would not be required.

The council's decision to deny the rezoning was unanimous.

"If that house were on the north side of the street, it would be different," council member Michele Chandler Kelley said following the vote.



# Azle CAP announces Cadet Great Start class

### **STAFF REPORT**

AZLE — Azle Composite Squadron, Civil Air Patrol, announced its next Cadet Great Start class will begin Sept. 17. Class size is limited, and signups are required to ensure proper planning of resources. Interested teens may sign up through the squadron website at azle.cap.gov, the Azle CAP Facebook page or through email at *azle@ txwg.cap.gov.* 

TX456 holds the classes three times per year, the next occurring Sept. 17. Students in this class will train and work through their first rank of airman. At the end of a five-week course, students may receive the John Curry Award. Upon completion of the Great Start class, students will join the rest of the squadron and participate in activities related to leadership, character development, aerospace, emergency services, safety, fitness, STEM and other topics. These cadets also become eligible to attend encampment which helps further develop their leadership skills, expands their knowledge of Civil Air Patrol, and opens the doors to National

Cadet Special Activities in aviation, military, leadership and technology.

The Cadet Great Start program gives teens and their parents a comprehensive introduction to life as a Civil Air Patrol cadet. When asked about their experience, previous graduates of the program said they felt warmly welcomed by everyone. A press release from the Azle CAP said students voiced their appreciation for the patience and leadership shown by the higher-ranking cadets who taught many of the classes and senior members who explained things in more detail when necessary.

During the five-week course, prospective cadets are introduced to various elements of the CAP Cadet Program — leadership, aerospace education, physical fitness, character development and emergency services. Teamwork is a central theme of the class with many activities requiring the prospective cadets to work together in groups and one-on-one. In addition to these teamwork activities, they observe teamwork in action between the higher-ranking cadets

and senior members of the squadron. From learning how to wear their uniform, to interacting with other ranking cadets and senior members, teens emerge with self-confidence, goals, and equipped with the knowledge and skills necessary for achieving the John Curry award, the release said.

Maj. Gen. John F. Curry served as CAP's first national commander in the early days of WWII. Under his leadership, CAP aircrews conducted missions of national importance including aerial search missions, border observation, towing aerial targets for the U.S. Navy and searching for Nazi submarines. Earning the John Curry award signifies a cadet has displayed a positive and optimistic attitude, is enthusiastic and team oriented. Along with the award comes a voucher that may be used to purchase a cadet's uniform items. By completing the Cadet Great Start program and its membership requirements along with achieving their first rank, cadets will be eligible for an orientation ride in a CAP aircraft with an experienced CAP pilot.



Azle Civil Air Patrol cadets at last year's Sting Fling parade.

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# Walnut Creek SUD progresses in establishing new mass notification system

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SPRINGTOWN — After almost a year of dealing with technical issues, Walnut Creek Special Utility District finally announced that its new mass notification system Everbridge is up and running.

This news was delivered to the board of directors at its Aug. 19 meeting. "One employee has fin

"One employee has finished training, and another that customers could (and still can) sign up for on the district's website to receive emails or texts about water main repairs, boil water notices and other notifications. Customers addressed the board at meetings to say that a better system was needed, and one person suggested the company Everbridge.

The SUD collected bids for a mass notification system, and the cheapest bid came from Everbridge. So, the board awarded the contract to Everbridge in September 2023. Setting up the new system was only supposed to take a few weeks, but the district faced technical issues in establishing the new system. "Their (information technology) department and ours finally figured out why the two systems would not merge and straightened the problem out," Blackwood said.

Everbridge's system is expected to allow the district to narrow alerts to impacted neighborhoods. This is an upgrade from the alert system on the SUD's website that notifies all who signed up, even if the message doesn't impact them.

These alerts from

# LEGAL PUBLIC NOTICES

#### INVITATION TO SUBMIT PROPOSALS NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the City of Azle, Texas (OWNER) will receive sealed proposals at Azle City Hall until 10:00 a.m. local time on Thursday, September 26, 2024 for Wrecker Services. Sealed proposals will be opened and read aloud publicly following the close of the period. Bidders may receive a copy of Request for Proposals from the City's website at http://www.cityofazle.org. For additional information, please contact: Jennifer Walls/ Purchasing Agent at 817-444-7003 or by email at jwalls@cityofazle.org

#### Public Hearing

City of Reno will have replat proposal for address 550 W White Dove, Azle, Texas 76020. Dove Ranch Estates tract of land containing 51.06 acres, Lots 1-10, in the T.&P. RR. Company Survey, Abstract No. 1374 and the W. Shown Survey, Abstract No. 1894, Parker County Texas, being the same tracts described in deeds to Ralph & Goldie Yates in Volume 1188, Page 355 & Volume 1280, Page 45, Official Public Records of Parker County. Reno City Hall is located at 195 W. Reno Road, Azle, Texas 76020. Documents relating to the public hearing will be available for viewing on the City's website or at City Hall during regular business hours. Comments may also be emailed to rebekka.roberts@renotx.gov or mailed to 195 W. Reno Road, Azle, TX 76020. For more information call City Hall at (817) 221-2500 P&Z meeting will be on September 16, 2024, at 6:00 PM. Council Meeting will be September 23, 2024, at 7PM.

#### Public Notice

The City of Reno public hearing for a Rezoning Application applied for property of roughly 367.4 acres total land area, not counting streets or alleys, off of S Reno Road, Springtown, TX 76082, to change from Agricultural zoning to SF-1 zoning. Council Meeting that was scheduled to be on September 23, 2024, at 7PM located at 195 W. Reno Road, Azle, Texas 76020 is cancelled due to being withdrawn. The City of Reno replat proposal for address 550 W White Dove, Azle, Texas 76020. Dove Ranch Estates tract of land containing 51.06 acres, Lots 1-14, in the T.&P. RR. Company Survey, Abstract No. 1374 and the W. Shown Survey, Abstract No. 1894, Parker County Texas, being the same tracts described in deeds to Ralph & Goldie Yates in Volume 1188, Page 355 & Volume 1280, Page 45, Official Public Records of Parker County. Council Meeting that was scheduled to be on September 23, 2024, at 7PM located at 195 W. Reno Road, Azle, Texas 76020 is cancelled.

will be finished by the end of the week," SUD general manager James Blackwood said to The Tri-County Reporter Aug. 20. "So, essentially, Everbridge should be ready to go by the end of week."

Before now, Walnut Creek SUD used an alert system

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Everbridge are supposed to be delivered by text, email and phone calls, but Blackwood reported last month that the district was trying to resolve a glitch where the system was only sending emails.

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# Winners can pick up their checks at the Tri-County Reporter office after Thursday.

# OFFICIAL RULES

There are 16 games listed in advertisements on this page. To enter, pick the winner and write the name of that team in the appropriate blank on the official entry form. Mail or deliver the form to the Tri-County Reporter at 321 W. Main St., Azle, Texas 76020, by 1:00 PM FRIDAY. (Limit one entry per person). Entries can also be dropped off at Highland Furniture on the Square in Springtown, 133 E. 1st St.

Entries will be tabulated weekly and the results published in that week's issue of the Tri-County Reporter. The first place winner each week will receive \$20, the second place winner \$10 and the third place winner \$5. The tie breaker will be used to determine placings. In case of a tie, the money will be divided equally. To pick the tie breaker, predict the total number of points in the selected game and enter in the appropriate space on the official entry form. All entries become the property of the Tri-County Reporter. Please write clearly and be sure to enter your pick in the correct blank. Second tiebreaker decided by whoever picks Azle and Springtown games correctly.

# Football Contest Week 1 Results on page B4











THURSDAY, September 5, 2024

# Sting Fling Festival set Sept. 14

### **ZACH FREEMAN**

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AZLE — The annual Sting Fling Festival is here once again! On Sept. 14, Azle residents will have the chance to participate in a day of fun and festivities with events taking place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Azle's Main Street will host a swath of vendors. Contests, activities and events will be held throughout the day and will include a parade, Weiner Dog Derby and classic car show.

Indoor entertainment at 404 Main Place will consist of trick roper Kent Durham at 10 a.m., Klassy Kloggers at 10:30 a.m. and Expressive Movement Dance Studio at 11 a.m. The Texas Clearwater Revival band will be playing outside starting at noon.

### STING FLING PARADE:

• Check-in and parade staging will begin at 8 a.m. in the front parking lot (facing State Highway 199) of the Azle ISD administration building, 300 Roe St.

• The parade begins at 9 a.m. on Green Way. It will turn right on Church Street, right onto Main Street and continue before turning right onto Industrial Avenue, then right onto Central Drive and arrive back at the Azle administration building.

The entry deadline to join the parade is Sept. 10.
Parade themes and trophy categories include Best Overall, Most Sting Fling Spirit, Best Thing on Wheels and Best in Neon.

### WIENER DOG DERBY:

 $\cdot$  All activities begin at 10

a.m.

• Same day registration and check-in for preregisterees will be between 8 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.

Contests for first place trophies only include best dog costume (any breed), best dog and owner costume (any breed), "Wannabe Weiner Racer" (any dog under 25 pounds).
First, second and third place trophies will be awarded to dachshunds only for the Weiner Dog Race.

### CLASSIC CAR SHOW HOSTED BY SILVER DOLLAR CLASSICS CAR CLUB:

The show will be held from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Same day registration and check-in for preregisterees will be from 9-11 a.m. at 404 Main Place.

The award ceremony be-



Weiner racers sprint to the finish at last year's Sting Fling.

gins at 2 p.m. · Awards include Club Participation, Best in Show, Mayor's Choice, People's Choice, Sponsor's Choice and Top 30. · Cars, trucks and motorcycles are welcome to participate.

#### VENDORS:

• Booths must be maintained from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.  $\cdot$  Vendor setup begins at 7 a.m.

• Vendor registration ended Aug. 30.

• Vendors will be located inside 404 Main Place and along Main Street.

# North Texas public agencies, NCTCOG use technology to reduce freight congestion

### COURTESY OF NORTH CENTRAL TEXAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

ARLINGTON — The North Central Texas Council of Governments has announced traffic signal technology system partnerships to help trucks move more efficiently through some of the region's key freight corridors.

The cities of Arlington, Carrollton, Fort Worth, Garland, Grand Prairie and McKinney, as well as Dallas Fort Worth International Airport, are helping deploy a

# Regional benefits include improved traffic flow, reduced fuel costs, lower emissions

Freight Signal Optimization Program across more than 500 traffic signals in their jurisdictions.

In North Texas, trucks are involved in the shipment of approximately 77% of goods. The freight optimization program will improve traffic flow through signalized intersections by helping freight vehicles stop at fewer red lights. This first-of-its kind service based on cloud-computing technology is designed to save money, time and fuel while reducing emissions. Passenger vehicles driving alongside the heavy trucks will benefit from the same extended green time. Funded through a U.S. Department of

Transportation grant, participation is at no additional cost to freight operators. The technology being deployed has been used in transit and emergency response applications across the country, including Austin and San Antonio.

"The benefits to our community, which include enhanced road safety, improved quality of life and environmental consciousness, are significant," said Natalie Bettger, NCTCOG senior program manager, congestion management and system operation. "The technology works with traffic management systems to provide a few more seconds of green time to allow the heavy vehicle to pass through the intersection without stopping. It requires no additional hardware in the truck or in the traffic signal cabinet." The technology deploy-

ment also includes information announcing to the truck driver the recommended travel speed to arrive at a traffic light on green that is currently red. This technology is available today in production vehicles including several Audi and Volkswagen models.

Data will be fully anonymized in program operations, which means participant information will not be collected or used for any other purpose.

To learn more about the program, or to sign up as a freight operator for no cost, go to *freightpriority.com*.



Winners can pick up their checks at the Tri-County Reporter office after Thursday.

# **2024 OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM**

Deadline for entries 1 p.m. Friday! No photocopies please!

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Name:	•
Address:	Phone:



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habit of tinkering with cars but said he made sure she and her sister knew how to change tires and oil before they could get their driver's licenses. Stevens said her dad was her hero, and they were very close.

"He just had the biggest heart," she said. "He didn't have a mean bone in his body. If he was around anyone and they were trying to talk crap or start some drama, he'd be the first one to defuse the situation. He was so kind. He would give you the shirt off his back and pour his heart on his sleeve, and you always knew exactly how much he loved you.'

Jeff Davis died in April 2023 at 57 years old of a heart attack. He had previously been diagnosed with congestive heart failure, but Stevens thought he was getting better with the medication he was given. Then one day, he collapsed at work and was rushed to the hospital. Stevens didn't get to see her father before he passed.

Stevens said her father was "loved by everybody," not just her. In fact, mourners filled up his memorial service at Biggers Funeral Home in Lake Worth, and only standing room was available.

When he died, Jeff Davis left behind his prized 1971 Chevrolet Chevelle.

"After his passing, we kept the Chevelle as a tribute to him," Alicia Davis said in a statement. "Beyond the metal and paint, what he truly left us was the profound appreciation for the beauty of craftsmanship and the importance of preserving history."

Stevens said she wasn't aware of her father ever entering any of his vehicles into car shows, but this changed at this year's Cars for the Cause in Springtown, hosted by overdose awareness group We ARE Our Brother's Keeper. Stevens decided to enter the Chevelle in the show because her cousin was one of the sponsors and offered to get her a spot.

Lo and behold, the Chevelle placed second at Cars for the Cause. Stevens likened the moment to how a Miss America contestant must feel when winning the crown. She was so shocked that she doesn't remember accepting the award, though she does



Sarah Stevens holds her late father's urn, which is a handheld replica of his prized 1971 Chevrolet Chevelle.

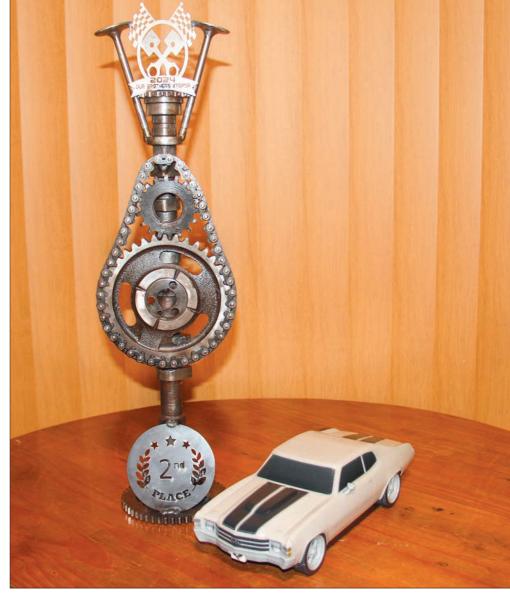


Jeff Davis died in April 2023 at 57 years old.

when her uncle had to bring her a new car battery when the Chevelle wouldn't start. Once she got to Springtown, Stevens said she felt happy to be at the show but also sad a car, so this was the closest her "big guy" wasn't with her. "I knew that if my dad was here, he'd be super excited to be there," she said. Still. Stevens made sure Jeff Davis attended the show in spirit. She brought a large picture of her father from his funeral as well as his urn,

which is a handheld replica of his Chevelle.

"He used to joke about being buried in it," she said. "That's a big grave to dig for thing we could get."



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Jeff Davis' 1971 Chevrolet Chevelle won second place at Springtown overdose awareness group We ARE Our Brother's Keeper's Cars for the Cause Car Show in August. Sarah Stevens accepted the trophy for her late father's classic car.



MADELYN EDWARDS | TRI-COUNTY REPORTER Sarah Stevens has lots of old photos of her dad's previous vehicles, including muscle cars and classics.

said.

Stevens' experience at Cars for the Cause has inspired her to enter other car shows, including Sting Fling's Classic Car Show in Azle. She's not in tion and a deep appreciation it to get another trophy but just enjoys seeing people react with pleasure at the sight of her father's Chevelle.

Davis said: "Today, as we look at those classic cars, we see more than just vehicles. We see our father's legacy a legacy of passion, dedicafor the finer details of life. His love for classic cars was a gift he gave us, one that continues to inspire and connect us to him. Every time we turn the engine or polish a fender, we feel his presence, and we are reminded of the incredible father who taught us to

find joy in the journey, and beauty in the details.' Stevens and her sister plan

to enter the Chevelle into as many nearby car shows as possible.

"We're not getting rid of it "

recall her 12-year-old trying to snap her out of it.

"I froze, and so she, like, hit me, and she was like, 'Mom! That's you!"" Stevens said.

The whole event was an emotional ordeal for Stevens, even from the beginning

During the show, Stevens got a kick out of watching her

daughter guard the Chevelle and warn people not to touch it if they got too close.

"All the kids know how important Pop's things are, especially the car," Stevens

"Anytime anyone is like, 'Oh, cool car,' I can just hear my dad in my head being like, 'Yeah, it is,'" she said.

In her statement, Alicia

Stevens said. "It's in our family. It's going to be in our family until the wheels fall off ... and then hopefully, if it could be fixed, then we'll keep it even longer after that."





A closeup of one of the center's newest residents.

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ture and transport the prairie dogs to their new home in Fort Worth. The relocation was necessitated by the impending construction of a housing development on the prairie dogs' original colony.

Prairie dogs, as a keystone species, play an essential role in maintaining the health of prairie ecosystems; their presence also offers valuable educational opportunities for the public. A wide variety of native fauna are reliant on prairie dog burrows, and prairie dogs themselves, for their survival.

"Translocations are inherently challenging and typically are a last-resort mea-

sure in wildlife management, but we are fully committed to providing this colony with the best possible conditions for establishing a new home here," said FWNC&R Acting Manager Jared Wood. "The threat of disease, which has decimated many prairie dog populations across their range, always remains a concern. To mitigate this risk, we will use a flea control bait specifically designed to prevent disease transmission in prairie dog colonies. This preventive measure, which does not harm the prairie dogs, is important in ensuring the long-term health and stability of the newly released animals.'

The collaborative conservation project was made possible through the generous support of Friends board



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(L-R): David Reasoner, natural resources technician at the Fort Worth Nature Center & Refuge, Nic Martinez, natural resources scientist at the Nature Center and Marty Leonard, board member emeritus.



member emeritus Marty Leonard, who remembered fondly the previous colony and how beloved it was by the entire community. "I was thrilled to be a part

of such a great, collaborative effort supporting the establishment of a new prairie dog colony at the Nature Center especially knowing that we were rescuing these animals from a precarious situation,' Leonard said. "It's incredibly rewarding to see them safe and thriving thus far in their new Fort Worth home." Leonard was honored by the FWNC&R in April with the opening of the Marty Leonard Lotus Marsh Boardwalk on the far northwest side of the property. From this viewing platform, visitors can get an

up-close look at some of the wildlife that calls the waters and marshes of Lake Worth their home. On Fridays from 8 – 9 a.m., visitors can even enjoy a yoga class on the boardwalk for \$5 after admission to the park.

Upon arrival, the prairie dogs were released using specially designed traps that open into artificial burrows, which were constructed by FWNC&R staff and volunteers. These initial burrows offer crucial shelter and protection from predators as the prairie dogs begin the process of digging and establishing their burrow system. During this critical acclimation period, FWNC&R staff are providing daily food to support the colony's transition to its new environment.

Prairie dogs primarily get their water from food sources, so the staff are carefully selecting and providing a diet that ensures the colony receives adequate hydration.

"Working with the prairie dogs has been an enjoyable experience for my team," added Wood. "While we are

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optimistic the colony will succeed, we recognize the uncertainties in relocating wildlife. The reestablishment of prairie dogs at the Nature Center not only will enrich our pastures but also serve as an invaluable educational resource for our visitors."

The prairie dogs are now available for viewing, offering an engaging opportunity for the public to observe these lively animals in their new habitat.



# TRI\*COUNTY **Reporter** DIVERSIONS 📕 THURSDAY, September 5, 2024 📗

# Hornets, Roos renew rivalry after quarter century



The Lake Worth defensive line attempts to block Frisco Panther Creek's field goal at Bullfrog Stadium Aug. 30.

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# **RICK MAUCH**

Special to the Tri-County Reporter

The last time the Azle Hornets and Weatherford Kangaroos met on the football field, none of the players on either team were born yet. When they clash Friday at 7 p.m. at Hornet Stadium, it will be the first time since 1999, when the Kangaroos won 28-7.

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Overall, the teams have played 20 times in a series that dates to 1964. Weatherford has a 14-6 lead in games won.

Hornets head coach Devon Dorris remembers well the last time the teams played. He was part of the Azle coaching staff at the time.

"We are looking forward to the chance to play Weatherford again. I can't believe it's been 25 years," Dorris said. "They are a good, physical 6A football program and it will be great preparation for us with the teams we play in our district."

Though they have not played on the field, there has been competition between the programs. In 2017 quarterback Ken Seals made a controversial transfer from Azle to Weatherford. Seals would lead the Kangaroos to back-to-back playoff berths after having to play on the

### PLEASE SEE ROUNDUP | B2

# **Breaking records** and setting goals

**CHASITY VURICH** sports@tricountyreporter.com

It's her second year to play varsity volleyball. As a junior stopping anytime soon when mates and I on. He's really my biggest cheerleader, always shouting out to root me on,

no matter what," said Massey. "Coach Buckholt, I owe a at Azle High School, she's not lot of my success to. She has shown me that she is some-



it comes to breaking records and setting goals.

Miley Massey, number 17, a setter, has surpassed the record for the number of assists for Azle varsity volleyball.

She reached that record last week with 1,000 assists, but last weekend at a tournament in Granbury, she set a new career record which was even more difficult to achieve.

Massey has played volleyball for more than 10 of her 16 years. Volleyball means everything to her.

Her two most inspiring mentors include her coach, Kenley Buckholt, and her father, Brandon Massey.

"My dad is always on the sidelines cheering my teamone I can lean on, and I can always ask questions without any hesitation," she added.

Massey plans to continue her volleyball career after high school. She aspires to attend a D1 school and hopes to live out her volleyball dream.

She has had several offers including Temple University in Pennsylvania, and Syracuse University in New York.

But Massey has also highly considered attending some of the UK colleges that have expressed high interest.

In Massey's off season, she plays club volleyball for teams such as Game On, Fort Worth Fire and Field House.

PLEASE SEE MILEY | B2 The Lady Hornets played in the Granbury High School Classic Volleyball tournament August 22-24 in Granbury.



#### Brothers Victor Wingate, 8, and Josh Wingate, 9, show off their banners from the Parker County Stock Show's breeding rabbit competition this year. Victor won reserve champion with his brother's rabbit, and Josh earned champion of his class.

# Must love rabbits

Brothers share win at county stock show

### **MADELYN EDWARDS**

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SPRINGTOWN -Springtown 4-H Club members Josh and Victor Wingate lit up with excitement when they talked about rabbits.

Both brothers have been rabbit show competitors, but 9-year-old Josh was the first one to test the waters. He has been showing rabbits for about a year and has enjoyed raising rabbits, especially when they are babies.

"My rabbits like to get up behind pillows and sleep," Josh said.

Meanwhile, 8-year-old Victor seemed to be inspired by just one rabbit — Cheese Puff.

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"I wanted to show rabbits because of Cheese Puff,"

Victor said. "I liked him." Cheese Puff is a mini rex castor with an agouti coloration, meaning the fur is two-toned. With Cheese Puff, Victor won reserve champion at the Parker County Stock Show's breeding rabbit contest earlier this year. Josh also placed first in his class at the breeding rabbit show and tied for intermediate second place in the rabbit showmanship contest, according to the show's official results.

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"He's a good rabbit at showing," Victor said about Cheese Puff. "He's one of our best rabbits at showing."

Technically, Cheese Puff is Josh's rabbit, but Victor was able to show the rabbit at the Parker County Stock Show.

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But on top of that, being in school, her coaches are persistent about making sure Massey stays in constant contact with the volleyball — literally making sure she has that physical touch daily with the ball.

Massey also has a few particular traditions she and her teammates engage in prior to every game. These traditions, of course, come as a habit, but also follow suit as a sort of superstition.



CHASITY VURICH | TRI-COUNTY REPORTER Coach Kenley Buckholt, left, with Miley Massey.

One is a good old-fashioned line dance. This tradition has been with the team for the last three years and they don't plan on departing from it anytime soon.

"If the claps aren't correct, even on the handshakes, we have to start over and do it right," said Massey.

Head volleyball coach Buckholt started in 2018 with Azle volleyball. "When I first started, I tried to find any kept record stats of any kind, and I found nothing. That's when I began keeping these stats, starting from the ground up," said Buckholt.

When it comes to Massey and her coach, they share a great bond.

"There's a lot of pressure for setters in this game, I personally know that from my many years of experience, but Miley has a great way of executing the job with a lot of grace and integrity, doing whatever she is asked with no hesitation," said Buckholt. "What she does isn't easy, but I coach her hard, and Miley takes it like a champ with no questions and no holding back."



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# **ROUNDUP** FROM PAGE B1

junior varsity as a sophomore per University Interscholastic League transfer rules.

Seals played at Vanderbilt four seasons before transferring to TCU this season for his final year of eligibility.

The Hornets are coming off a 41-34 win at Abilene Cooper. The Kangaroos fell 23-21 to Hurst L.D. Bell at home last week.

Azle offensive leaders vs. Cooper: Derrek Vowell 13-of-19, 201 yards, TD, interception passing; Hagen Hughes 18-187, two RD rushing; King Stephens 14-106, three TD rushing; Brayden Combs 5-120, TD receiving; Aiden Mackey 5-75 receiving.

Azle defensive leaders vs. Cooper: Joshua Guzman eight tackles, three for loss; Case Moore eight tackles; Riley Self seven tackles.

### LAKE WORTH FOOTBALL

The Bullfrogs opened the season with a 55-10 at home against Frisco Wakeland, the first of three straight home games to start the 2024 camrushing; Jaden Garrett 1-39 receiving.

# SPRINGTOWN FOOTBALL

After the Porcupines opened the season with a 21-20 upset loss at Joshua, Graham comes to Springtown Friday at 7 p.m. The Porcupines entered the season No. 18 in Class 4A Division I and Graham was No. 9 in 4A Division II, opening with a 23-0 win at home against Midland Christian.

Springtown leads the alltime series dating to 1982 by 7-6-1 margin. Graham's 36-15 win in 2023 ended a four-year win streak for the Porcupines as the teams have now played every season since 2018.

Springtown offensive leaders vs. Joshua: Kaine Hill 6-of-11, 49 yards, interception passing; Ryan Kirk 13-100 rushing; Hayden Nichols 13-55, three TD rushing; Chase Thompson 3-26 receiving.

Springtown defensive leaders vs. Joshua: Thompson 10 tackles, Robert Lewis eight tackles, Darren Sweely eight tackles.

### **AZLE VOLLEYBALL**

The Lady Hornets (13-9) wrapped up tournament play in the Godley Tournament this past weekend. Leaders **Defeated Millsap 2-0** Kills: Jacqui McClain 8 Aces: Macie Baker 3 Blocks: McClain 4 Digs: Baker 13 Assists: Miley Massey 13 Receptions: Baker 11 Lost 2-0 to Blum Kills: McClain 11 Digs: Baker 19 Assists: Massey 11 Receptions: Ellie Lund 20 **Defeated Bridgeport 2-0** Kills: Kills: Addison Dorris

Assists: Sophie Weger 9 **Defeated Aubrey 2-1** Kills: McClain 11 Blocks: Lyric Mize 4, Arely Licerio 4, Destiny Brune 4 Digs: Heather Lockridge 16 Assists: Massey 21 Receptions: Lockridge 20,

Lund 17 **Defeated Holliday 2-0** Kills: McClain 12 Blocks: Dorris 3 Digs: Baker 10 Assists: Gabby Briseno 15 Receptions: Lockridge 8 **Lost 2-0 to Bushland** Kills: McClain 8 Digs: Lockridge 9 Assists: Massey 8 Receptions: Lockridge 14,

Lund 13 The Lady Hornets will host Midlothian Heritage Sept. 6 at 6:30 p.m. and travel to Bridgeport for a 6 p.m. match Sept. 10.

### LAKE WORTH VOLLEYBALL

The Lady Frogs (5-15) ended the tournament season in the Godley Tournament this past weekend. Lost 2-0 to Ponder

Receptions: Jasmin Martinez 9

**Lost 2-0 to Robinson** Blocks: Danica Long 3 Digs: Karina Velez Esteves

**Receptions: Esteves 8** Lost 2-1 to Cleburne Kills: Odyssey Hurrington 7 Aces: Ja. Martinez 3 Digs: Ja. Martinez 17 Assists: Sophia Ayala 14 Receptions: Esteves 19, Aliyah Salas 17, Ja. Martinez 17 Lost 2-0 to North Central **Texas Academy** Receptions: Ja. Martinez 15 Lake Worth also won a 3-2 nontournament match against Pilot Point Aug. 30. Kills: Hurrington 9 Aces: Avala 4, Juliana Martinez 4 Blocks: Hurrington 3

Digs: Ja. Martinez 27, Salas 18

round 1 of day 2.

- Assists: Ayala 20
- Receptions: Ja. Martinez 22, Esteves 20 The week began with a 3-0

loss to Sunnyvale. Digs: Ja. Martinez 9 Receptions: Ja. Martinez 16, Salas 15

The Lady Frogs travel to Benbrook on Sept. 6 for a 4:30 p.m. contest and visit Fort Worth Carter Riverside Sept. 10 at 5:30 p.m.

### SPRINGTOWN VOLLEYBALL

The Lady Pines (16-9) concluded pre-district tournament play in the Peaster Showcase last weekend. Prior to the tournament, the Lady Pines traveled to Godley for a tri-match with the hosts and Ponder. They defeated Godley 3-0 and lost 2.0 to Dondor

3-0 to Ponder. Leaders vs Godley Kills: Addy Burtnett 10 Aces: Yantzy Martinez 4 Digs: Libby Tedder 15, Quintanilla 14 Assists: Bailey Walker 15

Receptions: Quintanilla 18, Tedder 15 Leaders vs. Ponder Kills: Burtburnett 7 Digs: Quintanilla 24 Assists: Walker 14 Receptions: Quintanilla 25 15 Assists: Conway 21, Walker

18 Receptions: Jackson 17,

Quintanilla 14

The Lady Hornets took on El Dorado High School August 23, and came away with the 2-0 victory for

- Lost 3-1 to Clyde
- Kills: Strickland 10 Digs: Quintanilla 26
- Assists: Conway 13
- Receptions: Quintanilla 28 Lost 3-1 to Harker
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- **Heights** Kills: Strickland 8 Digs: Quintanilla 30,
  - Jackson 17 Assists: Walker 12,
  - Strickland 12 Receptions: Jackson 17,
- Quintanilla 17, Carter 14 Quintanilla and Strickland
- were named all-tournament. The Lady Pines play at Blum, Sept. 6 at 3 p.m. and

host Brewer for Senior Night Sept. 10 at 6 p.m.

AZLE CROSS COUNTRY

The Lady Hornets and Hornets each finished second in the Burkburnett Jamboree. The Hornets were a single point out of first place.

The Hornets had five runners place in the top 14, led by Parker Huffaker, third, 17:20.51 over 5K. Jose Romero was ninth, 18:11.50; Riley Roberts, 11th, 18:24.44; Seth Sexton, 13th, 18:37.96; and Joaguin Solorzano, 14th, Azriel Allred paced the Lady Hornets JV, finishing 18th in 20:23.58 over 3200 meters.

Azle will compete in the Lubbock Invitational Sept. 7.

### LAKE WORTH CROSS COUNTRY

The Bullfrogs and Lady Frogs competed in the Burleson Elk Run Aug. 30.

The Lady Frogs were led by Feyli Santana, who placed 34th over the varsity girls 5K with a time of 14:55. Jacksiry Perez was 48th in 15:36.

For the Bullfrogs, Roman Mtambala was 73rd individually, clocking 22 minutes over 5K.

Lake Worth is competing in the Metroplex Invitational Sept. 6.

### SPRINGTOWN CROSS COUNTRY

The Porcupines and Lady Pines ran at Boyd this past Saturday. The girls placed third in their division and the boys were fourth.

The Porcupines had five runners finish in the top 30, with Brayden Levario taking fifth over the 5K course with a clocking of 19:47.26. Also, Ethan Conaway was 17, 21:07.44; Peyton Bening, 20th, 21:43.49; Daniel Herrington, 26th, 22:43.86; and Wyatt Pittman, 22:46.44. Izzy Parker paced the Lady Pines individually, placing 24th over the 3200-meter course with a time of 13:23.90, while Kensington Edwards was 26th in 13:34.60. Springtown runs again at Mineral Wells on Sept. 6.

paign. Now, they host perennial power Brock, a newcomer to Class 4A, Friday at 7 p.m.

Brock is coming off a 27-7 victory at Decatur. This will be the first meeting ever between the Eagles and Bullfrogs.

Since playing its first UIL game in 2014, the Eagles are 128-23 with a state championship in 2015 and four finals appearances in 2017, 2018, 2021 and 2022.

Lake Worth offensive leaders vs. Wakeland: Kevin Poinnter 7-18, 54 yards, TD passing; Jakobe Smith 12-53

Aces: Paisley Jeter 4 Digs: Cienna Feldman 9 Tournament results Defeated Lorena 3-0 Kills: Burtnett 10 Aces: Gracie Carter 3, Walker 3, Quintanilla 3 Blocks: Corrine Hall 4 Digs: Quintanilla 16 Assists: Conway 12 Receptions: Quintanilla 16 Defeated El Paso Eastview 3-1 Kills: Burtnett 12, Ryleigh

Strickland 12, Olivia Williams 11 Aces: Aerial Jackson 3

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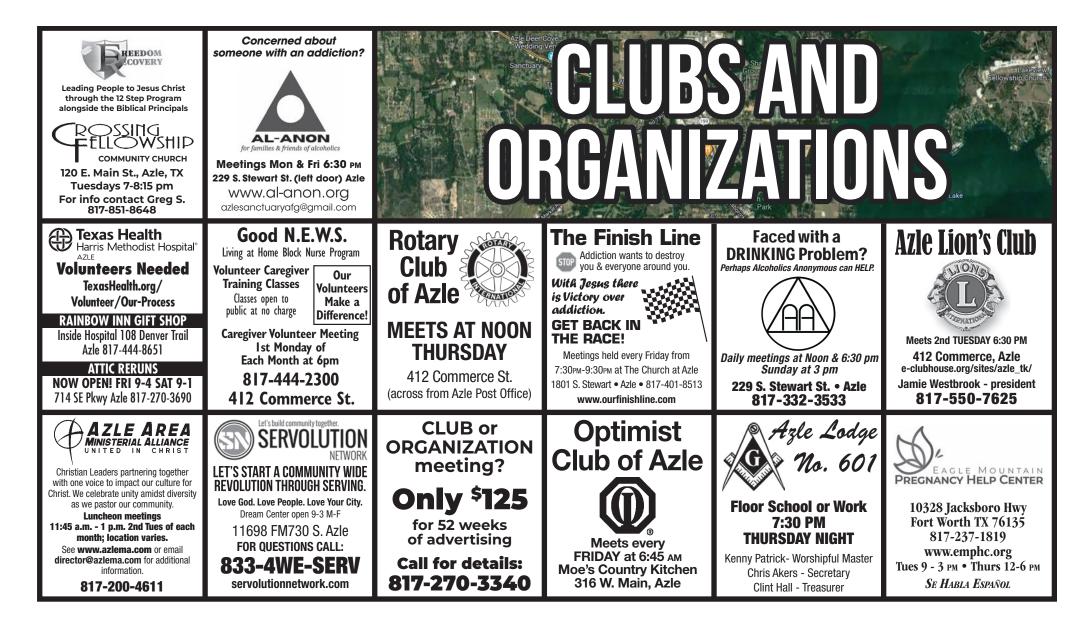
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The Lady Hornets had five in the top 16, led by Reese Jeter, sixth, 19:46.50. Audrina Montoya was 10th, 20:48.66; Yasmeen Tejeda, 12th, 21:30.52; McKenzee Roberts, 15th, 21:44.57; and Azucena Neri, 16th, 21:59.31.

The Azle junior varsity boys had a rare perfect score, claiming the top eight individual places and nine of the top 10. They were led by Eli Walker, first, 20:06.78; and Mason Schluter, second, 20:07.35.

### AZLE CHRISTIAN CROSS COUNTRY

Hallie Collins of the Lady Crusaders won the Girls 1A-4A division at the Burleson Centennial Spartan Run recently. She clocked a time of 13:02.28 over 3200 meters.



# RABBITS

"I wanted to show rabbits like my brother," Victor said. Since both boys were re-

sponsible for the win, they split the awards. Victor kept the banner but gave the prize buckle to his brother.

When asked how Victor did at the show, Josh gave him two thumbs up.

"In showing, buckles are very hard to get," Josh said.

Josh is especially proud of an apron he won at a national show for tan breed rabbits. Aside from that and his buckle from the county show, Josh has garnered banners. plaques and many ribbons.

The boys have multiple rabbits that live in a storage unit outfitted with two air conditioners. They are responsible for watering and feeding them, which is done more often in the summer, as well as brushing them and clipping their nails. They don't wash the rabbits, but they do use wipes to spot clean dirty areas.

They also had to train the rabbits for the show, including practicing posing them a certain way.

Iosh and Victor's mother Lauren Wingate said the family started getting Josh in-



Victor Wingate works with a rabbit during the Parker County Stock Show.

volved with showing rabbits after he was diagnosed with attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder.

"We just couldn't find anything to help keep him occupied," Wingate said. "He tests at an eighth-grade level, and

he's going into fourth grade. He was failing all but two of his classes, and within a week of going to his first show, he had all his grades back up to 90s.'

She added, "He knows he's got something to work to-

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wards. If he wants to go to the show, he has to pass. If he wants to go to the show, he has to be good in school."

Wingate showed lambs and pigs when she was young but not rabbits. Originally, she didn't think raising rabbits

would be too difficult. but she realized she had underestimated it.

Josh Wingate flips a rabbit over for judging during the show.

"There's a lot of work to them, a lot more than what you'd expect getting into it especially," Wingate said. Of course, Wingate is proud

of her boys following their performances at the county show.

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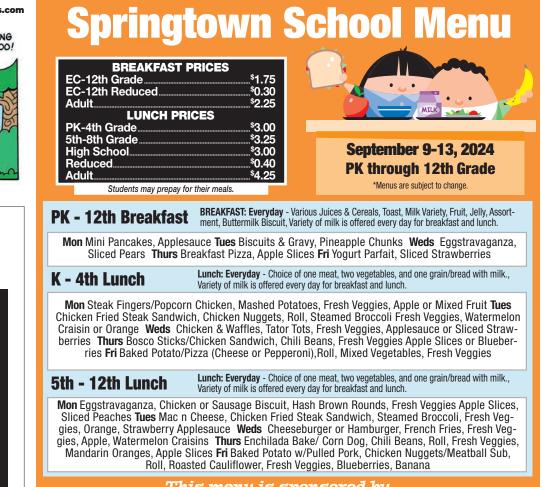
"They worked hard for it," she said. "They truly did."

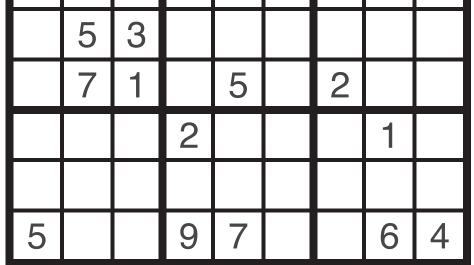
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# Solution to last week's puzzle

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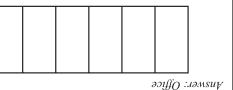
This is the solution to August 22's Sudoku puzzle.

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# WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to getting a job.

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LUNCH: Visitors & Employees \$3.75

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PreK

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

Mon Pig in a Blanket, Fruit Cup Tues French Toast, Mini's, Green Apple Slices Weds Eggo Bites, Mini French Toast (Chocolate Chip), Bananas Thurs Breakfast Bagel, Green Apple Slices Fri Cocoa Puffs, Fruit Cup

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

Mon Elementary Cheesy Chicken & Rice Casserole, Steak Fingers, Whole Wheat Roll, Mixed Fruit, Green Beans, Sweet Potato Tots Tues Popcorn Chicken Wrap, Walkin' Taco, Bananas, Corn, Salsa, Mild, Steamed Peas Weds Beef Quesadilla Triangles, Mac & Cheese, Whole Wheat Roll, Pears Diced, Black Beans, Steamed Carrots Thurs Chicken Nuggets, Maxstixs, Oranges, Marinara, Mashed Potatoes, Mixed Veggies Fri Cheese Pizza, Cheeseburger, Peaches, Smile Fries, Steamed Broccoli

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

Mon Pancake Sausage Breakfast Sandwich, Oranges Tues Breakfast Bagel, Strawberry Yogurt, Peaches, Muffin, Blueberry Weds Pancakes, Pears Diced, Bacon Thurs Breakfast Taco Egg, Sausage and Cheese, Oranges Fri Dutch Waffle, Apple Slices

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

Mon Mini Corn Dogs, Sloppy Joe, Soft Tacos, Green Beans, Sweet Potato Tots Tues BBQ Pork Rib Sandwich, Chicken Nuggets, Sunbutter & Jelly Sandwich w/ String Cheese, Homestyle Diced Potatoes Weds Cheeseburger, Corn Dog, Mac & Cheese, Crinkle Fries, Steamed Broccoli, Whole Wheat Roll Thurs Chicken Alfredo, Maxstixs, Spicy Chicken Sandwich, Crinkle Fries, Marinara, Pineapples, Honey Wheat Breadstick Fri Cheese Pizza, Mini Corn Dogs, Walkin' Taco, Corn, Crinkle Fries, Peaches

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

Mon Pancake Sausage Breakfast Sandwich, Oranges Tues Breakfast Bagel, Strawberry Yogurt, Peaches, Muffin, Blueberry Weds Pancakes, Pears Diced, Bacon Thurs Breakfast Taco Egg, Sausage and Cheese, Oranges Fri Dutch Waffle, Apple Slices

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# Football Contest

The winner of last week's football contest was David Shaffer, who correctly guessed the winner of 11 of 16 games. He wins \$20 for his superior prognostication prowess. Second place was Kyle Gathright, he successfully chose 9 out of 16 to win \$10.00. Third place and \$5 goes to Amy Collins, who predicted 7 out of 16 games. Thanks for playing and congratulations to the winners, who are no doubt investing their winnings in lowfee growth stocks rather than heading to WinStar World Casino and Resort.

# Weatherford College launches new department to meet demand for business leaders

# **STAFF REPORT**

In response to the increasing needs of businesses in Parker and Wise counties and the surrounding areas, Weatherford College is adding a Department of Business and Behavioral Science.

Philip Mathew will head the department while maintaining his duties as program director for the growing bachelor's degree in organizational leadership.

"It's true that the greatest

danger is in standing still," Mathew said. "This innovative move captures the natural synergies within these disciplines to help WC deliver even more value."

He continued, "My hope is to build on the work of my colleagues and leverage the talents of our expert faculty to prepare well-educated and well-rounded students who are positioned for success. When this happens, the businesses and other stakeholders in our community also benefit as they gain the talent they need to grow and thrive."

The Weatherford College service area sits in one of the fastest-growing regions in the nation. And as nearly one-fifth of all undergraduate students nationwide are business majors, this new department will help fill the growing need for future business leaders.

"Our new Department of Business and Behavioral Science will better serve both our student population and our thriving business community," Weatherford College President Tod Allen Farmer said. "Weatherford College is now positioned to prepare scores of exceptional business leaders and entrepreneurs for generations to come."

The new department became effective Aug. 1, with additional economics sections and other business courses being added as soon as possible.

# Azle vs. Abilene Cooper



DATE	TIME	LOCATION	OPPONENT	SCORE
Aug 22	7:00 PM	Frisco Wakeland	Hornet Stadium	W 41-34
Aug 30	7:00 PM	Abilene Cooper	Shotwell Stadium	
Sep 6	7:00 PM	Weatherford	Hornet Stadium	
Sep 20	7:00 PM	Denton High	Hornet Stadium	
Sep 27	7:00 PM	Brewer	Brewer HS	
Oct 4	7:00 PM	Birdville	Hornet Stadium	
Oct 11	7:00 PM	Keller Fossil Ridge	Keller HS	
Oct 18	7:00 PM	Denton Ryan	Hornet Stadium	
Oct 25	7:00 PM	Granbury	Granbury HS	
Nov 1	7:00 PM	Aledo	Hornet Stadium	
Nov 8	7:00 PM	Richland Ath. Complex	Birdville	

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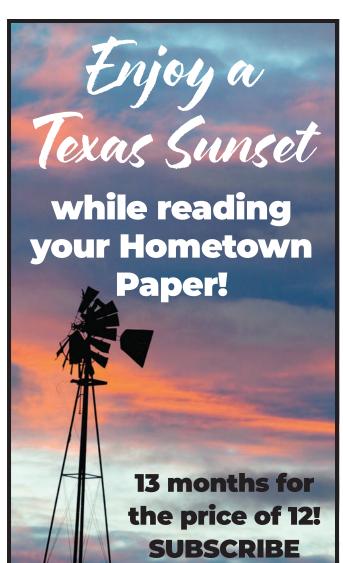
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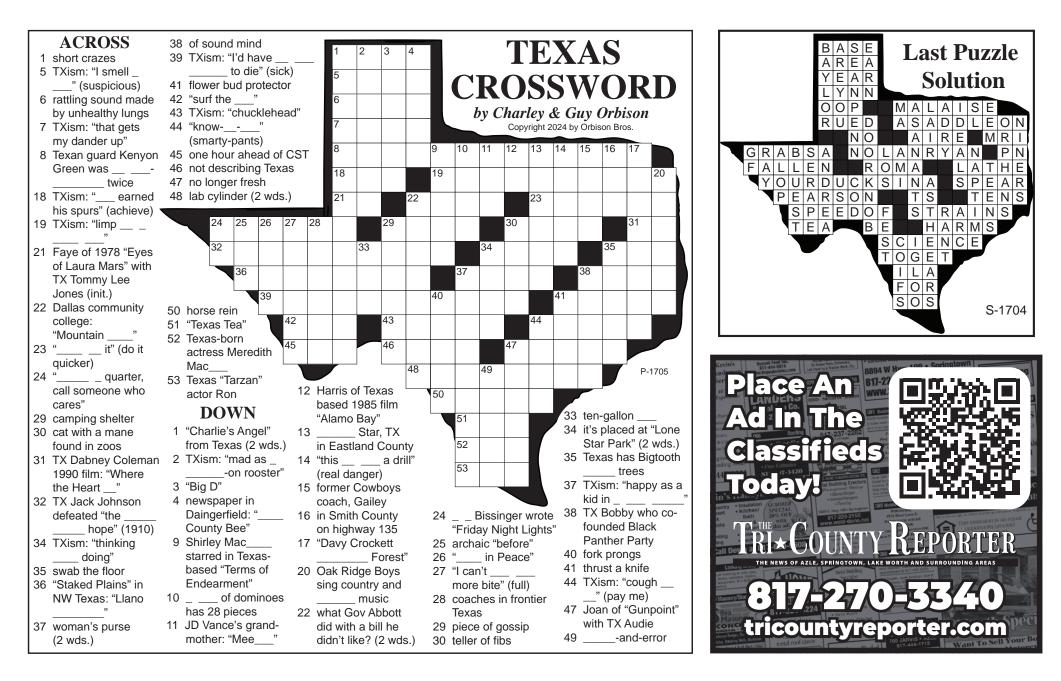


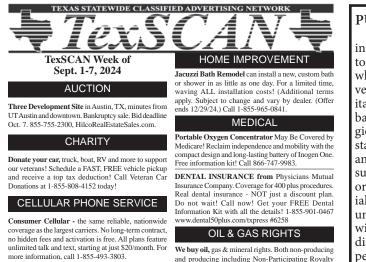






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