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Azle's Sting Fling Wiener Dog Derby, 2023

City of Azle: A (Fiscal) Year in Review

As September marks the close of the City's fiscal year, it's an ideal time to reflect on a year filled with remarkable progress and a steadfast commitment to enhancing the quality of life for all Azle residents. Throughout the year, the City of Azle has focused on several key projects, all aimed at improving our community's infrastructure, safety and overall well-being.

One of the most exciting developments this year has been the opening of The FeedLot, the city's new food truck park. This project was born from community feedback expressing a strong desire for a welcoming gathering space. The FeedLot offers a rotating selection of food trucks each week and hosts the Azle Farmers Market ev-

ery first and third Saturday of the month. It has quickly become a local favorite, especially with its array of community-focused events, like live streaming the Azle Hornet varsity football games each Friday night.

"Being the inaugural year for this, we didn't really know what to expect," said City Manager Tom Muir. "Opening night was a wild success, and the momentum hasn't stopped since then."

Beyond The Feedlot, the city has been deeply engaged with local businesses, organizations and citizens in the development of its new Comprehensive Master Plan. This plan is crucial as it provides a framework to guide



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PLEASE SEE AZLE | C4 Azle's brand new food truck park, The FeedLot, opened on Good Friday, March 29 to large crowds of hungry Azleites.



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Whataburger gladly supports the Azle community and will continue to support the people who have supported Whataburger Azle for 25 years. (L-R): Jeryl Harolson, Carissa Row, Candy Rayos, Marsha Cates and Lorena Parker.

Whataburger: Part of Azle's 'hometown feeling'

Whataburger has been serving hot and fresh burgers and other food for people over the last seven decades. Founded in 1950 in Corpus Christi, Whataburger was started by Harmon Dobson, who had one goal in mind: to create a large burger people would have to eat with two hands.

The first Whataburger restaurant was a little burger stand with a drive-in window where burgers were sold for only 25 cents at the time. The burger stand was a major hit and soon acquired a massive

following.

Over time, Whataburger developed into a brand known for its orange-and-white-striped roof and has a very loyal fan base to this day. Today, Whataburger is a billion-dollar company with over 900 locations across more than a dozen states in the U.S. With its massive growth and success, Whataburger is still committed to serving a "bigger, better burger," partnering in local communities, outreaches and schools.

Whataburger's Azle loca-

tion has been here for more than 25 years this year. Sally Roberts gives more perspective and history on this Whataburger location.

"The one thing that makes us so unique in Azle is we have our beautiful painting in our dining room," Roberts said. "These paintings are hand painted by Debbie Blakley out of Austin and have been part of our dining room since 1999. We take pride in our painting because it makes our Whataburger

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CWD's recycling depots will be placed throughout the Sting Fling event. Please put recyclables in these containers.

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CWD services Azle residents and businesses with twice-weekly trash collection, curbside pickup of loose brush, and a full recycling program, since 2007.

The brush diversion program diverts more than 20,000 cubic yards of loose brush from landfills annually.

CWD staff partners with City of Azle and implements two X-Treme Green clean-ups, one in the spring and one in the fall.

Citizens are able to dispose

of household hazardous waste, tires, metal goods and used electronics, and have an opportunity to shred confidential documents.

These services have led to the City of Azle winning numerous environmental accolades from state recycling organizations, for example, the 2021 State of Texas Alliance For Recycling, Environmental Leadership Award for their brush diversion program.

Paint collected at X-Treme Green events is used for the city's recycled paint pro-

gram that provides free recycled paint to residents for use in beautifying Azle neighborhoods.

CWD works with City of Azle staff and other community organizations to make all community events "Green Events." CWD is honored to be Recycling Sponsor for the annual Sting Fling.

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Adult and Teen Challenge of Texas' vision is to put hope within reach of every addict. Its mission is to provide youth, adults and families with an effective and comprehensive Christian faith-based solution to life-controlling addictions to become productive members of society. Adult & Teen Challenge of Texas now operates six men's programs, located in Azle, San Antonio, Magnolia, Brenham, Corpus Christi and Deport. The Azle Men's Center was established in 2008 at 1099 Flat Rock Road in Azle. Pictured here are (L-R): Chris Hickman, vocation/admissions coordinator; Greg Ambrosio, executive director; Landon Hawpe, staff; Clay Whitaker, advisor; Long Thai, third phase coordinator; Jason Terral, coordinator; Bobby Trapp, intern; Paige McClure, LCDC, counselor; Heather Joplin, office coordinator; Percine Doris, advisor; Cody Joplin, program coordinator; Randa Hickman, development coordinator; Gary Morris, education coordinator.



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here in Azle one of the most unique Whataburgers in the area."
"Whataburger enjoys being a part of such a great community that has the hometown feeling Azle has," Roberts said. "We see so many faces daily in our restaurant, but loyal customers come to see us daily or sometimes twice a day or more. Whether it's in the drive-thru, the dining room or the curbside we enjoy each one of you and want to say, thank you, Azle."

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the city council and other boards and commissions in making decisions that align with the community's desires as Azle continues to grow.

"Growth is inevitable, but having this plan in place is the first step in ensuring that growth is managed in a way that reflects the desires of the community," Muir explained.

The process for the comprehensive plan began in the spring of 2023 with focus groups and surveys and has included multiple public input opportunities. Final adoption of the plan is anticipated for fall 2024.

Looking ahead, a few major projects are on the horizon, including the Dunaway Lane reconstruction project and the Central Park trail improvement and extension project. Dunaway Lane will be widened to 36 feet, with the

addition of curbs, gutters, storm drain facilities and sidewalks on the south side. This project aims to improve traffic flow, drainage and pedestrian access and was selected by Tarrant County for inclusion in its 2021 bond program, which will help fund construction costs. Meanwhile, the Central Park trail will be widened to 6 feet and extended to reach City Hall, providing an enhanced experience for park visitors.

None of these accomplishments would be possible without the active participation and support of Azle residents. Whether attending city council meetings or sharing your ideas and concerns, residents' voices are at the heart of the city's work.

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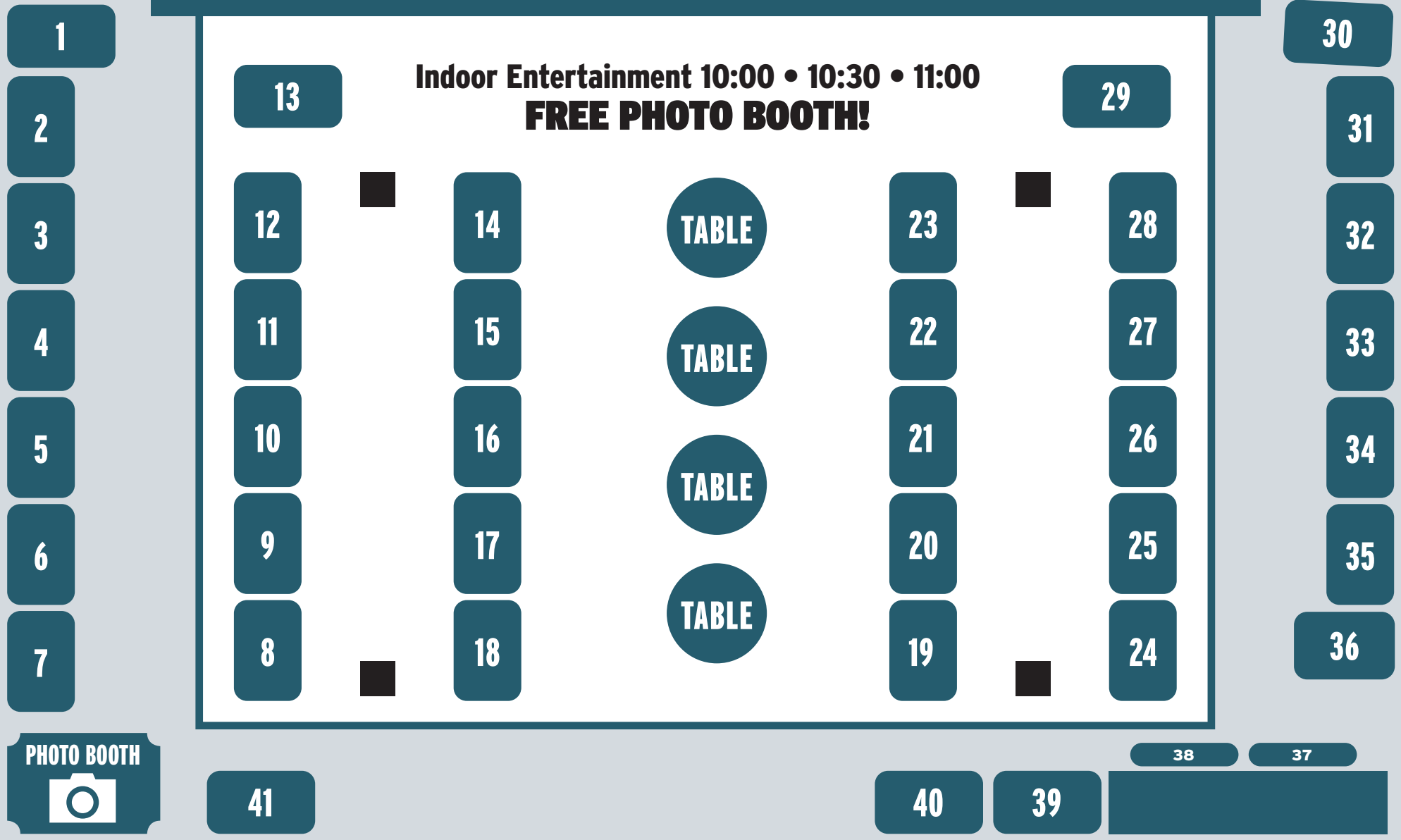
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Aside from his duties running a successful restaurant, Geren also manages a career in commercial real estate, and is currently the vice-president of the Southwestern Exposition and Livestock Show.

However, Geren is probably best known for his history of service as state representative for House District 99, which includes the Tarrant County portion of Azle.

First elected in 2000, Geren has worked to strengthen the local economy and advocate on behalf of Azle's teachers and schools.

In fact, October 2015 was designated "Charlie Geren Appreciation Month" by Azle ISD for his strong support of public education in the Texas Legislature.

Geren has contributed to the Sting Fling for more than a decade-and-a-half, and looks forward to once again celebrating the Azle community.



State Rep. Charlie Geren is an avid supporter of Azle as shown by his annual sponsorship of Sting Fling.

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Urgent Care is a local, community-based healthcare provider founded by Dr. Brian Nelson and Dr. Foad Farahmand in Cleburne in 2018. Both doctors are native Texans, each with more than a decade of experience in more than 250 emergency rooms across the state. They recognized the need for accessible, cost-effective medical care in rural communities where hospitals are scarce.

Nelson and Farahmand's vision was to create a clinic that offers high-quality care for nonlife-threatening conditions, aiming to reduce unnecessary emergency room visits and provide a more convenient healthcare option for families and individuals.

Urgent Care prides itself on being community-oriented,

offering same-day appointments and walk-in services. Their walk-in hours are Monday through Saturday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

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With locations in Lancaster, Benbrook, Azle and Cleburne, Urgent Care is dedicated to delivering "acute care" for short-term medical needs that are not life-threatening. Its slogan, "From the room to the tomb," reflects the commitment to comprehensive patient care.

The Azle Urgent Care is located at 601 Northwest Parkway, Suite C. The phone

number is 682-317-1193.

The clinics offer a range of services including treatments for flu, colds, sinus and ear infections, pink eye, bronchitis, strep throat, Lyme disease and more. They also provide Covid-19 antibody RAPID and PCR testing.

Urgent Care accepts Medicaid, Medicare and over 40 different health insurance plans. It is proudly authorized by the VA, offering free services to veteran patients and accepting TriCare and TriWest. Additionally, Urgent Care provides pediatric care for children of all ages, including school physicals, sudden illnesses and most vaccinations.

For more information, visit its website at <http://www.urgentcaretx.com>.



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Urgent Care continues to support the community by treating anyone and everyone through the medical services they offer and by supporting the Sting Fling. Colleen Thurman, FNP, is on the left and Baleigh Morgan, lead medical assistant and NCT x-ray technician, is on the right.



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