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## Springtown shows wild spirit

The annual Wild West Festival included a parade, live music, gunfighter shows, and a petting zoo

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The Sound of Springtown band marches in the Wild West Festival parade Sept. 21 with style, waving flags, carrying banners and making music in the center of town.

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Turpin, Nelson and Goode look downstream with a tire in the foreground.

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## Azle locals band together for Ash Creek beautification

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**AZLE** — Ash Creek is a permanent, but not always prominent, feature in the backyards of many Main Street businesses. Deb Turpin, owner of Eagle Mountain Plaza at 300 E. Main St. has a goal to preserve this natural resource for generations to come. Since buying the building in December 2023, Turpin has wondered who is legally responsible for maintaining the creekside

areas which have been overgrown and prone to damming up with trash and debris. Turpin searched for answers for about 18 months. She called the Tarrant Regional Water District, the city of Azle, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, the Texas Department of Transportation and others. In most cases Turpin said the different entities did not know the answer and pointed her in another direction.

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## Reno Council approves increased tax rate, budget

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**RENO** — Reno City Council raised the city's tax rate by about 19 cents last week. The tax rate set last year was 36.6173 cents per \$100 valuation, and the council adopted a new tax rate of 55.6319 cents per \$100 valuation during its Sept. 19 meeting. This new tax rate is called the de minimis rate, and it

is designed to give flexibility to smaller cities of 30,000 people or less. Typically, cities cannot go up on the tax rate by more than 3.5% without triggering an automatic election, but the de minimis rate allows for cities to bypass the cap and generate \$500,000 more in tax revenue. However, voters may be able to petition for a tax rate election regarding adopted rates that are above the voter approval rate but below

or equal to the de minimis rate, according to the Texas Comptroller's website. Mayor Hector Bas Jr. said the extra money produced by the increased rate will go toward employee raises, a new dump truck, a pothole patcher, janitorial services at city hall, repairs on Kay Lane and saving money in reserves, among other expenses. Bas also said the council and staff

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Reno Interim City Secretary Rebekka Roberts answers a question from the audience during the city council meeting last week.



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# Lake Worth PD reaches out to community with 'Coffee with a Cop'

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LAKE WORTH — On Thursday Sept. 19, Lake Worth PD hosted a community event titled "Coffee with a Cop" at Starbucks located inside Target from 10 until about 11:15 a.m. The event is part of the PD's ongoing efforts to engage with locals and promote community engagement.

Seven or eight officers, in-

cluding Lake Worth officers, animal services officers and an officer assigned to the Tarrant County Auto Crimes Task Force were there to visit with area residents. Lake Worth Mayor Walter Bowen and City Manager Stacey Almond were among the city officials who attended.

Target and Lake Worth PD set up a table near the entrance that was filled with cookies and treats as well as free coffee for everyone who

stopped by.

Erin Moya attended the event to engage with local police as he confessed he used to have an aversion being around law enforcement but has changed his mindset now.

"I've always considered them policy enforcement but now I consider them peace officers; they keep the peace," Moya said.

When asked about his impression of the Lake Worth Police, Moya said that they

were very professional and approachable.

"One of the officers, I just had a 10-minute conversation with him regarding various technologies that are being employed right now like the Flock camera system, which I really appreciate that," Moya said.

Moya explained that he believes there is still a stigma about police created through T.V. and appreciates events like these.

"I think there is still a fear, I mean Police, there is like a stigma to them," Moya said. "I just changed my narrative, they're peace officers, they're not policing anymore, from my perspective. I think there needs to be more involvement in the community, which I appreciate that."

According to a statement from Lake Worth PD, relationships with the community are important and events like this provide an opportunity to

build a foundation with locals.

"As a police department, there is nothing more important to us than the relationship we have with our community," the statement said. "Like any relationship, it takes time and effort to build a proper foundation and events like Coffee with a Cop provide us with an opportunity to do just that. We are thankful for the support we receive and never want to take it for granted."



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A Lake Worth Police officer engages with Mayor Walter Bowen.



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A Lake Worth officer helps a child grab some treats.



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# A generational relationship with music

I think it was in the fall of 1974 when my roommate in college introduced me to the music of Jerry Jeff Walker. Some of you will recognize his name immediately as the singer songwriter of the iconic tune Mr. Bojangles and one of the founders of the music which has come to be known throughout the world as the Outlaw Sound. He and his musician friends Ray Wylie Hubbard, Guy Clark, Jimmy Buffet, Michael Martin Murphy, Gary P. Nunn, Willie Nelson, Townes Van Zandt and others, created a sound and feel which was unique and immensely popular. Based out of Austin, it is still popular today.



## FROM MY FRONT PORCH

By Sam Houston

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I have been listening to Jerry Jeff for 50 years and know all his songs by heart. His cassette tapes wore out long ago, but I have managed to download most all his work, which I listen to regularly. I never seem to tire of hearing his music.

It is hard for me explain why Jerry Jeff means so much to me. Something about his

lyrics simply connect to my heart and in so many ways, they tell the story of my life, too. There is a connection I felt when I first heard his music, and it still burns bright.

I have been to see Jerry Jeff in concert perhaps 20 times and only God knows how many iced cold Adolphus C. Coors I consumed. I had the pleasure of booking one

of his concerts and over the years had several chances to sit down and visit with him and learn firsthand just a little about the man behind the music. Unfortunately, Jerry Jeff died a couple of years ago due to complications from cancer. I sure do miss going to a concert hall and seeing my old compañero, but he lives every time I turn on his music.

This past weekend, I went to see Django Walker in concert. He is the son of Jerry Jeff. I had heard good things about Django, but I had never had a chance to see him in person. I was curious what the experience would be like, and I was certainly not disap-

pointed. In fact, I was thrilled.

Django has a very nice voice, and his songs carried the same sort of interesting, heart touching lyrics his dad was famous for. At one point in the show Django sang a song he wrote about his famous father, and the air in the room got very heavy. It was apparent the crowd was pleased and touched somewhere down deep. It was a good feeling for all of us and something special.

After the show I got backstage and introduced myself to Django and found him to be a very nice and open sort of person. I told him how much his dad had meant to me and the difference his

music had made in my life. I also told him that I knew his dad was proud of him ... and then I shook his hand and told him, "I am proud of you too, son." He looked me in the eye, and we nodded heads. There wasn't anything else to say but, "so long" ... but for the instant we both knew we shared something. And it was special. I don't know of anything but music that can do that ... and isn't that special?

Thought for the day: "One good thing about music, when it hits you, you feel no pain" Bob Marley.

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

## Lake Worth ISD recognizes transportation manager Angela Wallace

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LAKE WORTH — The Lake Worth Independent School District board of trustees honored and recognized transportation manager Angela Wallace Sept. 16 for providing transportation of students across Lake Worth ISD.

Chief Financial Officer Trent Dowd spoke of Wallace's important role in getting students to class, field trips and extracurricular activities. Dowd also explained how Wallace creates the safest routes for buses when transporting students anywhere.

Dowd complemented Wallace for being a leader in her department and for setting a good example.

"She's an incredible problem solver, because if you've ever seen a bus transporta-

tion route map, you better be good at puzzles," Dowd said. "She is a strong leader for her department, she leads by example, she always has a positive attitude and routinely models for her staff what quality looks like in transportation."

Dowd went on to say he enjoys working with Wallace and that her work is important for students.

"She understands that her department is a key support for kids learning," Dowd said. "She knows that what she does is important to support kids in performing and again changing outcomes for students. I think she does a fantastic job; I enjoy working with her."

School Board President Armando Velazquez, Dowd and Superintendent Rose Mary Neshyba presented the certificate to Wallace.



Angela Wallace receives a certificate of appreciation from the Lake Worth ISD board of trustees.

JOLEE SKINNER | TRI-COUNTY REPORTER

## Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I was at Sting Fling on Saturday. I love Azle and I love this event. I love my country, and I have fought for it. I was very disturbed that a Confederate group was allowed to march in the parade and put the confederate flag at an equal height to the US Flag. These are groups that support the Civil War efforts to keep people enslaved. We may whitewash history in Texas with the Civil War getting a paragraph in our US history books, but it was about one State right and that was Slavery. Why would we allow this?

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## Reno Council narrowly grants approval to form municipal utility district

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RENO — Reno City Council took a big step forward in shaping the city's future by consenting to the creation of a municipal utility district.

That doesn't mean such a district will be established overnight.

Lee Hughes, a developer of 738 acres of land in Reno and its outskirts, and civil engineer Travis Clegg presented a plan to the council at the Sept. 9 meeting. A municipal utility district, or MUD, is defined by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality's website as "formed under specific circumstances to provide utility services to a designated area." Developments in Reno cannot be less than one acre because that is how much space is needed for septic systems since the city does not have a public sewer system. The proposed MUD could allow developments on Hughes' 738 acres to bypass this rule by establishing sewer and water infrastructure.

The land includes 310 quarter-acre lots, which was

### Developer to start researching solutions

included in a preliminary plat that council approved earlier this year, north of State Highway 199 and south of Arvel Circle.

The developed property may include 1,800 to 2,200 homes of varying sizes when fully built out in 18 years, Hughes said, but those numbers aren't set in stone. He envisions a planned development separate from strict zoning that could include a new city hall, a senior citizens center, park areas and headquarters for emergency services. Part of Hughes' 738 acres is inside Reno's and Azle's extraterritorial jurisdiction, but Clegg said there is a way to get those areas out of ETJs and into the city of Reno through voluntary annexation.

Hughes explained that the city would still collect taxes from properties within the MUD, and people living within that district would pay additional taxes for infrastructure related to the MUD.

Depending on how they are

assembled, MUDs are overseen by the cities they are in and can be tailored to the needs of that city, Clegg said.

"You still have control over how this thing plays out in the future," Clegg said to the council Sept. 9. "What happens tonight is some formal resolutions that allow us to take the next steps to have conversations to figure out what the issues are and what the cost would be to fix those issues. We don't know what those numbers are today. We've had some preliminary conversations. It could be millions upon millions of dollars, and to recoup those dollars, that's what these developers are doing so they can also provide for an affordable housing program to a future resident."

The council also approved a resolution in a 4-1 vote directing Reno city staff to work with the city of Springtown "regarding the supply, treatment and conveyance of water" in both cities and their extraterrito-

rial jurisdictions. Members unanimously authorized the mayor to execute an agreement to reimburse the city for expenses incurred from studying water and sewer solutions as well as MUD implementation.

Clegg said the MUD would be the developer's risk, not the city's, if a significant portion of the subdivision was vacant and the developer couldn't get a return on the investment. In fact, there's a chance the developer will conduct the studies and not find a viable solution in the creation of the MUD. Hughes agreed to spend the money to research the situation but also needed the council's commitment before moving forward, hence the need for consenting to the creation of a MUD on the council's agenda.

Mayor Pro Tem Shelli Swift asked Hughes during the meeting about the possibility of hosting a workshop to discuss the pros and cons of MUDs before moving for-

ward, saying that the council did not have much time to research.

"I'm thinking asking for another week or two for us to get more information shouldn't be that much on that big of a project, on that big of an impact," Swift said. "The city of Reno has never had a MUD district, and asking us to just vote willy nilly I don't think is the best idea."

However, Hughes was adamant that he needed a commitment from the city council before moving forward.

"Again, we may come back to you, Councilwoman Swift, and we may say it doesn't work, but to take another week and have a workshop and have this person come in and that person come in, it doesn't seem prudent to me personally to go through that on one more subject," Hughes said during the meeting.

Swift ultimately voted against the MUD creation, along with council member Joy Jenkins. Jenkins also cast the only vote against approving the resolution between Springtown and Reno.

After the meeting, Reno

Mayor Hector Bas Jr. said he was pleased with the outcome and that council members asked a lot of questions.

"I'm happy that they decided to move forward because the city really needs some help," Bas said. "We need better infrastructure, and this is a means to that."

The MUD proposal did garner one incident of formal pushback from a resident; former Mayor Eric Hunter addressed the council ahead of Hughes' and Clegg's presentation.

"The creation of this MUD is not going to financially benefit Reno," Hunter said during the meeting. "It's not going to financially benefit the water or the citizens of Reno. It will, however, benefit investors, developers. It will also open up even more opportunities for quarter-acre lots or smaller, and with those lot sizes come residents with quarter-acre mentality. They're going to want Reno (to) run like Azle or Fort Worth or whatever else community they came from with dense housing, and the rural Reno lifestyle will be no more."

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# Azle ISD breaks ground at junior high

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**AZLE** — The Azle Independent School District's board of trustees approved a guaranteed maximum price for Phase II in the construction of a replacement Azle Junior High campus and new maintenance warehouse.

The board unanimously approved the package with BTC Construction with a GMP of \$88,228,670 at a Sept. 16 meeting. A \$10,846,031 GMP for the new maintenance warehouse and renovations to the Azle ISD Police Department's central receiving facility were approved as well. These projects are expected to be finished in the fall of next year and will be located near Forte Junior High and Hoover Elementary. A BTC representative, Mike

Trammell, said this is largest project the company has done with Azle ISD yet. The district and BTC remarked that they expect to be about \$3 million under budget which is a welcomed surprise.

Superintendent Todd Smith said he expects to approve the next phase, for improvements and science lab additions at elementary campuses and Forte Junior High, in February. The goal is that these projects can be completed during the summer of 2025.

After Phase II, there will be two phases left in the district's 2023 bond projects. All new facilities are expected to be online and ready for the school year by August 2026. Removal of the existing junior high building will be in the last phase of construction.



Azle ISD trustees get to work moving dirt at the construction site.

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shifted around the payroll budget so there will be more money in the water fund for infrastructure upgrades. Without the increased tax rate, he said there isn't much

the city can do.

Council member Tod Siedell explained that earlier versions of the budget had a deficit of over \$100,000, even after being cut down, with a lower rate. Siedell said the council was given two options on the tax rate: either decrease it by about two cents or increase it.

Mayor Pro Tem Shelli Swift said she was shocked by the proposed rate but confirmed it will allow the city to provide better pay to its employees.

"We don't need to compare ourselves with other cities that aren't our size, but some of our employees are not even making enough that any

one of y'all would just get up and even go to work," Swift said during the meeting. "Some of those needed to be brought up to some kind of a standard to keep them here. It just wasn't right what we were expecting out of them and not being able to pay them any kind of a decent amount, an hourly amount."

With the new tax rate, Reno is positioned as lower than Azle's rate of about 61 cents but higher than Springtown's rate of about 50 cents. All three cities have increased their rates this year, though Reno has the highest rate increase of the three.

Swift pointed out that Reno's tax rate has decreased since 2015, including by about 10 cents last year.

"The last few years, we just kept going down," she said during the meeting. "While other cities are going up and while prices are going up, our tax rates kept going down."

Kevin Lambert approached the council during the Sept. 19 meeting to ask questions about the proposed rate. He and his wife Bernadette are newcomers to Reno, having moved to the city in May. The couple is retired and spent their savings on their so-called "forever home" in

what they thought was an affordable small town. The Lamberts bought their home in Reno knowing that infrastructure is lacking, but they felt like the low cost of living made up for that.

But the tax rate increase is making them think twice.

"If we had been informed about the financial instability, the financial management of this town, or the decisions that we're making here, the unpredictability of the water supply, we would have made alternative decisions," Lambert said to the council.

For those with homes valued at half a million dollars, Lambert estimated tax bills will go up by about a thousand dollars.

"It's like, OK, this first one doesn't kill you, but if a city is able to do that without any citizen voter input, then what stops them from doing it next time and the next time?" Lambert said to The Tri-County Reporter.

Lambert said he would like to see the city work on finding alternate sources of revenue, boosting the city's income and seeking grants, the latter of which can be sought out after the city finishes its audits. He would also like to see Reno solicit input from

the community. Some council members said the city needs businesses to bring in sales tax money, but it's difficult to recruit businesses without a public sewer system or stable water system.

Multiple council members also spoke in favor of eventually hiring a city administrator to guide Reno in the right direction.

"We are at the point we cannot afford not to have a city manager," council member Joy Jenkins said. "Having a city manager should be a priority, and it has not been. It's been wishful thinking. We've got to change our mindset, that especially when we are talking about introducing a (Municipal Utility District) system to our city, that we have someone with some experience that can walk us through this and has the answers to help us grow in the right way where we can get some funding, keep our audits up to date and make the correct decisions instead of learning as we go."

The council approved the tax rate and budget in three motions. Jenkins opposed them all, saying that the budget was incorrect. Swift also voted nay on the budget.



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Mayor Pro Tem Shelli Swift talks about the tax rate increase at the Sept. 19 Reno City Council meeting.



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# Sept. 15-21 proclaimed National Co-Responder and Crisis Responder Week in Tarrant County

Lake Worth Police Chief addresses court

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LAKE WORTH — On Tuesday Sept. 17, Lake Worth Police Chief J.T. Manoushagian addressed the Tarrant County Commissioner's court to thank Precinct 4 Commissioner Manny Ramirez for his recognition of co-responders and crisis responders.

Chief Manoushagian expressed his gratitude to the court for acknowledging and recognizing the crisis and mental health responders. The Lake Worth Chief praised organizations that help police with individuals who need mental health care.

"On behalf of all law enforcement in the room, I just want to say and acknowledge that we understand that we cannot arrest our way out of every problem," Manoushagian said. "It's wonderful to have organizations and partners like MHMR that will walk alongside us as we serve our community. The task is daunting because we do a lot of things outside of law enforcement. And we couldn't do that without your support and your support of organizations like MHMR."

My Health My Recourses of Tarrant County provides community-based services for youth and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities, mental health conditions and substance use disorders, among other services.

Ramirez led an effort to proclaim the week of Sept. 15, 2024, Tarrant County Co-Responder and Crisis Responder along with the International Co-Responder Alliance to recognize and honor the individuals who serve their communities.

"These Co-Responder and Crisis Responder teams utilize the combined expertise of law enforcement and behavioral health clinicians to de-escalate crisis situations in a safe, effective and informed manner; and WHEREAS, team members have shown exceptional commitment, compassion and courage when helping those in need and therefore, enhancing public safety as it pertains to the mental health crisis within our communities," Ramirez said in the proclamation.

Manoushagian said to the Tri-County Reporter that he and the Northwest Crisis Intervention Team are thankful for the support from city and county officials.

"On behalf of the members of the Northwest Crisis Intervention Team, we are thankful for the overwhelming support we have received from our city leaders and elected officials," Manoushagian said. "The important work that our team is doing serves the growing need for frontline mental health services within Northwest Tarrant County and allows us, as partners, to support each other and our communities."

# Springtown woman turns 103



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Springtown resident Pearl Henderson celebrated her 103rd birthday this month and received the gift of 103 roses. According to a Springtown Epigraph article from 2021, Henderson has lived in Springtown since 1972 when she moved here with her late husband Babe Murroe Henderson, and they both worked in education. Pearl Henderson's claim to fame, besides living into her 100s, is that she gives out Bibles to people at every opportunity.

# Azle Whataburger closes for remodeling

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AZLE — The Azle Whataburger at 440 Northwest Parkway temporarily closed for remodeling Sept. 22 but is expected to re-open by Oct. 4 at 3 p.m.

"We are excited to be getting better kitchen equipment to serve you and a few changes to the dining room," Whataburger operating partner Candy Rayos said on Facebook. Rayos added that the familiar paintings on the walls will remain, but the restaurant will be given a more open setting to accommodate larger groups and families.



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# OBITUARIES

## Louis "Bouncer" Clark 1947-2024

Louis Dwight "Bouncer" Clark, of Azle, TX passed away on September 20, 2024 at the age of 77. Born on June 1, 1947 to Louis F. and Louise Clark of Olton, TX, he was a beloved son, husband, father, grandfather, uncle, brother, and friend.

Louis, better known in Olton as Dwight, graduated from Olton High School in 1965 where he played on the offensive line for the Olton Mustangs and earned the nickname "Bouncer." Louis proudly served in the United States Army from 1966 to 1968 as a heavy vehicle driver during the Vietnam War. Just three months before his deployment to Vietnam, Louis married the love of his life, Sherian McAlpine, of Earth, TX. After his military service, he dedicated 35 years to his career as an auto mechanic and was the respected owner of Azle Automotive from 1979 to 2006. He then continued working another fourteen years as a Service Writer for Pep Boys until February 2020. Beyond his professional life, Louis was deeply involved in the Azle community and in the lives of his children and grandchildren, never missing a ball game, concert, swim meet, award ceremony, or graduation, he was their biggest fan.

Louis was an avid sports enthusiast, most notably the Azle Hornets, Dallas Cowboys, Texas Rangers, and NASCAR, and had many hobbies, including fishing, hunting, and gardening. Cooking, with never a need for a recipe, was his specialty. His salsa, breakfast burritos, brisket, and "Bouncer beans" were the most often requested family favorites. He loved to spend time at Lake Brownwood, baiting hooks for young anglers and driv-



ing his boat, spending untold hours pulling any skier or tuber who was brave enough to give it a try. Known for his kind, helpful, and generous nature, he cherished the time spent with his family around the dinner table laughing and telling stories. He took immense pride in his children's and grandchildren's educational achievements and the legacy of love he built with his wife, Sherian, of 57 years.

Those left to cherish Louis' memory are his wife, Sherian, his daughters Shelley Newton (Jeff) and Melissa Hann (Lee), his grandchildren, David (Meredith Kathryn), Meredith (Brady), Alison, Kendal (Micah), and Emory, his sister, Gayle Hankins, and numerous extended family members and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, and his brother, Deryl Clark.

To honor Louis's life, a visitation beginning at 1:00, with a funeral service to follow at 2:00, will be held on Friday, September 27, 2024, at the Azle Funeral Chapel, located on the grounds of Azleland Cemetery in Azle, Texas. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made in Louis' memory to the Veterans Affairs (VA), Cal Farley's Boy's Ranch or an organization of choice.

*The Tri-County Reporter, Thursday October 10, 2024*

## John Myers 1954-2024

We lost a very special man Thursday, September 19, 2024, John Joseph Myers. John was born in Guymon, Oklahoma on February 15, 1954. He graduated from Eufaula High School in Eufaula, Oklahoma. He moved to Texas and became a backhoe operator for his uncle Leroy Kirbie. John started his own business, which is now his son's, Myers Construction. He was a huge OU fan. He was married to Melody Stumbo Myers. John has a son Michael Joseph Myers and wife Tammy, daughter Vanessa Hitt and husband Bryan, both of Azle, Texas. He had a brother Gordon Myers and sister Louella Cantrell who preceded him. John also has brothers Alton Myers of Washington; James 'Boone' Myers of Oklahoma; Matthew Myers of Azle, Texas and his sister Susie Copenhaver of Sand Springs, Oklahoma. He



has 6 grandchildren and 1 great grandson. He also left many nieces and nephews, cousins and friends. The family will hold a private celebration of life. The family would like to express our gratitude to the Doctor's and staff at Baylor Scott and White ICU unit for the unending care of John and his family.

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# Azle continues work on short-term rental ordinance

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AZLE — The city of Azle has continued to work on drafting an ordinance to deal with problems residents have reported with local short-term rentals. Short-term rental properties like Airbnb and Vrbo can be a great resource for those traveling for business or pleasure, but also present problems for neighbors and municipalities.

Over the last several years, cities throughout North Texas have attempted to pass ordinances banning or restricting short-term rentals within city limits. Outright bans have not been viewed favorably by courts and have largely been overturned. Many cities have found success in restricting or adding conditions to the operations of short-term rentals instead.

Kenneth Bachelor, who lives on Windjammer Lane, first brought the issue to the council's attention during an April 16 meeting. Bachelor stated that an Airbnb located on his street was a frequent source of overcrowding and noise, alleging there were as many as 17 cars parked in front of the house on a particular weekend and that the police had to be called. Council members Amy Estes and Stacy Peek claimed they had also witnessed similar problems with short-term rental properties.

In an email to the Tri-County Reporter, the property owner confirmed there had been many cars at the property for an end-of-life celebration at one point, but said he is quick to rectify any major disturbances on the rare occasions that they happen.

Since March, the Azle Police Department reported having been called to the property for three separate noise disturbances.

Council members continued the discussion June 4 with a legal expert on the topic, Rachel Raggio. With the council's input, the city attorney's office was able

to draft a possible ordinance for further consideration. The guidelines were presented at a Sept. 17 meeting where the document was commented on by council members. With the ordinance, the city hopes to reduce excess traffic, noise and potential health or safety concerns short-term rental properties may have on residents throughout Azle.

City Attorney Andrea Russell emphasized the need for strong evidence and thoughtful regulation to avoid legal challenges. She stated that the foundation for the regulations should focus on the impact the properties have on the health and safety of the community.

As the draft document is currently written, it would make it unlawful to rent or lease a short-term rental for a period of more than 29 days or less than 24 hours, though the council had clarifying questions on the time period which may impact future drafts. The draft ordinance would establish a limit of no more than two people per bedroom with a maximum number of occupants not to exceed 12. It would also require short-term rental owners to comply with uniform safety standards, pay hotel occupancy taxes and inform guests of all city codes related to noise levels and other issues of conduct. The council requested the ordinance be updated to limit parking to driveway and garage areas, with no overnight street parking. Short-term rental owners would also need to apply for a permit with the city to legally operate. If enacted, any owners, operators and occupants in violation of the future ordinance's rules could be fined.

Readers can access the draft ordinance online at azletx.portal.civiclerk.com/event/3457/files/attachment/6080.

The city council is likely to consider further action and discussion on this item in future meetings.

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Bullfrog West Fest from years past.

# The rich history of the Bullfrog West Fest

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LAKE WORTH — The 12th Annual Bullfrog West Fest is right around the corner with family-fun activities like bull riding, mutton bustin,' food trucks and more.

The Bullfrog West Fest was created 12 years ago by the Northwest Tarrant Lions Club. The Lions Club is a nonprofit organization that helps meet the needs of its local communities. Its main mission is to help blind and visually impaired individuals but it has extended its hand into other charities like aiding seniors plus the disabled community.

Lions Clubs International was founded in 1917 by Melvin Jones, a Chicago businessman, to be a service club. Some past prominent members of the Lions Clubs have been Helen Keller and President Jimmy Carter.

This is the third year the Bullfrog West Fest will be held at the Northwest Campus of Tarrant County College. The festival has been featured at several locations over the years. The first few years it was held at Lake Worth Park; then the event moved to White Settlement and now to TCC.

Renee Kolar is a member of the Northwest Tarrant Lions Club and is its fundraising queen. She has been

running Bullfrog West Fest since the beginning. Kolar admits the first time the club put on the festival, she was inexperienced.

"I had no idea what I was doing," Kolar said. "Our very first year, we did fairly well. I think we had about 30 vendors. We had vendors like Pampered Chef and Avon. Although we didn't have a very large attendance, we had a lot of volunteers."

Over the years, Kolar says the festival has gotten bigger, eventually growing to 50 or 60 vendors. Kolar always wants a variety of businesses and food trucks, but there are a few exceptions.

"I try to have a mix of all of that," Kolar said. "We try not to duplicate too much. Although I will say last year, for the first time, we had three barbeque people. And I put one at each end of the event area. And it actually worked out well and they all made money."

Some of the vendors that will be at this year's fest will be 199 Winery, Boyd Boys BBO, Kona Ice and What to Fry food truck.

The Bullfrog West Fest's foundation is family-friendly fun for people of all ages. Kolar said the kids' favorite activity has been the mutton bustin.' The person behind the mutton bustin' is none other than Kelly Clark from Chute 2 productions.

Kelly Clark is a second-generation cowboy who followed in his father's footsteps and had a very successful career in rodeo and bull riding.

Clark also has been a successful rodeo clown. Clark retired from bull riding 18 years ago but still wanted to be around it, which led him to start Chute 2 Productions.

Chute 2 Productions has been around for 15 years and this will be its 12th year at the Bullfrog West Fest. Clark said Chute 2 Productions has been performing at the Bullfrog festival since the beginning. It all started when Kolar approached Clark after watching his show in Haslett and said, "We got to have this."

Performing in festivals across the D-FW metroplex, Chute 2 Productions hosts a family-oriented show that includes an hour-long-plus performance of bull riding, mutton bustin' and musical talent in an arena with 1,500 seats in aluminum bleachers and offers VIP. seating. Chute 2 Productions also likes to incorporate the audience into the show with a calf scramble.

When asked how the first Bullfrog West Fest went for Chute 2 Productions, Clark admitted it didn't go so well, but eventually it came around.

"For the first year and second year, we were early in

our development of what we do and so we just thought just set up the event and the festival happens, but it has to grow," Clark said. "We set it up and the first year there, I lost \$24,000. The second year, it came around and did it again. The third year, it hit really big."

Spreading the word about an event like this is no easy task. Kolar said planners will start promoting the event weeks in advance with giant banners.

"We bought 12 banners and our banners are 10 feet long," Kolar said. "So, our banners tend to bring a lot of attention around the area."

Kolar says each year, the event keeps growing and the goal is to provide an event people look forward to.

"But really what we want to do is provide a good, safe, family-oriented event that people can come out and enjoy and look forward to every year," Kolar said. "It's really great to see the same families come back year after year and support the event."

Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$5 for kids age 12 and under and free for kids age 3 and under. Bullfrog West Fest will be held from 3-9 p.m. Oct. 5.

For information about vendor booths and sponsorship opportunities, contact Renee Kolar at 817-237-9755 or realestate@reneekolar.com.

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# Longtime Wild West Festival coordinator receives special honor

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SPRINGTOWN — Wild West Festival mainstay Mary Harms received the key to the city from Mayor Greg Hood last Saturday and intends to start using it immediately.

"I'm going to start opening doors pretty quick," Harms said, laughing.

Harms came to the Springtown Tabernacle at noon Saturday, the day of the Wild West Festival that she helped create 40 years ago and coordinated this year, thinking that volunteers were gathering for a group photo. She was surprised to learn she was being honored by the city of Springtown and

## Mary Harms honored with key to city, proclamation from mayor

Springtown Area Chamber of Commerce.

"It's a very special, special, special award and honor," Harms said. "I was very humbled to get it."

Hood proclaimed that Sept. 21, 2024, was Mary Harms Day in Springtown.

"Over the course of the last four decades Mrs. Mary Harms has been an integral part of the festival's success by dedicating countless hours to its production," read Hood's proclamation. "Mrs. Harms' tireless dedication

has benefited generations of Springtown residents and visitors who have attended these events."

Harms started the festival in 1984 with Drs. Larry Murphy and James Gieb as well as then-chamber secretary Judy Smerud, who later became chamber executive director.

"She's the one that came to us and said, 'Hey, we need to do something about bringing the folks down to our square. It's such a pretty square, and there's noth-

ing really going on,'" Harms recalled. "Of course, at that time, there were no pee-wee football games or any of those Saturday activity things like there are now. And so, we just thought it was a great opportunity to bring folks to the square, people meet people, have a good day's entertainment, and it has grown from that."

The festival started off small with about 10 vendors inside the Tabernacle, Harms said. Nowadays, the festival hosts over 200 vendors and was sold out of booths this year.

In the early days of Wild West, Harms said volunteers tried out different ways of spicing up the event, like hosting a fiddling contest and cooking hamburgers.

"We didn't have very many volunteers at that time," she said. "Of course, now we have way over 100. Starting out, it was kind of a grassroots call-somebody-and-see-if-they'll-come-and-help-you type deal."

Not only was this the 40th anniversary of the Wild West Festival, but it was also Harms' last year as coordinator of the event. She's passing that torch to chamber board member Andrew Alvis, but she'll still be around to volunteer at the festival. The coordinator job entails getting banners hung up, preparing directional signage for the day of (such as, "no through traffic," "exit here" and "do not enter"), blocking off areas



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Springtown Mayor Greg Hood takes a photo with Mary Harms after proclaiming Sept. 21, 2024, Mary Harms Day in the city and gave Harms the key to the city during the Wild West Festival.

and setting up tents.

Volunteers also help vendors enter, unload their products and exit the square on the day of the festival, a strategy that Harms picked up from going to the San Antonio Livestock Show years ago. She noticed there were people to help with unloading and was inspired to bring that practice to the Springtown Chamber.

"It's the best thing we did," Harms said. "It really works great. We get lots and lots of compliments on the ease of them coming in, people helping them and then moving out."

Harms is confident that Alvis is up to the task of taking on her former coordinator role and will come up with new ideas. She laughed at the fact that when she was training Alvis, she wrote down a list that the digitally minded Alvis took a picture of with his phone.

"He's going to work it different than I did, but Andrew is a hard worker," she said.

"He's very conscientious of what he does, and he wants to make the chamber proud."

Harms praised Chamber Executive Director Terri Toone and administrative assistant Dene Berry for their work in putting on the festival. She also credited Toone and Berry for listening to her advice and knowledge of what will and won't work at the event.

"You can't ever make it perfect, but we try to make it as perfect and comfortable as we can," Harms said. "That's all we can ask for."

Wild West Festival has certainly grown in 40 years, and with that growth comes the need for more vendor space, shuttles to transport people and places to park, Harms said. Despite these challenges, she hopes the event never leaves the Springtown Square.

"People love the Tabernacle, the grounds," Harms said. "It's the center of Springtown."



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Mary Harms, right, gets hugged after being honored for her service to the Wild West Festival for the past 40 years.

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# A tale of two coffees

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AZLE — No matter your preference, there's a brew for everyone in Azle. Last week the city saw the opening of two new coffee shops. Texas Drip opened during Sting Fling in the suite formerly occupied by Crave at 404 Main Place. The highly anticipated Dutch Bros Coffee opened at 164 Industrial Ave. at the former site of a once-beloved Dairy Queen. Despite having different menus, both businesses profess a love for giving back to the communities that support them. Both interviewees also coincidentally came to the Azle area from Arizona.

**TEXAS DRIP:**

Texas Drip owners Shawn and Kelly Jo Dagley aim to provide a "small-town feel with big-city taste," using locally sourced ingredients and a unique Columbian-Peruvian coffee blend roasted in San Antonio. Shawn Dagley is a retired Army and Navy deep-sea diver; his wife is a Veteran's Affairs nurse in Fort Worth. Their son, Gage

Dagley, 14, is a quarterback at Azle High School.

"We feel welcome, we feel like we're home," Shawn Dagley said. "We have friends that, you know they're going to probably be lifelong friends now, just because that's the kind of people that are in Azle. I haven't met anybody that I haven't liked."

The pair has a passion for health and fitness and formerly owned a cross-fit gym in Arizona. The Dagleys have been in Azle almost three years and last year started selling coffee out of a mobile trailer they brought to events. It's a family affair, with the three plus Shawn Dagley's mother all working at the café. He is hoping to hire more employees soon. Gage Dagley also designed the shop's original logo.

Shawn Dagley said he hopes to emphasize quality, customer service and community involvement offering discounts to health professionals, emergency responders and other uniformed personnel. Dagley said he keeps a fresh pot of free black coffee ready for police and fire-

fighters that enter the café. The spot features coffee, tea, shakes, specialty drinks and food items with an expanded breakfast menu starting this week. With locally grown ingredients and beef sourced from nearby CO Cattle Company, the owners aspire to become the premier café in Azle, known for its welcoming atmosphere and fresh, preservative-free food.

"We were coming up with things to call it and we're like, 'well, we can get Texas beans, you know, we can get them sourced here,'" Dagley said. "I said we should probably call it Texas Drip Coffee, you know, just something that puts us out there saying that we are Texas loved coffee. There's a new term for drip, meaning you've got swagger or style and I'm like, that kind of works. The end goal is we're going to call this place TD Café."

The family is still experimenting with operating hours, but for the time being, Texas Drip is open from 6:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays. Shawn Dagley hopes he can help share his success by buying more mobile trailers and giving them to other veterans to start their own businesses. Dagley said while people come for the coffee, he hopes they stay for the food. He also hopes to serve barbecue about twice per month.

In describing what might encapsulate Texas Drip, the owner said he hoped it could be an anchor for community members, not unlike the Central Perk Café from one of the most famous sitcoms out of the '90s.

"The best thing I could hope for this place would be 'F.R.I.E.N.D.S.' They go there

because it feels good. It feels like home and you're able to see people, you know. It's good stuff, good product, good atmosphere. So that's what we're kind of looking for."

**DUTCH BROS:**

Unlike a traditional sit-down café, Dutch Bros Coffee shops are drive-thru and walk-up only. With menu items like "Double Torture," "Laser Cat," and "Galaxy Fish," Dutch Bros has undeniably found success in unconventionality. Many Azleites are excited to no longer have to drive to neighboring cities to get their fix from the store's resident "broistas." About 2,000 customers had ordered at the new location by Friday evening, Sept. 20. The business offers coffees, energy drinks, sodas, shakes and other beverages in a dizzying array of options and near unlimited possible opportunities for customization.

The new Azle location had a soft opening for friends and family Monday, Sept. 16 and a grand opening Wednesday, Sept. 18, with a \$3 medium special. Dutch Bros had a Give Back Day Friday, Sept. 20, donating \$1 from every drink to Cook Children's Hospital. The shop has seen a constant line of customers and has a mix of high school students, college students and parents among its 30 employees. Those who visited in its first week received collectible magnets and stickers.

Local operator Brie Valliere has been with the company for 10 years and oversees four locations: Lake Worth, Hudson Oaks, White Settlement and now Azle. She emphasized the company's commitment to community engagement, including three annual give-back



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Customer Misty White with her orders at the Azle Dutch Bros.

events. During these events held in February, May and September, Dutch Bros locations raise funds for or benefit community food banks, organizations combating Lou Gehrig's Disease and a third entity of the local operator's choice. Along with these events, Valliere said the Oregon-based chain hopes to spread "Dutch Love" and culture as the company moves east.

"Coffee is just our product, but our main goal is to spread that love, and so I think that's what sets us apart," Valliere said. "Our motto is that we're a fun, loving company that makes a massive difference one cup at a time. So, I feel like that's what we want to bring, be able to bring that positivity here. That's my goal is to be able just to make a massive difference in more

of our community."

The regional operator's favorite drink at the establishment is a mocha decaf fireball shot cut with protein milk. While she does not know exactly why corporate decided to set up shop in Azle, she suspects its distance from other Dutch Bros and its location on the freeway made it an ideal candidate.

"It's something new to Azle and they have a big variety and it's not Starbucks," Misty White, assistant principal at Azle Junior High, said while waiting on her "Golden Eagle" blend. "They have stuff for kids too, which is really good. So, I love it. We have one in Hudson Oaks, and having to drive that far to get one, I mean, it's nice to have it here and it's good coffee, good milkshakes, good teas."



Texas Drip owner Shawn Dagley.



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Eventually, she found her solution through Parker County Environmental Deputy Mike Ingram. Ingram said Texas Water Code 11.086 dictates businesses and homeowners cannot change the flow of water, but otherwise the section of the creek that borders her property is her responsibility, and she has every right to clean it herself.

"People think you're going to get in trouble with the water board, the city and everybody because they just don't know the facts," Turpin said. "That's the only reason it's still sitting there like it is, because I couldn't get any answers for so long."

With this confirmation, she went to work. She and her employees claim to have spent about two to three weeks cleaning the spaces adjacent to and within the waterway. Turpin also motivated the owners of neighboring Hernandez Granite & Marble

Tile to clean up as well. While she has made progress, there's still no shortage of tires, plastic piping, downed trees and other debris along the waterway. She hopes to now bring in the city government and other local business owners like Ryan Nelson of March Roofing to help.

"I think Azle is a beautiful place," Nelson said of his motivation to get involved. "It's a beautiful setting. What it could be is what drives me. It's why I want to help. I think it could be so much better. It's great as it is, but I'd like to put a bigger draw for people to be here, you know, so grow the community and anything like this, I think is a good start."

Turpin took Nelson, Azle Mayor Pro Tem Randa Goode and The Tri-County Reporter on a tour of the nearby creek to assess how much manpower and what kind of equipment might be needed for the job. Goode said the recently created beautification board could even apply for grants for projects like this going forward and Nelson



The trio makes its way through the twists and turns of the creek.

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Turpin points something out as (L-R): Nelson, Turpin and Goode look down another section of Ash Creek.



Litter, trash and tires, prevalent in many parts of the creek, are now being cleaned up by business owners.



Deb Turpin looks around after coming down a steep embankment to enter the creek.

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remarked they could start organizing to get an excavator, bobcat and large dumpsters for the project. The group hopes to make a creek cleanup a community-wide effort. By cleaning and better maintaining Ash Creek, Turpin hopes to prevent flooding issues at nearby lots and in the parks as well as preserve the area's natural beauty and protect the health of the community.

"In addition to cleanup days in Azle, we could also just start working in sections (of the creek)," Goode said. "We can't do it all in one day, but we can a little bit here and there ... This would be an amazing project to maintain and then the cities that do have creeks like this, they really do emphasize them."

Azle's first settlers relied on the local creeks for their survival. Some of the earliest homesteads, churches and other centers for colonial living were located on Ash Creek and Walnut Creek. For most of Parker County's history, the area has been used as range and crop land. For Turpin, whose maiden name is Hockett and whose family has lived in the area for five generations, Ash Creek is a

symbol of Azle's past and its best possible future.

"My grandmother used to live at her home place on Main Street," Turpin said. "I'd go visit her, and I lived on a creek off of Newsom Mountain Road, where I grew up. So, I was used to playing on a creek, and so I'd come see her. The first thing I would want to do is get down here to the creek and look at the fish and play in the water, which she didn't like because I had to go across what was then Main Street, which was Jacksboro Highway. We had a running gun battle trying to keep me out of the creek. I just remember how it used to look and how much I enjoyed it as a kid and as a young adult, and I think it can look that way again. I don't see why we can't. It's not anything that's going to cost millions of dollars. It's not anything that's going to disturb anybody's property. It's already here and it should be looked at as an asset and not just ignored and say, 'oh, well, when it floods Jacksboro Highway, TxDOT will yank the stuff out from under the bridge.' No, let's fix the creek and make it beautiful again."

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The Parker County Sheriff's Posse rides through Springtown during the Wild West Festival Saturday.

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Sophia Hettinger, 3, hugs and brushes an alpaca in the petting zoo at the Wild West Festival's area for children.



Chuck Cusimano of the Neon Playboys plays his guitar at the Wild West Festival in the Springtown Tabernacle.



The Springtown Showstoppers strut through town in the Wild West Festival parade while shaking their sparkly pom-poms.



Heroes of the Old West actors recreate a shootout during one of their performances at the 40th annual Wild West Festival.



Springtown City Council members — Mayor Pro Tem Ted Martinez, David Martin, Scott Richardson and Mayor Greg Hood — wave to the crowds and their constituents from a parade float during the Wild West Festival.

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Robert Lewis fights past the Cougar defense. On Friday, Sept. 20, the Springtown Porcupines took on the China Spring Cougars at Pojo Stadium. The Porcupines beat the Cougars 28-23.

## Hornets look to stay unbeaten; Porcupines start league play

RICK MAUCH

Special to the Tri-County Reporter

Entering the football season, "Dave Campbell's Texas Football" magazine had the Brewer Bears picked as the fourth playoff team from District 3-5A Division I and the Azle Hornets eighth out of nine teams.

A month into the season, it is the Hornets who are playoff contenders and the Bears who are struggling to keep

any hopes alive as the two prepare to tangle at Brewer Friday, Sept. 27 at 7 p.m.

The Hornets bring a 3-0 record into the game, including 1-0 in district following a 52-14 win over Denton Sept. 20. The Bears (0-4, 0-2) come in following a 58-31 home loss to Richland the same night.

Azle offensive leaders vs. Denton: Derrek Vowell 21-of-29, 305 yards, three TD; Brayden Combs nine catches, 135 yards, TD, 1-of-1, 45-yard

TD pass; Joseph Sandoval 1-of-1, 9-yard TD pass, six carries, 41 yards; Hagen Hughes 12 carries, 67 yards, two TD; Aiden Mackey four catches, 94 yards, two TD; Garrett Bailey six catches, 60 yards, two TD.

Azle defensive leaders vs. Denton: Devin Wingfield four tackles, three for loss, sack; Case Moore sack, tackle for loss, interception; Connor Merrill two tackles for loss; Joshua Guzman tackle for

loss, sack; Ethan Alcalá tackle for loss, sack.

Brewer offensive players to watch: Jaiden Carrington seven catches, 94 yards, TD in 2023; Cameron Carr 15 catches, 228 yards, four TD in 2023.

Brewer defensive players to watch: Kaiden Foster 36 tackles, two interceptions in 2023; Elijah Mande 43 tackles, interception in 2023.

This long-running series dates to 1954 and the teams

have played every season since 2006. Brewer leads 35-24, including last season's 30-13 win. Azle's last win was 54-0 in 2022 and the Hornets have won five of the past seven meetings.

### SPRINGTOWN FOOTBALL

The Porcupines (3-1) get District 5-4A Division I competition underway Friday, Sept. 27 when they host Fort Worth Southwest (1-3) at 7 p.m. Springtown ended pre-

league play with a 28-23 win at home over China Spring Sept. 20, while the Raiders fell 55-0 at Brock.

Friday's game is also Springtown's homecoming.

Springtown offensive leaders vs. China Spring: Kaine Hill 10-of-16, 12 yards, 16 carries, 94 yards; Ryan Kirk 20 carries, 95 yards; Robert Louis rushing TD; Chase Thompson rushing TD;

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## Homecoming came early for Porcupines' star

RICK MAUCH

Special to the Tri-County Reporter

The Springtown Porcupines football team will celebrate homecoming Friday, Sept. 27 against Fort Worth Southwest.

However, for senior free safety/inside receiver Chase Thompson, homecoming came in the summer of 2023. That's when his family moved back to Springtown, where he lived as a young child.

"I don't even remember how old I was when we left Springtown. There's videos of when I was here as a kid, following my dad around," Thompson said.

His dad, Ken Thompson, is the Springtown Lady Pines head basketball coach, also returning to the place from where he graduated and was a head coach for six seasons (boys 2006-08, girls 2008-12). Ken Thompson is also an assistant coach for the Porcupines football team.

"I love getting to be a part of Chase's everyday football practice," Ken Thompson said. "I am not his position coach, but just being around day-to-day and getting to watch him in practice and games is a real joy to me."

It's a great pleasure to Porcupines football plans as well. Through the first four games of this season, Chase Thompson leads the team in tackles with 41, including 21 solo and one for a loss.



PHOTO COURTESY KEN THOMPSON

**Porcupines senior football standout Chase Thompson lived his early years in Springtown. Being a coach's son, he moved with his family to a few other places before returning to Springtown in the summer of 2023.**

He's also caught 11 passes for 83 yards and a pair of touchdowns.

### COACH'S SON

Being the son of a coach, Chase Thompson understands what comes with that distinction.

"I sure get looked at a lot more than other players," he said with a chuckle.

Then he added that being in the spotlight doesn't bother him, which is obvious

through his performance. He also noted he's learned leadership skills and other valuable lessons from his dad, who has enjoyed continued success coaching basketball.

"Giving it your best and having fun with the sport are two big things he taught me," Chase Thompson said.

Unlike some other coaching families, Chase Thompson said he and his dad regu-

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The Azle High School 2024 Homecoming Court.

## Azle homecoming parade Sept. 30

ZACH FREEMAN

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### King nominee speaks

**AZLE** — Students at Azle High School are settling into a new year and are excited to mark their return with the annual homecoming celebration. The 2024 Azle High School Homecoming Parade will travel down Azle's Main Street Monday, Sept. 30, beginning at 6 p.m. The Hornets will take on Birdville for the homecoming game Friday, Oct. 4, with kick-off at 7 p.m.

During the game, two students will be given the titles of homecoming king and queen. The homecoming court consists of king and queen nominees and

homecoming princes and princesses who were elected earlier this month.

Homecoming princesses and princes lined up outside the school's competition gym for a photo. Row-by-row, students paired by grade level from the front to the back, left to right: freshmen Bailey Seward and Auston Morgan; sophomores Nadia Vidal and Colton Cook; juniors Jessie Johnson and Cole Johnson.

Senior king and queen nominees joined the huddle just behind them: Haley Carlson and Dylan Maines; Haylee Hefley and Britt Haas,

Brooklyn Young and Jayden Saez, Chloe Hennessy and Braden Sirkel.

These students will sit in their pairs across four cars traveling down Main Street for the homecoming parade. One king nominee, Jayden Saez, spoke with the Tri-County Reporter about his excitement for the event and his chances of being named king in two weeks. Saez is on the varsity tennis team, a recent addition to the school improv troupe and is student council vice president. "The fact I made

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# CHASE

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larly discuss sports at home, something he enjoys and values.

"It's nice to see what he thinks and what I need to work on," the younger Thompson said.

"Chase is a worker, a leader, he's tough, physical, smart, has everything you would expect a coach's kid to have," Porcupines head football coach Brian Hulett said. "He has obviously grown up around the game, so his knack and understanding of it and how to make plays is something that he has, but probably doesn't realize, so it's just natural to him. This

is what allows him to not waste time and energy on it, so those things can go into knowledge of scheme and opponent, which further helps him move along.

"On top of everything on the field, Chase is just as great to even better off the field."

Also, being in the family of a coach often means moving a lot. After his early days in Springtown, the Thompsons have also lived in Jacksboro, Paradise and Perrin before returning to Springtown.

### GETTING STARTED

Chase Thompson began playing football in the fifth grade in Jacksboro. He started his high school career as a freshman in Paradise and was a starter for the Perrin-Whitt

Pirates as a sophomore.

And now he's thriving in Springtown.

"I love Springtown," he said. "I was immediately comfortable here. Our coaches are great, the program is great."

He remembers his introduction to football coming in his own backyard. His oldest brother Kaleb, who played football for the Porcupines and graduated from Springtown in 2014, took him and his other older brother, Dayne, out back and played with them.

"He'd get us in the backyard with pads and everything," Chase Thompson recalled, adding that he liked the roughhousing with his older brothers.

Dayne Thompson opted to focus on basketball, a choice that has paid off well. He is a freshman preparing to play basketball at McMurry University in Abilene this season.

Chase Thompson also played basketball through last season, along with participating in track in the long jump and relays. He is uncertain about basketball as a senior but does plan to compete in track again.

### COLLEGE

Chase Thompson said he does want to play in college, though he has yet to commit to a program. Toward that end, he has bulked up, going from 145 pounds to 175 pounds between the 2023 season and now.

His height is 5 feet, 10-inches.

"Zero doubt that Chase won't be able to play at the next level. He has dedicated himself to proper nutrition over the last year," Hulett said. "You add all of the intangibles with the physical attributes, he will be just as good at the next level as he is at this level."

This past summer Chase Thompson attended several college football camps, including Tarleton State University and the University of Oklahoma. He's also willing to adjust his game, if necessary.

"I'd like to stay at my current positions, but I'd be willing to switch if it means I get to play college football," he

said. And should he have to decide between offense and defense, he said with a chuckle, "I definitely like being the guy on defense who does the hitting."

Wherever he goes, Chase Thompson also realizes his high school playing days will soon come to an end. Though he's only been back at Springtown for less than two years, he said it will be bittersweet when the time does arrive to move on.

"It's pretty eye opening. I just have this one more year and we're entering district," he said. "I hope we can make a deep playoff run, but even then you blink and it's over."

"But I've sure enjoyed being back here."

# Azle vs. Denton



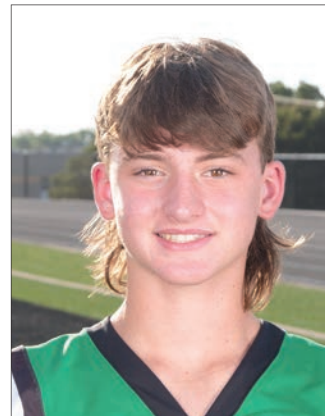
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Aug 30	7:00 PM	Abilene Cooper	Shotwell Stadium	W 41-34
Sep 6	7:00 PM	Weatherford	Hornet Stadium	W 51-28
Sep 20	7:00 PM	Denton High	Hornet Stadium	W 52-14
Sep 27	7:00 PM	Brewer	Brewer HS	
Oct 4	7:00 PM	Birdville	Hornet Stadium	
Oct 11	7:00 PM	Keller Fossil Ridge	Keller HS	
Oct 18	7:00 PM	Denton Ryan	Hornet Stadium	
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# ROUNDUP

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Karson Ferguson four catches, 40 yards.

Springtown defensive leaders vs. China Spring: Devin Hair 12 tackles, three for loss, sack; Darren Sweely 10 tackles; Riley Jackson interception.

Southwest player to watch: Jahbori Cooper-Sultice 71 yards rushing per game; Nicholas Rizo 52 yards rushing per game.

This will be only the second meeting ever between the programs, but the first one in 2010 was a memorable affair with Southwest winning 38-37.

## LAKE WORTH FOOTBALL

The Bullfrogs (0-4) hit the road for the first time last week, falling 44-7 at Lake Dallas. Now they are back home to host Graham (3-1) Friday, Sept. 27. The Steers are coming off a 34-14 win against Decatur at home.

Lake Worth offensive leaders vs. Lake Dallas: Kevin Pointer 144 yards, TD, interception passing; Gavin Tovar 10 carries, 51 yards; Jaden Garrett nine catches, 122 yards, TD.

Graham offensive players to watch: Ty Thompson 641 yards, TD passing, 347 yards, six TD rushing; Harrison Brockway 13 catches, 229 yards, two TD.

Graham defensive players to watch: Bruin Wright 30 tackles, one for loss; Mason Milton 19 tackles, three for loss, sack, two interceptions..

Graham leads the all-time series 3-0. The teams last meet in 2012, a 44-7 Steers win. They also met in 1982

and 1983.

## AZLE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL FOOTBALL

The Fightin' Crusaders (2-2) lost a wild 40-38 homecoming contest to Garland Christian Academy Sept. 13. They won 38-18 at home against Johnson County Sports Association Sept. 20, a game that was stopped late after an AHS player was injured following an apparent late hit.

Reports indicate the player was released from the hospital following negative x-rays and scans.

Offensive leaders vs. Garland: Brodie Clark 28 carries, 204 yards, TD rushing, 3-of-5 for 28 yards with an interception passing, three catches, 48 yards, two TD receiving; Jaxson Logan 10-64, TD rushing, 2-40, 40 yards, TD receiving; Jaxon Durham 7-of-13, 100 yards, four TD, no interceptions passing.

Defensive leaders vs. Garland: Wyatt nine tackles; Clark eight tackles; Logan eight tackles, interception; Gage Anderson seven tackles; Durham seven tackles, interception.

Offensive leaders vs. Johnson County: Clark 22 carries, 191 yards, four TD, 19-yard TD pass; Durham 5-of-11, 61 yards, TD; Logan four carries, 49 yards, three catches, 55 yards, TD; Kanon Wyatt two catches, 25 yards, TD.

Azle Christian School's game at Perrin-Whitt, set for Thursday, Sept. 26, has been called off.

## AZLE VOLLEYBALL

The Lady Hornets (19-10, 2-0 in District 5-5A) began league play with a 3-0 home win over Fossil Ridge Sept.

17. They defeated visiting Brewer 3-0 Sept. 20.

**Leaders vs. Fossil Ridge**  
Kills: Jacqui McClain 15, Addison Dorris 8

Aces: Paisley Jeter 3  
Digs: Heather Lockridge 12, McClain 11  
Assists: Miley Massey 14, Gabby Briseno 13  
Receptions: Lockridge 18, Elizabeth Kate Lund 13

**Leaders vs. Brewer**  
Kills: McClain 15, Lund 10

Aces: McClain 3  
Blocks: Arely Licerio 4, Destiny Brune 4, Lyric Mize 3  
Digs: McClain 16, Lockridge 10  
Assists: Massey 19, Sophie Weger 11  
Receptions: McClain 17, Lockridge 9

The Lady Hornets were playing at Aledo at press time. They travel to Chisholm Trail Sept. 27 and host Granbury Oct. 1, both matches starting at 6 p.m.

## LAKE WORTH VOLLEYBALL

The Lady Frogs (9-17, 2-0 in District 7-4A) started district with a 3-0 home win over Bridgeport Sept. 17. They followed with a loss at home against Burkburnett Sept. 20.

**Leaders vs. Bridgeport**  
Kills: Danica Long 7

Digs: Caitlyn Houpt 11  
Assists: Houpt 18  
Receipts: Karina Velez Esteves 8, Aliyah Salas 8

The Lady Frogs have back-to-back road matches at Krum Sept. 27 at 4:30 p.m. and at Eagle Mountain Oct. 1 at 6 p.m.

## SPRINGTOWN VOLLEYBALL

The Lady Pines (19-12, 2-1 in District 7-4A) defeated Krum 3-1 at home Sept. 17, followed by a 3-1 win at Eagle Mountain Sept. 20.

**Leaders vs. Krum**  
Kills: Libby Tedder 24, Corrine Hall 11, Addy Burtnett 10

Aces: Aerial Jackson 3, Brooklyn Quintanilla 3  
Digs: Tedder 24, Quintanilla 21

Assists: Kallie Conway 25, Bailey Walker 24  
Receptions: Tedder 24, Quintanilla 23, Jackson 17

**Leaders vs. Eagle Mountain**

Kills: Tedder 19, Burtnett 13, Ryleigh Strickland 11  
Digs: Quintanilla 23, Tedder 20

Assists: Walker 28, Conway 18  
Receptions: Quintanilla 22, Tedder 21, Jackson 19

The Lady Pines host Castleberry Sept. 27 at 5:30 p.m. and travel to Bridgeport Oct. 1 for a 6 p.m. match.

## AZLE CROSS COUNTRY

The Hornets and Lady

Hornets each won their respective divisions at the Benbrook Prowl at the Lake Sept. 20. The Hornets scored 25 points to best runner-up Joshua with 73, while the Lady Hornets scored 33 to top runner-up Birdville with 50.

Leading runners for the Lady Hornets on the 5K course were:

3. Audrina Montoya, 19:48.97  
5. Reese Jeter, 20:01.85  
7. Lily Hudman, 20:28.60  
9. Azucena Neri, 20:29.78  
14. Yasmeen Tejada, 20:41.74  
15. McKenzie Roberts, 20:43.81

17. Berkley Huffaker, 20:48.59  
20. Brooke Maples, 21:23.30

Top runners for the Hornets were:

5. Pablo Neri, 17:18.27  
12. Parker Huffaker, 17:53.06  
21. Riley Roberts, 18:33.81  
24. Jose Romero, 18:46.66

27. Joaquin Solorzano, 18:56.57

28. Seth Sexton, 19:04.45

The junior varsity girls also won their division as Noah Kovach (22:49.46) placed second, Eviana Quillen (23:14.37) was third and Daelynn Young (23:18.32) was fourth. The JV boys were third, with Mason Schluter (18:40.32) second, Nickey Ambrose (19:46.75) fourth and Zach Hampton (19:22.13) fifth.

Azle is running in the Decatur Reunion Run Thursday, Sept. 26.

## LAKE WORTH CROSS COUNTRY

The Bullfrogs and Lady Frogs ran in the Castleberry Invitational Sept. 20. Top runners for Lake Worth were:

Varsity boys 5K  
32. Carlos Manriquez, 22:18.98

Varsity girls 2-mile

20. Feli Santana, 15:29.37  
31. Jacksiry Perez, 15:59.57

Lake Worth is in the Decatur Reunion Run Thursday, Sept. 26.

## SPRINGTOWN CROSS COUNTRY

The Lady Pines won their division in the Castleberry Invitational Sept. 20. Springtown had five girls finish in the top 12 over the 2-mile course, including:

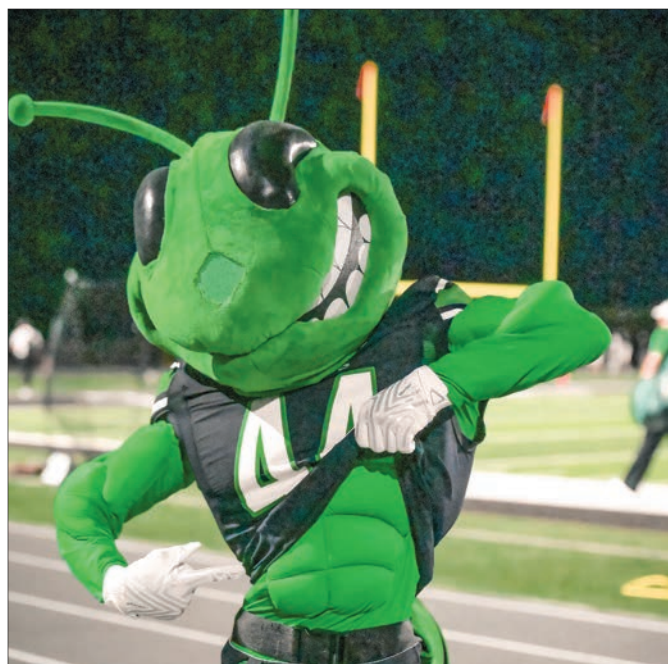
Madelyn Walker, 13:09.09  
5. Kerrington Edwards, 13:40.94  
6. Isabel Parker, 13:47.43  
10. Alyson Barco, 14:12.10  
12. Madison Musselman, 14:21.90

For the Porcupines, Brayden Levario placed 16th in the varsity boys 5K race, posting a time of 19:39.07.

The Lady Pines junior varsity also won their division. Top runners were:

Isabella Wahler, 14:42.68  
4. Caroline Trevino, 15:32.68  
5. Makayla Ballard, 15:41.26  
7. Kennedy Edwards, 15:55.35

Springtown will run in the Granbury Race for the Loot Sept. 27.



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# Azle Volleyball

The Azle Lady Hornets varsity volleyball team took on the Boswell Lady Pioneers at home Friday, Sept. 13, losing 3 sets to 0.



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Gabby Brisenno sets up the ball for a kill.



**CHASITY VURICH | TRI-COUNTY REPORTER**  
Arely Licerio goes up for a tip.

## Football Contest

### Week 4

Bobby Boyd and Keith Rose tied for first place in the football contest, with each of them picking 13 of 16 games correctly. That meant the tiebreaker game determined the winner. The tiebreaker game – Lake Worth and Lake Dallas – generated 51 points. Rose was closest with 48 points, and he won first place and \$20. Boyd picked 61 points and finished in second place with \$10. Six contestants tied for third place with 12 out of 16 games correct. After the tiebreaker, two people tied for third place; Spencer Norris with 50 points and Amy Collins with 52 points. They each won \$2.50 for their effort. Congratulations to the winners!

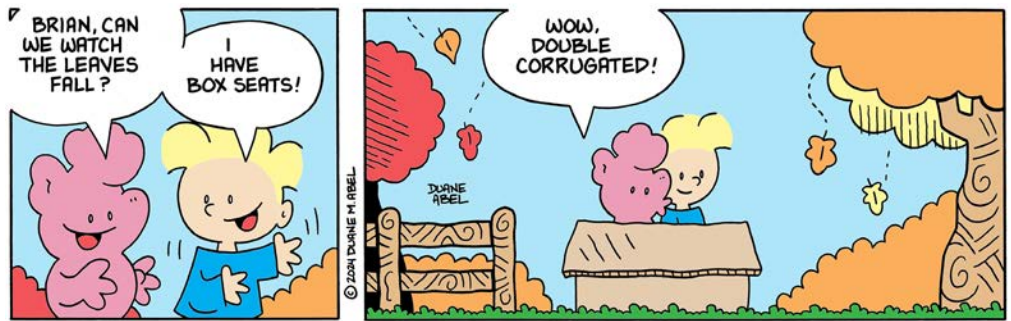
### HOCO

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it here shows a lot for me," Saez said. "I didn't really expect to be nominated at all. So, I'm really excited for it, and I do think it's an honor to be able to be on the court and be alongside everyone else too ... I feel like I have

a high chance of becoming king. (The other nominees are) also very good people. I know they also have high chances of winning. So, I wish them luck as well. I hope all of us do well, especially with our canned donations. I really hope all of us are able to collect a lot to be able to donate to the Community Caring Center."

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**Mon** Breakfast Pizza, Fruit Cup **Tues** Strawberry Cream Cheese Mini Bagels, Oranges **Weds** Danimals Vanilla Yogurt, Cup, Apple Juice, Fruit Cup, Cinnamon Granola Pouch **Thurs** Fruit Cup, FUNtetti Mini Pancakes **Fri** No School

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

**Mon** Frito Chili Pie, Hamburger, Green Beans, Sweet Potato Tots, Apple Juice, Pears Diced **Tues** Cheesy Baked Penne, Loaded Baked Potato, Corn, Green Peas, Apple, Orange Juice, Whole Wheat Roll **Weds** Bean and Cheese Burrito, Cheesy Nachos, Corn, Salsa, Mild, Steamed Carrots, Apple Juice, Pineapples **Thurs** Chicken & Cheese Quesadilla, Popcorn Chicken Bowl, Corn, Mixed Veggies, Orange Juice, Oranges, Whole Wheat Roll **Fri** No School

**GRADES 5TH - 8TH**

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

**Mon** Egg and Cheese on a Bun, Bacon, Green Apple Slices **Tues** Pancakes, Yogurt Parfaits, Bacon, Pears Diced **Weds** Hash-brown, Bananas, Orange Juice, Biscuit **Thurs** Eggogi Waffles, Bacon, Apple Sauce, Orange Juice, Banana Muffin **Fri** No School

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

**Mon** Breaded Chicken Sandwich, Cheeseburger, Cheesy Baked Penne, Garlic Bread Stick, Mashed Potatoes, Steamed Carrots, Pears Diced **Tues** Cheesy Nachos, Hamburger, Sloppy Joe, Crinkle Fries, Steamed Medley, Apple, Apple Juice **Weds** BBQ Boneless Wings, Chicken and Cheese Quesadilla, Green Chile Enchiladas, Brown Rice, Black Beans, Mixed Fruit **Thurs** Chicken Tenders, Spicy Chicken Sandwich, SteakFinger Bowl w/ Roll, Corn, Green Peas, Apple Juice, Pineapples **Fri** No School

**HIGH SCHOOL**

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

**Mon** Egg and Cheese on a Bun, Bacon, Green Apple Slices **Tues** Pancakes, Yogurt Parfaits, Bacon, Pears Diced, Muffin, Blueberry **Weds** Homestyle Diced Potatoes, Bananas, Biscuit **Thurs** Eggogi Waffles, Bacon, Apple Sauce, **Fri** No School

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

**Mon** Meatball Sub Sandwich, Cheese Pizza, Pepperoni Pizza, Tostada (Mexican pizza), Chicken Fried Rice w/ Vegetable Egg Roll, Cheeseburger **Tues** Loaded Baked Potato, Bacon Pizza, Cheese Pizza, Pork Tamales, Sweet Fire Chicken, Hamburger **Weds** Chicken and Waffles, Cheese Quesadilla, Green Chile Enchiladas, Brown Rice, Black Beans, Mixed Fruit **Thurs** Chicken Spaghetti w/ Meatsauce, Pepperoni Pizza, Supreme Pizza, Enchilada Casserole, Chicken and Vegetable Dumpling, Spicy Chicken Sandwich **Fri** No School

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## Springtown School Menu

**BREAKFAST PRICES**

EC-12th Grade \$1.75  
EC-12th Reduced \$0.30  
Adult \$2.25

**LUNCH PRICES**

PK-4th Grade \$3.00  
5th-8th Grade \$3.25  
High School \$3.00  
Reduced \$0.40  
Adult \$4.25

Students may prepay for their meals.

**Sept 30 - Oct 4, 2024**  
**PK through 12th Grade**

\*Menus are subject to change.

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

**Mon** French Toast Sticks, Sliced Pears **Tues** Pancake Sausage Bites, Strawberry Applesauce **Weds** Sausage Biscuit, Mandarin Oranges **Thurs** Cinnamon Roll, Apple Slices **Fri** Yogurt Parfait, Blueberries

**K - 4th Lunch** **Lunch: Everyday - Choice of one meat, two vegetables, and one grain/bread with milk, Variety of milk is offered every day for breakfast and lunch.**

**Mon** Chicken Fried Rice, Yogurt & Pretzel Box, Oriental Blend Vegetables, Fresh Orange, Pineapple **Tues** Chicken Alfredo with a Twist, Chicken Nuggets, Cucumbers, Fresh Broccoli, Italian Blend Vegetables, Fresh Apple Slices, Mandarin Oranges, Roll **Weds** Cheeseburger, Hamburger, Cucumbers, Emoticon Potatoes, Fresh Baby Carrots, Sliced Pears, Strawberry Applesauce **Thurs** Cheese Pizzadilla, Chicken Sandwich, Cuban Black Beans, Cucumbers, Fresh Broccoli, Blueberries, Fresh Apple **Fri** Baked Potato, Pizza (Cheese or Pepperoni), Roasted Broccoli, Roll, Banana or Watermelon

**5th - 12th Lunch** **Lunch: Everyday - Choice of one meat, two vegetables, and one grain/bread with milk, Variety of milk is offered every day for breakfast and lunch.**

**Mon** Chicken Eggroll, Chicken Fried Rice, Steakfingers, Roll, Roasted Broccoli, Pineapple **Tues** Meatball Sub, Meaty Spaghetti Sauce, Roll, Rotini Spirals, Italian Blend Vegetables, Applesauce Cup **Weds** Chicken Tenders, Spicy Chicken Tenders, Waffles for Chicken & Waffles, Tator Tots **Thurs** Beef Tacos, Chicken Tacos, Nachos, Tacos, Corn, Refried Beans, Picante Sauce, Salsa **Fri** Baked Potato/ w Pulled Pork, Cheese Quesadilla, Glazed Carrots, Roll, Fresh Veggies (Cucumbers w/Tajin, Baby Carrots, Broccoli), Banana, Blueberries

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## Sudoku

SEPTEMBER 26, 2024

2			1	8			9	4
							7	8
8						3		
	3				4			
6					9	2	5	7
3	1						2	
	8				7			5
		9	6					1

Level: Advanced

## Solution to last week's puzzle

SEPTEMBER 19, 2024

1	4	2	3	8	7	5	9	6
7	5	8	6	9	4	3	1	2
3	6	9	5	2	1	4	7	8
6	3	1	9	4	5	2	8	7
5	8	7	1	6	2	9	3	4
9	2	4	7	3	8	1	6	5
4	7	6	2	1	9	8	5	3
2	1	3	8	5	6	7	4	9
8	9	5	4	7	3	6	2	1

## WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to the great outdoors.

R D S B I

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Answer: Birds

## CRYPTO FUN

Determine the code to reveal the answer!

- Solve the code to discover words related to mold awareness. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 25 = E)
- A. 4 18 7 16  
Clue: Structure fungi can form
  - B. 4 6 7 16 25 1  
Clue: White type of mold
  - C. 4 18 6 17 5 20 21 25  
Clue: Dampness
  - D. 10 21 25 13 5 8 25  
Clue: Inhale/exhale



# TRI-COUNTY REPORTER

# DEVOTIONAL PAGE

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## APOSTOLIC

### CORNERSTONE APOSTOLIC CHURCH

1801 FM 730 N., Azle  
817-400-0612

### HARVEST TIME APOSTOLIC

1 Block N. FM 2048 in Keeter  
817-433-8220

### ASSEMBLY OF GOD

#### FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD

1020 S.E. Pkwy, Azle  
817-237-4903

### FELLOWSHIP OF LAKE WORTH

4024 Dakota Trail, Lake Worth  
817-237-9433

### NEW BEGINNINGS CHURCH

810 Goshen Rd, Springtown  
817-523-4462

### LEGACY CHURCH

Hwy. 199 W. at FM 2257, Azle  
817-221-2983 / 817-221-5760

### VICTORY CHRISTIAN CENTER

737 Boyd Rd., Azle  
817-444-LOVE

## BAPTIST

### ASH CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH

300 South Stewart, Azle  
817-444-3219

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350 Agnes N., Springtown  
817-523-7271

### BETHEL MISSIONARY BAPTIST

408 S. Ash St., Springtown  
817-220-4238

### AZLE AVENUE BAPTIST

2901 Azle Ave., Fort Worth  
817- 626-5556

### BY THE WORD BAPTIST

West of FM 730 N. at sign, Briar  
817- 444-3484

### CALVARY HEIGHTS BAPTIST

1 block off Hwy. 199, east of David's Patio, Springtown, 817-221-2241

### CENTRAL BAPTIST

4290 Old Agnes Road  
817-594-5918

### CHURCH ON THE HILL

836 NW Parkway, Azle  
817-444-3752

### CHRISTWAY BAPTIST

7673 West Hwy. 199, Agnes  
817-220-9133 or 817-220-3581

### CLEAR FORK BAPTIST

Corner of FM 730 & Ragle Rd., Weatherford, 817-594-1154

### EAGLE MOUNTAIN BAPTIST

8780 Eagle Mtn. Circle, Azle  
817-237-4135

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1017 Boyd Road  
817-444-4828

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700 Charbonneau Tr., west side of Effie Morris Elementary • 817-237-2624

### FIRST BAPTIST LAKESIDE

8801 Jacksboro Hwy., Lakeside  
817-237-8113

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1 block N. of FM 2123, Cottondale  
940-433-5539

### FIRST BAPTIST POOLVILLE

1 block W. of FM 920, Poolville  
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5th & Main Street, Springtown  
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817-594-5940 or 817-599-4917

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5th & Main in Springtown  
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817-221-2184

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sandybeachroad.org  
Sunday Service 11 am

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817-500-3641

### SPRINGTOWN BAPTIST TEMPLE

201 J. E. Woody Rd., Springtown  
817-523-0376

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3451 Sarra Lane, Springtown  
682-333-1645

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817-221-2110

## BIBLE

### COMMUNITY BIBLE FELLOWSHIP

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817-521-4510

### NORTHWEST BIBLE CHURCH

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817-624-2111

### SOLID ROCK BIBLE CHURCH

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## CATHOLIC

### HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC

800 High Crest Dr., Azle  
817-444-3063

## CHRISTIAN

### THE CHURCH AT AZLE

1801 S. Stewart, Azle  
817-444-9973

### AZLE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

35 West Forty Estates., Azle  
817-688-3339

### GREATER VISION FELLOWSHIP

1801 S. Stewart St., Azle  
817-825-0485

### THE ABBEY CHURCH

10400 Jacksboro Hwy., Azle  
817-238-1404

### CROSSING FELLOWSHIP

120 E. Main St., Azle  
817-406-4577

## CHURCH OF CHRIST

### AZLE CHURCH of CHRIST

336 NW Parkway  
817-444-3268

### BRIAR CHURCH of CHRIST

109 W.N. Woody Rd.  
(½ block west of FM 730 N. in Briar)  
817-444-7102

### MIDWAY CHURCH of CHRIST

6400 Midway Rd. 817-221-2107

### NEWSOME MOUND ROAD CHURCH of CHRIST

1460 Newsome Mound Rd.  
817-677-3290

### NORTHWEST CHURCH of CHRIST

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817-237-1205

### POOLVILLE CHURCH of CHRIST

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### SOUTHSIDE CHURCH of CHRIST

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817-221-2799

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Just west of Hwy. 51 North  
817-523-4419

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525 Hwy. 199 W., Springtown  
817-980-8156

## CHURCH OF GOD

### ABUNDANT LIFE CHURCH of GOD

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Springtown, 817-677-3208

### LAKESIDE CHURCH OF GOD THE WORD@LAKESIDE

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## DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

### AZLE CHRISTIAN

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817-444-3527

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### FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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817-596-7476

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### CENTRAL FULL GOSPEL FELLOWSHIP

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817-237-7919

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832-289-8720

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817-221-2242

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817-237-4822

### HOPE LUTHERAN (ELCA)

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817-221-HOPE

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### BOYD UNITED METHODIST

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### FIRST METHODIST CHURCH OF AZLE

200 Church St., Azle  
817-444-3323

### LIGHTHOUSE FELLOWSHIP

7200 Robertson Rd., Fort Worth  
817-237-2758

### SILVER CREEK METHODIST CHURCH

2200 Church Rd., Azle  
817-444-1382

### FIRST UNITED METHODIST

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### POOLVILLE GLOBAL METHODIST

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### GRACE CHAPEL UNITED PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

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817- 237-4844

## PRESBYTERIAN

### GRACE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

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817-594-2744

### ORTHODOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF FORT WORTH

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5315 Boat Club Road, Fort Worth  
817-989-9800

## ORTHODOX

### ARCHANGEL GABRIEL ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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817-752-8255

## OTHER

### ALIENTO DE DIOS

2233 E. Hwy 199, Springtown  
817-521-4694

### THE CHURCH IN PEASTER

www.thechurchinpeaster.org  
817-596-8805

### CORNERSTONE COMMUNITY CHURCH

2233 Hwy 199 East, Springtown  
817-221-LIFE (5433)

### FAMILY CHURCH

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817-599-7655

### GRACE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

2964 W. Hwy 114, Paradise  
940-969-2427

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1227 Old Cottondale Road, Springtown, 817-220-7177

### THE FELLOWSHIP AT PLEASANT GROVE

1064 CR4679, Boyd  
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### THE HOUSE OF PRAYER

1356 Reno Rd., Springtown  
817-221-2551

### POWERHOUSE OF PRAISE CHURCH

1649 S.E. Parkway, Azle  
817-319-7364

### BRANDED CROSS COWBOY CHURCH

3282 FM 2048, Boyd 76023  
817-755-7021

### SECRET PLACE MINISTRIES

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### LIGHTHOUSE CHURCH

6409 FM 730 S., Azle  
817-444-4311

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1960 Long Circle, Pelican Bay  
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### THE LIVING WORD COUNTRY CHURCH OF TEXAS

1240 E. Hwy 199, Springtown  
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624 Harbor



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THURSDAY, September 26, 2024

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4 Appliance Repair	27 Exterminating	49 Masonry/Stonework	72 Sewer Service
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6 Asphalt Paving	29 Fencing	51 Motorcycles	74 Tractor Service
7 Auctions	30 Firewood	52 Movers	75 Upholstery
8 Autos, Trucks	31 Free	53 Musical Instruments	76 Vacuum Cleaners
9 Auto Repair Service	32 For Sale	54 Music Lessons	77 Wanted
10 Backhoe Service	33 Furniture	55 Miscellaneous	78 Well Drilling
11 Boats, Motors	34 Garage & Estate Sales	56 Party Planning/Events	79 Welding
12 Bookkeeping	35 Garden/Mowing Svc	57 Pets/Livestock	80 Lots/Acreage
13 Business Opportunity	36 Hauling	58 Piano Service	81 Business & Commercial Property
14 Campers/Trailers	37 Hay	59 Pool Service	82 RV's for Rent
15 Carports/Patios	38 Health/Fitness	60 Professional Services	83 Houses for Sale
16 Equipment Repair	39 Help Wanted	61 Personal	84 Mobile Homes for Rent
17 Carpet Service	40 Home Improvement	62 Plumbing	85 Mobile Homes for Sale
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20 Demolition	43 Hunting	65 Printing	88 Rent Unfurnished
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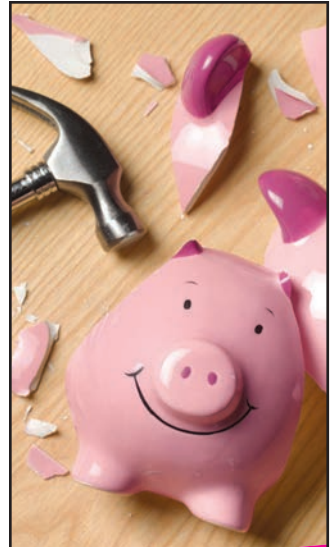
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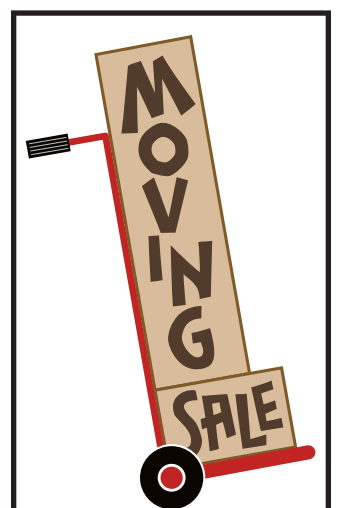
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**ACROSS**

1 duck found in Texas

5 Texas singer B.J.'s birthplace: \_\_\_\_\_, OK

6 SMU & NFL great RB, Dickerson

7 Livingston's county

8 TXism: "fits like ugly on an \_\_\_\_\_"

9 TX Trini Lopez's "If I Had \_\_\_\_\_"

16 Ryan O' \_\_\_\_\_ was in "Wild Rovers" with TX Joe Don Baker

18 near El Paso, oldest U.S. Catholic parish: \_\_\_\_\_ Sur

21 dir. to Edna from Gonzales (abbr.)

22 in 1967, TX A.J. Foyt won at Le \_\_\_\_\_

23 TXism for "your"

24 Cowboy 1993 Super Bowl ring has star-\_\_\_\_\_ diamond

30 TXism: "plain \_\_\_\_\_ on your face"

34 Vega h.s. class

35 Mexican husk food

36 TXism: "trying to \_\_\_\_\_ against the stream" (difficult)

37 amino \_\_\_\_\_

39 mother of singer in 5-across (2 wds.)

43 \_\_\_\_\_ Code

44 Texas silent film star, Ramon

45 slang for Texas-created soft drink

46 TXism: "I \_\_\_\_\_ that like an armadillo needs an Interstate"

47 TXism: "woodshed \_\_\_\_\_" (spanking)

49 TXism: "plain as the \_\_\_\_\_ mule"

52 in the Valley: Santa \_\_\_\_\_ National Wildlife Refuge uncanny perception

53 said to waitress with the tea pitcher: "\_\_\_\_\_ off"

55 TXism: "he's wound tighter than an \_\_\_\_\_ clock" (tense)

11 TXism: "packed like sardines in \_\_\_\_\_"

12 not stereo

13 historic home in Independence: \_\_\_\_\_ Houston House

14 TXism: "let '\_\_\_\_ rip"

15 TX singer Orbison

17 early Texas novel by Reid: "The Head-\_\_\_\_\_ man"

19 TXism: "he was around when the \_\_\_\_\_ was only sick" (old)

20 TXism: "wiped the slate clean"

24 \_\_\_\_\_ Jo, TX

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