

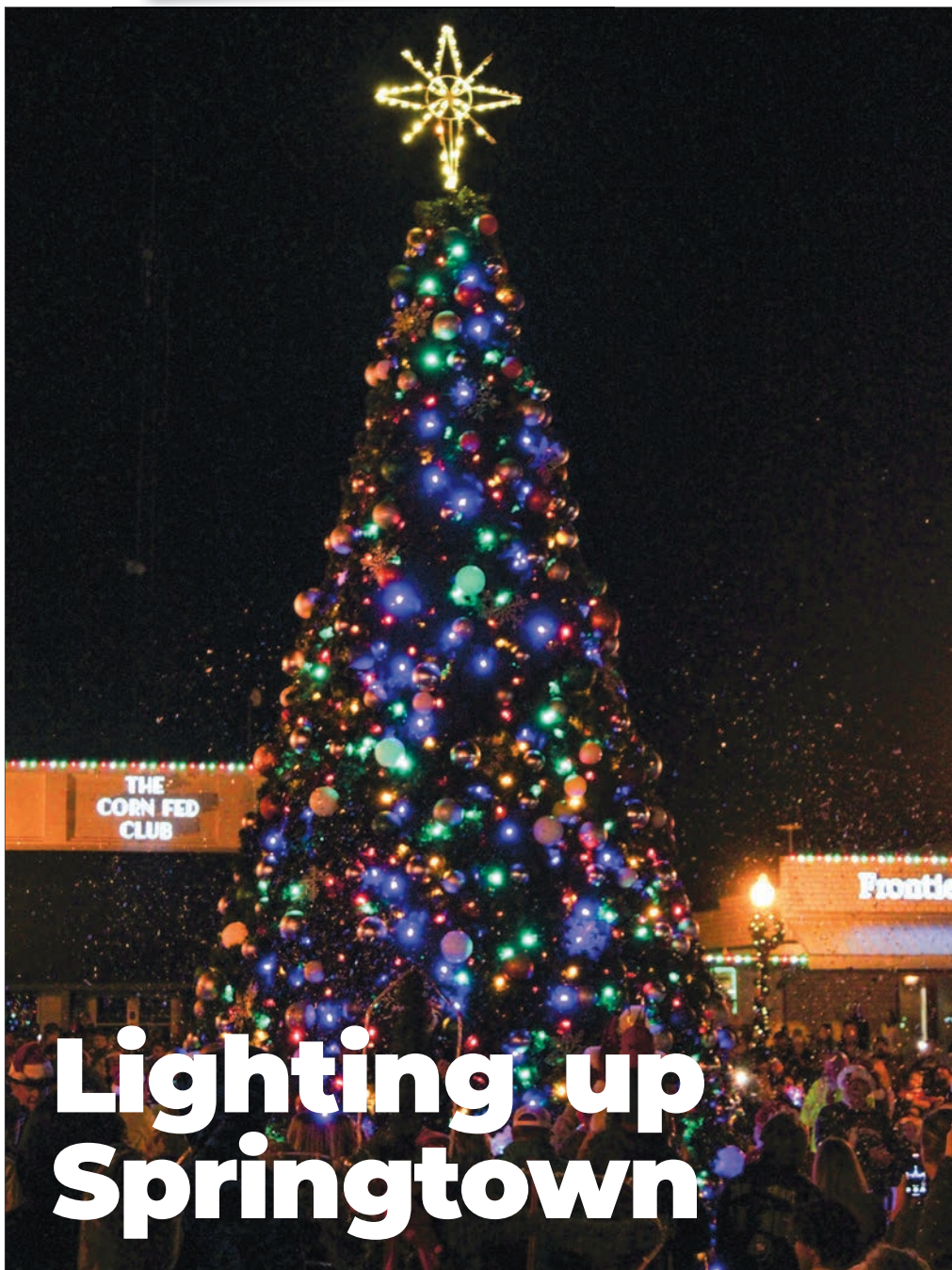


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Lighting up Springtown

The Springtown Christmas tree lights up for the whole Square to see.

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SPRINGTOWN — The City of Springtown kicked off the Christmas season with its giant Christmas parade and tree lighting ceremony. On Dec. 8 at 6 p.m., the biggest parade Springtown has seen was in full effect with about

Springtown illuminates city square with tree lighting and parade

a 100 floats and vehicles participating. There was not a family out-of-sight as the whole Springtown community cheered on the parade from

Fifth, Main and First Streets. The streets were merry and bright with children's light-up swords and delicious

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Santa Claus makes early stop in Reno



Daxx Trapiss and Hudson Botts take a picture with Santa.

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RENO — On Dec. 7 Santa Claus made an early Christmas stop and decided to visit the citizens of Reno. Santa must have favorites because he certainly loved stopping by Reno City Hall to visit the children of Reno

to ask what they wanted for Christmas and to collect toys for other children around the world. Santa brought along two elves from the North Pole to give out goodie bags while the volunteers at city hall made all kinds of Christmas cookies and hot chocolate. The event was put together

er by Jody Bas, who is the wife to Reno Mayor Hector Bas. They brought their grandchildren as well as other relatives. Members of the Briar-Reno Fire Department came by to see Santa as well. This is the second time Reno has hosted Santa. PLEASE SEE **RENO** | A11



Christmas on Main

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Azle Police Officer Stefan Beard along with a recipient of the community bike giveaway.

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'Crash' course in fun

No reported injuries in Dec. 5 school bus accident

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AZLE — The monotony of a normal school bus ride home was made a little more interesting for Azle students after a minor fender bender with a red 1998 Ford Ranger Splash in the 5200 block of State Highway 199 near La Junta. The rear collision occurred at around 3:40 p.m. Dec. 5, and of the 41 Azle ISD students, the bus driver and the driver of the other vehicle, there were no reported injuries. Traffic backed up along the highway and at least one parent sped along the right shoulder in order to reach their child for pickup. First responders included the Briar-Reno Volunteer Fire Department, Parker County Hospital District Emergency Medical Services, the Parker County Sheriff's Office and officers from the Texas Department of



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Students enjoy suckers and wave to a news reporter outside the bus Dec. 5.

Transportation. While waiting in the bus parked on the highway's shoulder children ate candy, waved at passersby, shouted and laughed about their predicament. "I think they're having a

blast," BRFD Chief Moses Druxman said. "We're just trying to coordinate some of the kids when their parents get here. These kids all have cell phones now, so they're always calling. I got on the bus; they're calling mom already."

Druxman said because of how modern school buses are designed, major damage to the vehicle or injury to the occupants is not typical of small accidents and that the other party is more likely to suffer damages.



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Azle firefighters and police stand in front of a crowd of children.



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Attendees packed 404 Main Place for the bike giveaway Dec. 7.

Christmas on Main

Christmas parade washed away; bike giveaway remains

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AZLE — While the annual Azle Main Street Christmas Parade and

tree lighting Dec. 7 was a wash-out due to bad weather, some vendors braved the storm and 404 Main Place remained a site for Christmas cheer. The Azle

Area Chamber of Commerce, Optimist Club of Azle, Azle Police Department, Azle Professional Firefighters Local 3627 and others still got together to give away

120 bicycles and helmets. The yearly act of charity left smiles on faces and granted plenty of Christmas wishes despite the cancellation of other events.

Woman killed, man arrested after FM 730 S. wreck

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AZLE — An Azle woman was killed and a Weatherford man was arrested after a major accident near the 7000 block of Farm-to-Market Road 730 South Sunday afternoon. At around 1:50 p.m. Dec. 8, Parker County Hospital District Emergency Medical Services, Fire Battalion 101, Engine 54, Rescue 34 and others responded to a major two-vehicle crash where three people were seriously injured. Police scanner chatter reported "possible entrapment and ejection" from ve-

hicles. An affidavit revealed that firefighters had to extract the driver and rear passenger, who had been thrown into the front seat. Azle resident Cora May Estep, age 71, was pronounced dead at John Peter Smith Hospital in Fort Worth just before 4 p.m. according to the Tarrant County Medical Examiner's office. Two other women, ages 69 and 45, were transported to Texas Health Harris Methodist Hospital with serious injuries. First responders blocked traffic on the road for much of the afternoon as the situa-

tion was being contained. An air medical evacuation was not possible due to inclement weather. According to information obtained from the Texas Department of Public Safety, Daniel Eduardo Sainz Rascon, 21, of Weatherford, was arrested by DPS troopers following the accident and faces two counts of intoxication assault with a vehicle with serious bodily injury and one count of intoxication manslaughter with a vehicle. According to a preliminary DPS investigation, Rascon's vehicle, a 2022 Ford F150, was traveling southbound on FM 730

passing in a no-passing zone, while in a curve. The other vehicle, a 2024 Buick Envoy, was traveling northbound. Rascon struck the Buick head-on. In a written affidavit, the arresting officer noted seeing white powder residue on Rascon's left nostril and beer bottles strewn throughout the vehicle. The officer described Rascon's clothes as being in a state of disarray and the crotch area of his jeans seemed to be wet. Rascon advised that the accident occurred after the other vehicle entered his lane and that the beer must have been left behind by his cousin,

but officers determined some bottles were cold to the touch. Officers subjected Rascon to a field sobriety test, requested a blood sample and placed him under arrest. Rascon appeared to be nervous and all he could think and speak about was having insurance on his vehicle, the officer said. Rascon has since been booked into the Parker County Jail, where he is held on \$100,000 bond for the manslaughter charge and \$25,000 for each count of assault for a total of \$150,000. This is an ongoing DPS investigation. Jail records also indicate that



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Daniel Rascon
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When traveling in Europe and asked where I was from, I would always say, "Texas." No matter where I was, people knew of the place I called home. The name Texas required no further explanation. I did have someone ask me why I said I was from Texas instead of the United States and I coyly responded that we Texans did graciously agree to let the United States join us, but that my home was Texas. Texas first, Texas



FROM MY FRONT PORCH

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last and Texas everything in between.

This is why it pains me so much to criticize most anything to do with Texas, but sometimes situations call for comment. The relationship between Texans, their cars, and the state, has got to change. Mind you there are more than 22 million registered vehicles in Texas and more than 19 million registered drivers. No question this is a lot to keep track of, monitor and regulate. At the same time, the situation has become almost laughable.

This past week a fellow I work with needed to renew his driver's license. He was advised he needed an appointment to renew, so he called the local bureau and was advised he would need an appointment. He told the bureaucrat that would be fine but was shocked to learn the next date available was some six or seven weeks hence. He was told he needed to bring a copy of his birth certificate in order to renew. It can only be assumed the birth certificate is to establish that the person getting the license is

in fact, who they say they are. Between illegal immigrants and the threat of terrorists, proof of who you are seems like a reasonable request, so my friend started digging through his legal papers to find a copy of the document which proves who he is. Unfortunately, he could not find his copy, so he had to go to the state and request a duplicate copy of his certificate. When he called the state, they wanted to see his driver's license to establish that he is the same person as the person on the birth certificate. So, the birth certificate establishes the ability to get a driver's license, as long as you have a driver's license to get a birth certificate? Does that sound like one big bureaucratic circle or what?

My car and my wife's car both need to be registered in the month of December. I

have the check made out and ready, but I am required by law to have my car inspected before it can be registered. New legislation mandates that effective in January, inspections are no longer required to register a vehicle.

To fulfill my legal obligation, I spent half a day Saturday driving from one place to another, trying to find someone to inspect my car. The first four places told me that they no longer had somebody approved to do inspections since the inspection requirement ends in 30 days. When I attempted again Monday, I was told the state computer system was down and nobody in the state had access to submit inspection results, so I would have to come back to have the inspection done.

Millions of cars, millions of people and the state collects

millions of dollars in taxes from our vehicles. At the minimum, shouldn't the state have a system that is convenient, fast and efficient for the taxpayer? The role of government should be to serve the people, not for the people to have to spend time, effort and money to pay the taxes due and satisfy the requirements set forth by law.

Sometimes I think politicians work at creating new programs when they should be looking at the programs in place and fix how inefficient and ineffective they are. Now there is a way to win some votes!

Thought for the day. The three great lies: the check is in the mail, I will always be true to you, and I am from the government and I am here to help you!

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

Routes old and new

The song has been a staple in Christian hymnals for more than a century, underscoring deeply held beliefs. "The Way of the Cross Leads Home" — written in 1906 — might be in the running for Christians' national anthem if it ever came to a vote.

Until here lately, the "way" to Branson, Missouri has not been quite so clear. Though highway routes to this Christian entertainment mecca are many — some of them picturesque — they can easily eat up the better part of a day for Texans driving there.

Eureka! Southern Airways Express now offers twice-daily flights from Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport to Harrison, Arkansas, just a half-hour from Branson. Round-trip airfare is around \$150, parking is free and the two-hour flight a few thousand feet aloft provides welcome "look-sees" at the colorful foliage below. (The aircraft has eight seats, with some safety requirements that may be unfamiliar, such as use of scales to determine weight of both passengers and luggage. Rent a car, use an Uber app or lean on a friend for pickup in Harrison and the short final "leg" to Branson. Remember to pack light and arrive early for check-in.) ...

En route to this one-of-a-kind entertainment center that emphasizes God and country, one sees an exit for College of the Ozarks in Point Lookout, Missouri. It's a stop worth taking, a scant half-dozen miles from Branson, this college of some 1,500 students. The Lord is honored and patriotism is the hallmark of the appropriately nicknamed "Hard Work University."



THE IDLE AMERICAN

By Dr. Don Newbury

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Students earn their way to four-year degrees by working at numerous campus sites. They graduate free of debt, unlike many college graduates who face heavy paycheck commitments for several years.

Named C of O president in 2022, Dr. Brad Johnson envisioned an additional symbol to enhance the institution's spiritual and patriotic values. It already had The Missouri Vietnam Veterans Memorial. Now, the giant cross erected last year reminds students and visitors of Christ upon entering or leaving the campus. Artist/designer Max Greiner Jr. was commissioned for the project — The Empty Cross™ — made of steel — is 40 feet tall and weighs 28,000 pounds ...

I have written about Branson many times, but somehow was never previously present for the much-heralded "Christmas in Branson." Though "late to the party," I recently was "wowed" by a community emblazoned by lights and Christmas décor, and a bevy of shows "glitized up" with festive costumes, Christmas music and creative dancers. (The season starts in November and runs through the first week of January.)

During a whirlwind 46-hour visit, I attended seven shows, including the Sight and Sound Theater's "Miracle of Christmas." This is Branson's "crown jewel" where all

2,200 seats often are taken for productions that dazzle with Broadway quality and are always Christ-centered. "David" opens March 8, 2025.

Other shows included The Duttons, The Hughes Brothers, Pierce Arrow (featuring a world-class baritone and a Guinness Book of Records holder for the lowest bass voice), Doug Gabriel, A Tribute to ABBA and "Hot Rods and High Heels." They, too, sparkled ...

Branson is a "family place" on both sides of the flood lights. Central to its "warp and woof" are shows dominated by multiple family members, including three generations of Duttons and their across-the-street neighbors, the Hughes Brothers. They even "borrow" each other's grandbabies for manger scenes. This year, the Hughes Brothers' family has two of their four infants "on loan" to the Duttons! The Clay Coopers have to be proud of son Colton, star of the "Hot Rods" show, a high energy production featuring 1950s music.

Doug Gabriel has been "at it" for decades, playing a stringed instrument his dad made from a car muffler. He calls it a "muff-tar."

This account barely touches the garment's hem of Branson. Experiencing it — coupled with a visit to C of O — never grows old, at Christmas and throughout the year ...

On transparency

Community engagement, partnerships will positively enhance educational experiences



AZLE ISD

By Todd Smith, M.Ed., Superintendent of Schools - Azle ISD

Mr. Smith started his career in education in July of 1994 right here in Azle ISD. He taught agricultural science at Azle High School, served as a high school assistant principal, principal of Walnut Creek Elementary, director of district operations, assistant superintendent, and interim superintendent from March 7, 2020, until becoming Superintendent in June of 2020. He is thankful for the passion and dedication exhibited by Azle ISD faculty and staff and is extremely proud of the work Azle ISD has accomplished and the impact they will continue to make on the lives of our students.

I hope each of you had a blessed Thanksgiving. I know students and employees enjoyed a well-deserved break.

Over the past few weeks, many of you have seen social media posts or information in the newspaper accusing Azle ISD of lacking transparency. While we appreciate and value the opinions of others, I firmly believe the use of this trending buzzword is far from reality. Please understand, I am not saying we do not make mistakes. I have shared many times that we are a learning organization and are always looking for ways to improve and get better. However, transparency, when used to question an organization's leadership, refers to the openness and honesty with which leaders communicate their decisions, policies, and actions.

Azle ISD leaders emphasize the importance of providing clear and accessible information, fostering trust and accountability. Parent and community member involvement is always welcomed and encouraged. One of the core beliefs identified in our Mission and Vision states that community engagement and partnerships will positively enhance educational experiences. We firmly believe in this value.

A few examples of our community partnerships and open transparency include parent-teacher organizations at all campuses, booster club organizations

at the secondary level, campus and district leadership teams, long-range facilities planning committee, school health advisory committee, safety committee, Gold Card program, Academy 4 and various others. Additionally, our Career and Technical Education program has extremely strong partnerships with local businesses and an advisory committee. We also maintain active memberships in the Azle Area Chamber of Commerce and local civic organizations including the Optimist Club of Azle, Azle Rotary Club and Azle Lions Club.

Specific to the recent rhetoric, at no time would we ever withhold information, especially regarding student safety. Our history shows open communication regarding any Azle ISD matters, whether it is financial responsibility, curriculum and instruction, bond elections and most importantly the safety of all students and staff members in Azle ISD.

We have always welcomed

anyone with questions or concerns the opportunity to meet with our staff, including myself, to sit down at the table and discuss important matters that will help the students of Azle ISD.

Azle ISD remains committed to you, our COMMUNITY. I encourage everyone to visit our website for important information and dates, including board agendas, financial data and other required postings. For those on social media, please follow us on Facebook and Instagram to see great things happening across the district.

As we approach the Christmas season, I encourage you to check out any of the various student performances or activities taking place in the upcoming weeks. Also, please plan to stop by the administration building Monday, December 16, for our Holiday Open House from noon to 3 p.m.

I wish you and your family a happy holiday season.

- Todd Smith
Azle ISD Superintendent

City of Azle casts votes for appraisal district directors

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AZLE — Ahead of a Dec. 13 deadline, the Azle City Council voted for Sayeda Bilqees Syed for Tarrant County Appraisal District's board of directors and split

its allotted votes between Sterling Naron and Jerry Durant for Parker County Appraisal District. As a taxing unit in both counties, the city of Azle can cast seven votes to select a director for Tarrant County's tax board and 35 votes in Parker

County. Each taxing unit is allocated a certain number of votes per Texas Tax Code Section 6.03 using a calculation based on the amount of property taxes it raises. The appraisal districts determine property values for

the purpose of calculating ad valorem property taxes. It is headed by an eight-member board of directors who resolve disputes, appoint appraisers, set the budget and ensure other critical duties are carried out for the county. Five of these board members

are appointed by taxing units, which includes cities, school districts, colleges and like entities, while another three were elected in May.

The council selected Syed because of a visit she made to the city in October in an effort to visit each of Tarrant

County's taxing units. Councilmembers discussed selecting Naron based on his unique experience as a city administrator in Hudson Oaks and selected Durant based on their familiarity with his local car dealership.

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OBITUARIES

Maxie Louise Fair 1945 — 2024

Dear God, today we give you Maxie Louise Beard Fair, age 79, of Azle, after a brief battle with cancer.

Visitation was from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 11, at Biggers Funeral Home. A funeral service is slated for 2 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 12 in Biggers Funeral Chapel.

She was a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend. Maxie was known for her talents as a seamstress, cook, decorator and crafter, and she was a passionate sports fan. Her greatest joy came from playing games and traveling with her family. Maxie welcomed everyone into her home, treating all guests as family.

Maxie's loving spirit, kindness and generosity touched the lives of many. She will be deeply missed by all who knew her, but her memory will forever live on in the hearts of her family and friends.

Please keep her safe until we meet her again. She is loved and will be missed by many.

Maxie is preceded in death by her parents, Roy Lee and Flora Irene Beard; her sister, Roxine Carter; her brother, Paul (Butch) Beard; and her Uncle TA and Aunt Joy, with whom she spent cherished



summers.

She leaves behind her husband of 56 years, Curtis Fair; her sons, Mike Simpson and his fiancée Shana, Chris Simpson and his wife Jodi, and James Fair and his wife Alysa; her daughter, Susan Crutchfield and her husband Brian. Maxie was a proud grandmother to Justin Simpson and his wife Jami, Ally Simpson, Ethan Fair, Nathan and Knox Crutchfield, and great-grandmother to Laci and Bryson Clark. She is also survived by her sisters, Aleta Fair and her husband Richard, Nancy Beard, and Darnell Andrews, as well as numerous nieces, nephews and friends.

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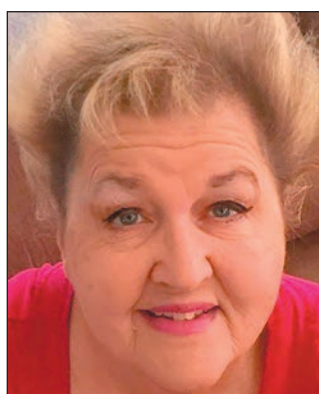
Louise Ann Schulze 1950 — 2024

We remember Louise Ann Schulze, whose spirit departed us Nov. 22, 2024, at the age of 74. She was better known to her friends as Ann as she didn't care for her birth name. She was born in Beatrice, Nebraska and relocated with her mom to California when she was a little girl. She graduated Temple City High School in 1968 and loved being in Drama Club and performing various musicals in school.

She married Michael C. Schulze in October 1972. Ann lived most of her life in Temple City, California and in 2020 Ann moved with her family to Azle.

Ann is survived by her sons Kevin Schulze and Christopher Schulze, and her daughter Rebecca Cochran. Ann also had a dog named Maggie May who was her best friend and kept her spirits high.

After moving to Azle, she got involved with a bowling league and enjoyed her weekly games. She also started



playing Bunco with a few of her neighbors monthly and loved having the opportunity to socialize. Ann loved the color purple, anything that was glittery, and full of sparkles, as well as yellow roses. She loved listening to music; her favorite artist was Elvis, but in recent months she found an appreciation and love in listening to Jelly Roll and Teddy Swims. She was loved and will be greatly missed.

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Bert Taylor 1937-2024

Bert Trude Reed Taylor, 87, passed away peacefully in her home on Saturday, Dec. 7, 2024 in Azle, Texas.

Visitation is at 10 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 15 at Alexander's Midway Funeral Home, followed by a funeral service at 11 a.m. Interment will follow at Springtown Cemetery.

Bert was born on Nov. 1, 1937 to Charles Oakley Reed and Artie Mae (Lauderdale) Reed, and raised in Springtown.

Bert was a beautician, homemaker and bookkeeper for Taylor Made Buildings, owned by her and Billy. Bert was a member of Hilltop Baptist Church. She enjoyed genealogy, painting, taking trips to the coast to fish, and country music. She especially loved the music held at Holmes Laundry/Azle Opry, which she enjoyed weekly for many years. She was a kind and loving wife, mother, grandmother, sister and aunt.

She is preceded in death by her parents; husband of 48 years, Billy Jack Taylor; brothers, John C Reed and Billy Lanier.



Bert is survived by her children, Jimmy Lyon (Sharon), Jackie (Tricia) Taylor, Shawna and Sheri Garrett, Lisa Leal; grandchildren, Kristi Blackmon, Aaron Brown, Heather Besser and husband Barrett, Taylor Kemp and wife Jillian, Brooklin Griffin and husband Kade, Austin Leal, Christian Leal and wife Jeni; great-grandchildren, Kylie, Jaden, Ashton, Raelyn, Julie, Alyssa, Kinley, Kyden, Lennox, Jackson, Ellie, Kanyon, Kase, Kaden and Masen. She will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved her.

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Old-Fashioned Christmas

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Old-Fashioned Christmas grows while keeping small-town spirit

For the last 30 years, Springtownians have gathered at the town Square, under its crown jewel, the Tabernacle, every second Saturday in December to celebrate the Christmas season as a community. This year, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14., this timeless event is bigger and better than ever before.

For 25 years, this event was known as Christmas on the Square, and it continues to be hosted by the City of Springtown to blend Yuletide and community spirit as a gift to the community. In 2019, the city's newly formed events committee, following direction from the City Council, worked to vastly expand and improve the event. While many mainstay traditions — such as free photos with Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus, performances from local entertainers, and vendors selling all kinds of wares — remained, the city's goal was to elevate the event to a higher level and provide even more holiday fun for its residents.

That year, the event was renamed Old-Fashioned Christmas, to highlight the community's traditional small-town values and establish a warm and charming atmosphere in which families and friends could celebrate

the Christmas season in a variety of ways.

The second Saturday in December each year is the annual festival which now includes even more vendors, children's activities, Christmas-themed contests and much more.

Organizers are very excited to bring back the ice-skating feature for the second year. Based on last year's experience, Old-Fashioned Christmas does not require appointments this year. The children's area will include ice skating, a 16-foot double slide, an alpine inflatable bounce house specifically for younger children (toddlers), a petting zoo, coloring contest, cookie giveaway, arts and crafts, face-painting and alpaca petting. The event anticipates having nearly 100 vendors for last-minute Christmas shopping opportunities. Plus, a new feature will be available from the night of the parade daily until the new year — the gazebo at Optimist Park will be decorated and free to use as a backdrop for family Christmas photos.

For more information about the 2024 Old-Fashioned Christmas, visit cityofspringtown.com/city-services/city-events/ofc2024/.



Santa Claus takes a picture with 9-month-old Emberlee Davis and multiple other children during Old-Fashioned Christmas Dec. 9, 2023 in the Springtown Square. MADELYN EDWARDS | TRI-COUNTY REPORTER

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Fun ways to make Christmas Eve even more special for kids

METRO CREATIVE CONNECTIONS

Parents know that nothing quite matches the excitement young children feel on Christmas Eve. On the day before Christmas, youngsters anxiously anticipate the arrival of Santa Claus that evening, and are perhaps even more excited by the prospects of the following morning, when they'll race into the living room and discover all that the jolly old elf left behind.

Christmas Eve seems to have some built-in magical components, but there are a handful of ways parents can make the day even more spe-

cial for children.

- Track the big guy's movements online. The North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD) and its predecessor, the Continental Air Defense Command (CONAD), has tracked Santa's Christmas Eve flight for more than 60 years. Beginning on Christmas Eve, families can track Santa's movements across the globe at Noradsanta.org. Kids can visit the site to see where Santa is at any given moment on Christmas Eve, growing more excited as the big fella gets closer and closer to their own region.
- Create a Christmas Eve craft. Gather children and

their cousins and/or friends to create a special Christmas Eve craft or decoration that can be displayed next year. This is a great way to channel youngsters' nervous Christmas Eve energy into something productive, and it can make for a great tradition families can continue even after kids are grown.

- Watch a favorite Christmas movie. Hollywood has never shied away from holiday fare, so there's no shortage of festive films to enjoy with youngsters on Christmas Eve. Enjoy a classic like the 1947 film "Miracle on 34th Street" starring Natalie Wood as the adorable "Susan Walker"



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- and Edmund Gwenn as "Kris Kringle," or go with something more recent, such as "The Grinch," the 2018 adaptation of the Dr. Seuss book *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*.
- Take a nighttime stroll or drive to see the lights.

Lighting displays are another component that makes the holiday season so special. After Christmas Eve dinner, take a stroll through your neighborhood to see the lighting displays or climb into the car to take in a different neighborhood's offerings

if you're already familiar with those in your own neck of the woods.

Christmas Eve is a magical day for youngsters and their parents. Some simple ideas can make the day even more meaningful for children and their families.

Classic holiday films the whole family can enjoy

METRO CREATIVE CONNECTIONS

Celebrants owe the joy of the holiday season to various components. Decor and gift-giving go a long way toward making December a joyous time of year. Holiday films also do their part to make the

season so special.

Many people have their own favorite holiday films, and the following are some that can engage viewers who are young or simply young at heart.

A CHRISTMAS STORY

Released in 1983, this

warmly nostalgic, humorous film is a perennial favorite among families. It follows the story of Ralphie, who has his heart set on a very specific Christmas present: a Red Rider BB gun. Amidst wintry exploits and family drama, the true spirit of Christmas

manages to shine through in this beloved film. Some of the subject matter can be off-color, and there are some bullying scenes. So this is a movie best watched with children who are mature enough to make it through without being scared.

LITTLE WOMEN

Based on the Louisa May Alcott novel of the same name, the 1994 telling of this classic follows the March sisters, who confront financial difficulties, romance and family tragedies in mid-nineteenth century Massachusetts. While it's not a traditional Christmas movie, the importance of spending time with family around Christmastime is a core theme in this coming-of-age tale.

KLAUS

Perhaps not as well-known as other animated holiday flicks, "Klaus," released in

2019, has a personality all its own. Postman Jesper, who is not making the grade at the postal academy, is sent to work in a frozen town in the North, where he discovers a reclusive toy maker named Klaus. The unlikely duo ultimately team up to make and deliver toys and bring smiles to children's faces.

MEET ME IN ST. LOUIS

Starring the irreplaceable Judy Garland, this movie musical focuses on four sisters who are awaiting the 1904 World's Fair in their hometown, but learn that their father has accepted a new job and the family must move to New York beforehand. A Christmas miracle occurs and all is right in the end. Garland sings a memorable version of "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas" in the film, solidifying this as a holiday classic. "The Santa Clause"

This Disney film came out in 1994 and remains a family


favorite. When divorced dad Scott (Tim Allen) accidentally kills a man in a Santa suit, he magically becomes the next Santa. He must learn to cope with the ways the transformation to the man in red interrupts his normal life, eventually giving over to the magic of Christmas.

EMMET OTTER'S JUG-BAND CHRISTMAS



Though this 1977 Jim Henson production is a television special and not a full-length feature film, Generation X likely remembers the heartfelt tale of a poor otter family who sacrifice prized possessions to have what's needed to enter a talent contest. The goal is to win the prize money to buy special Christmas presents. Audiences get to enjoy narration by Kermit the Frog.

Films are a popular component that help to make the holiday season so special.





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Real or artificial?

The Christmas tree debate continues

METRO CREATIVE CONNECTION

People are passionate about the things they love. Through the years there have been many debates over a wide range of topics, from which cola brand to back to which book/movie character was more deserving of a lead character's heart.

The holiday season features a classic example of taking sides. The debate surrounding artificial Christmas trees and their natural alternatives will pick back up this holiday season. As with any debate, there are two sides to every story. Those on the fence as to whether to go real

or fake this year can consider these pros and cons of each.

REAL TREE

Pros: One of the biggest advantages of a real tree is its pleasing aroma. The fresh pine smell of a natural tree can trigger memories of Christmases gone by and make a home feel cozy and holiday-ready. It takes many years for a Christmas tree to grow large enough to be harvested, and as it grows it provides a habitat for animals and benefits the planet by absorbing carbon and providing oxygen, according to Megan Quinn, coordinator of conservation biology at the Nature Conservancy of Canada.

When trees are cut down, two or three may be planted in their place. Buying a real tree from a business nearby also supports the local economy.

Cons: Real trees can be messy and require upkeep like daily watering. Cutting down a tree oneself and bringing it home can help guarantee freshness, but there is really no way to know when trees at Christmas tree lots were cut down. This means that needles can begin falling the moment the tree is placed in the living room. Another thing to note is that live trees can't be placed just anywhere. They shouldn't be next to fireplaces or heat

sources, where they can dry out prematurely and pose a fire risk. A real tree also might have unwelcome bugs or animals hiding within its branches. According to Penn State Extension, anything from spotted lanternflies to spiders to aphids to bark beetles or lice may be on a real tree.

ARTIFICIAL TREE

Pros: Artificial trees can be convenient because they are easy to assemble, disassemble and store. Plus, you don't have to venture out each year to get one. Unlike real trees, artificial trees do not require watering or vacuuming to manage fallen needles. Since

artificial trees can be reused for numerous seasons, they may be more cost-effective than real trees. Artificial trees can last anywhere from six to 10 years, but that life span depends on the quality of the tree and how well it is maintained. Artificial trees also guarantee a uniform, pleasing look year after year.

Cons: Artificial trees are made from polyvinyl chloride and other plastics, and environmentalists attest that those ingredients make them bad for the environment.

According to an assessment study of artificial versus natural trees published in 2009 by Ellipso, a Montreal-based

sustainable development consulting firm, an artificial tree emits 8.1 kilograms of carbon dioxide per year, compared to 3.1 kilograms of carbon dioxide emitted by a real tree in a given year. In addition, the chemicals used in manufacture may have adverse effects on human health and often are non-recyclable. Artificial trees also take up room in homes year-round since they need to be stored. Plus, they don't emit a pleasing aroma.

The debate over a real or artificial Christmas tree is sure to rage on year after year, so it's up to holiday celebrants to make their pick.

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Klassy Kloggers director Shirley Anderson leads the Klassy Kloggers, including Jewelletta Stovall and Susie Cordell, in dances in the Springtown Tabernacle during Old-Fashioned Christmas last weekend.

How some popular holiday traditions got their start

METRO CREATIVE CONNECTION

Will you be baking gingerbread or hanging stockings by the fireplace this holiday season? Perhaps you'll be lighting the menorah or playing a game of dreidel? The holidays are steeped in tradition, some of which are older than celebrants may realize.

Individuals gather during the holidays and participate in various traditions that have withstood the test of time. Most people engage in these traditions or recognize symbols automatically, but it can be interesting to learn how these traditions came to be.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING

The British traditions of wassailing and mumming and the Slavic tradition of koliada were some of the precursors to more modern caroling. People would go door-to-door and recite poetry or sing with the hope of bringing about good fortune or influencing a future harvest, according to Rutgers University. Carolers spread hope and good tidings through song during a time of year when sunlight was limited.

CHRISTMAS TREES

Pagans once displayed evergreen branches as a reminder that spring would come again, while Romans placed them around temples to honor Saturn, the god of agriculture. Eventually the evergreen was used in conjunction with Christian Christmas celebrations. In the sixteenth century, German Christians put trees inside their homes as symbols of everlasting life.

SANTA CLAUS

Children who celebrate Christmas eagerly await the arrival of a jolly sort who goes by the name of Santa Claus. His origin story stretches back to the third century, when Saint Nicholas became the patron saint of children. Saint Nicholas was a monk in what is modern-day Turkey. It is said that he traveled helping the poor and the sick. History.com says he is believed to have saved three impoverished sisters from slavery by providing them with a dowry so they could be married, and he also provided gifts to children.

MENORAH

The menorah is a multi-

branched candelabra used in Jewish religious rituals. The menorah is first mentioned in the book of Exodus when the design of the lamp was revealed to Moses by God on Mount Sinai. Many menorahs are seven-branched, but during Chanukah, an eight-branched menorah is used. The Chanukah menorah is modeled after the Tabernacle menorah that corresponds to the eight-day festival. It was used to celebrate the rededication of the Second Temple. The available oil supply was supposed to light the menorah for just one day, but the candles actually burned for eight.

MISTLETOE

Kissing under the mistletoe is a holiday season tradition that can lead to some red faces when couples are caught beneath the plant. Norse mythology paved the way for kissing under the mistletoe. Legend has it the gods used mistletoe to resurrect Odin's son, Baldur, from the dead. Baldur's mother, Frigg, the goddess of love, made the plant a symbol of love and vowed to kiss anyone who passed under it. Mistletoe



The Bûche de Noël is a traditional Christmas cake that is especially popular in France.

blooms under cold conditions, which is how it became associated with the holiday season.

YULE LOG

Yule logs were once part of winter solstice celebrations to bring good luck and fortune, but America is where a

yule log really caught on as a holiday tradition. In 1966, the WPIX television station in New York City aired a continuous loop of a fireplace burning for three hours with holiday songs playing. It became an annual tradition, says History.com. Some people even serve a cake that looks like a yule

log. The Bûche de Noël is a traditional Christmas cake that is especially popular in France.

Holiday traditions continue in full force. Traditions are an endearing component of celebrations and help to unite people from all backgrounds during this special time of year.

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Festive chamber members and "Ralph the Azle elf" gather after a Dec. 3 luncheon.

Azle chamber elects board; fundraiser hits milestone

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AZLE — The results of a recent Azle Area Chamber of Commerce board election were announced by Michael Wright, chamber president, at a Dec. 3 luncheon. New board members James Hill of Hill's Paint and Body, Kelly Limbaugh of Long Dog Yard Art and Ryan Nelson of March Roofing were elected to serve on the board starting in January 2025. They will join six other current

members to serve three-year terms. Chamber ambassadors also voted for next year's officers, with Susie Hiles returning as secretary, Lora Paschal elected vice chair and Stu Lankford elected chair. Debbie Bunero will return as treasurer for the board of directors. Chris Wynn will be vice president this year and David Shaffer returns as board president, a position in which he has served once before. In an important mile-

stone, Jennifer Herrington, AACOC executive director, announced members have passed the 25% threshold for the \$950,000 needed for the creation of a new chamber office building at 256 W. Main St. The chamber also announced it has selected CBC Construction to be the contractor for the project. The chamber will continue to raise funds brick by brick, selling sponsors engraved masonry slated to be used for the site.

TikTok blocked

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AZLE — There was virtually no discussion surrounding the unanimous decision of Azle City Council to block TikTok on city-owned devices, Nov. 19. Amid national security worries, the Texas Legislature passed Senate Bill 1893 prohibiting the use of TikTok and certain other

social media applications and services on governmental devices last year. The bill required cities to adopt a policy themselves prohibiting the installation of TikTok or another covered application on any device owned or leased by the municipality by Nov. 20. In conforming with the policy, the city has since updated its technology policy to include language

outlined in Resolution No. 2024-19 banning TikTok and any successor application or service developed or provided by ByteDance Limited. An employee found to have violated this policy may be subject to disciplinary action, including, without limitation, termination of employment.

LW Council addresses budget concerns, approves fire station parking lot

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LAKE WORTH — On Nov. 19, the Lake Worth City Council addressed budget concerns related to the decline of the sales tax revenue. Lake Worth Finance Director Debbie Whitley addressed the council.

"Given the recent declines we've seen in our revenues, I just wanted to give council an early projection before March audits are presented," Whitley said. "We do believe we have recorded all material transactions for the last fiscal year and given that, of the major funds, the general fund budgeted for a deficit of just over \$3,000 and I now

anticipate a surplus of over \$300,000."

Whitley went over a spreadsheet that showed the projected funds and explained to council that all major funds performed better fiscally than they were budgeted for. That information appeared to ease the council's concerns about not meeting the budget for the next fiscal year.

Next, Lake Worth Fire Chief Ryan Arthur proposed a motion to approve an additional parking lot to be added to the new fire station which will be located at 6620 Charbonneau St., which used to be a residential spot that the city purchased. "This will be a public visi-

tor parking area for people coming to visit the fire station," Arthur said. "Doing this also increased our space where we have employee parking that's going to be secured behind and gate. This includes the price that you see, to not to exceed total cost to complete this additional project in conjunction with the new fire station shall not exceed \$235,000." Three streetlights will also be added to the expansion. One council member asked if the expansion will add more room for the firetrucks and Chief Arthur answered that it will.

The city council approved the motion unanimously.

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RENO
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ed Santa at city hall. Reno has also had the Easter Bunny come and give out candy to the local children.

Bas says she couldn't have been happier with the way the event turned out and seeing the kids light up when meeting Santa was a sight to see.

"The Reno community's generosity was on full display and I couldn't be prouder," Bas said. "Our community came together and it was heartwarming to see children bring toys for those in need and their eyes sparkle when meeting Santa and receiving a goodie bag from our Elves, Ginger and Justine. While cookies, hot cocoa and coloring were a delight, meeting Santa was the main event."

Bas also thanked the volunteers who made the event happen.

"I was deeply grateful for our volunteers, who worked selflessly to make this event a success," Bas said. "The Reno community showed remarkable kindness and we're thankful for our children's

role in helping Santa collect toys that will bring joy to many children during the holiday season."

Bas also gave a special thank you to Santa and his helpers: Cubba, Denyce, Justine, Emma H, Marceline aka Ginger, Ed, Erin, Emma

P, Beng, Darrin, Claudia, Bubba, Lynda and Jill. Bas appreciates the contributions from the Azle Albertson's, Whataburger Azle, Little Caesars Azle, Dominos Azle, Wendy's Presidio and Lake Worth, El Gran Torito's Reno and Italiano Capriccios Azle.



Autumn Rowlls meeting Santa Claus.

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Azle Elementary choir sings at chamber luncheon



The Azle Elementary School choir, directed by music teacher Stephen Singleton, performs holiday tunes for Azle Area Chamber of Commerce luncheon attendees Dec. 3.

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A.J. and Chase Schmitt taking a picture with Santa.

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Students sang and performed songs including "Kris Kringle's Kazoos," "Ragtime Holiday" and a unique arrangement of classic Christmas songs put together by Singleton over the summer.

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Duke Densmore sits on Santa's lap while his mom takes photos.

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Members of Girl Scout Troop 218 wave at the crowds during the parade.



Huge crowds come to gather for the Springtown tree lighting.



A jeep wrapped completely in purple lights with a Christmas blow up on top inches along the parade route.

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food trucks parked along the Springtown Square to feed any hungry bellies.

Some of the participants in the parade were Girl Scout Troop 2783, Boy Scouts of America Troop 303, the 2025 Springtown High School softball team, Sunset Church of Springtown and more. One church even had an entire

float with a live nativity on a trailer. All city council members and city officials were on their own float and many threw out candy to the kids.

Next was the annual tree lighting with snow machines everywhere that showered attendees with falling snow. The Square Tabernacle was decked out in Christmas lights and signs plus Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus sat on the Tabernacle stage to take pictures with local children.

The next big Christmas event in Springtown is Old-Fashioned Christmas Dec. 14 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Assistant City Administrator Christina Derr says these events are crucial for community engagement.

"The events are an opportunity for our neighbors and friends to gather on our Square and get to know those in their community while enjoying a family friendly, entertaining event," Derr said.

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Roman Frazier of Azle High School upends his opponent while winning his weight class at The War Games Sat. Dec. 7 in Frisco.

SPORTS

Roundup

Porcupines dominate all-district honors

Azle Christian teams shine in own tourney

RICK MAUCH
Special to the Tri-County Reporter

SPRINGTOWN FOOTBALL

On the heels of winning the District 5-4A Division I championship — their first outright league title since 1998 — the Springtown Porcupines dominated the all-district honors from the coaches in the district.

The Porcupines finished 10-2 and won the district with a 6-0 record. They advanced to the second round of the postseason.

Beginning with the superlative awards, Springtown paced the way with:

MVP — Free safety/wide receiver Chase Thompson, senior

Offensive Newcomer of the Year — Quarterback Kaine

Hill, sophomore
Co-Defensive Newcomer of the Year — Linebacker Rome Ewell, sophomore

Co-Offensive Lineman of the Year — Center James Snyder, senior

Utility Player of the Year — Wide receiver/strong safety Riley Jackson, junior

Special Teams Player of the Year — Kicker Bryce Smith, senior

Coach of the Year — Brian Hulett

First-team offense —

Lineman Bryan Kearby, senior; wide receiver Braydon Butler, senior; tight end/H-back Karson Ferguson, junior; running back Ryan Kirk, junior

First-team defense —

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Springtown HS FFA hosts second 'build-off' at Porcupine stadium

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SPRINGTOWN — Springtown High School's Future Farmers of America chapter held its second annual welding competition in the Porcupine stadium parking lot.

North Texas FFA chapters and their welding teams came to compete in the highly anticipated 'build-off.' The

Springtown FFA welding instructor talks program advancement

Springtown welding team went into the competition with a big win from the day before at the ag mechanics build-off hosted by the Boyd FFA chapter.

The Springtown competition was Dec. 6 from 9 a.m. well into the afternoon. The

Springtown welding team consisted of Hugo Martinez, Wyatt Castillo, Ronnie Silva and Mark Munez. Martinez was not able to be there, but the rest of the team welded together a cowboy cooker as

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Student Wyatt Castillo welds a piece of the cowboy cooker.

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The AHS Hornet Drone Squad participates during the Dec. 7 national championship event.

COURTESY PHOTO

AHS drone team 7th at nationals

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AZLE — The Azle High School's Hornet Drone Squad placed seventh out of 14 contestants at the Bell Advanced Vertical Robotics Championship Event in Dallas Dec. 7.

This year's competition was all about infrastructure recovery. The contest is organized by the Robotics Education & Competition Foundation and is made pos-

sible by the sponsorship of Bell Flight. This is the seventh time the REC has held this competition. This year's competition consisted of railway survey and repair, bridge reconstruction and powerline stabilization. At least seven students per team designed, built and eventually operated multimodal vehicles, including an AVR Drone, DEXI Drone, RVR Loader and Spheros, to complete tasks for this timed contest. The challenge

is intended to replicate the steps needed to assess damage to infrastructure after a failure and implement immediate solutions to contain the situation. The students then presented their engineering notebook and gave a presentation on their design to the judges.

Last year, the team took fourth place at nationals and has been a strong contender since the team was first assembled five years ago.

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ROUNDUP

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Linebacker Landon Downes, senior; defensive back Darren Sweely, senior; defensive back Caden Rodgers, junior

Second-team offense — Wide receiver Dylan Crutchfield, senior; lineman Jake Hudson, senior; lineman Jack Melton, senior

Second-team defense — Lineman Hayden Nichols, senior; linebacker Devin Hair, junior; defensive end Julio Hernandez, junior; defensive end Robert Lewis, junior; defensive back Omar Hernandez, sophomore

Honorable mention offense — Lineman Aaron Street, junior

Honorable mention defense — Defensive end Brett Cannon, junior

AZLE CHRISTIAN GIRLS BASKETBALL

The Fighting Lady Crusaders (6-2) captured the championship of the first basketball tournament the school has ever hosted, defeating Bryson 25-22 in the final. They also defeated Gorman 46-37 and Weatherford Victory 56-5. Scoring leaders were:

Vs. Gorman: Lauran Goodrich 13, Daisy Ramos 12, Elle Henderson 8

Vs. Victory: Henderson 20, Vanessa Malewiski 12, Ramos 10

Vs. Bryson: Ramos 10, Henderson 7, Malewiski 7

Ramos and Henderson were named to the all-tournament team

Azle Christian was playing at Perrin-Whitt at press time.

AZLE CHRISTIAN BOYS BASKETBALL

The Fighting Crusaders (7-2) finished second in their inaugural tournament, falling to Fort Worth North Side, a Class 5A public school, in the championship game. They defeated Fort Worth Hill School 68-10 and Pinnacle Christian 73-22 to reach the title contest. Scoring leaders were:

Vs. Hill School: Brody Fairman 23, Kanon Wyatt 9, Jakob Rollins 9

Vs. Pinnacle: Gavin Montez 18, Rollins 13, Wyatt 13

Vs. North Side: Montez 8, Fairman 6, Rollins 6

Fairman and Rollins received all-tournament accolades.

Azle Christian was playing at Gorman Dec. 10 and is in the Hill School Tournament this weekend.

LAKE WORTH VOLLEYBALL

The Lady Frogs placed six players on the All-District 7-4A Team as chosen by the league's coaches. They were led by junior Karina Velez Esteves on the first team.

Named to the second team were sophomore Jasmin Martinez and senior Danica Long. Honorable mentions went to sophomores Breanna Arellano, Cherysh Luiv Fowler and Aliyah Salas.

Earning academic all-district honors were Sophia Ayala, junior; Caitlyn Houpt, sophomore; Julianna Martinez, junior; Addyssey Hurrington, junior; Che'rish Winston, junior; Esteves and Fowler.

LAKE WORTH BOYS BASKETBALL

The Bullfrogs (7-2) continued their impressive start to the season, winning three of four games in the Kolache Tournament. Results and leaders were:

Defeated Groesbeck 62-43: Ivan Sanchez 22 points; Anthony Green 10 points; Braylen Fridia 10 points

Defeated West 82-75: Fridia 17 points, Green 17 points, Sanchez 15 points, De'Jay Black 13 points, Eddie Paige 10 points

Lost to Carrollton Ranchview 53-44: Sanchez 15 points, Ayden Brooks 8 points, Fridia 8 points

Defeated Alvarado 67-61: Fridia 18 points, five rebounds; Paige 11 points, 13 rebounds; Green 10 points, six rebounds; Brooks seven rebounds.

Earlier in the week, the Bullfrogs defeated Fort Worth North Side 82-43. Leading the win for Lake Worth were Fridia with 24 points, five rebounds and four assists; Favian Lopez, 9 points; Green 8 points; and Ayden Brooks, 6 points, nine rebounds.

Lake Worth is hosting the Bullfrog Classic this weekend before hosting Springtown in the District 7-4A opener Dec. 17 at 7:30 p.m.

LAKE WORTH GIRLS BASKETBALL

The Lady Frogs (14-5) enjoyed success in the Venus Tournament this past weekend, finishing second. Scores and leaders were:

Defeated Venus 54-23: Jacqui Cleveland 31 points, Aliyah Salas 12 points

Defeated Fort Worth Western Hills 42-17:

Cleveland 16 points, Salas 8 points, Breanna Arellano 7 points.

Defeated Meridian 44-23: Cleveland 12, Salas 7, Nabors 6. Ten players scored for the Lady Frogs.

Lost 34-48 to Maypearl: Cleveland 23, Nabors 7.

Prior to the tournament, the Lady Frogs won 52-39 at Diamond Hill-Jarvis. Cleveland paced the win with 24 points, while Salas scored 9 and Kyla Nabors added 6.

Salas was selected for the all-tournament team.

Lake Worth was hosting Decatur at press time to open play in District 7-4A. They travel to Eagle Mountain Dec. 13 and host Springtown Dec. 17, both starting at 6:15 p.m.

AZLE BOYS BASKETBALL

The Hornets (6-10) competed in the Decatur Tournament this past weekend and captured the championship of the Silver Bracket. Results and scoring leaders were:

Lost 69-59 to Decatur: Bryce Robinson 13, Britt Haas 13, Cason Cook 13.

Lost 71-55 to Denison: Jayden Taylor 18, Robinson 13, Haas 8.

Defeated Everman 65-58: Taylor 18, Haas 12, Robinson 11, Cook 10.

Defeated Pottsboro 46-35: Taylor 20, Cook 11, Haas 10.

Defeated Devin 77-63: Taylor 27, Cook 20, Robinson 7.

Taylor was named all-tournament.

Prior to the tournament, Azle hosted Aubrey and fell 59-44. Leading scorers were Robinson with 19 and Taylor with 7.

The Hornets were hosting Dallas Spruce at press time and are in the Fairfield Tournament this weekend. They begin District 5-5A play Dec. 20 at home against Saginaw at 7:30 p.m.

AZLE GIRLS BASKETBALL

The Lady Hornets (4-12)

played in the Van Griffith Kia Tournament in Granbury Dec. 5-7. They dropped contests to Frisco Reedy (80-21), Haslet Eaton (68-47), Eules Trinity (39-35) and Burleson Centennial (62-43). Individual statistics were not available at press time.

A few days earlier, Azle hosted Northwest and lost 54-41. Natusch led with 24 points, while Anderson added 6.

The Lady Hornets were hosting Poolville at press time. They begin District 5-5A at Saginaw Chisholm Trail Dec. 13 at 6:15 p.m. and host Keller Fossil Ridge Dec. 17 at 6:15 p.m.

SPRINGTOWN BOYS BASKETBALL

The Porcupines (2-7) were in the Brock Tournament last weekend. Results and scoring leaders:

Lost 55-49 to Benbrook in overtime: Ayden Lugo 15, Keagan Gutierrez 12, Ethan Graham 12

Lost 92-27 to Brock: Lugo 11, Loudan Strickland 6

Defeated Godley 52-37: Graham 22, Gutierrez 7, Lugo 7

On Dec. 3 the Porcupines fell at Gainesville 58-30. Grayson Brooks led with 8 points and Lugo scored 6.

Springtown was hosting Aledo at press time and is in the Glen Rose Tournament this weekend. They open District 7-4A play at Lake Worth Dec. 17 at 6:15 p.m.

SPRINGTOWN GIRLS BASKETBALL

The Lady Pines (6-9) fell behind 11-0 after the first quarter and couldn't quite make up the deficit, falling 36-33 at Saginaw Dec. 3. They then traveled to Denton Dec. 6 and lost 37-23.

Leaders vs. Saginaw: Esther Balado 17 points, Brylynn Bazzell 8 points

Leaders vs. Denton: Balado 9 points, Addy Burtnett 5 points



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Chase Thompson of the Springtown Porcupines was named the District 5-4A Division I Most Valuable Player this season.

The Lady Pines began District 7-4A at Krum at press time. They host Burkburnett Dec. 13 at 6:30 p.m. and travel to Lake Worth Dec. 17 at 6:15 p.m.

AZLE SWIMMING

The Azle Hornets and Lady Hornets competed in the Decatur Senior Meet recently. Top Azle finishers included (distances in yards):

Girls
200 Medley Relay: 3. Ava Dash, Mavis Caldentey, Sophia Roark, Nekoda Averitte, 2:45.61
50 Freestyle: 1. Karla Rodriguez, 29.60 (personal record); Chanel Martin, 31.06 (PR); 4. Haven Brown, 32.52; 5. Dash, 33.21

100 Freestyle: 1. Rodriguez, 1:02.36 (PR); 5. Martin, 1:14.87
100 Butterfly: 2. Kaylee Daniels, 1:28.00; 3. Roark, 1:46.96 (PR)
200 Freestyle Relay: 2. Daniels, Dash, Rodriguez, Brown, 2:06.39

100 Breaststroke: 3. Brown, 1:35.76 (PR); 4. Daniels, 1:40.97 (PR); 6. Caldentey, 1:56.96

100 Backstroke: 4. Dash, 1:25.29

Boys
100 Freestyle: 6. Tanner Gray, 1:17.81



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The Azle Christian School girls basketball team celebrates after winning its inaugural tournament at home this past weekend.

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BUILD OFF

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its project of choice. Lead welding instructor James Young said this project in particular was more technical for the team but still a good, solid build.

"It's a cool build," Young said. "This one is a lot more fabrication-based, because we just gave them all the raw material. So, they had to lay everything out, follow the blueprint accordingly and then they had to go ahead and make the cuts."

The instructor emphasized the importance of helping his students beyond high school and wants them to be very knowledgeable in the field.

"My goal is I want these guys to be educated welders," Young said. "That's a conversation that we have from day one with the kids. Now we're into the next phase. How do we reach out to local businesses? How do we set them up? And it's one of those that we're building partnerships with them because we want to get to a point where our seniors are getting ready to leave."

Young also has colleges and technical schools come out and scout the team. Currently, Springtown FFA welding has relationships with Texas State Technical College, Lincoln Tech, Tarleton State University and more. The Springtown welding team ended up placing 10th in the competition.

For more information and updates about Springtown FFA, visit the Springtown FFA Facebook page.



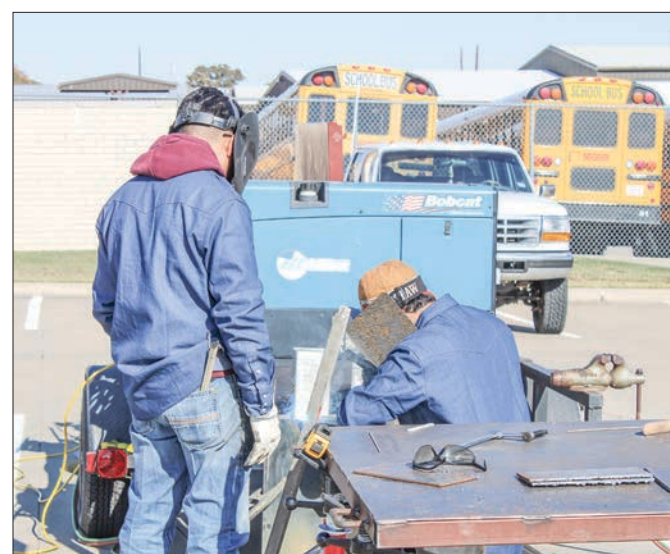
Five metal welded chickens the team had previously built.



Student Mark Munez trims up a piece of metal.



Students Wyatt Castillo and Ronnie Silva work together to weld a piece of the cowboy cooker together during the "build-off" competition.



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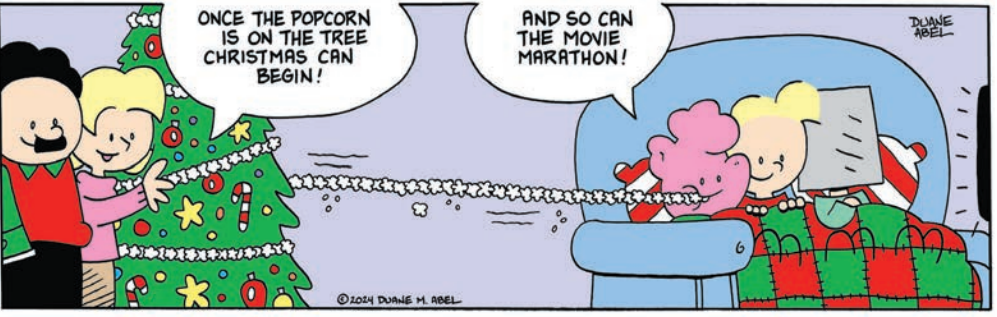
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AHS wrestlers excel at The War Games

Azle High School's boys wrestling team took first place, and the girls wrestling team took second at The War Games Tournament Saturday, Dec. 7, at Frisco Memorial High School. Teams from as far away as Palo Duro in the Texas Panhandle and Madill, Oklahoma came to compete in the tournament.



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Mariah Dillard, Azle's 2024 state champion wrestler, was named Most Outstanding Wrestler of The War Games Tournament Saturday, Dec. 7 at Frisco Memorial High School.



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Azle's Wyatt Hicks, front, won second place in his weight class at The War Games at Frisco Memorial High School Saturday, Dec. 7.

Sudoku

DECEMBER 12, 2024

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

Level: Advanced

Solution to last week's puzzle

DECEMBER 5, 2024

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

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to the peanuts.

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Answer: Butter

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Determine the code to reveal the answer!

- A. 14 23 3 22 16 21
Clue: We stand upon it
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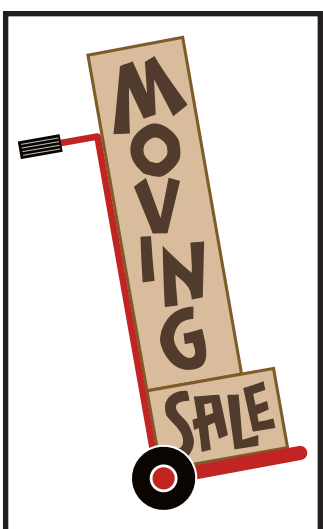
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LUNCH:
 PreK-4th Grade \$2.55 5-6th Grade \$2.75
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PreK - 4th
BREAKFAST: Everyday - Assorted Fruits and Cereal, Juice, White or Chocolate Milk, Graham Crackers, Toast
Mon Lucky Charms, Animal Crackers, Apple Juice, Watermelon Applesauce **Tues** Pig in a Blanket, Apple Juice, Fruit Cup
Weds French Toast, Mini's, Apple Juice, Green Apple Slices **Thurs** No school **Fri** No school
LUNCH: Everyday - Variety of milk. Your choice of 1 entree & 1 fruit or juice
Mon Cheese Pizza, Cheeseburger, Emoji Fries, Steamed Broccoli, Apple Juice, Peaches **Tues** Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Mini Corn Dogs, Green Beans, Sweet Potato Tots, Tomato Soup, Apple Juice, Mixed **Weds** Beef Enchiladas, Chicken Alfredo, Black Beans, Corn, Apple, Orange Juice **Thurs** No school **Fri** No school

GRADES 5TH - 8TH
BREAKFAST: Everyday - Assorted Fruits and Cereal, Juice, White or Chocolate Milk, Yogurt w/Granola
Mon Cinnamon Toast Crunch, Reduced Sugar, 2 oz, Dutch Waffle, Apple Juice, Red Apple Slices
Tues Breakfast on a stick, Yogurt Parfaits, Banana Muffin, Apple Juice, Oranges **Weds** French Toast Sticks, Glazed Donut, Apple Juice, Mixed Fruit **Thurs** No school **Fri** No school
LUNCH: Everyday: Variety of milk. Your choice of 1 entree & 1 fruit or juice, rolls, crackers • Salad bar offered daily
Mon Cheeseburger, Chicken Tenders, Popcorn Chicken Bowl, Whole Wheat Roll, Apple Juice, Apple Sauce, Crinkle Fries, Mixed Veggies **Tues** Beef Quesadilla Triangles, Breaded Chicken Sandwich, Spaghetti w/ Meatsauce, Garlic Bread Stick, Apple Juice, Pears Diced, Green Beans, Sweet Potato Tots **Weds** Cheese Pizza, Mini Corn Dogs, Walkin' Taco, Apple Juice, Peaches, Corn, Crinkle Fries **Thurs** No school **Fri** No school

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Mon Cinnamon Toast Crunch, Reduced Sugar, 2 oz, Dutch Waffle, Apple Juice, Oranges, Hashbrown
Tues Breakfast Bites (mini pancake with sausage), Yogurt Parfaits, Banana Muffin, Apple, Apple Juice
Weds French Toast Sticks, Glazed Donut, Apple Juice, Mixed Fruit **Thurs** No school **Fri** No school
LUNCH: • Everyday: 1% unflavored or non fat chocolate milk & juice • Salad Bar
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Tues Chicken Alfredo, Garlic Bread Stick, Green Beans, Sweet Potato Tots, Cheese Pizza, Hamburger Pizza, Soft Chicken Tacos, Chicken Fried Rice w/ Vegetable Egg Roll **Weds** Shepard's Pie, 2 Honey Wheat Breadsticks, Crinkle Fries, Mixed Veggies, Bacon Pizza, Cheese Pizza, Cheese Enchiladas, Chicken & Cheese Pizza Quesadilla, Sweet Fire Chicken
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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 Sliders, Sausage Patties, Breakfast for Lunch, French Toast Sticks, Fiesta Sticks, Fresh Baby Carrots **Tues** Chicken Fried Steak Sandwich, Macaroni & Cheese, Fiesta Sticks, Fresh Baby Carrots, Green Beans **Weds** Chicken & Waffles, Fiesta Sticks, Fresh Baby Carrots, Side Salad, Tator Tots, Applesauce Cup, Blueberries **Thurs** Cheese Bites, Popcorn Chicken, Roll, Fiesta Sticks, Fresh Baby Carrots, Ranchero Beans, Side Salad, Fresh Apple Slices, Strawberries **Fri** No school

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 Popcorn Chicken, Steakfingers, Roll, Corn, Fiesta Sticks, Fresh Baby Carrots, Mashed Potatoes, Side Salad **Tues** Chicken Alfredo with a Twist, Chicken Fried Steak Sandwich, Roll, Fiesta Sticks, Fresh Baby Carrots, Side Salad, Steamed broccoli **Weds** Cheeseburger, Hamburger, Fiesta Sticks, French Fries, Fresh Baby Carrots, Side Salad **Thurs** Beef Tamales w/o Chili, Cheese Pizzadilla, Chili for tamales, Cuban Black Beans, Fiesta Sticks, Fresh Baby Carrots, Side Salad **Fri** No school

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1 dice dots

5 Texas band "ZZ Top," e.g.

6 TXism: "useless as earrings on ___"

7 TXism: "all vine, ___ watermelon" (fake)

8 female chicken

9 TX Sam Bass robbed these

15 "Watermelon Thump" in Luling has a ___-spitting contest

16 TXism: "useless as a ___ ___ sow"

19 police seizures

21 childbirth process

22 Texas is a major producer of this gas when one team trounces another

28 TX Howard Hughes' was \$2.5 billion this Duvall was "Gus" in Texas-based "Lonesome Dove"

30 TXism: "he'll kick you into a ___ home" (mean horse)

32 Travis: "I shall never surrender ___ retreat"

33 TXism: "she'd have ___ ___ twice to cast a shadow" (skinny)

36 Italian "good evening": "buona ___"

37 TXism: "fits like ugly on an ___"

38 alcohol content

39 when a religious garment has a hanging flap

41 1951 film about TX Ben Hogan: "Follow the ___"

42 TXism: "thick ___ on a dog's back"

45 sign of boredom

46 this Robert directed TX Shelley Duvall in 1980 film "Popeye" (init.)

47 pig sound

48 "bear" in Mexico search for someone (2 wds.)

52 cut a board

53 TX Kris wrote "Me and Bobby Mc ___"

54 this Dawson was QB for the Dallas Texans and stayed on as a Chief

55 " ___ out a living"

DOWN

1 TX Jeannie C.'s "Harper Valley ___"

2 TX Willie album: "The ___ Tapes"

3 a Texas settler

4 "Texas, our Texas! great!" (state song)

8 TXism: "skedaddle out of ___"

9 TXism: " ___ -old dishwasher" (bad flavor)

10 init. of actor in 29-across

11 money maker for the Pampa News

12 TXism: " ___ a new hat size!" (threat)

13 tidy

14 Japanese noodles

15 " ___ National Wildlife Refuge"

16 daze

17 a Texas restaurant after closing (2 wds.)

18 "roses ___ . . ."

20 hot Texas chili: " ___ of the devil"

22 TX Rashad who was Clair Huxtable (init.)

23 TXism: " ___ gut" (liquor)

24 Dallas Symphony reed instrument

25 fire ants, e.g.

26 Port ___ TX

28 1994 film with TX Dennis Quaid: "Wyatt ___"

31 "bring up the ___"

34 this Nick coached the Rio Grande Valley Vipers (init.)

35 1988 film starring Dennis Quaid and Meg Ryan

37 TXism: "weak as ___ -day-old kitten"

40 Tyler: in ___ Texas

43 snake sound

44 TXism: "if a hog had wings, he'd be ___"

50 in Johnson County on U.S. 67

51 TX Janis Joplin died of one (abbr.)

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