


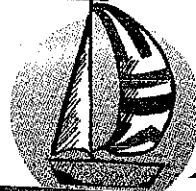
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Showcase to present AISD's best programs

May 10 extravaganza could draw over 5,000

BY EDWIN NEWTON

Call it a science fair on steroids. Azle ISD will present its biggest and best student-based programs at a special showcase that could draw as many as 5,000 visitors to Azle High School

on Monday, May 10. Superintendent Dr. Ray Lea said a similar event at his former school district, Whitesboro ISD, was an overwhelming success. "We didn't know what to expect that first year," he said. "What we didn't expect was all the kids that got involved in it. They were so excited." The concept is simple. Each grade

level, K-12, at each campus in the district will send students to the showcase to present a hands-on activity. That means over 115 different exhibits. This year's emphasis is technology. For example, a science exhibit might feature robotics or a physics demonstration, or even an animal dissection. But exhibits are not limited to science. For example, a math exhibit

might feature graphing calculators or three-dimensional models. A social studies exhibit might include maps, brochures or technology presentations. Career and Technology students will focus on all facets of technology - from computer science to automotive technology. A showcase of technology will

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NEWS DIGEST

Academic awards ceremony tonight

Tonight (Thursday, April 22) is Academic Awards Night at Azle High School tonight. Both the "Faculty Choice" top 10 and the academic top 10 of this year's class will be announced in the AHS auditorium beginning at 6:30 p.m., along with Mr. and Miss AHS and the valedictorian and salutatorian of the class of 2010.

Also to be presented are academic awards in all grades for various subjects. The public is invited to attend the celebration of excellence at Azle High School.

City cleanup date moves to May 1

The City of Azle has moved its planned cleanup day from April 24 to May 1 due to recent rains and the forecast for Friday and Saturday, Jimmy Duvall, the city's stormwater manager said Tuesday.

The cleanup offers residents an opportunity to drop off brush, non-hazardous household products, furniture and other bulky items at the city garage, 824 Park Street, from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Proof of residence is required. Items accepted during cleanup

Accident still under scrutiny

BY GAIL GILMORE

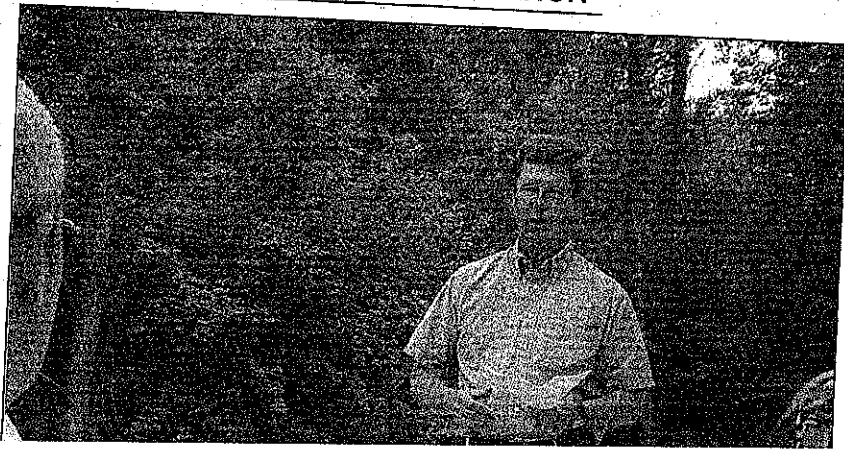
Although it has been a week since an Azle High School student was injured in an incident on Liberty School Road, there is still little information available on how the injury occurred.

Azle paramedics and Briar volunteer firefighters were called to an accident described as "auto-pedestrian" in the 13000 block of Liberty School Road shortly after 4:30 p.m. on April 14.

The pedestrian - described as a 17-year-old male - was taken by helicopter to a downtown hospital.

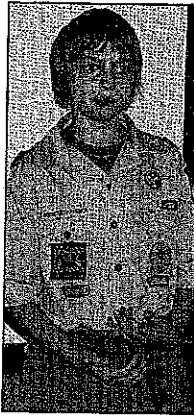
A photo in the *Azle News* last week described the incident as a hit-and-run.

BRIDGE DEDICATION



ANNUAL BOY SCOUT BREAKFAST

INSIDE DIGES



Scout Michael Goldstein spoke to the group about his project.



Bryant Butler, district executive for Boy Scouts of America, presents some special gifts to team breakfast hosts (l-r): Todd Smith and Larry Sides, as well as district chairman Tim Carpenter. Breakfast host Ray Ivey is not pictured.

Boy Scouts get boost from community

BY EDWIN NEWTON

Tim Carpenter said he's never seen a Boy Scout who "didn't impress me."

Michael Goldstein, a 13-year-old scout who is collecting items for troops serving in Afghanistan, certainly qualifies as one of those.

He is also one of the main reasons Carpenter and a small group of Azle businessmen and community leaders open their checkbooks in support of scouting every year.

This year's fundraising breakfast, held April 6 at the R&K Restaurant on Main Street, drew about 40 members of the community representing city hall, local businesses and the school district.

By the end of the day, \$4,485 had been raised for local scouting programs -- with more pledges still coming in.

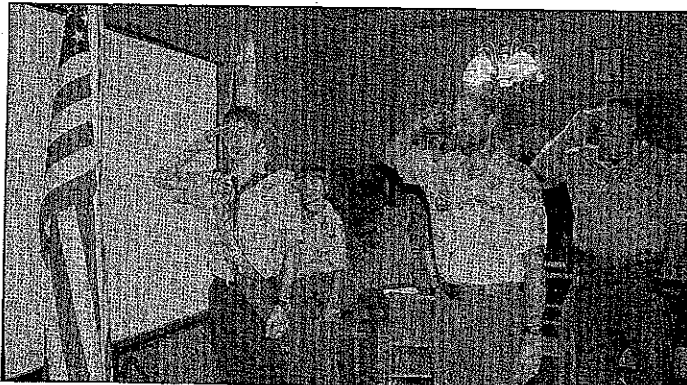
David Rico, district executive for the Longhorn Council, Boy Scouts of America, said the donations were appreciated.

"Without your help, we would not be able to help these scouts," he said.

Dollars raised will go to support an estimated 119 active scouts in the Azle area: three troops, 2 packs and 7 units.

Carpenter said it takes about \$185 to fund one boy through the scouting program every year.

Goldstein, a member of Azle Troop 243, was the featured speaker. The youngster is doing his best to support soldiers over-



Azle Boy Scout members (l-r) Drew Goldstein, Michael Goldstein and their father, Gary, assistant scout master and district commissioner, salute the flag during opening ceremonies at a recent scout fundraiser. Troop 147 Scout Master Charlie Martin and Troop 243 Scout Master Jeff Mahmann were also in attendance.

seas. A few months ago, Goldstein heard about Bryce Thornton, a scout in Oregon who, with the help of community and some state leaders, raised about \$16,000 last fall to buy special items for troops serving overseas. The items Thornton and his father, Darrin, purchased were unusual -- things soldiers are not usually issued. The list included things like batteries and hair brushes, loads of beef jerky and dozens of cases of ramen noodles.

Michael liked the idea. He and his father Gary, an as-

stant scoutmaster, are trying to do the same thing, albeit on a much smaller scale -- with possibly 300 kits to be sent overseas. The kits would include magazines, books, shaving supplies and snacks such as jerky and drink mix.

"We are focusing on the comforts that would not ordinarily have," Goldstein said.

Currently, items for the kits can be dropped off at Prosperity Bank and the Azle News. Goldstein said he hopes to ship the items in mid-June for a July 4th arrival.

For more information, call the

Goldsteins at 817-448-0186.

Bryant Butler, district executive for Boy Scouts of America, ended the breakfast by congratulating Azle for its generous support of scouting over the year.

Butler said Azle had earned the title as a "Silver Star District."

Spring dance for moms, sor

The Azle High School Band Boosters are hosting son Spring Fling dance from 7 to 10 p.m. this Friday at the Azle High School, 479 Sandy Beach Road.

The evening will feature free refreshments, plus cool dance steps.

Cost is \$15 per couple and \$5 for each additional guest.

AYA fall signups are under

Football, cheerleading and drill team signups for the Youth Association season are underway. Dates include football and April 24 and 28 for cheerleading and drill team.

For more information, contact Brandon Crosby for cheerleading information, Jessica Smith at 817-448-6751; for drill team info contact Katrina Reese at 817-501-3956.

Adopt a 'date' for AHS prom

Azle High senior class sponsors are asking the help seniors attend the prom by "adopting" dates of a dress, tuxedo rental or cash for tickets to the prom on Saturday, April 24.

To help make a senior's dream come true, contact Darnell at 817-444-5555, ext. 5006, or email ddarnell@azleci.org

Band 'Percussion Bash' set

The Azle High School Band's percussion student annual Percussion Bash -- "Vacation with a Bang" -- will be held Friday, May 3 at the AHS auditorium.

Admission is \$5 (children five and under free). A bar and coffee bar will be set up in the lobby. All proceeds will go to the band's vibraphone as well as clinicians for the band's camp in June.

Tickets will also be sold for \$5 to win either a 1000-watt power drill or a Porter-Cable 4-in-1 combo tool set.

Sponsors are also sought at \$30 for a "family" ticket and \$100 for an "official" sponsor or \$100 to be "gold" sponsor.

'Kowgirls' barrel race set

Ash Creek Stables will host the 2nd annual "Kowgirls" barrel race May 8 at the Ash Creek Stable South Stewart in Azle.

Sponsorships needed include \$200 for a saddle for buckles & bridles, and \$100 for an area sponsor. Event benefits the Susan G. Koman Breast Cancer Tarrant County.

For more information call Jeff Edwards at 817-448-4940.

Course to host junior golf

Azle's Cross Timbers Golf Course, 1181 S. Stewart, will host four-day golf camps for youth ages 6 to 16 in June. Cost is \$100 per child. Drinks and snacks will be provided. Closed-toe shoes are required, but golf gear is not. Camp dates are June 14-17 and 21-24 and July 1-4. Call 817-444-4940 for more information.

Church offers Beth Moore si

First United Methodist Church of Azle will sponsor a Beth Moore program titled "Insecurity" on Saturday, April 24.

Tickets (includes simulcast, morning snacks and coffee) are \$35 in advance or \$35 at the door.

For more information, call Nancy Lavender at 817-448-4940.

We're Having a Benefit Dinner Along With Blood/Bone Marrow Drive for Joe Hefley

Your support and help will be greatly appreciated!



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