



## Springtown council OKs pandemic relief plan

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The city of Springtown is moving forward with options for spending American Rescue Plan Act funding.

The Springtown City Council approved the city's COVID-19 Pandemic Recovery Relief Plan, which will use American Rescue Plan Act money and Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery funds.

The American Rescue Plan Act, which became law in March, provides funding to local governments for projects related to COVID-19 recovery or critical infrastructure.

The city of Springtown is expected to receive \$790,437 in federal funding. The first part of the funding was received in August.

Springtown's COVID-19 Pandemic

Recovery Relief Plan consists of four projects – all related to the sewer and water system improvements – that qualify for the funding. The projects are:

- Smoke testing to identify which parts of the sanitary sewer system need rehabilitation, estimated for \$100,000.
- Rehabilitation of the lift station at South Ash Street and State Highway 199, estimated for \$100,000.
- Manhole rehabilitation and sewer line replacement throughout Springtown, estimated at \$400,000.
- Installing an automated meter reading system throughout the city, estimated for \$600,000.

"You are not committing to any of those tonight," City Administrator David Miller told council during the December meeting. "You are agreeing that those are projects that are priority for the council. As we do our efficiency

studies on it and our feasibility studies on it, we can pick or choose from those projects to spend these monies on."

Miller said the city contracted with Public Management Inc. "to oversee that reporting mechanism for us."

Public Management Inc. representative Dalton Aiken spoke to council in December, and he described the COVID-19 Pandemic Recovery Relief Plan as a "guiding document" that was made in collaboration with city staff.

"This is a plan that is supposed to be a guiding document for council, for city staff and residents so everyone is aware of what these funds are being used for, what projects are taking priority," Aiken said. "These are not set in stone. This is a project list that has been developed so as we progress through using and utilizing these funds, there's a distinct plan."



Public Management Inc. representative Dalton Aiken.

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## Outreach of Hope: Springtown Center of Hope provides holiday festivities for families in need



Genesis Jackson, 4, being embraced by Center of Hope volunteer Billie Rumsey.

Photo by Madelyn Edwards

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Springtown Center of Hope welcomed families in need to enjoy holiday festivities at the Christmas Outreach of Hope event ahead of the holiday last week.

Families came to Agnes Baptist Church to pick up groceries, Christmas trees, toys, socks, books and hats, among other gift items. Hot chocolate and cookies were served, and children were able to meet Santa Claus at the event.

Some families at the Springtown Center of Hope's Christmas Outreach of Hope talked about their financial and domestic struggles that drew them to the event, including one mother who mentioned that she had been out of work while she and her kids have recovered from COVID-19.

Springtown resident Cheri Wren received a blanket, groceries and other goodies from the Center of Hope's event. She's been coming to the Center of Hope for about six or seven months.

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## Reno City Council discusses streets, trees, and mailboxes

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Concrete streets, tree ordinances and easily accessible centralized mailboxes are some of the ideas coming out of Reno's Planning and Zoning Commission workshops so far.

Reno's Planning and Zoning Commission held a workshop earlier this month to discuss revising the city's subdivision ordinances. Another workshop is scheduled for 6 p.m. Jan. 11 at Reno City Hall.

The commission's recommendations are expected to be sub-

mitted to the city council for approval. Reno City Council heard a presentation from Planning and Zoning Commission alternate Stuart White at the December council meeting and pointed out topics for the commission to focus on.

White brought up several ideas, including mandating concrete streets with bar ditches and making centralized mailboxes easier to access.

"In one area that we have here, in Scenic Wood, there's not much room to get into the mailboxes

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## Local overdose awareness group to start highway cleanups

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A Springtown overdose awareness and support group is planning highway cleanups to bring families together.

"We ARE our brothers keeper" has adopted a section of State Highway 199 and will start doing regular cleanups of the road.

The section of adopted road is just past the high school and extends two miles west, and signs are expected to be placed by Dec. 31, said Jessica Castro, founder of "We ARE our brothers keeper."

Castro said the contract for high-

way adoption requires four cleanups to pick up trash per year. She hopes the first cleanup will happen in January.

Highway cleanups are different from the other projects that "We ARE our brothers keeper" has been involved in to memorialize people who have died of overdoses and to support families who have lost loved ones. Castro hopes that the clean-up days will pull the group together and allow families to spend time together.

"That gives us the opportunity as families to meet," she said. "Hopefully my plan is that once we're done with the cleanup, we

can go to the park and have maybe hot dogs and stuff like that, just to come together as a group that understands each other and talk and just hang out."

"We ARE our brothers keeper" aims to show love and support to people who struggle with addiction, families of people who have addiction issues and people who have lost loved ones to overdose, Castro said. The SH 199 cleanups are another way to bring in community support for families, she said.

"A lot of times, if you've ever

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"It's really awesome," Wren said of the Center of Hope. "They help with groceries a lot. You're talking 10 meats, and it really helps during the month to be able to get through. And I'm just on disability, so it's a blessing."

Shanae Jackson said she took her kids to the Center of Hope's event to see Santa Claus, not knowing about the rest of the festivities being offered.

"We just moved to Azle. My husband is a veteran, and so we got into veteran housing, but before that, we had fallen down on our luck and we were homeless,"

Jackson said, explaining that her family had been evicted in the aftermath of February's winter storm. "My kids are having a really good Christmas this year. It was a blessing to walk in and see all of that."

Sandra Rice volunteered at the Center of Hope's event by passing out ornaments, gloves and stockings with candy and treats inside to families who came through. Rice explained that volunteering to help people in need is a way for her to give back for support she has received.

"Many years ago when my

son was a newborn, I was on welfare, and the support that the community gave us was just amazing," Rice said.

Regarding the event, Springtown Center of Hope coordinator Misti Johnson said it's a "blessing" to be able to help people in the Springtown community.

"It's a blessing to be able to help each and every family that comes in here," Johnson said. "We said a prayer this morning that God brings the families that need us the most. We're just trying to put some joy into people's lives that maybe can't find it on their own."

Christmas Outreach of Hope allowed families to enjoy hot cocoa and treats, photos with Santa, fun gifts and other activities while picking up their Christmas Food Box. Photos by Madelyn Edwards



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# Saving our past for the future

## Springtown Legends Museum preserves local history

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Marilyn Fackler loves volunteering at the Springtown Legends Museum, but there was a point when she thought she wouldn't be able to oversee the museum.

Last year, she contracted sepsis and spent months on dialysis. The infection attacked her lungs, stomach, liver and kidneys.

"I almost didn't make it," Fackler said. "I was in the hospital from June until the end of July. And that's why I almost gave it up."

Fackler is feeling a lot better now and is looking forward to overseeing the museum for as long as she is able. The museum closed in mid-December and is expected to reopen in January.

The museum houses several items related to Springtown and Texas history – photos, documents, dishes, sewing machines, old clothes, arrowheads, guns and other items.

"It gives the complete Springtown history," Fackler said. "How many people know that Springtown was originally Littleton Springs? How many people know that Bonnie and Clyde robbed the bank here in Springtown?"

She added, "There's just so much for them to learn, and if they don't learn it or know it, it's going to die out."

The museum also has dedicated space to honor those who have served in the military as well as police officers and firefighters.

Springtown Legends Museum's newest monument, which is in the shape of the World Trade Center's Twin Towers, was made to memorialize those who died in the Sept. 11 attacks, and it was unveiled after the city's ceremony to recognize the 20th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks.

Fackler said her favorite part of the museum is the Texas room because of her

love of Texas history, and her favorite item in the Texas room is the model of the Alamo she made with Styrofoam. She also made the "Come and Take It" cannon model and cannonballs.

The museum was founded in 1994 by Laurie Moseley and his wife Julia, both of whom died within the past few years. Though originally located in the Springtown Area Chamber of Commerce office, the museum is now in a historic home built in 1910 – at 839 N. Main St. – that has been in Julia Moseley's family for years.

Fackler started taking a more active role in helping with the museum around the time that Laurie Moseley became sick. Then, she educated herself for her work with the museum through Texas Historical Commission webinars, and she often collects items for the museum. Her husband, Richard, serves as the museum's groundskeeper and made the 9/11 monument.



Marilyn Fackler with the Springtown Legends Museum.

Photo by Madelyn Edwards

"Anything I see (that is related to) Texas or anything that is old, I get it," Fackler said with a laugh. "I do love this. I think it is really spe-

cial to do what we do here."

By the time Fackler took the lead role at the museum in 2019, it had been closed for about two years because of a water leak, and several items in the museum were damaged, including a saddle that had mold on it.

But the Springtown Legends Museum's grand reopening in April 2019 was short-lived because the museum had to shut down again during the COVID-19 pandemic. The museum reopened again in September 2021.

In 2019, the museum started being overseen by the city of Springtown to provide complete "care, control and custody," according to a previous Springtown Epigraph article.

This means that the city is responsible for the museum's maintenance, groundskeeping and physical needs, said Springtown City Secretary and Downtown Coordinator Denise Taylor, who is also the museum's city liaison.

Taylor said every city needs a museum to educate the community, particularly children and to be a central place to store artifacts. She particularly likes seeing pictures and artifacts that depict Springtown's past.

"I truly believe it's a great

asset to the city, not only for historical and education reasons but, personally, knowing where we came from," Taylor said.

Fackler especially likes it when the museum hosts educational events and tours for children, such as an event being planned for next year to teach kids about the gold rush and allow them to pan for gold.

Fackler admired the Moseleys and wants to carry on their wishes for the museum, such as adding exhibits that they wanted to show, such as the Texas room and the clothes closet. Before Julia Moseley died in August, she gave her blessing for Fackler to oversee the museum, saying "as long as they have it, it stays," according to Fackler.

"I can honor them in this way and keep this museum open for people to enjoy the past because if you don't have a past, you don't have a future," Fackler said, echoing Laurie Moseley's motto, "Saving our past for the future."

The Springtown Legends Museum is open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and is also available for special tours by appointment. For more information about the museum, call 817-523-5939.



Springtown Legends Museum's Texas Room.

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Old toys, cameras and pictures inside the Springtown Legends Museum.

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ON FISHING

# Crappie fishing is hot in the winter

For many people looking to catch crappie, the winter is the best time to chase these tasty little slabs. Most chase the crappies when they move in the shallows to spawn, but catching crappie in the winter is enjoyed by many.

Crappies, as I mentioned above, do spawn in the spring and are much easier to find in large quantities at this time. But the truth is crappie can be caught any time of the year. The key to catching more crappie in the winter months is just like fishing for any other species. You need to understand their seasonal habits and how to locate them.

Right now many anglers are catching limits of crappie in the river above Lake Whitney on small minnows and jigs. There are a lot of anglers all over the river chasing them. Look for the deeper holes in the river with structure and you will find them. Lake Granbury crappie fishing has been good as well all year and some great reports have been coming from the upper ends from Hunter Park to the river near Tin Top.

To catch winter crappie, start your search along old submerged creek and river channels or points and drop-offs in the 15- to 30-foot depths. Using a good quality depth finder will help

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make this job easier. What you want to be on the look-out for is brush/structure along these channels. Crappie will be holding somewhere around that structure. Some days the crappie might be holding tight to the brush or trees. If this is the case, you'll have to work a jig in tight. This is where a graphite rod and light line will come in handy so you can "feel" your way around. You might lose some jigs and fish, but that is part of fishing timber.

Using a minnow during these times can be tricky as the minnow will tangle you up in the trees or brush. Find an open space where you can present the bait close to the trees/structure and not lose your tackle. If you don't have a boat, look at deep water marinas/docks. Fish these marinas and you will catch fish. Just make sure you have permission to fish the docks. Another place bank fishermen can try for winter crappie is anywhere a bridge crosses over a lake. In some cases, the bridge

will be over a creek or river channel. This is where you'll have to experiment with minnows below slip floats to find the depth the crappies are holding.

Crappies are usually near structure, but this is not always the case especially in summer and winter when they are deep. They may be suspended in deep water. Work several depths until you find where they will bite. The best bridges are the ones with piers out in deep water near the edge of the channel. Try drifting jigs or minnows right up against those piers. Vary the depth of your crappie jig and minnow until you find the crappie. Winter crappies are not as aggressive chasing bait as they are during the spring. This means you'll have to move your bait slowly or very little. They also can be light biters during the winter. Many times you'll just feel a little extra pressure on the line when they hit. Again, a good sensitive graphite rod with real light line will help you put fish in the boat.

If you're using a slip float, I suggest the tiny quill or pencil floats. Watch them closely because it can be difficult to tell when you're getting a hit or if the minnow is swimming around.

On really warm winter



days, you may find crappie a little scattered on flats next to river and creek channels. This is the time to drift with several rods out looking for that bite. This December has been real warm, so this may be the preferred option to work a lot of water.

Now is the time to look for these winter crappies. They are there and many are catching limits. Dress for the weather and we will see you on the water.

## FISHING REPORT

On other reservoirs, Lake Whitney crappies are being caught in the river near Kimball Bend. Whitney striped bass are good under the birds on the main lake and some good catches are reported in the river near Lakeside. Possum Kingdom Lake striped bass are good to 12 pounds on Umbrella Rigs fished from the Peanut Patch to Costello Island. Possum Kingdom largemouth bass are good in numbers with an occasional fish to 8 pounds.

# The Impact of Legends

Growing up I was an avid fan of the St. Louis Cardinals. Many a night I would stay awake, laying under the covers listening to my transistor radio as Hall of Fame announcer Jack Buck would call the game. I had been instructed by my mother to be sleeping and getting my rest for school the next day, but I could not help but lay there in anticipation of the last out of the game and Jack Buck saying his immortal call: "That's a Winner!". Those are very poignant and precious youthful memories to me.

Recently, Hall of Famer



## MY FRONT PORCH

By Sam Houston

Sam Houston is a newspaper executive, a columnist, author, actor and entertainment promoter.

Lou Brock, and Hall of Famer Bob Gibson passed on; two Cardinals legends which were some of my favorite childhood heroes. I watched or listened to them play hundreds of games and took from them their competitive spirit under pressure, their desire to win, and their commitment for excellence.

They were my "friends" (at least in my heart) and I learned a lot about how to go through life by watching them play. Knowing they have now passed on makes me feel a profound loss: a sense that something is gone which will never be replaced. They were two men of color in a time when color

mattered, but it did not for me. To me they were simply great men and I wanted to play like them, be like them and win like they did.

Now they are gone, it makes me wonder and recollect about the other people who impacted me. My folks and grandparents of course, but the teachers, coaches, youth leaders, Sunday School teachers, neighbors and friends who helped to formulate who I am, how I think, and what I value. As I think about all the influences I have had and the impression they had upon

me, I am thankful for their willingness to shape me and formulate me into all I have become.

So, who looks up to you? Have you considered who your actions and words impress and what type of impression you are making? We all have a responsibility and a duty to our community and our world to help those who come behind us, and to be the type of example so when our time comes to "cross that river" they will know our impact was for all things good, decent and respectful. As you go forward

this week, stop and think what sort of example you are making for your children, grandchildren, neighbors and friends. We all need to do our part just like Sweet Lou Brock and Bob "Hoot" Gibson did for me. Sometimes legends are wearing a uniform and playing on a ball diamond, but more times they are mothers, fathers, neighbors, teachers and friends.

Thought for the day: The quickest way to double your money is to fold it over and put it in your back pocket! Until next time!

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# Wise County man charged with aggravated kidnapping, felony assault, sexual assault

## STAFF REPORTS

A Paradise man was arrested on charges of charges of aggravated kidnapping, sexual assault, assault/family violence impeding breath and parole violation, according to the Parker County Sheriff's Office.

Deputies with the sheriff's office arrested Anthony Glenn Gravely, 44, Dec. 19.

The charges stem from an incident that began on Dec. 17, at 4:30 p.m., when a woman who lived just outside of Springtown arrived home and discovered Gravely outside her residence.

The woman told sheriff's deputies that she had a relationship with Gravely but did not expect him to be at her residence. Gravely followed the victim into the residence and became enraged when he asked to move in with her and she told him no and that he needed to leave. The victim stated she told Gravely she was going to cook dinner and she said he responded by shouting at her, then grabbed her by the throat, forced her into the bedroom and wouldn't let her leave.

The victim reported to the deputies that she tried to leave but Gravely took her keys and cell phone away from her and locked her in her bedroom and would not let her out.

At around 8 p.m., when Gravely went into the bathroom, the victim was able to escape from the bedroom and left the residence. Gravely chased and caught her down the street at a house where she was banging on the door and yelling for help, but it was unknown to her that the house was unoccupied at the time. Gravely caught her and physically dragged her back to her home, she told deputies.

She said that once they were back inside her residence Gravely grabbed a knife, but later put it away.

The victim told authorities that during the night Gravely threatened her and physically and sexually assaulted her.

At approximately 10 a.m. on Dec. 18, a family member of the victim went to the residence to check on her because she did not show up for work. The family member received no reply at the door and began forcing his way into the home through a window when the suspect and victim presented themselves. The victim was able to escape the residence and was transported from the residence by the family member.

Gravely was gone when deputies arrived. Deputies searched the area for hours but were unable to locate him. Deputies located Gravely the next morning walking in the area and arrested him on a Texas Blue Warrant (parole violation). Charges were later added for aggravated kidnapping, felony assault, and sexual assault.

"This is a very brutal case," Parker County Sheriff Russ Authier said. "No woman should ever have to go through this. It's unconscionable and we need to send a clear message to the world that the women of Parker County will not be subject to this kind of treat-



Glenn Gravely

The citizens of our county will not put up with it."

Gravely remains in the Parker County Jail as of Wednesday morning on \$500,000 bond on the local charges and a no bond on the parole warrant.

## Reno City Council elects officers of new Community Activity Events Committee

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Reno City Council established a Community Activity Events Committee, and the group has approved officers to organize citywide events.

The council previously discussed establishing such a committee at a meeting in October, and deputy pro tem Hernando Herrera was charged with getting the committee started.

At the December meeting, Herrera said he had received

four applications for officers, and the council voted on which applicants filled the positions of chairperson, co-chairperson, treasurer and secretary. Ted Lions was approved for chairperson in a 3-2 vote with Granville "Randy" Martin and Jeff Davis opposing, and Lynda Stokes was approved for co-chairperson in a 4-1 vote with Herrera opposing. Brenda Spradlin was approved as treasurer, and Amy Sawyer was voted in as secretary, both in unanimous votes.

Herrera, who nominated Lions for the chairperson position, described the new committee's chairperson as "already involved, is an individual who has lived out here for over seven years, an individual who has been to every council meeting since his residency here."

Mayor Sam White told Lions to make his first report at the January council meeting. The city usually has a fall festival, and White said he'd like to have a spring festival as well.

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without blocking half of a lane," White said. "We're looking at forming these central mailboxes so that they'll have a drive-around off of the street where the mailboxes are more accessible for pedestrians, specifically, and to keep the traffic off of the street from having to go around."

Mayor pro tem Granville "Randy" Martin said during the meeting that centralized mailboxes should include a few parking spots to allow for better access for older

adults, disability-related accommodations for people using canes or wheelchairs and lighting.

Establishing a tree ordinance was also brought up as an effort to "keep as many trees as possible and what we can do to protect the ones that exist there," White said.

Martin said the tree ordinance should exclude trees in the right-of-way where power lines are installed, and trees shouldn't be planted outside a person's property in the right-of-way.

For new developments, White said developers would be given routes to use, and would be responsible for damage to certain "non-approved" roads and for construction and demolition materials, including construction waste.

Mayor Sam White suggested that the Planning and Zoning Commission work on a regulation to prevent parking on streets, especially in terms of ensuring that emergency vehicles can navigate the streets.

## CLEANUP, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1A.

met anyone that has dealt with addiction, they feel like they can't talk to anyone about it because no one understands," she said. "I want people to be aware

that there are a lot of people that understand your feeling. That's the whole point. And so, I thought anything that could bring our community together to be able to show

support for one another is what we should be doing."

Those interested in getting involved with "We ARE our brothers keeper" can connect with the group on Facebook.

## LEGAL PUBLIC NOTICES

### ORDINANCE NO. 2021-O-1014

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**SECTION X.** This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication as required by law, AND IT IS SO ORDAINED. Passed December 16, 2021.

### ORDINANCE NO. 2021-O-1015

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SPRINGTOWN, TEXAS, BY ASSIGNING PLANNED DEVELOPMENT-SINGLE FAMILY 3 (PD-SF-3) ZONING CLASSIFICATION TO 89.1-ACRE TRACT OF LAND SITUATED IN THE J.P. MONTGOMERY SURVEY, ABSTRACT NO. 895 IN THE CITY OF SPRINGTOWN; PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE CUMULATIVE OF ALL ORDINANCES; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION IN THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER; PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR VIOLATIONS HEREOF; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**SECTION VII.** Any person, firm or corporation who violates, disobeys, omits, neglects, refuses, or fails to comply with, or who resists the enforcement of any provision of this ordinance shall be fined not more than Two Thousand Dollars (\$2000.00) for each offense. Each day that a violation is permitted to exist shall constitute a separate offense.

**SECTION X.** This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication as required by law, AND IT IS SO ORDAINED. Passed December 16, 2021.

### ORDINANCE NO. 2021-O-1020

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SPRINGTOWN, TEXAS, BY ASSIGNING PLANNED DEVELOPMENT-SINGLE FAMILY 3 (PD-SF-3) ZONING CLASSIFICATION TO 21.988 ACRES OF LAND SITUATED IN THE L. LEONARD SURVEY, ABSTRACT NO. 815 IN THE CITY OF SPRINGTOWN; PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE CUMULATIVE OF ALL ORDINANCES; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION IN THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER; PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR VIOLATIONS HEREOF; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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**SECTION X.** This ordinance shall be in full force and effect on January 5, 2022, or immediately thereafter following publication as required by law. AND IT IS SO ORDAINED. Passed December 16, 2021.

### NOTICE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR FIRE TRAINING PROPS/EQUIPMENT FOR PARKER COUNTY ESD 1 (Parker County, Texas)

This is notice of a Request for Proposals, Parker County ESD1 ("PC- ESD1") seeks Responses to its Request for Proposals for fire training equipment/props to include air track management, vent over fire, doublewide, and single family residence fire training props. Additional specification information may be obtained from the contact info included in this notice. The PC- ESD1 will select the Proposal that provides the Best Value to the PC- ESD1. Proposals must arrive no later than 12:00PM on January 14th, 2022, at the Parker County ESD1 administration, address listed below. Proposals will be opened at 1:00PM, on January 14th, 2022 at the same location. Specification information can be obtained at, and proposals should be submitted to:

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C/O Stephen Watson  
PO Box 323  
315 Morrow Road, Springtown, Texas 76082 www.pcesd1.com

### NOTICE REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS and REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR DESIGN/BUILD OF PARKER COUNTY ESD1 - FIRE STATION NO. 46 & NO. 47 (Parker County, Texas)

This is notice of a Request for Qualifications AND a Request for Proposals ("RFQ/RFP"). This will be a two-step process. In Step 1, Parker County ESD1 ("PC- ESD1") seeks Responses to its Request for Qualifications ("Qualification Submissions") for the design and construction of up to two fire stations: FIRE STATION NO. 46 and NO. 47 ("Project"). No cost information is to be included in any Qualifications Submission. The Parker County ESD1 will select up to five finalists from the Qualifications Submissions that are properly received. In Step II, the PC- ESD1 will request Proposals for the full Project ("Proposals") from the Finalists selected by the PC- ESD1. The PC- ESD1 will select the Proposal that provides the Best Value to the PC- ESD1. Qualification submissions must arrive no later than 12:00PM on January 21st, 2022, at the Parker County ESD1 administration, address listed below. Qualification submissions will be opened at 1:00PM, on January 21st, 2022 at the same location.

The full RFQ/RFP and the Design Criteria Package are available from the PC- ESD1 at the following address:

Parker County ESD1 C/O Stephen Watson PO Box 323  
315 Morrow Road Springtown, Texas 76082

It will also be made available on the Parker County Emergency Service District 1's website at the following address:

http://www.pcesd1.com

The Fire Chief of Parker County ESD1, Parker County, Texas is designated as the contact person for all inquiries, Telephone inquiries are permitted. The telephone number of the Fire Chief is Stephen Watson, Fire Chief of Parker County ESD1 is (817) 523-7598.

### NOTICE REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS and REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR DESIGN/BUILD OF PARKER COUNTY ESD1 - FIRE STATION NO. 54 (Parker County, Texas)

This is notice of a Request for Qualifications AND a Request for Proposals ("RFQ/RFP"). This will be a two-step process. In Step 1, Parker County ESD1 ("PC- ESD1") seeks Responses to its Request for Qualifications ("Qualification Submissions") for the design and renovation of the FIRE STATION NO. 54 ("Project"). No cost information is to be included in any Qualifications Submission. The Parker County ESD1 will select up to five finalists from the Qualifications Submissions that are properly received. In Step II, the PC- ESD1 will request Proposals for the full Project ("Proposals") from the Finalists selected by the PC- ESD1. The PC- ESD1 will select the Proposal that provides the Best Value to the PC- ESD1. Qualification submissions must arrive no later than 12:00PM on January 21st, 2022, at the Parker County ESD1 administration, address listed below. Qualification submissions will be opened at 1:00PM, on January 21st, 2022 at the same location.

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## SPRINGTOWN SCHOOL MENU

**Jan 3-7, 2022**  
PK through 12th Grade

\*Menus are subject to change.

BREAKFAST PRICES	
EC-12th Grade	\$1.75
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Adult	\$2.25
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PK-4th Grade	\$3.00
5th-8th Grade	\$3.25
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Students may prepay for their meals.

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

**Monday** No school    **Tuesday** No school    **Wednesday** Dutch Waffle, Toast, Variety of Cereal, Fruit, Juice  
**Thursday** Breakfast Stick, Toast, Variety of Cereal, Fruit, Juice  
**Friday** Breakfast Sandwich, Toast, Variety of Cereal, Fruit, Juice

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**PK - 8th GRADE**      **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.

**Monday** No school    **Tuesday** No school    **Wednesday** Steakfingers, Mashed Potatoes, Broccoli, Pear Cup, Roll, Variety Of Milk Offered    **Thursday** Popcorn Chicken, Chili Style Beans, Cucumber & Tomato Cup, Blue Applesauce, Roll, Variety Of Milk Offered    **Friday** Cheese Pizza, Corn Dogs, Fresh Baby Carrots, Green Beans, Apple Slices, Variety Of Milk Offered

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**9th-12 GRADE**      **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.

**Monday** No School    **Tuesday** No school    **Wednesday** Steakfingers, Crispy Chicken Tenders, Mashed Potatoes, Broccoli, Apple, Mandarin Oranges, Roll, Variety Of Milk Offered    **Thursday** Popcorn Chicken, Pretzel Dogs, Chili Style Beans, Cucumber & Tomato Cup Banana, Strawberries, Roll, Variety Of Milk Offered    **Friday** Cheese Pizza Crispy Chicken Sandwich, Fresh Baby Carrots, Green Beans, Pineapple Cup, Blueberries

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# Turning 30... Again.

There was a significant birthday celebrated just a few days ago.

Yeah, that one. The one that changed history. The one that is celebrated around the world. The one that gives meaning to everything.

There was also another birthday celebrated the day before that birthday.

The significance of that birthday was significantly less significant, but it did matter to a small group of people.

Yes, on December 24, 2021 I turned 30.

For the second time.

Holy senior citizen discount! I'm 60!

How in the world did this happen?

In my mind, I'm still a



## BE AMAZING

By Gerry Lewis

Azle resident Dr. Gerry Lewis guides explorers to discover their AMAZING. He is an author, musician, and speaker, and a coach-sultant for individuals, churches, and organizations. More at [www.discoveryouramazing.com](http://www.discoveryouramazing.com).

young buck. As a result, my mind can sometimes write checks that my body can't cash.

I remember—vaguely—the first time I turned 30. I was the young, new(ish) pastor of Eagle Mountain Baptist Church. And it seemed like I gained more pastoral credibility with that birthday.

A pastor in his 30s certainly is more qualified than one in his 20s.

A decade later I hit 40. I

had completed a doctorate and had celebrated 10 years as pastor of EMBC. I was on a roll. More than double the average tenure of Baptist pastors, a post-graduate degree, and in my 40s. I was almost considered wise. The future looked bright.

When I hit 50, I had transitioned into a new ministry working with a network of churches and pastors. Once again, my credibility increased as one whose role was more mentoring and ad-

vising than producing.

But in the back of my mind was this lurking awareness: 50 is halfway to 100. I'm not likely to live to 100 so I'm already on the back side of middle-aged.

About the time I turned 55, I heard that most churches would not call a pastor over the age of 55. Not that I wanted to be a pastor again, but that statistic told me that I was past the point of gaining credibility with each new decade.

Now I'm 60 and people are asking more often when I'm going to retire.

That's a question I'm pondering more frequently even when people aren't asking it.

My much younger sister told me 60 is the new 40.

My slightly younger brother responded that 40 must be getting stinkin' old then. This is the curse of being the eldest.

Another friend told me that I should party like I'm 58. That seemed doable.

All my friends who turned 60 earlier in the year are getting revenge for the harassment I delivered on their respective birthdays. It's been fun.

I figure in a few more years I'll be able to hide my own Easter eggs. In the meantime, I've decided to throw myself a 60th birthday party.

Since my friends were otherwise occupied on Christmas Eve, I'm throwing myself a 60th birthday

bash on January 28th. I'm doing a concert of some of my favorite songs from over 45 years of ministry through music.

If you're reading this, you're invited. You can find more information at [drger-rylewis.com/60thbash](http://drger-rylewis.com/60thbash)

If you're not reading this, never mind.

Here's what I know: my first 60 years has been an amazing journey. I know there are not nearly as many ahead as there are behind, but I'm still looking forward to what's ahead.

Thanks for letting me share the journey with you in 2021.

See you next year.

Be amazing today, my friend.

## Obituaries

### Ronnie Wilson

1952- 2021

Ronnie DeWayne Wilson, 69, passed away, Friday, Dec. 24, 2021 in Decatur.

A celebration of his life will be held, 2 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 6, 2021 at Alexander's Midway in Springtown.

He was born Dec. 12, 1952 in Bridgeport to Jasper and Viola (Smith) Wilson. They both preceded him in death along with his brother, Bill Wilson.

He was a loving husband, father and grandfather. Ronnie loved farming and spending time with his family. He will be dearly missed.

Ronnie is survived by his loving wife, Janet Wilson; daughters, Victoria Wil-



son, Amie (John) Kilgore, Kayla Conway and Tammy Boyles; sons, Dan Wilson, Teddy Hicks, Tim Hicks, Bronc Romero and Jacob Romero; numerous grandchildren, great grandchildren and extended family.

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# Used vehicle prices at record highs, COVID-19 cases spike

## STATE STEPS UP DUI ENFORCEMENT DURING HOLIDAYS

The Texas Department of Transportation has kicked off its statewide "Drive Sober. No Regrets" drunk driving prevention program for the holidays. Throughout the month, TxDOT has released videos of people who deal with the daily consequences of driving while impaired, either as an offender or survivor.

The stories and facts about drunk driving can be found at [SoberRides.org](http://SoberRides.org).

"It is our hope that these moving, first-hand accounts will encourage all of us to make the right choice and not ever drive after drinking or doing anything that can alter our judgment," said TxDOT Executive Director Marc Williams. "We don't want to turn a happy time of year into one that could be marked by tragic loss caused by someone's poor decision to drink and drive."

During the December holiday season last year, there were 2,462 DUI-alcohol related traffic accidents, killing 93 people and seriously injuring 215.

## TEXAS TO DISTRIBUTE ADDITIONAL \$123.3 MILLION IN ED FUNDING

The state will invest an additional \$123.3 million in federal funds provided through pandemic relief legislation.

"The state of Texas remains committed to students and their success in our



## CAPITOL HIGHLIGHTS

By Gary Borders

Gary Borders is a veteran award-winning Texas journalist. He published a number of community newspapers in Texas during a 30-year span, including in Longview, Fort Stockton, Nacogdoches and Cedar Park. [gborders@texaspress.com](mailto:gborders@texaspress.com).

education systems — that includes ensuring parents have an option to send their kids to a high-quality charter school and providing direct support to families with children who have special needs," Gov. Greg Abbott said.

This final round of funding includes money for students with severe cognitive disabilities; charter school grants; financial aid for nursing students; short-term credential training for frontline health care workers; initiatives to improve student enrollment and retention; financial aid programs for higher education; cybersecurity enhancement; and aid for those seeking commercial driver license training.

"For some of our most at-risk students, this significant new round of funding will prioritize getting families across Texas direct access to special education and other targeted supplemental services to support their children's varied educational needs," said Mike Morath, Texas education commissioner.

## USED VEHICLE PRICES AT RECORD HIGHS

The average listing price for a used vehicle topped \$27,000 for the first time, according to a report from

Cox Automotive. A primary reason, according to a story in the San Antonio Express-News, is the relative scarcity of new vehicles because of supply-chain disruptions and an initial drop in demand when the pandemic struck.

For example, Toyota stopped production at all its plants across North America and in Southeast Asia, except for its San Antonio factory. The company had hoped to return to full production in December but has again suspended work at some plants as a shortage of computer chips has stymied vehicle production.

The spike in used vehicle prices has benefitted car owners looking to sell.

"With the way the market is right now, I've seen people make money on their vehicles, especially with diesel. It's crazy," Zachary Gilman, a salesman at the Jordan Ford dealership in Live Oak, told the Express-News.

## COVID-19 CASES SPIKE; OMICRON VARIANT SPREADS

As Texans continue to navigate life during a nearly two-year pandemic, the number of new cases of COVID-19 rose during the past week to 51,479, an increase

of 41% from the previous week, according to the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University. The number of new deaths dropped to 266, a decrease of 44%, however. Researchers have said that while the omicron variant is more contagious than the delta variant that sparked the last wave, its symptoms thus far are not as severe.

The number of lab-confirmed hospitalizations of COVID-19 patients stayed at about the same level as the previous week, with 3,376 reported by the Texas Department of State Health Services.

The number of Texans who are fully vaccinated stood at 16.36 million as of Sunday, which is 56.1% of the state's population. In addition, 4.35 million of the state's residents have received an additional dose, according to DSHS.

## MORE FUNDING FOR OPERATION LONE STAR

The state's Public Safety Office has awarded an additional \$38.4 million in funding to cities and counties along the Texas-Mexico border for law enforcement efforts. That amount doubles the funding provided for those counties since last March.

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- 1 first man
- 5 a LBJ daughter
- 6 TX Rico Rodriguez was on \_\_\_\_\_ "Modern Family" narrow opening
- 7 TXism: "restless as a \_\_\_\_\_ in church"
- 8 TXism: "scarce \_\_\_\_\_ around a hog trough"
- 16 TXism: "quick as \_\_\_\_\_ York minute"
- 18 TXism: "slow as \_\_\_\_\_"
- 21 dir. to Comanche from Junction
- 22 "\_\_\_\_\_ in Peace"
- 23 TX Steve Miller sang "Living in the \_\_\_\_\_"
- 24 TX B.J. Thomas sang "The Eyes \_\_\_\_\_ York Woman"
- 30 high schoolers
- 34 42nd and 44th governor, Bill (init.)
- 35 this TX Graves was TV's "Christy Love"
- 36 TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ it under your hat"
- 37 TX atheist Madalyn Murray \_\_\_\_\_
- 39 the forced removal of someone from their home
- 43 the crowd's \_\_\_\_\_ killed eight people at 2021 Houston Astroworld concert
- 44 Martin County seat
- 45 TXism: "let '\_\_\_\_\_ rip!"
- 46 Texas horned \_\_\_\_\_
- 47 a Mexican name

**DOWN**

- 1 TX Johnny Horton hit & movie theme "North to \_\_\_\_\_"
- 2 in Erath County on U.S. 377
- 3 inadvertent car crash
- 4 light drizzle
- 9 summer necessity in Texas (abbr.)
- 10 TXism for beans in chili
- 11 this Mancz was a center for the Houston Texans
- 12 "\_\_\_\_\_ and shine"
- 13 Houston's pro baseball team
- 14 \_\_\_\_\_ Jo, TX (abbr.)
- 15 Dallas univer.
- 17 days when a lot of Texans don't have to work
- 19 TXism: "got a heart \_\_\_\_\_ Texas"
- 20 Native Americans believed "Enchanted Rock" was this
- 24 Cowboys 5th quar.
- 25 the San Saba is a spring-\_\_\_\_\_ river
- 26 ex-Mav's Tarpley Greek team
- 27 parent whose kids have left the home: "empty \_\_\_\_\_"
- 28 "Mission San Francisco de la \_\_\_\_\_"
- 29 a hardwood some furniture is made of he designed the Texas capitol (init.)
- 31 originally born
- 32 partially reusable spacecraft
- 38 TXism: sticks like tar on \_\_\_\_\_
- 40 TX Tanya's "One Love \_\_\_\_\_ Time" daughter of Craig in 57-down
- 42 Mabank's "\_\_\_\_\_ Library"
- 48 oil countries org.
- 50 UT students have won 88 \_\_\_\_\_ medals
- 51 TX-based 1963 film with Paul Newman
- 56 Andes pack animal
- 57 Craig Coyne to TX George W.: \_\_\_\_\_-law

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## Springtown cheerleaders ready to shine at contests



Cheer captain Brooke Bailey leads cheers at a basketball game.

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**BY JEFF PRINCE**  
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Chrissy Mayo grew up in Springtown, began cheering in the first grade and kept it up through her senior year of high school.

After graduating from Springtown High in 2005, she began teaching at her alma mater and showing new generations of cheerleaders how to succeed at contests and in life.

"It's exciting," she said.

She enjoys watching younger girls take footsteps reminiscent of her own. This year's team of 17 members includes nine seniors, most of whom will hang up their pom poms after contest season ends.

Legend Fishgrab, a senior, began cheering in first grade. She embraced cheer for 12 years and will soon

move to the next phase of her life – college.

"I really don't want to give up (cheerleading), but at the same time I want to take what I've learned from the time and dedication and put it into my schooling," she said.

Her time spent on cheerleading has been immense, she said.

"If you're not willing to put in that much hard work, then you're not going to want to do it," she said. "We have four-hour practices pretty much every other Sunday. If we still aren't ready after those four-hour practices, then we squeeze in more practices on other Sundays that we're supposed to have off. It's a lot of dedication and practice outside of practice."

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Chrissy Mayo, left, and senior Legend Fishgrab discuss contest plans at the Springtown gymnasium.

Photo by Jeff Prince

## Springtown girls fall to top 5 team



Brinklee Dauenhauer passes around a Weatherford Christian player.

Photo by Jeff Prince

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Tuesday's game against the Weatherford Christian Lions was designed to give the Springtown Porcupines a warm-up game after the Christmas break.

The game would not impact the Lady Pines' district record or playoff implications but would give them a chance to re-sharpen their skills and burn off all that pea salad from the holidays.

The girls were wrong if they expected head coach Kyle Sivadon to schedule an easy game for them. He lined up the Weatherford Christian Lions, a top 5 team in Texas in the Class 2A TAPPS league.

Springtown fell behind by 10 points in the first pe-

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Springtown cheerleaders lead the football team onto the field.

Photo by Jeff Prince

At contests, the cheer team performs a three-minute routine that includes three elements – dancing, cheering and fight song. In September, the cheerleaders began working on the three elements of their routine and practiced them during the long football season.

“It’s just taking all three of the elements and mashing them together into one long thing,” Fishgrab said.

In November, the team participated in the regional contest and scored well enough in front of judges to qualify for the national contest, set for Feb. 10-14 in Orlando.

Prior to that trip, however, the girls will compete at the UIL state cheerleading contest Jan. 14 at the Fort Worth Convention Center. Springtown’s team will compete at 1:30 p.m. and learn by about 3:30 p.m. whether it made the finals and will compete again that night.

Fishgrab estimates she has logged about 60 hours of practice on that three-minute routine. Once a routine is established, the tweaking begins. The team heard feedback from judges at regional that prompted changes, which meant more practicing.

“You think you have it perfect, and then you find

out you didn’t,” Fishgrab said. “The judges didn’t like it. So, then you change the entire routine last minute. It takes a lot to just get it perfect. It’s nailing stunts and making sure that the words sound sharp, that everyone is on beat, everyone is doing the exact same motion at the exact same time.”

The squad is eager to match or improve on the success it had in 2019, when it placed in the Top 10 at the state contest. Last year, COVID restrictions meant fewer practices and difficulties in scheduling practices, and the team’s performance suffered.

“I don’t know that we had one practice with everybody,” Mayo said of 2020. “It was hit or miss, but we went for the experience. They did great. But you know, it’s just kind of one of those years.”

This year, the team is ready to make an impression.

“They are cheering from the first beat of music until the last word, and it’s a three-minute jam-packed routine,” Mayo said.

For Fishgrab and others, these final two contests are the culmination of a lifetime spent rah-rah-rahing. The senior credits cheerleading with solidifying her strong



Cheer director Chrissy Mayo delivers instructions to her team during a football game.

Photo by Jeff Prince

work ethic.

“I’ve learned that no matter how much hard work it takes, if it’s what you truly want, you will go for it,” Fishgrab. “Even if it is spending a Sunday cheering for four hours and standing in your room for hours on end after the four-hour practice just trying to make sure that every single thing you are doing is right.”

Fishgrab isn’t planning to cheer in college but is eager to study and do well in life. She wants to work with animals and has a plan to make it happen. She plans to attend college and eventually wants to be a large animal vet.

Cheerleaders are designed to support teams and fire up spectators. When it comes time for them to compete,

however, they seldom have much of a crowd to support them. Typically, their contests are held during school days at far-flung locales.

“It really makes it hard for people to come out and watch,” Fishgrab said. “No one really gets to come out and watch other than family, for the most part.”

The cheer team will be primed for action regard-

less of whether the seats are filled with supporters. The cheer team plans to put on their best showing at state and nationals and hope for the best.

“The entire team is actually really ready,” Fishgrab said. “I know all of our seniors are super excited about it, and a lot of the other girls are.”



Angela Pando is one of nine seniors on this year’s cheer team.

Photo by Jeff Prince



Senior Skylar Holland hopes to make an impact at state and nationals..

Photo by Jeff Prince



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riod and played catch-up for most of the game. They trailed 35-24 at halftime and were behind 54-44 heading into the final period. Then, junior Brinklee Dauenhauer, Caydence Parker and the Lady Pines began forcing turnovers and applied pressure with a full-court press.

With 3:26 remaining in the game, Dauenhauer grabbed a turnover and sprinted down the court to make a layup that put Springtown in the lead for the first time in the game, 60-59.

The lead didn't last, and the Porcupines were down by four points with 1:07 left in the game. By then, however, three Lady Pines, including Dauenhauer, had fouled out.

Makenzee Sessums hit a jump shot to move the Pines within two points, but the Lions clawed their way back and won the game 66-62.

Springtown head coach Kyle Sivadon was pleased that his girls had fared well in their second consecutive game against a top 5 opponents. (Last week, the girls played against Decatur, a top 5 school in Texas for 4A ball.)

"We kept fighting the whole game and kept coming back," he said after the Weatherford Christian game. "I'm proud of the girls. I'm really excited about how far we've come. I felt like our effort was there the whole time against a good team."

A return to district competition looms. Lake Worth is next on the schedule, and the game provides an opportunity: Win, and the Lady Pines push their record to 2-1 and stay on pace with teams fighting for the third and fourth seeds behind district dominators Argyle and Decatur.

Lose, and the Pines fall to 1-2 and miss a golden opportunity to knock off a foe who is winless in district competition so far.

Springtown (5-19) plays at 6:30 p.m. Jan. 4, at Lake Worth (11-14).



Paige Winstead and Makenzee Sessums apply pressure.

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Aspen Andrews inbounds a ball.

Photo by Jeff Prince



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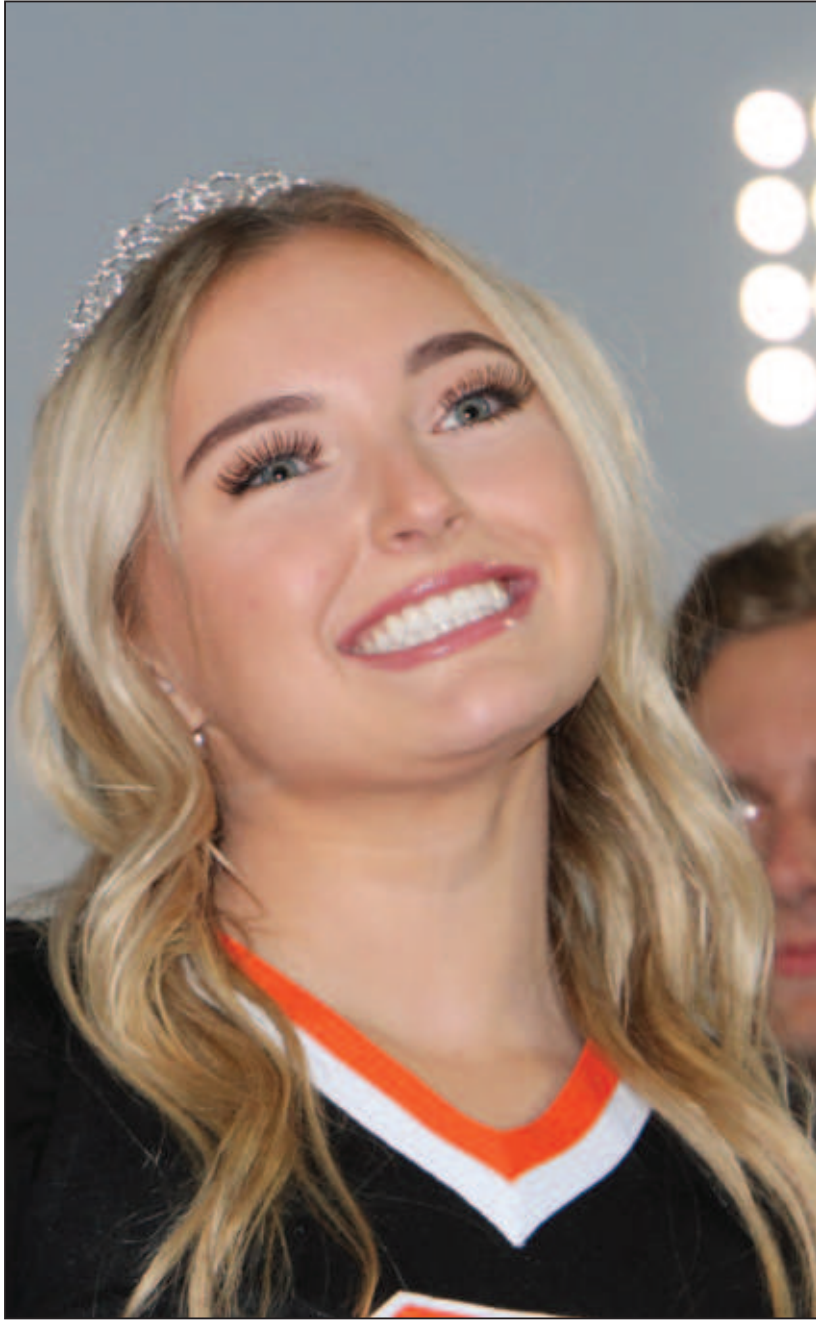
# Game Faces

Top: Haley Fox.

Bottom left: Brooke Bailey.

Bottom right: Maegan Hutchison, left, and Nevaeh Gambrell, right.

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## The Search For Goldilocks Planets

**Hey there! I'm Goldilocks!** You probably have heard my story. I went into the home of the Three Bears and found a bowl of porridge that was not too hot, not too cold, but just right!

Earth is a "Goldilocks" planet. It's neither too hot nor too cold for liquid water, which is a key ingredient for life. Part of what makes Earth just right is its distance from the sun!

Because of my well-known story, scientists use the name Goldilocks to describe a planet that is just right for life as we know it on Earth!

If a planet is **too close** to its sun, it's too hot for life. But if a planet is **too far away** from its sun, everything is frozen. Around many stars there's a **Goldilocks Zone** where there is the potential for water on a planet's surface.

Choose a spacecraft and race against a friend to see who gets to the Goldilocks planet first.

### Are we there yet?

Which Goldilocks planet is the closest to Earth? **Proxima Centauri b** (also called Proxima b) is a planet orbiting in the "Goldilocks" zone of the red dwarf star Proxima Centauri. Discovered in 2016, it is about 4.2 light years from Earth.

Until faster ways of traveling through space are discovered, it would take you a long time to reach Proxima Centauri b from Earth using current spacecraft. How long? Circle every other letter to find the answer.

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Which Goldilocks astronaut is different from all the others?

**Extra! Extra!**  
**Just Right**

Look through the newspaper for pictures and words that reflect your community. What kinds of things make your community a place that is "just right" for living there?

**Standards Link:** Students describe the physical and human geography of their local community.

### Kid Scoop Puzzler

Kepler-16b is a distant planet that exists just outside a Goldilocks zone. It was first discovered in 2011.

Some scientists have given it the nickname Tatooine, Luke Skywalker's home planet in *Star Wars*. Why does Kepler-16b remind them of Tatooine? Use the secret code!

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### Double Double Word Search

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Find the words in the puzzle. How many of them can you find on this page?

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**Standards Link:** Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

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#### Make It Better

Newspapers are called watchdogs of the community, investigating and reporting on things that need changing or improving. Look for an article about something that needs to change in your community and write a letter to the editor.

**Standards Link:** Language Arts: Students write persuasive letters citing evidence.

### Write On!

## Cold Poems

Write a poem about the cold. What's the best part of winter weather? Do you enjoy cold weather or do you prefer the warmer days of spring?

### Kid Scoop Together: Zott or Nott?

Circle all the aliens from the planet Zott using these clues: Aliens from Zott each have at least three eyes, but no more than six. They have antennas, but never curly or wavy ones. Their clothes have stripes, but only vertical ones.

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