



# SISD officials hold public forums for community feedback



Above: Parents and educators discussed various issues related to the Springtown school district during a meeting July 14 at the SISD administration building. Another meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. Saturday. Below: Shannon McCabe makes a point about security during a public forum July 14 at the Springtown ISD administration building. Sitting next to her is husband Daniel McCabe. Photos by Don Munsch

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Safety and security concerns were top of mind for people who attended a Springtown ISD open forum last week.

Both educators and parents attended the forum, held Thursday the SISD administration building. Superintendent Mike Kelley moderated the discussion, and the session on safety lasted around an hour. Kelley also discussed the district's growth and STAAR scores. Another meeting, with information about long-range facilities planning, was held Tuesday night, and residents have another opportunity to attend another meeting, to be held at 7 p.m. Saturday at the administration building.

During a previous meeting on

security, topics such as secured doors and hiring another school resource officer or finding a group of volunteers arose in conversations, Kelley said.

"We didn't build schools as forts, and if we try to make them a little more similar to forts, at the end of the day, those forts are only going to be as strong as their weakest link," he said. "And that's why we talked about having to really coach up the humans who are at the fort to do what they can to make sure (operations run safely)."

Kelley said he wanted patrons to set the tone for the meeting, that they could talk about whatever they thought was the most pressing issue. Patrons heard there would be an influx of funding —

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## Life on the Beat: Springtown Police Explorers perform well at area contest

**BY MADELYN EDWARDS**  
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Local teens studying how to be police officers showed off their skills and brought home some hardware at a contest last month.

Three members of Springtown Police Explorer Post 1340 took home two first place awards and two third place awards at the overnight "Life on the Beat" Youth Cadet competition on June 25-26. Hosted by the Lewisville Police Department, area Youth Cadet and Explorer programs were tasked with addressing staged police-related scenarios and were judged on their performance. Ten teams from seven Texas agencies participated, including Springtown.

Springtown Criminal Investigation Division Sgt. Jamie Oliver said the Springtown Explorers at the contest — Bryson Spikes, 15; Tyler Russell, 15; and Dusty Hilliard, 18 — reported to multiple calls where the Explorers were given a limited amount of infor-



Three members of Springtown Police Explorer Post 1340 took home two first place awards and two third place awards at the "Life on the Beat" Youth Cadet competition on June 25-26. Pictured are Bryson Spikes, 15; Tyler Russell, 15; and Dusty Hilliard, 18, with their award plaques. Courtesy Photo

mation on the calls and had to figure out what was going on and how to handle each scenario. The Explorers received first place for addressing scenarios related to a domestic disturbance and high-risk traffic stop, and they won

third place for addressing calls related to a mental health issue and a narcotics investigation.

Bryson said the most interesting scenario his team responded

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## 'It runs its course'

### Springtown Optimist Club may soon be no more

**BY MADELYN EDWARDS**  
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Yet again, the Springtown Optimist Club is considering dissolution.

Past President Denise Taylor said discontinuing the club was discussed by six members present at the meeting last week. Taylor said no one has volunteered to be president, and the group doesn't have enough members to host fundraising events, such as the pancake supper that the group has held in the past.

The group will meet again at 7 a.m. Aug. 2 at Howell's Western Cafe to discuss the matter further. Mike Gilley, the club's secretary, has been tasked with gathering details about the dissolution process for the Aug. 2 meeting.

The Springtown Optimist Club, chartered in 1983, primarily works to raise money for high school student scholarships and honors two students monthly —

the Young Texan and Texanne.

"The Springtown Optimist Club has been around for almost 40 years with a mission of providing hope, positive vision and bringing out the best in our youth, our communities and ourselves," Springtown Optimist Club President Lila Deakle said. "However, after the COVID pandemic, we saw a sharp decline in participation and membership. We have struggled filling positions on our board and recruiting new and younger members. We really enjoy what we do and it's been a privilege to contribute to our community; however, with most of our members enjoying senior citizen discounts, we are just not what we used to be."

This isn't the first time the Optimist Club has discussed closure. Dissolving was brought up last fall because of similar issues with attendance. The club has tried

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# Springtown-area Neighborhood Ladies Group holds dinner for local firefighters

**FROM STAFF REPORTS**

Leaders from the Springtown-area Neighborhood Ladies Group had a special dinner with local first responders earlier this month at Parker County Emergency Services District 1 in Springtown.

NLG's Fire Department Liaison Lori Silves organized the dinner along with her husband Steve. Silves' son is a firefighter, and she has first-hand experience with victim assistance and support. NLG's Police Department Liaison Tammy Hopkins and her husband Ken also attended as well as Karolyn De La Portilla and her husband Jose, and Suzie Aldridge and her husband Michael.

The firefighters who attended the dinner were Capt. Jordan Sereika, Battalion

Chief Chris Balough, Tommy Bond, Marshall Fowler, Justin Hanley, Patrick Lee and Colton Tibbitts.

The Neighborhood Ladies Group brings Springtown-area women together for various meetups, social activities and volunteer work.

The NLG members are working with Springtown's fire and police departments to better serve the community and connect residents with local resources. NLG members recently helped a local family after a devastating home fire and are honored to be able to support local first responders and neighbors in need. Anyone interested in supporting local first responders can join the Facebook Group "Friends of the Springtown Area Local Responders."



Leaders from the Springtown-area Neighborhood Ladies Group had a special dinner with local firefighters earlier this month at Parker County Emergency Services District 1 in Springtown. Pictured in the front row, from left, are NLG's Fire Department Liaison Lori Silves, Suzie Aldridge, NLG's Police Department Liaison Tammy Hopkins and Karolyn De La Portilla. Back row, from left, are Tommy Bond, Captain Jordan Sereika, Patrick Lee and Marshall Fowler.

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## BOOK REVIEW

# Still plenty to do with kids this summer

BY TERRI SCHLICHENMEYER

Don't look now. No, don't! Because if you do, you'll see that school is starting soon. Summer's more than half over and you haven't done even a portion of the things you wanted to do this summer. You need more bike-riding time. You need more time in the pool and more hours with your friends. You need to check out these three great books, to see what else you might be missing.

Do you know what's in your backyard? Really, down to the dirt? If you don't, then take a peek at "Expedition Backyard" by Rosemary Mosco and Binglin Hu (RH Graphic, \$12.99). It's the story of Mole and Vole and the adventure of a lifetime.

On a series of beautiful days, the two friends travel from their side-by-side

homes on a walk through the woods, in the country, through the city, and around the trees to see what's there. Along the way, there are birds to watch, wildlife to avoid (eek!), and interesting things to study. Written in graphic novel form, this book is great for kids ages 7 to 10 and will prod them to notice what's beneath their feet and over their heads.

It's July, but so what? There's still enough time to plant a small garden and grow some yummy vegetables, and "Seeds in Soil" by Susan Apps-Bodilly (Wisconsin Historical Society Press, \$18.95) will show you how to do it.

Chances are, you've spent a pretty fair amount of time playing in the dirt, but this book tells you how to get dinner by doing it. From knowing your soil and making it perfect, to determining

the kind of garden you want, this book helps kids learn how to garden – but that's not all. There's a few short pages here on putting food up for the winter, a chapter on growing flowers and herbs, your kids will find recipes, and there are projects to do that'll keep them busy all winter long. Though this book is Wisconsin-centric, its information will appeal to eight to 13-year-olds from any geographic area.

And once you've harvested the vegetables, what will you do with them? Find more ideas inside "Ultimate Food Atlas" (National Geographic Kids, \$12.99). Any young foodie will drool over this book, with history, quizzes, and geography inside, and there are all kinds of fast facts that kids love to know. Take your stomach on a trip through each of the continents, learn about the types of

breakfast foods people eat in other lands, find some recipes to try, and read about other kids' favorite desserts. This is one of those books that ages eight to 13 will love to browse – especially if they love to eat.

If these great books don't fill the time for your favorite kid, be sure to ask your local librarian or bookseller. There are so many new books and old favorites that can make this summer the

best one ever – and all you have to do is ask. In the meantime, these three books are absolutely worth a look right now.



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adjusting the meeting schedule to get more attendance by decreasing the number of meetings in a month and switching back and forth from lunchtime meetings to breakfast time meetings.

Members have said that the reason for the attendance issue is that there is a change in attitude and culture among younger people who could be potential members. Taylor said that the younger people are often busy with work or their children's activities and can't spare the time for the Optimist Club.

"Some things we are just not going to be able to compete with," Taylor said. "We thought maybe doing it just once a month would be better, and it hasn't been."

The club currently has 19 members, which indicates a decrease because the club has had to drop members who didn't pay their dues, Gilley said.

Gilley recalled how he previously reached out to members to gather input about the club, but only a handful of them responded to his inquiry.

"Like a lot of things, it runs its course, and that's it," he said. "It was good when we first chartered because we were all young and doing things, busy, had a lot of stuff going on, a lot of things in the city going on that we could contribute to."

The decision on closing the club hasn't been made, but Taylor has a feeling that this is the end of the road for the Springtown Optimist Club.

"I think it will be, I really do, and I hate that," she said. "But you can't do anything with six or eight members that are active."

Later, in an email responding to a question about the possibility of merging with the Azle Optimist Club, Tay-

lor said idea has never been discussed.

"Personally, I wouldn't be in favor of this but that could be an option," she said, adding she would bring up that topic during the August meeting.

Because attendance has been lacking, the club has been unable to host events that fund the student scholarships it gives out.

"We have not been able to host our annual pancake supper for the past two years," Deakle said. "We depend on those funds for our scholarship program. In the past, we have been able to fund at least four \$1,000 scholarships, and this year we were barely able to fund two."

If the club closes, Gilley said the money that the Optimist Club has currently may go to a similar organization in the community and could be used to fund scholarships.

"Then we're still living



The Springtown Optimist Club is considering dissolution. Former President Denise Taylor said no one has volunteered to be president, and the group doesn't have enough members to host fundraising events, such as the pancake supper that the group has hosted in the past.

on, so to speak, but not physically," he said.

If that happens, Taylor hopes that whatever organization that receives the money could continue to honor students every month,

similar to the club's Young Texan/Texanne program that recognized juniors who achieved academic and extracurricular success. Interacting with the kids was always Taylor's favorite part

of the club, she said. "It is a good accomplishment," Taylor said. "It shows that they are recognized by their teachers and staff at the school."

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to at Life on the Beat was the one that involved a failed drug deal and shooting.

"It was two people fighting in a park. We found out later on that there was a drug deal gone bad, and one ran away, shot the other guy. While my teammates were helping the guy that was shot, I found multiple evidence of drugs, shooting," he said. "That one, we probably had the most to do, and that one took the longest."

Bryson was happy with his team's performance at the Life on the Beat contest.

"I think, overall, we did good," he said. "We all three went through it how we were supposed to, got almost all of them correct."

The Explorers prepared for this competition by training and responding to police call scenarios at the Explorer meetings, Oliver said. Teamwork and communication are very important for the Explorers to

tackle scenarios, he said.

Considering that this was only the second tournament that the Springtown Explorers competed at, Oliver seemed proud of what they accomplished. The last competition the Explorers attended was the David Paris Memorial Explorer Competition in April, and they walked away with two second place awards. At both competitions, the teams were short-handed.

"We still didn't know what to expect and exactly what we need to train for," Oliver said.

"To me, they did really good for not knowing what's going on."

Bryson acknowledged that the challenging part of the overnight Life on the Beat competition was at the end when the team became sleepy while tackling their last scenario, which affected their performance. His goals for the next competition are to perform even better and go with a full team next time.

Currently, Oliver said the program has at least six Explorers, aging from 14 years

old to late teens. Being in Explorers teaches kids teamwork and decision-making and gives them an inside look at police work, he said.

"It takes a lot of dedication to do this because a lot of my kids are in band or football, stuff like that, so they still got to take that extra time," Oliver said.

Bryson, who has been an Explorer since last November, has family members who work in law enforcement, so getting to be an Explorer allows him to see

what they go through, he said. Being an Explorer also has given him a head start in police training if he does decide to become an officer, and he said he enjoys running through the police scenarios with his friends.

"It's taught me a lot to be more confident in myself," Bryson said about what he's learned from Explorers. "That's one thing I struggled with was confidence in the beginning. I still struggle with it some and being able to trust what I'm doing."

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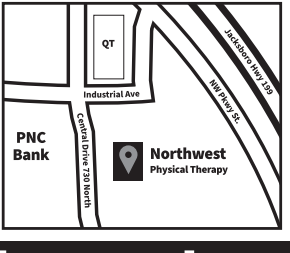
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# Springtown City Council discusses preliminary budget for fiscal year 2022-23

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Springtown City Council discussed a proposed across-the-board pay increase of 5% for city employees at a preliminary budget workshop July 14 for fiscal year 2022-23.

The budget and tax rate for FY 2022-23 are by no means final, and the council will continue to discuss the budget and tax rate before finalizing it.

City Administrator David Miller and Springtown's financial consultant Doug Martella laid out specific initiatives for public safety, animal control and street repair, among other categories, that would be funded through the proposed budget.

As for the 5% pay raise, Miller said the raise for employees helps the city stay competitive while retaining staff, who have been subject to pay-related attrition in the past.

"We want to take care of our employees first," he said while discussing goals for

the upcoming fiscal year. "That has always been our No. 1 priority."

However, the council differed on what taking care of employees should look like in terms of the pay increase percentage. Council member Michele Chandler Kelley advocated for a 6% pay raise for employees, considering "they do work hard for us," she said.

Her fellow council members Ted Martinez and Walter Roberson were unwilling to move past 5%, or at least not until more details about the budget were clarified. Council member Scott Richardson said he'd like to see more growth come in before going up too much on pay. Roberson even noted that a 5% pay increase is rarely, if ever, available in corporate jobs.

"If you walk on water without making waves, you might get 3.5," Roberson said. "If you got 5% in corporate America, you'd jump up and down and clap your hands and click your heels." Miller and Martella said

every 1% the city goes up on salary increases amounts to about \$23,000. Miller said there is room for a 6% increase, but 7% would make the budget too tight financially for the upcoming fiscal year.

"I would give our employees everything we could possibly give them, but I got to look at the entire picture, and the entire picture is, is it financially feasible and can we sustain it long term?" Miller said, adding that he wouldn't want to be in a position where the city would have to revoke the 7% increase in future years.

Miller said he would bring calculations for a 6% pay increase to the next budget meeting on Aug. 1 to better inform the council's decision.

Roberson asked if the pay increase would make Springtown more competitive with surrounding cities. Martella said Springtown is a little behind on salaries compared to other cities in the area, especially as other cities are increasing their

pay as well, but he maintained that Springtown is still "fairly competitive."

"We're not so far away that we're not going to compete," Martella said.

Miller pointed out that particularly with police, most of the agencies in the area that are increasing pay are cities that are much larger than Springtown and can afford to pay more. So, Springtown has to use alternate ways of recruiting, such as through training and incentives, he said.

While Springtown is less comparable to the larger nearby cities like Azle and Weatherford, Martella said that Springtown still may lose employees to those larger cities.

The pay increase isn't the only added expense in the preliminary budget. For the police department, these expenses include, but are not limited to, two new patrol vehicles, more funding for training, safety gear, an incinerator to destroy evidence – like drugs, when necessary – and funding for

the Springtown Police Explorer Post 1340, which is a group for youth who want to explore police careers.

Incentive pay is also built into the preliminary budget for employees who receive intermediate or advanced certifications related to their jobs, college degrees and for employees who are bilingual, Miller said.

Another significant expense would be allocating \$300,000 to repair streets, Miller said. Mayor Greg Hood praised that initiative as an opportunity to show residents that "their tax dollars are going to work for them."

The city is also planning to launch an animal control division, which includes positions and equipment in the code compliance budget, Miller said.

"The nice thing about this overall budget is you get of all that and you get to lower your tax rate (by) almost a penny," he said.

## WATER, SEWER RATES MAY INCREASE

In Martella's preliminary budget report to council, he mentioned a potential 5% increase in water and sewer rates.

This increase would vary based on what services a customer uses and how much they use the services. Administrative Services Director Christina Derr said in-city residential customers who are not designated seniors and use about 2,000 gallons per month would see an increase of \$3.92 per month. The increase would be less than that for senior customers, out-of-city water only customers and in-city sewer only customers who use about 2,000 gallons per month but higher for apartments.

As for the commercial impact, customers who use 5,000 gallons per month would see an increase of \$6.33, Derr said.

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# Reno City Council extends Stage 5 water restrictions

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Reno City Council extended the water Drought Contingency Plan at Stage 5 until all conditions are met for replenishing storage capacity for three consecutive days.

According to a letter dated July 11, the city entered Stage 5 of the Drought Contingency Plan because the water consumption reached at least 90% of the available amount for three consecutive weeks and because the water levels in any of the tanks can't be replenished to capacity for three consecutive weeks.

The letter stated excessive

water usage and lack of rain explained why the city was having trouble keeping the storage tanks full.

At the special meeting on Monday, City Administrator Scott Passmore said that one of the city's wells is out of commission because of a broken pumping motor, and the other wells in Reno's system have slowed down because they're worn out. Passmore said that it will cost \$30,000 to fix Well 6, and the part is expected to arrive in four to five months.

Passmore also said a water main on Quail Run is cracked and is scheduled for repair this week.

Reno is buying water from Azle and Walnut Creek Spe-

cial Utility District during this time. Passmore told the city council on Monday that there were some days that Reno's water tank only had two feet when it normally has 15-18 feet. As of Monday evening, the storage tank was at 11 feet.

"I begged and we pleaded with people to quit watering. They wouldn't do it, so we put them on Stage 5," Passmore said during the meeting.

Stage 5 is an emergency water shortage and is defined by the following restrictions:

- No watering outdoors with sprinklers or irrigation systems.

- No hosing paved surfaces or other impervious surfaces, unless it's to alleviate an immediate health or safety hazard.

- No hosing buildings or structures unless for fire protection.

- No allowance of runoff or other waste, such as failure to repair leaks.

- No washing vehicles, motorbikes, boats, trailers or airplanes.

- No flushing gutters or permitting water to run or accumulate in gutters or streets.

- No filling or refilling indoor or outdoor swimming pools or jacuzzi-type pools.

- No using water in foun-

tains or ponds for aesthetic or scenic purposes, unless it's to support aquatic life.

• No using water from fire hydrants unless for the purpose of firefighting, health, safety and welfare.

The exception to these rules is that the city will allow watering of foundations for house warranties that require that on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m., according to the city's letter.

Those who are caught violating these restrictions are subject to a citation and \$500 fine per incident, Passmore said during the council meeting.

Reno residents are also

being told to boil and cool water before consuming it – drinking, cooking with it and making ice – because of a water line break, low water pressures and mixing of waters. A notice from the city instructed residents to bring water to a vigorous, rolling boil and boil it for two minutes. Residents of Creek Forest do not have to boil water.

Mayor Sam White thanked Azle, Springtown and Walnut Creek SUD for helping supply Reno with water. Mayor Pro-Tem Katie Tucker and Deputy Pro-Tem Hernando Herrera praised Reno staff for their work on trying to fix the water issue.

# Reno Planning and Zoning Commission gives update on centerline platting

BY MADELYN EDWARDS  
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Reno Planning and Zoning Commission on Monday recommended approval of a special use permit located on about 70 acres at 624 S. Reno Road for the construction of a 320-square-foot shed building.

The city council will consider the special use permit at an upcoming meeting.

This request was previously brought to P&Z earlier this year. The landowner's son addressed the commission to answer questions, but the commission decided to table the request until the

landowner, Charles Gappa, could attend the P&Z meeting and provide clarity on the project.

Gappa said at the P&Z meeting on Monday that the shed is intended for recreational uses for his grandchildren and wife, and electricity, air conditioning and a sewer system for restrooms will have to be installed. He said he would not be at the shed on a regular, everyday basis. After the meeting, he listed recreational activities, like fishing and horseback riding, as the land's intended uses.

"I intend to use the property in the proper space of

what the city requirements are," he said. "If hunting is allowed, we can do that. If target practice is allowed, we can do that. If skiing is allowed, we can do that, too."

Gappa said he originally intended to bring multiple trailers to the property for family gatherings, but he is no longer considering that option.

"The options were, do we put a trailer park where I have 10 of my relatives come down with these big bus RVs, which are \$200,000-\$300,000 cost factor for each one of these buses, and park them when

they come down for a reunion? And that seemingly was not an option for you, so I chose not to do that," Gappa said while addressing P&Z. "So, I'm back to the original plan."

Eventually, Gappa said he intends to construct carpools to store vehicles, his tractor and lawn mowers on the property.

The Planning and Zoning Commission voted unanimously to approve the special use permit.

### OTHER P&Z NEWS

The P&Z also voted to table action on a subdivision in the city's extraterritorial

jurisdiction. The subdivision would include 44 one-acre lots near New Hope Road.

P&Z Chairperson Brian Schrader said the commission couldn't approve the plat for the subdivision because of remaining questions about road widths and ingress/egress. He recommended that the commission table the subdivision until the developer could provide more information and clarification from the county. The commission voted unanimously to table the plat.

Schrader also updated the commission on the subdivisions Andy Ranch and Legacy Estates, which the P&Z

had discussed at a previous meeting but tabled because of a debate regarding centerline platting. Centerline platting is when the measurements of the one-acre lots would start in the middle of the road and the available land to build on would be less than an acre.

Schrader sought guidance about centerline platting from Parker County and reported at the meeting that the county's platting office said centerline platting on one-acre tracts is not acceptable. He said the developers went "back to the drawing board" with their proposed subdivisions.

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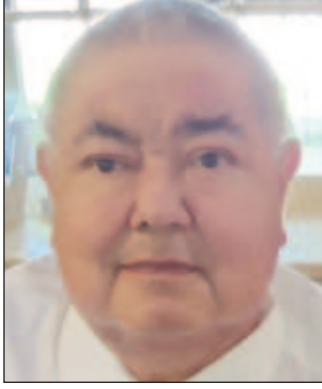
Michael Padilla, age 64, loving husband, father, brother and son passed away peacefully on July 14, 2022 in Fort Worth, Texas.

Michael was born August 14, 1957 in Albuquerque, New Mexico to Teodoro and Olivia Mary Martinez Padilla. He graduated from Rio Grande High School in 1975. In 1976, he enlisted in the US Marine Corps, where he achieved the rank of sergeant before his discharge in 1982. On May 5, 1990, he married his wife, Debby, with whom he had two children he dearly loved. He spent his life working in IT, which provided the means for him to support his family and to pursue his interest in raising thoroughbreds.

Michael prioritized fatherhood, giving all of himself to create opportunity for his children. Over the years, Michael has touched many lives, and he will be missed by all who knew him.

Michael is preceded in death by his parents, Teodoro and Olivia Padilla.

He is survived by his wife of 32 years, Deborah Padilla; son, Patrick Padilla of Springtown, and daughter, Michelle Huff and husband Ryan of Fort Worth; brother, Ted Padilla and wife Jennie; sisters, Rose Mary Montoya and husband Avenicio,



Lillian Picard and husband Pete, and Cecilia Maestas and husband Jerry; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, and friends.

Visitation will be held on Monday, July 25 at 6 p.m. at White's Springtown Chapel in Springtown, Texas, with recitation of Holy Rosary to follow at 7 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Tuesday, July 26 at 9:30 a.m. at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Azle, Texas. Interment will follow at 1 p.m. at DFW National Cemetery in Dallas, Texas.

Flowers are gratefully declined. In lieu of flowers, donations in the memory of Michael may be made in support of the American Diabetes Association. You may make your gift online, by phone at 1-800-DIABETES, or by mail.

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# A trip around the writer's block

## 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.discoveryouamazing.com](http://www.discoveryouamazing.com).



His name was David. I'm going to call him David #2 for reasons that will be clear in a few more lines.

He was two grades ahead of me in school and lived on the corner of 7th and Eric streets. I have only one vivid memory of him.

My best friend was David #1 and he lived two doors down from me in the 600 block of Franklin street. David #1 was also two grades ahead of me but we played together all of the time and he was like a brother.

By that I mean we went from playing to fighting sometimes several times in the same day.

On this particular day, we were all playing together and David #1 and I had one of our frequent fights. He stormed off toward his house and I was left with David #2. I was really upset about the fight and he said something that has proven true for over 50 years since

that day. He said, "Gerry, you're not a fighter. You're a lover."

I was in the 3rd grade. My mom married my stepfather in June after that school year and we moved. Both the Davids moved away at some point after that and I never saw them again.

Why did I begin with that story today?

Because I couldn't think of anything to write about.

But, here's the sequence of thought: I don't know what to write ... writer's block ... around the block ... David who lived on the opposite corner of the block ... a profound observation from an eleven-year-old boy ... well, that was a productive

trip around the block!

"You're not a fighter. You're a lover."

I suppose my people-pleasing, conflict-avoiding, peace-seeking nature was already showing up—despite my frequent fistfights with David #1 and my younger brother, Jeff.

But there was also something in that observation of nine-year-old Gerry that sixty-year-old Gerry has returned to time after time for all these intervening years. And hundreds of people have affirmed it.

I have learned that there are a few things worth fighting FOR—but the list is really short. I prefer words like "advocating"

or "championing" rather than fighting. I'll even go for "defending" as long as we're talking about people.

There is almost nothing I'm going to fight OVER.

I'm not going to suggest that anyone take my approach to life (though I certainly think it's a lot healthier than going around looking for a fight).

What I am going to suggest is that every person reading this should understand who you really are—the unique and amazing you God created—and find a way to live purposefully in that God-given identity.

If I can help people know how much they are loved by God, how much their lives matter, and that I love them and will seek their benefit, then I'm well on the way to living my amazing.

Even if I can't think of anything to write.

Be amazing today, my friend.

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# Raindrops may be falling on my head, but do they fall on everyone else?

I must have been about 6 or 7, and I found myself riding with my dad on the way to my grandparents' house. It was a spring morning as we drove down the highway and I was occupying my time like young people of the age did when they traveled in the car; we looked out the window and observed the world around us.

Naturally, my observations would lead to questions directed at my "all-seeing and all-knowing" father. I never had a doubt he could answer any question I would send his way and the answer would be absolutely, unequivocally correct. There was a great deal of comfort



## FROM MY FRONT PORCH

By Sam Houston

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to have such a source of information so readily available. On that trip, I would ask questions like, "what kind of stuff do they put in silos?" "how come they plant corn in rows?" "why do cars need gas?" and on and on.

The trip continued with Dad answering my many questions and it wasn't long before I noticed the sky had started to change. As I looked down the highway, I

could see the sky had turned very dark. I was young, but I knew this meant it was going to rain. In a few miles, I could see a deluge of rain falling on one side of the highway, but curiously there was no rain on the other side of the road. I was mesmerized! For the life of me, I could not understand how the rain just stopped over one side of the road, but yet was flooding the other side.

"Dad," I asked, "How

does it rain on one side of the road, and it doesn't rain on the other? I thought when it rained it rained all over the whole world!"

My father looked at me in shaken disbelief, like surely, I must not have sprung from his loins. Perhaps I had been adopted?

"No, Sam, it can rain where you are standing and not be raining 10 feet away. Lots of times rain skips all over the place and it certainly doesn't rain all over the world at the same time."

My mouth dropped open. Are you kidding me? I was young and had the impression that whatever was happening in my world, was

happening everywhere. Dad gave his young son a real education that day: Just because something affects you, doesn't mean everyone else in the world is affected the same way.

I was very young so my ignorance about rain is understandable. Unfortunately, there are a lot of grownups in the world who haven't learned that lesson yet, so it seems. Not everyone in the world has the same experiences, and those different experiences mold us to be different people. Experiences give us different perspectives of the world around us.

I am pretty sure a farm boy in Kansas doesn't really

understand what it is like to live in the inner city of Newark, New Jersey. I am equally certain, that "street kid" from Jersey would have no idea of how to milk a cow, nor plant a garden in rural Kansas. It doesn't make one person right and the other person wrong. They simply have different perspectives of the world because of their life experiences. Understanding that differences exist allows us all to live together in peace and understanding.

Thought for the day: We can complain because the rose bushes have thorns, or celebrate because thorns have roses.

Until next time.

## SISD, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1A.

more than \$100 million – for school safety and mental health, with \$50 million for shields. The Texas Tribune reported bullet-resistant shields would be for school police officers, and the second-largest expenditure — \$17.1 million — would be for school districts to buy silent panic alert technology, which allows school officials to alert law enforcement during emergencies. More than \$10 million would go toward mental health.

The \$105.5 million total in funding will support the initiatives through August 2023, Texas Tribune reports. Almost all of the money is coming out of a budget surplus inside the Texas Education Agency, and the story

further reported that Gov. Greg Abbott said almost all funds were being transferred from the TEA surplus and would have no effect on current school operations or funding.

Kelley said it doesn't appear there's going to be too much movement to guide money away from the \$50 million for shields, Kelley said.

"I would prefer that that money be spent on humans," Kelley said, noting money could fund SROs or even harden buildings - i.e., strengthen the security.

In the hour discussion, patrons discussed the shields, safeguarding campuses and training and arming personnel. One discussion point

revolved around whether districts could have private security companies conduct security for schools.

SISD schools currently have Guardians, or campus employees, who have been approved to carry and/or access weapons stored in secure safes after receiving training and completing psychiatric evaluations, Kelley said. The district is not allowed to share how many employees are Guardians or where they work, but Kelley said there's been a higher-level interest recently in Guardians than in prior years. Participation in the program is entirely voluntary, and administrators are not allowed to ask anyone on campus to volunteer to

carry a gun.

Kelley wondered at one point how open the access should be at schools when events are occurring, such as pep rallies and field days. Parents seemed to support the idea that access should remain open for these events. One parent, Shannon McCabe, said parents should be allowed on campus when an awards day is held at the end of the school year.

"There's no amount of prevention that is going to stop these attacks," said parent Chris Miller, agreeing with McCabe and adding that having proper, trained personnel in place and well equipped can better engage the threat and stop the individual as quickly as possible.

McCabe told the Epigraph later that "shutting the schools down with zero entry" is not in the best interest of the students' morale and she would not want to see schools become like detention centers.

Also at the meeting, parents and educators heard about STAAR results, and Kelley pointed to improvements made in the last round of testing and that SISD students bested state scores in many areas. But the state also made strides this year. The test evaluates students in areas involving Approaches, Meets and Masters grade level in testing.

"We didn't have as much COVID lag as most districts

or lot of districts across the state," Kelley said. "A lot of districts had shut down for longer and tons of kids went home. We had comparatively few compared to many districts – kids who went home. So our scores were higher last year compared to a lot of other places, so we're not getting as much credit for gaining ground because we didn't fall back; we didn't see it as much."

Kelley said the district has a lot of work to do in the Masters grade level while also pointing out the areas where students performed well. Parents and educators also discussed career academic paths, or the four-year plan, for students in Springtown schools.

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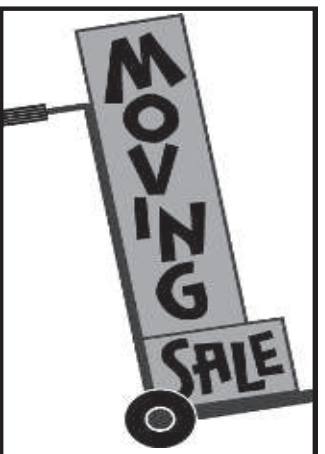
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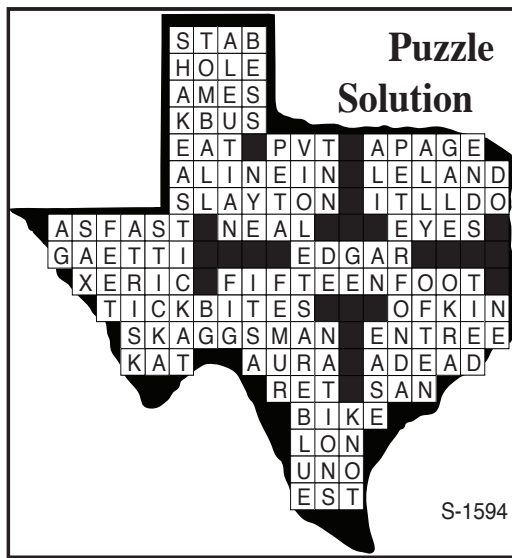
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- TXism: "take a \_\_\_ at it" (try)
- TXism: "dry \_\_\_" (bad oil well)
- TX or IA town
- Paris, TX FM
- TXism: "table graze"
- low mil. rank (abbr.)
- TX Eric Nadel radio feature: "\_\_\_ from Baseball's Past"
- Alamo's Travis drew \_\_\_ the dirt
- international bldg. at Houston airport is named after this U.S. Rep. Mickey
- this "Deke" was an original astronaut
- TXism: "\_\_\_ 'til something better comes along"
- TXism: "he's \_\_\_ as greased lightning"
- actress Patricia of TX-based "Hud"
- they're "upon you" in Texas
- this Gary had last hit (a homer) in old Arlington Stadium
- this Lovett was 1st president of TX Rice University
- fancy word for "dry"
- Great Storm sent \_\_\_ tidal waves over Galveston (1900)
- sources of Lyme Disease (2 wds.)
- TX Patrick Swayze 1989 film: "Next \_\_\_"
- before Jewel Osco ads, consumers knew Jim Meskimen as this (2 wds.)
- chicken-fried steak, e.g.
- Sam Houston State mascot "Bear \_\_\_"
- luminous radiation
- TXism: "\_\_\_ snake can still bite" (be cautious)
- former country music net.
- this Muhammad beat TX Foreman
- "Easy Rider" actor (2 wds.)
- meaning of Indian word "tejas"
- TX Storm of TV's "My Little Margie"
- TXism: "tie up the loose \_\_\_"
- TX poet Naomi Shihab
- "let's \_\_\_ it!"
- Ken Paxton's title
- jazz instrument
- TXism: "got two left \_\_\_" (clumsy)
- rude yankee in a Texas honky tonk? (2 wds.)
- TXism: "\_\_\_ fork in 'em, they're done" (can't win)
- "fleur-\_\_\_lis" once flew over Texas
- American conglomerate
- TXism: "fits like ugly on \_\_\_ ape"
- \_\_\_ Newton cookie
- TX Tanya's "\_\_\_ Cowboy-Lovin' Night"
- leg bone
- TXism: "many a time"
- Texans like it fried
- TXism: "hog \_\_\_"
- LBJ beat this Gold-water for pres. (init.)
- Llano to Dallas dir.
- "United \_\_\_"
- freedom from worry
- TXism: "don't get yer shorts in a \_\_\_"

**DOWN**

- TXism: "more than you can \_\_\_"
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## Nine questions

### Random survey puts Springtown football players to test

BY JEFF PRINCE  
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Kelby Castro, a tall, strapping junior, is a tight end and defensive end expected to become a driving force for the Springtown Porcupines football team this season and next.

Last week, he spent several days helping coach a group of kids who represent the future of the Porcupines. On July 12-14, the annual

football summer camp for elementary school kids was held at the indoor athletic facility at Springtown High School, drawing about 50 participants.

The kids practiced running, catching and tackling and enjoyed a good time with their buddies.

Castro and two of his teammates – sophomore Darren Sweely and junior Logan Murrell – helped the Springtown ISD coaches

herd the kids during the fun-filled three days.

Last year, Sweely was one of just three freshmen to make the varsity. Murrell is determined to forge his mark on the varsity squad this season.

After camp ended, the three athletes were put to the test in a survey of nine random questions.

Why? Why not? It's summer.

#### FAVORITE PROFESSIONAL ATHLETE?

KC: Michael Jordan  
DS: Ezekiel Elliott  
LM: Zach Wilson

#### FAVORITE THING TO DO IN YOUR FREE TIME?

KC: Work out  
DS: Play football with my brother  
LM: Hang out and do things with animals – I used to have show pigs

#### FAVORITE TV SHOW?

KC: "Impractical Jokers"  
DS: "All American"  
LM: "Back at the Barnyard"

#### FAVORITE BOOK?

KC: The Hunger Games  
DS: Anything from Stephen King  
LM: The I SURVIVED book series

#### FAVORITE MOVIE?

KC: "Dodgeball: A True Underdog Story"  
DS: "The Blind Side"  
LM: "Top Gun: Maverick"

#### FAVORITE CARTOON CHARACTER?

KC: Bugs Bunny  
DS: Bugs Bunny  
LM: SpongeBob SquarePants

#### FAVORITE MUSICAL GROUP?

KC: I don't have one  
DS: I don't listen to music that much ... Luke Combs?  
LM: The Beatles

#### FAVORITE SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORM?

KC: TikTok  
DS: Don't use it all that much, but I use Instagram the most  
LM: Instagram

#### WHAT QUESTION DO YOU WISH YOU WOULD HAVE BEEN ASKED FOR THIS SURVEY BUT WEREN'T?

KC: None. Those were all good questions.  
DS: What is the hardest thing about playing on varsity so early (as a freshman)? It's the responsibility and work you've got to put in it.  
LM: How are we going to do in football this year? We've got a bunch of young kids and need a lot of developing.



From left, Kelby Castro, Darren Sweely and Logan Murrell helped coach football summer camp for kids. Photo by Jeff Prince

## SHARKS!

Most people are more afraid of sharks than bees. Yet bee stings have killed more people than sharks! Out of around 500 different kinds of sharks, most are not dangerous. The Great White shark is the most dangerous of all, but hardly anyone sees it. It likes to stay in deep ocean water where most people don't swim.

**Standards Link:** Life Science: Students understand that animals have different external features that help them survive in different habitats.

### Shark Shapes

Sharks come in all shapes and sizes. Some have stripes. Others have spots. Can you list one or more ways each of these sharks is different from the others?

Example: The Leopard shark has spotted markings.

**Standards Link:** Students recognize similarities and differences in common objects.

Match each shark to its silhouette.

**A Light in the Deep**  
Did you know that Lantern sharks have bellies that glow in the dark? To learn more fascinating facts about sharks, take a dive into your local library!

### Nothing but the Tooth

No two kinds of sharks have the same kind of teeth. Scientists can tell what kind of shark a tooth came from just by the way it looks.

To find out what type of shark each tooth came from, unscramble the words.

**Standards Link:** Life Science: Animals have features that help them survive in different environments.

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### Shark Teeth

Use this code to find out more amazing facts about shark teeth.

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Most sharks have \_\_\_\_\_ rows of teeth.

Sharks get a new set of teeth every \_\_\_\_\_ weeks. In \_\_\_\_\_ years, a Tiger shark will lose as many as \_\_\_\_\_ teeth.

**Standards Link:** Life Science: Animals have features that help them survive in different environments.

### Kid Scoop Puzzler

Some sharks eat almost anything! Follow Chomper's trail to find some of the surprising things that have been found inside shark stomachs.

**Standards Link:** Environmental Science: Pollution in the environment can have detrimental effects on animals.

### Double Double Word Search

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

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TIGER										
LANTERN										
DIVE										
AFRAID										

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

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#### Vicious Verbs

Find five sentences or headlines in the newspaper. Replace a verb in each sentence or headline with another that is more vicious. What verb would be kinder? How does a different verb change the meaning of a sentence or headline?

**Standards Link:** Grammar: Identify verbs; use of synonyms.

### Write On!

## Best Family Adventure

Tell about a fun outing you went on with your family.

## HOW TO DRAW A SHARK

# Springtown football camp cultivates future stalwarts



Kaden Castro eyes a tire he is about to tackle during a drill.



Max Harris makes a nice grab during a receiving drill.



Liam Rosamond jumps while trying to deflect a pass.

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Max Harris was one of the youngest participants at Springtown's summer football camp for elementary school kids and one of the biggest and best.

He hopes to become bigger and better by the time he reaches high school. Football camp is one way to hone his skills and make his dream come true.

"We love Springtown, especially the coaches," said Marvin Smith, Harris' grandfather. "The high school football program is awesome."

Currently, Harris plays on a youth association football team. He and his buddies have been looking forward to the camp all summer.

"He has a lot of friends here, and he loves football," his grandad said. "He wants to get better, so this is where he comes to do that."

The camp started at 10 a.m. on July 12, but Harris woke up excited that morning and asked his

grandad to drive him to the indoor facility a half hour early. He arrived early all three days.

"He loves it so much," Smith said. "He wants to be like the high school players. They're all good kids, and he wants to be like them."

## PROUD MOMS

Standing on the sidelines with other parents at the indoor facility was Missy Castro, a teacher and coach at Springtown ISD. She watched as three of her sons made an impact on the field.

Her oldest boy, Kelby Castro, is a junior who is expected to have a break-out season with the Porcupines as a tight end and defensive end.

Her middle son, Kaden Castro, is a second-grader who wants to follow in his big brother's footsteps and showed good form on tackling drills at camp.

Kolyn Castro, a first-grader, is a bundle of energy and remained an active presence during the three-day camp.

Her sons benefit from being at

the camp, releasing pent-up energy and learning valuable skills from coaches, she said.

"It gets them a good start for playing football, teaching them how to do things the right way and getting (them) to interact with the coaches that hopefully one day will be their coaches," she said. "They get coaching from the best, so it's exciting."

Jenny Beasley brought her son, Bryce Beasley, to the camp because he "was begging me," she said.

Last year, Bryce Beasley attended the camp for the first time.

"He loves football," she said. "He wants, like every kid, to be an NFL player one day, but we'll see."

After the final day of camp, the coaches handed out Springtown football camp T-shirts and certificates, and Bryce Beasley was glad to receive them.

He enjoyed the camp and hopes to attend again next year.

"I like it because my friends are here," he said. "Also, I like tackling."



Bryce Beasley works on his receiving skills at summer camp. Photos by Jeff Prince

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