

## Demographic report: SISD to grow by 1,400 students in the next decade

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Springtown ISD will grow by 1,400 students in about a decade if demographic projects hold firm.

Trustees on the SISD board heard a report about the latest demographics at their meeting on July 25. Trent Smith, consultant from Zonda Education, presented the demographic report at the meeting. His company has worked with several area districts, including

Azle, Weatherford, Brock, Aledo, Poolville, Decatur, Eagle Mountain-Saginaw, Northwest and Peaster.

"We work with about 80% of the districts in the DFW market," Smith said.

In a slide presentation, Smith showed information on, among other areas, the district's enrollment history, transfers - both in and out of district - and new housing activity before presenting a graphic that revealed the school district would shoot to 5,468 students in 2031-32

from a projected 4,039 this year, 2022-23. The district's enrollment by 2026-27 is expected to be close to 4,700 students. The district had nearly 3,900 students in the last school year.

"The growth is coming and it's going to continue to move from the urban areas, as we've already seen," Smith said.

Springtown ISD's enrollment increased by 269 students in 2021-22, an increase of 7.4%. From 2016-17 to 2021-22, Springtown ISD

enrollment increased by 411 students, an increase of 11.8%. One conservative forecast showed SISD may enroll 4,400 students by 2026-27 and over 4,800 students by 2031-32.

Some findings from the report:

The district's census rose from 17,533 to 22,896 from 2010 to 2020, a 31% increase, while the total district population of people under 18 rose from 4,494 in 2010 to 5,461 in 2020 - a 22% rise. The number of dis-

trict households rose from 6,327 to 8,263, also a 31% increase. (Percentages are rounded up.) The state's enrollment grew from 5.3 million in 2020-21 to 5.4 million in 2021-22. The total growth was 55,780 students statewide in 2021-22, but there was a drop-off of 122,350 students in 2020-21 from the previous school year.

Average new home price now: \$412,687, up from \$162,947 in 2010, an increase of 153%. Average existing home price now:

\$368,510, up from \$168,947 in 2010, an increase of 118%.

Smith showed where homes are being built in SISD. Currently, there are about 400 homes under construction inside the district. In addition, SISD has over 1,100 vacant developed lots available to build on, and around 500 future lots in the planning stages.

"You've got growth in all parts of the district," he said. "It's not just in one specif-

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## Dig this: Excavating company continues serving area

EDITOR'S NOTE:  
First in a series of stories that highlight the different kinds of jobs people work at in Springtown.

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Flexibility comes in handy when you have children.

It can be a doubly important skill when you also manage a business and homeschool those children.

Mendi Carlson serves as president of Melville Excavating in Springtown. Her children are usually with her at the business, located at 228 W. Highway 199.

"So, day to day, I get up and take care of my kids, we homeschool and come to the office," Carlson said. "I take care of contract work and accounts payable and receivable, payroll. It's different every day."

Her daughter just graduated from high school (homeschool), and then Carlson has two boys who are 12 and 10.

Carlson said her portion of the business has been operating since 2018, but her father, David Melville,

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PHOTOS COURTESY OF MENDI CARLSON  
David Melville, company founder and grandpa to Lennox Melville Carlson (right), moves dirt around.



## Arrest made in Azle shooting case

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An Azle man has been arrested on a charge of murder after he allegedly shot an Azle man Sunday on Texas Highway 199.

Azle police arrested Anthony Bennett, 27, on Tuesday in connection with the shooting of Brian K. Turner, 43, and was given a \$100,000 bond, according to an APD news release. The

Azle Police Department, Criminal Investigations Division is still investigating the offense, and the motivation and specific circumstances leading to the shooting remain under investigation.

On Sunday, just before 12:25 p.m., Azle Police Department officers and Azle Fire Department were dispatched to the 1400 block of Hwy 199 East eastbound in refer-



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Anthony Bennett

## Reno police investigate homicide on Shady Lane

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Reno police are investigating a homicide that occurred in the city last week.

On July 26, Reno police officers were dispatched to a residence in the 1000 block of Shady Lane in Reno and found that 63-year-old Rodney Dale Tallant was dead inside the residence. Investigators were called to the scene because there were indications of violence, accord-

ing to a Reno Police Department news release, and the investigators identified persons of interest.

The Tarrant County Medical Examiner's Office ruled that the death was a homicide caused from a gunshot wound to the head, according to the ME's website.

Reno investigators have contacted the Texas Rangers for assistance in this investigation. Reno police said they will issue more information as it becomes available.



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# JOBS

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started the business David Melville Excavating in 1977 with wife Louise. When he retired in 2018, Mendi and her husband, Jim, took over. Her father is someone Mendi consults with.

“He spends time with my kids and helps out in that manner,” she said.

After her daughter was born in 2005, Carlson took two weeks off work and then started bringing her daughter to the office.

“It may be chaotic for some people if you transition to something like this, but this is all we know,” she said. “My parents ran a business and took care of me, so ...”

She grew up in Fort Worth and Azle, and her family moved to Azle when she was 10. She graduated from Azle High School in 1997. She and her family live in Azle.

## MANAGING MELVILLE

Carlson said customers get personalized care in a professional manner.

Her most difficult part of the job centers on dealing

with the supply issues and fuel costs. The company will bid a job, and then is awarded a contract on it and then by the time the project starts, fuel costs can go up 30%. Material costs also have risen. Scheduling and managing the day-to-day price fluctuations can be challenging.

“We have to look at (cost increases) every day,” she said. “We have to put an expiration date on our bids because things change so fast.”

Having flexibility is the most enjoyable part of owning a business, she said.

“And we’re Christians and we want our business to be successful, but what my dad has always instilled in me from the beginning is having integrity,” she said. “He put together a business that was run on word of mouth and on his honor and put together something that you can be proud of and to work hard and to be a person of your word. Probably my favorite thing is that I can bring my kids to work with me or I can be flexible enough to take the day off and do something with my kids.”

## COMPANY SERVICES

The company performs



Melville’s work has started at the Jack in the Box location in Springtown.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF MENDI CARLSON.

Jim and Mendi Carlson and founder and Mendi’s father David Melville.

primarily new construction, excavation and site preparation and line stabilization.

“Sometimes we do demo, but that’s pretty rare,” Mendi Carlson said. “So, we do a lot of schools right now, municipal buildings, office buildings, medical (buildings).”

Melville Excavating conducts services for both residential and commercial work throughout the Metroplex, with jobs taking personnel to such places as Greenville, Arlington and Denton.

“We love it when we can do something in Azle - it’s nice and close,” said Mendi Carlson, who is the president of the company. Her husband is the vice president and is out in the field almost every day and conducts a lot of scheduling and dispatches drivers and operators. Most of the work Melville performs is commercial.

Melville performed work for the new Jack in the Box restaurant in Springtown, which will be located at the corner of Old Springtown Road and Highway 199.

The company uses GPS machines, and the architects and engineers put together proposed grades where they want the ground to be leveled and how they want water to drain off.

“My husband builds a GPS model and it gets inputted into our system and we grade to a tenth of an inch,” Carlson said.

Melville has 17 employees, and they include truck drivers, equipment operators, an estimator and a mechanic who works on equipment. Four people have been with the company for 20-plus years, and the company has a low turnover rate, Carlson said. People find out about

Melville through word of mouth, but the company also is involved in a lot of bid work.

The duration of a job can be a month to two years. Larger projects can have phases, and Melville can perform a section at a time.

Melville has been at its current location for almost 11 years. The office formerly housed an insurance agency, and the building was constructed in the 1940s. Mendi’s father purchased the current building in 2010. Melville’s equipment, yard and shop are on Azle Avenue in Fort Worth.

The Carlsons are parents of daughter Dylan, 17, and sons Lennox, 12, and Campbell, 10.

The company’s Facebook page can be found here: [www.facebook.com/melvilleinc](http://www.facebook.com/melvilleinc).



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# Springtown moves forward with grant application for park renovation

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Springtown City Council adopted the parks master plan at the council meeting last week and planned to apply for a Texas Parks and Wildlife Department grant to renovate the existing splash pad area.

The council discussed the parks master plan last fall. The plan assesses the city's existing amenities and includes ideas for renovations and new developments for the 33-acre park. The ideas include adding an outdoor amphitheater, a dog park, additional parking, a place for food trucks and renovated playgrounds, among other possible plans.

Dorothy Witmeyer, project

manager and landscape architect for the firm Pacheco Koch, returned to the council meeting last week to discuss the grant application, which offers up to \$750,000 with a one-to-one match. The city's match would come in the form of land acquisitions turned into parkland.

Based on the grant's priorities and scoring system, the city may have a better chance of getting the grant if the city renovates the existing splash pad area, Witmeyer said.

"Splash pads are very popular right now and just a great recreational opportunity for citizens and people in the community," she said. "The other thing that scores really well with it is proximity. There's not really one close by."

In 2019, the city council approved permanently closing the splash pad, which had been closed for three seasons and needed repairs, including a new water recycling system, according to a previous Epigraph article.

"The splash pad as you see it today goes away, and it becomes more of an interactive water feature," City Administrator David Miller said about the splash pad renovation plan. "I call it a dancing fountain type of thing that's controlled by people going up and pushing a button or some type of thing that they can do so it doesn't run continuously."

The water feature would be inclusive of all ages and could include nearby features – such as a butterfly

garden, a playground with music play and additional walkways, among others – that would be usable year-round, Witmeyer said.

Miller said the interactive water feature would be a good compromise between residents who wanted to keep the splash pad and those who didn't. The fountain could be controlled by pushing a button or by the city setting certain operating times.

Miller said running the new water feature would use less water than the splash pad and would cost about an average of \$80,000 per year for water. However, a water feature with a recirculatory system could cost as much as about \$900,000 to build and install. But with a recirculatory system, the city

would only pay about \$5,000 per year in water usage for 10 years. The construction of the fountain park is estimated at \$400,000, Miller said, and if the city opted for a water recirculatory system, that could cost as much as \$500,000.

"It would make sense to go to the recirculatory system, provided we can bid it at a price a lot cheaper than \$500,000," Miller said.

Miller said it would cost about \$40,000 per year in maintenance costs for the recirculatory system. With or without a recirculatory system, he also said the council would need to consider hiring another parks employee to maintain the interactive water feature.

There was some debate

among council members regarding whether to plan for the water feature to include the recirculatory system. Ultimately, the council decided to include the recirculatory system in the grant application. Council member Michele Chandler Kelley was concerned about the effect on the water supply if a recirculatory system wasn't in place, especially considering the demand for water amid housing growth.

"It may be more upfront with the recirculatory, but I'm afraid of the repercussions of not doing the recirculatory, not only for the park and for what we would be treating in the sewer plant but what we would be doing for our water supply overall," Chandler Kelley said.

## Parker County Democrats to meet

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The monthly meeting of the Parker County Active Democrats will be at 6:30 p.m. Aug. 8 in the Strain Room of Weatherford College's Doss Student Center.

Parker County Democratic Chair Kay Parr will report on

the recent state Democratic convention. Local Democrats are also planning for an Aug. 10 appearance by gubernatorial candidate Beto O'Rourke at the Crazy Water Hotel in Mineral Wells.

For information, parkercountydemocrats.org.

## MURDER

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ence to a major accident with possible shots fired. Upon arrival, Azle officers found a man lying in the roadway with injuries. Azle Fire/EMS began providing medical treatment to the man. A CareFlite air ambulance arrived to transport the man to a hospital in Fort

Worth.

The man was riding a motorcycle and was shot by another motorist while traveling on SH 199. Turner, despite the best efforts of emergency personnel and hospital staff, did not survive.

Anyone with information about this incident is encouraged to contact the Criminal Investigations Division at 817-444-3221.



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Azle Police Department personnel work at the scene of a shooting Sunday on SH199. The motorcyclist died later at a Fort Worth hospital.

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**Designated Watering Days and Times:**

- Residential Properties: Wednesdays and Saturdays for even-numbered addresses and Thursdays and Sundays for odd-numbered addresses.
- Nonresidential Properties: Mondays, Tuesdays, and Fridays.
- Restricted watering activities are limited to 8 p.m. to 8 a.m. on designated watering days

**• Irrigation of landscaped areas:**

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- Irrigation by hand-held hose, faucet-filled bucket, < 5 gallon watering can, or drip irrigation system is permitted at all times.

**• Washing of motor vehicles (including passenger vehicles, motorcycles/bikes, boats, trailers):**

- Except at a commercial car wash, use of water to wash any motor vehicle, motorbike, boat, trailer, airplane or other vehicle is prohibited except on designated watering days between the hours of 8 p.m. and 8 a.m.
- Such washing, when allowed, shall be done with a hand-held bucket or a hand-held hose equipped with a positive shut-off nozzle for quick rinses.
- Washing vehicles for the purpose of health or safety, such as garbage trucks, are exempt.

**• Filling of jacuzzis, wading pools, indoor/outdoor swimming pools**

- Prohibited except on designated watering days between the hours of 8 p.m. and 8 a.m.

**• Ornamental Fountains/Aesthetic and Scenic Ponds**

- Prohibited except where necessary to support aquatic life or where such fountains or ponds are equipped with a recirculation system.

**• Restaurants and other eating establishments**

- All restaurants are prohibited from serving water to their patrons except when requested.

**• Other Prohibited Uses**

- Wash-down of any sidewalks, walkways, driveways, parking lots, tennis courts, or other hard-surfaced areas
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# DSHS gets nearly 15,000 monkeypox vaccines

## DSHS GETS NEARLY 15,000 MONKEYPOX VACCINES

The Texas Department of State Health Services has received and distributed 14,780 doses of the monkey pox vaccine to local health departments and DSHS regional offices. Another 27,000 doses could be made available by the Strategic National Stockpile.

The disease causes a serious skin rash with painful lesions and appears to be spreading through direct contact with the skin or saliva of an infected person. The disease is preventable by avoiding skin contact with someone who has the disease.

"Risks include having sex, kissing or hugging someone with monkeypox or sharing cups, utensils, bedding or towels with them," according to DSHS.



## CAPITOL HIGHLIGHTS

By Gary Borders

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Through July 29, a total of 5,189 monkeypox cases have been reported nationwide, with 351 of those in Texas. While certainly painful, monkeypox is very rarely fatal.

### 'URBAN HEAT ISLANDS' EXACERBATE SUMMER TEMPS

It's been hot out there this summer, and cities are recording record temperatures. The Texas A&M Forest Service notes that developed areas often experience higher temperatures than rural areas.

"Areas in these micro-climates of a highly developed city, known as urban

heat islands, can be up to 20 degrees warmer than surrounding areas that are more rural, according to Climate Central, a nonprofit news organization that analyzes and reports on climate science," according to the news release.

Mac Martin, with the forest service, noted planting or saving large expanses of trees in urban areas can go a long way toward cooling temperatures. Mature trees can release hundreds of gallons of water vapor daily through their leaves, cooling the air. Shaded areas can be between 20 to 45 degrees cooler than peak tempera-

tures in unshaded expanses of concrete.

### FIVETEXAS COURTHOUSES GET RESTORATION GRANTS

The Texas Historical Commission has announced \$22.5 million in grants to five counties to aid in preservation and restoration of their historic courthouses. Four of the counties — Hall, Kimble, Upshur and Wise — received construction grants for full restoration. Comanche County received a planning grant that will be used to prepare for a future full restoration.

"We are thrilled to partner with these communities on these critical historic preservation projects," said THC Executive Director Mark Wolfe. "Their dedication to their historic courthouses will pay economic and quality of life dividends for

decades."

Throughout the state, 104 counties have received grants from the THC program, with \$350 million allotted to fund the full restoration of 78 courthouses and smaller grants to assist with planning and emergency needs given to another 26 counties.

### DESPITE RAIN, FIRE DANGER REMAINS HIGH

Scattered rain in the upper Texas Panhandle, the Upper Gulf Coast and East Texas have lessened the fire danger somewhat in those areas, but the risk remains high with temperatures hovering above 100 degrees. There were 14 active wildfires as of Sunday, the largest still being the Chalk Mountain Fire in Somervell County, covering 6,746 acres and 53% contained, according to the

forest service.

With 224 counties now under burn bans, officials are urging landowners to be extra vigilant about preventing fires. The Austin American-Statesman reported a spate of fires in Central Texas in recent days.

"We just want people to have a hyper sense of awareness," Hank Jones, Williamson County Fire Marshal, told the Statesman. "We are so dry just this week alone we had a fairly large grass fire in Jarrell caused by a truck that blew a tire and when the rim hit the asphalt it created a spark that had 20 to 30 acres burning."

Cedar trees can especially cause problems in Central Texas because they drop needles underneath that can quickly ignite. Homeowners are urged to consider limiting the use of cedar trees around their houses.

# Home alone and scared

Dear Frankie,

I always thought humans were overly dramatic when they said they were "overwhelmed." That is until it happened to me.

Several weeks ago, my mom went grocery shopping. Usually, she leaves around 8 a.m. and comes home around 11 a.m. I started to get nervous when she wasn't back by 1 p.m., and by 7 p.m., I was hysterical. I knew something terrible had happened to her. I barked all night to notify our neighbors, but they didn't hear me.

Finally, in the morning, my mom's friend showed up. She told me my mom had been in a car accident, was in the hospital with a head injury, and couldn't talk. I asked, "Why didn't you come yesterday?" She said, "I was at my cabin, and the phone doesn't work there. So, I just got the message about your mom this morning when I got home."

Frankie, isn't there something the dog parents can do



## DEAR FRANKIE

By Geneva Woodruff

Frankie is a rescue dog and an emotional support animal for Geneva Woodruff. Woodruff is a retired educator.

to prevent this from happening to other dogs?

Signed, Piper

Dear Piper,

What a terrible ordeal. I'm so sorry you were alone and frightened for such a long time.

I know what you mean about the humans saying every little thing overwhelms them, like when they can't find their keys or drop a gallon of juice on the floor. Are these events a pain in the neck, sure, but overwhelming? Come on.

Your experience, however, was an overwhelming one. Yes, dog parents can do something to prevent this from happening to their dogs. My mom keeps an emergency card in the glove

compartment. The card says, "In case of an accident, I have a dog who is home alone; her name is Frankie. Here is my home address and the names and contact information for friends to be notified in an emergency. Please note that the card provides two names, so if one can't be contacted, like your mom's friend, there is a backup person.

I am very impressed that you took the time to write about your experience. I'm sure it will motivate dog parents to make an emergency card for their car and ease dogs' minds when they are home alone.

Thanks for writing in Piper and bringing attention to a serious issue that fortunately has a ready solution.

Best, Frankie

## LEGAL PUBLIC NOTICES

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On August 25, 2022, at 7 p.m. the City of Springtown City Council acting as the Zoning Board of Adjustments will hold a public hearing and consider a request for variance for the required front setback Lot 1, Wit Haven Addition, being an addition to the City of Springtown, Parker County, Texas also known as 305 W. Hwy. 199, Springtown, Parker County, Texas. The meeting will take place in the Council Chambers and the Municipal Annex Building located at 200 North Main Street, Springtown, Texas 76082.

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# Worth the wait: Bridge construction to enhance mobility

BY DON MUNSCHE  
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Motorists will notice a smoother drive when the new bridge is completed over Lake Worth.

But the Texas Department of Transportation project is still two years from finish.

The State Highway 199 bridge project over Lake Worth will enhance mobility and safety between FM 1886 (Confederate Park Road) and Hodgkins Road, said Val Lopez, TxDOT public information officer for the Fort Worth District.

"The primary improvement from this project includes the new SH 199 bridge over Lake Worth which will have three lanes in each direction," Lopez said in an email response to questions. "The existing bridges over Lake Worth will be rehabilitated and will serve as the future frontage roads across the lake."

The \$105 million project started in the fall of 2020 and is expected to be complete in 2024. Construction of the previous segment of State Highway 199, between Azle and Lakeside, was completed in early 2019.

"Motorists will experience several phases and traffic switches over the

next two years," Lopez said about the bridge project. "Motorists will have two lanes of travel in both directions - eastbound and westbound - throughout the duration of the project. Occasional closures of one lane in each direction during non-peak travel periods (weekdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. or on weekends) will also be scheduled."

Currently, Lopez said, the project is focused on building the new main lane bridges over the lake and the preparing for building two major drainage culverts on the west side of the project, starting this summer. The bridge construction is making "very good" progress with the milestone of all drilled shafts in the water completed in May. Motorists will see beam and bridge deck panel installation beginning on the east side of the lake, and the first concrete pour of the Lake Worth bridge is scheduled this summer.

Motorists traveling in the project area in the westbound direction are currently on a temporary detour starting just past Hodgkins Road. Traffic patterns are anticipated to change beginning this summer to allow the contractor to build the two drainage culverts across the existing SH 199 main lanes and frontage roads.



PHOTO BY DON MUNSCHE  
Northbound on SH199 at the Lake Worth bridge. The bridge project is still two years from completion.

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ic area. It is a broad type of growth. Highway 51 has something to do with that, obviously. Also, 199 has something to do with that. When you put all that together, you can see growth on all parts of the district. Now the growth is not the same in all parts of the district because in areas that are in town, where

you're on city sewage and water, you can have a little higher density. If it's out in the county, that means it likely has to be a two-acre lot, so that you can have your own well and septic."

He said that situation is happening in other places, as well.

Also at the meeting, during a public hearing, trustees received a report on the state compensatory education program evaluation. Tiffany Cano, direc-

tor of elementary instruction and curriculum, gave the report. The purpose of Springtown ISD's State Compensatory Education Program is to increase the academic performance of students identified as being at risk of dropping out of school, based on the state's eligibility criteria, and those identified as economically disadvantaged, according to information in the agenda packet.

## Epigraph wins several awards at state convention

### FROM STAFF REPORTS

The Springtown Epigraph brought home several awards at the Texas Press Association's Better Newspaper Contest at the TPA's convention over the weekend in San Marcos.

Awards are based on news and sports coverage from 2021.

In addition, the Epigraph finished second in the overall competition in Division 8.

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# Reno establishes water task force

**BY MADELYN EDWARDS**  
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Reno City Council established a water task force to discuss and make recommendations on water infrastructure improvements. Reno's Planning and Zoning Commission recommended the creation of the task force in June, and at the time, P&Z Chairperson Brian Schrader said the group would study the recommendations of engineering studies, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality standards, write grant applications, support council recommendations and assist

the city administrator. At last week's council meeting, Mayor Sam White said the task force would primarily inform the mayor and council on what needs to be done regarding the city's water system, help find resources and keep the council focused. "We've lost focus," White said during the meeting. "We didn't hear what (City Administrator) Scott (Passmore) told us over the years. This tank is going to keep us focused." The task force is expected to include Passmore, Public Works Director Chris Albright, a mechanical engi-

neer, a chlorine expert and Schrader, who is also a civil engineer. At the council meeting last week, Schrader explained that recommendations to improve Reno's water system were made to the council through studies issued in 2019 and 2021. Both reports recommended changing the Reno water disinfection system from chlorine to chloramine to be compatible with water systems in Azle, Walnut Creek and Springtown. The 2021 report recommended replacement of 14 miles of undersized water lines and detailed other deficiencies, such as

pump capacity, pressure tank or elevated storage tank capacity, emergency power requirements and failure at city water hydrants. Schrader did acknowledge that the city has made repairs and brought on additional storage capacity at Pump No. 1, and the city is in the process of collecting quotes to convert the disinfection system to chloramine. "Obviously, a problem that has been allowed to deteriorate for decades with no action will not be solved overnight. After reviewing and studying the reports, I felt the recommendations

had not been accepted or acted on by the city or council to circumvent some of the problems the city is experiencing today," Schrader said. "I suspect much of the inaction is due to lack of funding, but that could be combated, at least partially, through grants, impact fees and possible other sources." Deputy Pro Tem Hernando Herrera made the motion to approve the task force's creation, and the city council unanimously approved it. Afterward, an audience member questioned why the council hadn't acted sooner on water infrastructure. Mayor Pro Tem Katie Tucker

said the budget was a factor as well as the former mayor's control over what appeared on the agenda. "I don't have an answer for you," said Herrera, who was on council when the 2019 report was issued. "Do you want an apology? I'm sorry we didn't move on that, but we worked under the direction of the mayor at the time, who controlled the agenda, and the public works director. Why don't you ask him?" After the meeting, White credited Schrader for his role in the creation of the task force.

## OBITUARIES

### Bobby "Don" Holden, Sr. 1941 - 2022

Bobby "Don" Holden, Sr., was born in Fort Worth, Texas on August 30, 1941 to Jack and Gaynelle Holden. Graveside services were held on Saturday, July 30, 2022 in the Springtown Cemetery. Don attended school in Springtown where he excelled in all local sports. After high school, he received a scholarship to Cisco Junior College playing football. Don returned to Springtown and married his high school sweetheart, Nancy Ellen Sandlin, on September 30, 1961. They lived in Springtown while he finished his bachelor's degree in physical education from North Texas State University. He also received his Master's in the early 70's. During this time they had their three boys, Bobby, Billy, and Brad, and moved to North Dallas, still in the same house after 45 years.



Don is survived by his wife Nancy, his sister and brother Loretta Gay and Roy Dan, his boys Bobby, Billy, and Brad, his three daughter-in-laws Denise, Amy, Missy, seven grandchildren Chris, Kyle, Josh, Callie, Kelsey, Carson, Jake and Jax, two granddaughter-in-laws Carlee and Rachael and four great grandchildren Ellis, Avery, Kyler and Carter.

The Azle News, Aug. 3, 2022 Edition

## UTGCD gives advice on coping with ongoing drought

### FROM STAFF REPORTS

Officials with the Upper Trinity Groundwater Conservation District have compiled resources and recommendations for water well owners during this time of drought. "While the district cannot restrict water volumes of private domestic wells, per our rules, below are ways to keep your well and property safe and maintained until late September when rains is expected," UTGCD officials stated in a news release.

### HERE ARE THE RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Traditional sprinkler heads lose 30-50% of water volumes due to evaporation and wind. Consider watering in the evenings and with soaker hoses to reduce evaporative loss.
- Some residents are encouraged to "water their foundations" to avoid compression or cracking. However, a soaker hose 10-15 inches away for 10 minutes is enough to satisfy those requirements and reduce water loss.

- Consider xeriscaping and native plants for yards, as opposed to the water hungry turf varieties commonly seen in North Texas. Bermuda grass is a non-native plant originally from Africa, and as such receives more precipitation annually than Texas biomes.
- Monitor your well pump. If water levels dip too low, pumps have the potential to burn out overcompensating for volumes they can't produce. Burned-out pumps cost hundreds of dollars to retrieve and repair and can potentially damage PVC casing by excess heat produced. Broken casing in a well compromises the integrity and can lead to contamination.
- Listen to your well pump. Does it sound as though it is "sucking air?" If your well begins to produce large amounts of sediment or bubbles, it is time to let it rest until the water level recovers. Check the water produced by the well in your sinks or bathtubs for a milky color, indicating particulates.
- If water levels stay consistently low in your area, it may be time to move your

- pump. Lowering the pump deeper into the casing may provide access to additional water volumes. However, reach out to a licensed driller in your area to avoid damage or loss of equipment downhole.
- Have you tested your well water lately? Droughts bring out additional sediments and chemicals into well water, and as such you may notice a change in the taste/smell of your water. Testing your well water ensures there are no harmful additives or changes due to drought.
- Do you have a low yield well? Storage tanks will help you meet your water needs, so consider storing water for future irrigation or domestic usage.
- Consider installing a rainwater harvesting system. With potential rain in the forecast over the next several weeks, a single 15-minute thunderstorm can generate thousands of gallons of soft water for irrigation or domestic use if treated. Rainwater harvesting is encouraged in Texas and some materials are even

- tax-exempt.
- Be a good neighbor. The district has fielded numerous calls in the past months about residents using excessive water on their lawns, pooling water in the streets of towns and wells losing pumping capacity across the four counties. With most of North Texas utilizing water from the same aquifer systems, consider your usage and how you can help reduce strain on groundwater systems.
- Take readings of your water levels often. A steel tape with chalk or other easy to use equipment helps produce data that landowners can use to make decisions on their pumping and usage. UTGCD is proud to offer a free monitoring well program for any registered district well users, which provides water levels readings four times a year.
- For more information on conservation practices, contact the Upper Trinity Groundwater Conservation District at the Springtown office at 817-523-5200 or visit uppertrinitygcd.com.

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# The “D” Word

Let's visit about a topic that is crossing people's lips more and more these past few months. DROUGHT!! Actually, the current drought conditions have been making themselves known for at least the past twelve months. But before we go very far here let's make sure that we are all on the same level playing field by defining drought. One such definition states that drought is an event of prolonged shortage in water supply; atmospheric water (precipitation), surface water (runoff and impounded water such as rivers, lakes, and stock tanks) and ground water (well water). Many people are not aware of droughty conditions until their house foundation begins to crack, more especially if their houses are built in/on clay type soils or when their landscaping plants begin to turn brown and die or the price of water from the city or co-op begins to increase. But there are some occupa-



## AG 101

By Jack DeShazo

Jack DeShazo has decades of experience in the agriculture field.

tions that are constantly on the lookout for the next drought, even when it has been pouring down rain for the last two weeks, the lakes and tanks are full and everything is green. Those who are involved in Agriculture try to constantly be prepared for the next drought, because it's coming. At this point I'm going to take the liberty of borrowing a statement from one of President Reagan's speeches when he said "Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction" and change it to "we are never more than three or four months away from a devastating drought." It appears that presently our Washington D.C. leaders are

having a tough time deciding if we are in a recession or not, well I'm not a D.C. leader and we are discussing a different subject than recession but I don't think anyone should have a problem declaring that we are in a drought. Just to give you an idea of how serious the lack of rain problem is currently here are some tidbits of Parker and Tarrant County weather statistics. (See infographic above.) Notice the differences between the two side by side counties. Parker County's weather records are documented at Weatherford while Tarrant County's records are recorded at DFW Airport. Keep in mind that the yearly average precipita-

AVERAGE PRECIPITATION		
Year	Parker County	Tarrant County
2021	33.71"	33.59"
2020	33.77"	43.70"
2019	34.52"	33.08"
2018	40.44"	55.97"
2017	32.33"	36.62"
2014	17.27"	21.32"
2011	25.26"	25.88"
2006	31.30"	27.10"
2005	18.97"	16.84"

tion for Parker and Tarrant Counties is 32-35 inches. For the first six months of this year Parker County has received 6.51 inches of precipitation while Tarrant has collected 12.41 inches. Notice how much catching up we have to do if this dry spell is going to break and we make it to our yearly averages. Just

for the sake of comparison following are a few of recent past years records for our two counties. Obviously, there are differences between years, but also notice the differences between our two counties with the weather recording stations being only approximately 50 miles apart.

In Agriculture one inch of precipitation here and one inch there at the right time can make a huge difference in production. Sitting in Mr. Frank Litterest's Beef Cattle Production class at Texas A&M many years ago I learned that on average one out of every seven years in Agriculture will be a boom year while the remaining six years teeter between average and bust. Obviously, there is a very close correlation between the weather and Agricultural production. And just for the record as of July 28 over 99% of the state of Texas is included in one of the five drought classifications. One of the few areas of the state not included in a drought category is the El Paso area which is usually naturally dry anyway. Go figure! We'll spend a little more time visiting about our dry weather conditions next week. 'til next time.

# Give me a minute to overthink this

Mrs. Sweetie says I need "drive-bys" or "hit-and-runs." That means that I don't like making decisions the first time I hear an idea.



## 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).

It's not that I'm incapable of making immediate decisions; I just don't like it. I need time to process new information, to strategize, to envision, and—to be completely honest—to improve on the idea that came from someone else.

Yeah, that's a struggle. It's not that I don't think anyone besides me has good ideas. That's not the case at all! Some of the best things I have ever done originated with someone else's idea.

It's just that my mind immediately goes into overdrive.

Sometimes that seems like I'm being critical, but that's not really what's happening. Very—and I mean VERY—rarely am I imagining all the things that could go wrong with this idea.

Truly, I'm imagining all the possibilities.

That's a good thing, right? Unless it communicates to the other person that their idea is inferior and I don't value their contribution.

And therein lies the downside of a "visionary" predisposition.

Not only does it cause unnecessary delays, it also risks hindering the growth of people.

And helping people grow into their fullest potential through discovering their own unique purpose and contribution to the world is a major component of my unique purpose and contribution to the world.

I had an assignment a few years ago to compose my "tombstone tweet"—that is, a summary of my desire of how I want to be remembered, in 140 characters or less.

Here's the result: "He helped me discover a vision for the amazing life I could live and then he championed my vision."

Do you see how my "overthinking" can work against this goal?

So, here's the deal: I cannot change my predisposition to process information and envision the possibilities. Nor do I desire that.

I can be sure that I am more focused on people than ideas.

I can immediately respond with something like, "That sounds like a great idea. How can I best assist you with it?"

Here's why I wanted to write about this today: I want everyone to have a greater self-awareness of our strengths and how those strengths can help build stronger relationships and communities.

I also want us to see how we can hinder relationship and community-building if we are self-focused instead of self-aware.

The amazing life for which we are created is not nearly so much a destination as it is a way of traveling. And none of us travels well in isolation.

How are you traveling? What do you need to understand better about yourself? How can I assist you best?

I'd love to hear from you. Be amazing today, my friend.

# Battle of the Badges Blood Drive



**JIM STEVENS | SPRINGTOWN EPIGRAPH**  
The city of Springtown and Carter BloodCare held the third annual Battle of the Badges Blood Drive last week at the Municipal Annex Building at 200 N. Main St. Blood donors cast a vote for either Springtown Police Department or Parker County Emergency Services District 1 to determine this year's winner. This year's winner was Parker County ESD1. Shown here are donor Jabin Burns and worker Danny Norman.

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# Springtown Optimist Club moves to disband

BY MADELYN EDWARDS  
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Members of the Springtown Optimist Club voted this week to dissolve the club.

Eight members attended the meeting on Tuesday morning to vote on the decision, and all of them approved the dissolution. The club, which was chartered in 1983 and raises money for high school student scholarships and honors two students monthly, has been having issues with attendance and participa-

tion of members. Members haven't volunteered to hold officer positions, and the group doesn't have enough members to hold fundraising events.

"We don't have a board, and without that, there's no way to go forward," President Lila Deakle said.

The club has tried adjusting the meeting schedule to get more attendance, decreasing the number of meetings per month and switching back and forth from lunchtime meetings to breakfast time meetings. Club Secretary Mike Gilley

presented the procedures for disbanding at the meeting on Tuesday, which entails notifying the Optimist International Office of the intentions in writing before the end of the month. Then, a 30-day moratorium will take place so that the Optimist governor will have time to investigate the issue for any remaining interest in keeping the club going and report back to the International Office.

The main topic of discussion at the meeting was regarding what the club would do with its remaining funds.

The attendees on Tuesday voted to donate the club money to the Springtown Education Foundation in hopes that it could be used for scholarships.

Springtown ISD Superintendent Mike Kelley pointed out that a named scholarship costs \$500. An endowed scholarship would cost at least \$5,000, and the club is about \$1,300 short of that mark.

City Administrator David Miller said he liked the idea of using the funds for an endowed scholarship, so that the Optimist Club's

contribution could be longer lasting.

"I just like the idea of being able to say that it is an Optimist Club endowment just so that there's a living legacy," Miller said. "Just because we've struggled in the last few months doesn't mean this club hasn't contributed a lot to this community over the years, and I'd like that legacy to live on."

Parker County Commissioner George Conley pointed out at the meeting that he and Gilley, who are charter members

of the club, both witnessed the club's creation and now its end.

"Mr. Gilley poured a lot into this club," Conley said. Gilley called the club's closure "bittersweet."

"It's like, I guess, the passing of a family member," he said. "It happens."

The club will meet for a final time to review the Optimist International report, get a total on remaining funds and award it to the education foundation at 7 a.m. Sept. 13 at Howell's Western Cafe.

## ON FISHING

# Protect against ticks to avoid diseases

Hunting season will be upon us before you know it. Our super hot summer has everyone wishing for some cooler weather and some rain. But summer does not look like it is going to end any time soon and many believe that the hot dry weather may have the insects at bay. Don't be complacent about insect protection. Be prepared and take precautions before you head out to enjoy the outdoors.

Even though this summer is one of the hottest, I do remember the summer of 1980 where we had a record number of days with temperatures above 100. I remember wearing dog flea collars around our boot ankles back then to keep the ticks and chiggers off.

A bite from an infected tick can cause illnesses such as Lyme disease, Rocky Mountain spotted fever and human ehrlichiosis, according to sources for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. Ticks are most anywhere in Texas and most animals will carry ticks at some time. Your pet, hunting dog or a harvested animal may expose them to you. Your pet can also get Lyme disease.

The Lone Star tick, which is common throughout the south and central United States, is apparently the tick in Texas that is likely to carry disease. I am not sure I can



### ON FISHING

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tell the difference, but the Lone Star tick is a larger tick about the size of a watermelon seed. Different species of ticks apparently will stay on animals; however the Lone Star tick readily feeds on human blood.

Lyme disease, which is the most frequently diagnosed tick-borne problem in the country, is a bacterial infection that can cause skin, joint, heart and nervous system problems. Lyme disease usually begins with flu-like symptoms such as fatigue, headache, fever, stiff neck and joint pain. Occasionally, there may be skin lesions or rashes, usually around the site of the tick bite. Spring and early summer usually has the most instances when folks are infected.

Treatment is with antibiotics. Untreated, Lyme disease may result in severe damage to joints, the heart and nervous system. In Texas, several thousand possible cases of Lyme disease have been reported since 1990. Apparently, about 1 to 2% of ticks carries the Lyme disease bacterium.

Both Rocky Mountain spotted fever and human ehrlichiosis can be fatal if not treated quickly. Symptoms resemble flu with high fever, headaches and muscle aches. There also can be a measles-like rash.

Some commonsense prevention tips include treating your pets and yourself before you head out in the outdoors. Staying out of tall brush may help and check yourself frequently when located in areas where ticks are prevalent.

If you do find a tick on your skin, remove it right away. To remove an attached tick, use tweezers to grasp the tick at the skin surface. With a steady motion, gently pull the tick straight out. Do not crush the tick's body. The tick will come out with steady pressure.

A vaccine to protect against Lyme disease is available. Contact your doctor for more information about the vaccine. If you do get any flu-like symptoms after a tick bite, you should get medical attention as soon as possible.



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**NICE FISH:** From left, Betty and Shawn Wood show off their catch of large striped bass from Lake Granbury, taken last weekend.

## FISHING REPORT

Even though I do remember the summer of 1980, I don't remember it being as hot as this summer. Water temperatures at Lake Granbury are from the upper 80s to the low 90s. Water levels are about 2 feet low and will be falling. Striped bass are fair to good on live bait on the lower ends. Largemouth bass to 6 pounds are possible near deeper docks. Sand bass are fair to good and have been schooling near Indian Harbor early. Crappie fishing is excellent on small minnows fished near submerged structure from the bypass bridge upstream. Catfish continue to be good on cut shad near baited holes mid lake.

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# Family Resource Center receives 55 backpacks to be handed out at Sunday's Back to School Bash

BY MADELYN EDWARDS  
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The Parker County Family Resource Center in Springtown received a donation of 55 backpacks filled with school supplies to hand out to local kids.

The July donation came from Ryder System in Roanoke, and the company collects school supply bags to give to its employees annually during the back-to-school season to help them with expenses. After the employees receive school supplies, the company usually donates any remaining supplies to local school districts. This time, the leftover backpacks with school supplies were donated to the FRC.

Ryder System Customer Logistics Manager Andrea "Kaylyn" Cutchen contacted Jeanne Stevens, FRC community alignment coordinator, to donate the backpacks and supplies to Springtown-area kids. Cutchen explained in an email to Stevens that she was inspired to donate to the FRC after reading about it in the Epigraph.

"Being a lifelong resident of Springtown, putting my own five children through the school district and also hosting seven exchange students I decided to donate the bags to the Parker County area," Cutchen said to Stevens.

The supply backpacks are expected to be distributed at the Back to School Bash that starts at 4 p.m. Sunday. It's a collaboration between Hilltop Family Church, Springtown Community Fellowship Church, Legacy Church, Cornerstone Community Church, Springtown First United Methodist Church, Salon 76082, Springtown ISD and the FRC.

"I think it's important anytime we can get all of the churches to work together and give back to the community and love on the community in that way and

show unity among all of us," Hilltop Family Church Youth Pastor Justin Harper said.

This year's event will take place at the Springtown Middle School cafeteria and will include free school supplies, snow cones, haircuts, shoes and food on a first-come, first-served basis. Leftover supplies will be donated to the local schools for children who need them, Harper said.

Harper said that there's a need for financial support within northern Parker County, and the bash is part of meeting that need for families.

"It's just nice to be able to be there and supply that need and then go above and beyond with haircuts, and here's dinner tonight; don't worry about it. And here's a pair of shoes so your kid has new shoes this year," he said. "We're just trying to love on people and help the community as much as we can."

The donation from Ryder System helped motivate the FRC staff to get involved with the Back to School Bash, Stevens said.

"It was exciting to know



COURTESY PHOTO  
Ryder System Senior Logistics Manager Aman Pathak holds two of the backpacks donated to the Family Resource Center in Springtown.



COURTESY PHOTO  
The Family Resource Center in Springtown received a donation of 55 backpacks filled with supplies in July from Ryder System in Roanoke to hand out to local children.



COURTESY PHOTO  
Ryder System in Roanoke donated school supplies to the FRC.

that a local resident saw it in the paper and reached out to us," Stevens said. "We want to pay it forward, and it will also help get our name out there and share about what we do and who we are."

The Family Resource Center focuses on supporting children through age six, and aims to help families navigate resources. The FRC navigator talks with families about concerns regarding pregnancy, child rearing, parenting, child development and resources. Navigators also handle developmental screenings and follow up with families about their concerns and whether the resources provided were successful. The center also aims to help families meet basic needs and provides

group activities for parenting and child development.

People can also donate school supplies or hygiene items for families in need to the FRC, which is open from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Friday at 314 E. Fifth Terrace.

The FRC ordered an additional 200 backpacks and school supplies for pre-kindergartners and kindergartners from the Help Me Grow North Texas organization. If they don't arrive in time for the Back to School Bash, then families can sign up to be notified when the backpacks and supplies arrive at the FRC and come pick them up. Extras will be taken to local elementary schools in Parker County for children in need.

## Kid Scoop

THE AWARD-WINNING PRINT & ONLINE FAMILY FEATURE

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# Jacques Cousteau

Jacques Cousteau introduced people to the beauty of the undersea world.

When he was four years old, Jacques Cousteau learned to swim. Little did his family know that swimming would lead him to a life of adventure, discovery and joy.

One day, while swimming at a beach, a friend gave Jacques a pair of goggles with rubber rims to keep out water. With these, Jacques was able to see fish, shells, plants—a whole new world under the sea.

Find a cup, pencil, glove and hat hidden here!

### Movie Kid

Jacques loved movies. But not just to watch them. He wanted to make them. At 13 years old, Jacques saved his allowance, penny by penny, until he could buy a small home-movie camera.

Then he made as many movies as he could. He liked to dress up as a villain with a painted-on mustache.

Find the two identical mustaches.

How many fish can you count on this page while holding your breath? Have a friend try. Who held their breath the longest?

### Explorer, Moviemaker, Environmentalist

As Jacques Cousteau spent longer periods of time underwater, he could make longer, more informative movies. Soon, his movies were getting attention and awards around the world. People wanted more.

He needed a boat to travel and explore bodies of water around the world. He found a used naval ship and turned it into an explorer's ship.

For the rest of his life, Jacques traveled the world, explored, studied and made films about the wonders of the underwater world.

Sadly, as time went on, Jacques saw underwater plants and animals dying. He saw that when people dumped garbage and chemicals into the ocean, it poisoned the animals and plants he loved so much.

He started to make movies to warn people of the dangers of pollution. His movies have raised money and helped people understand the importance of saving our oceans.

### Kid Scoop Puzzler

Jacques Cousteau's invention of the Aqua-Lung allowed more and more people to explore and enjoy the wonders of the underwater world. The Aqua-Lung would eventually be called SCUBA gear. Today, millions of people worldwide enjoy SCUBA diving.

CROSS OUT THE LETTERS Z AND Y TO REVEAL WHAT SCUBA MEANS:

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### Double Double Word Search

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.

### FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

### Science in the News

Look through the newspaper for an article about scientific developments or research. Find the answers: Who are the scientists conducting the research? What kind of science is involved? How will this help humans?

Standards Link: Cite evidence in text to respond to questions.

### Write On!

## Explorer's Journal

Pretend you are exploring a country you have never visited. Where would you go? Write a journal entry.

### Kid Scoop Together

## How to Draw a Narwhal

Cousteau and his crew saw many unusual creatures on their voyages around the world. Follow the steps to draw a narwhal.

1. Draw an oval for the head.
2. Draw a curved line for the back.
3. Draw a long, thin line for the tusk.
4. Draw a tail.
5. Add details like scales and fins.

Standards Link: Read biographical text.

Standards Link: Use a variety of media including newspapers.



## Guest coach at volleyball camp has deep roots in Springtown



PHOTO BY JEFF PRINCE

Hollie Houston serves a volleyball during a scrimmage at elite volleyball camp.

BY JEFF PRINCE  
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The head coach of the Fossil Ridge High School volleyball team spent three days at the end of July helping teach Springtown Lady Porcupines a few court moves at an elite volleyball camp.

Hollie Houston enjoys the guest coaching stint because it gives her an opportunity to return to her hometown to see her family and friends, including Springtown head coach Leighann Strickland. Houston and Strickland at-

tended Springtown schools together from kindergarten through high school and played volleyball near constantly before they went their separate ways in college.

Houston helps with the elite volleyball camp at Springtown each year because "this is such a good time," she said. "Tons of kids, (and) I know their parents. It's very personal to know the kids and their stories and their histories. Being able to come back and give back is huge for me."

For more than a dozen con-

secutive years, Houston has helped Strickland teach the elite camp, which is geared toward the program's top players.

The Porcupines bring back fond memories for Houston. She and Strickland were the only two freshmen to make the varsity volleyball team in 1995.

"We were always on every team together," Houston said.

They graduated in 1998 without ever losing a district

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PHOTO BY JEFF PRINCE

Ryan Jennings, a first-year coach from Poolville, will coach seventh graders.

## Springtown kids determine whether volleyball is their passion

BY JEFF PRINCE  
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On July 25, Iva Ploughman attended her third sports camp of the summer.

The third time was charmed.

The fifth grader had tried soccer and softball camps earlier, with mixed results.

"I like soccer, but volleyball is funner to me because it's my passion," she said. "I didn't really like softball. It wasn't my thing. Soccer is fun, but there were a lot of boys, so it wasn't that fun."

She felt most at ease in the Springtown High School gymnasium knocking around volleyballs.

Her grandmother, Tami Slate, said all three sports were new to Ploughman.

"She just decided she wanted to do sports," Slate said. "Her mom is letting her try different things to see which ones she likes the best. This is her last camp of the summer."

On the first day of volleyball camp for third to fifth graders, the girls practiced the basics with softer, lighter beach balls that are easier to hit. After a while, they switched to volleyballs.

"Her mom used to play volleyball, and she thought she might like it," Slate said.

Ploughman loved volleyball the best.

"I'm going to keep doing it and try to come back next year," she said.

Before the camps began, Ploughman had spent much of the early part of summer



PHOTO BY JEFF PRINCE

Iva Ploughman practices her serve.

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# JOBS

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started the business David Melville Excavating in 1977 with wife Louise. When he retired in 2018, Mendi and her husband, Jim, took over. Her father is someone Mendi consults with.

“He spends time with my kids and helps out in that manner,” she said.

After her daughter was born in 2005, Carlson took two weeks off work and then started bringing her daughter to the office.

“It may be chaotic for some people if you transition to something like this, but this is all we know,” she said. “My parents ran a business and took care of me, so ...”

She grew up in Fort Worth and Azle, and her family moved to Azle when she was 10. She graduated from Azle High School in 1997. She and her family live in Azle.

## MANAGING MELVILLE

Carlson said customers get personalized care in a professional manner.

Her most difficult part of the job centers on dealing

with the supply issues and fuel costs. The company will bid a job, and then is awarded a contract on it and then by the time the project starts, fuel costs can go up 30%. Material costs also have risen. Scheduling and managing the day-to-day price fluctuations can be challenging.

“We have to look at (cost increases) every day,” she said. “We have to put an expiration date on our bids because things change so fast.”

Having flexibility is the most enjoyable part of owning a business, she said.

“And we’re Christians and we want our business to be successful, but what my dad has always instilled in me from the beginning is having integrity,” she said. “He put together a business that was run on word of mouth and on his honor and put together something that you can be proud of and to work hard and to be a person of your word. Probably my favorite thing is that I can bring my kids to work with me or I can be flexible enough to take the day off and do something with my kids.”

## COMPANY SERVICES

The company performs



Melville’s work has started at the Jack in the Box location in Springtown.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF MENDI CARLSON.

Jim and Mendi Carlson and founder and Mendi’s father David Melville.

primarily new construction, excavation and site preparation and line stabilization.

“Sometimes we do demo, but that’s pretty rare,” Mendi Carlson said. “So, we do a lot of schools right now, municipal buildings, office buildings, medical (buildings).”

Melville Excavating conducts services for both residential and commercial work throughout the Metroplex, with jobs taking personnel to such places as Greenville, Arlington and Denton.

“We love it when we can do something in Azle - it’s nice and close,” said Mendi Carlson, who is the president of the company. Her husband is the vice president and is out in the field almost every day and conducts a lot of scheduling and dispatches drivers and operators. Most of the work Melville performs is commercial.

Melville performed work for the new Jack in the Box restaurant in Springtown, which will be located at the corner of Old Springtown Road and Highway 199.

The company uses GPS machines, and the architects and engineers put together proposed grades where they want the ground to be leveled and how they want water to drain off.

“My husband builds a GPS model and it gets inputted into our system and we grade to a tenth of an inch,” Carlson said.

Melville has 17 employees, and they include truck drivers, equipment operators, an estimator and a mechanic who works on equipment. Four people have been with the company for 20-plus years, and the company has a low turnover rate, Carlson said. People find out about

Melville through word of mouth, but the company also is involved in a lot of bid work.

The duration of a job can be a month to two years. Larger projects can have phases, and Melville can perform a section at a time.

Melville has been at its current location for almost 11 years. The office formerly housed an insurance agency, and the building was constructed in the 1940s. Mendi’s father purchased the current building in 2010. Melville’s equipment, yard and shop are on Azle Avenue in Fort Worth.

The Carlsons are parents of daughter Dylan, 17, and sons Lennox, 12, and Campbell, 10.

The company’s Facebook page can be found here: [www.facebook.com/melvilleinc](http://www.facebook.com/melvilleinc).




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## GUEST

FROM PAGE B1

game in volleyball. "It was fun growing up, just in general, but it was fun to be able to compete with her, too," Strickland said. "Volleyball has just been our thing that is kind of the center of us and keeps us held together and coming back to see each other." In the mid-1990s, Springtown was a Class 3A school that had won a district title for a dozen consecutive years. The teams played under Cari Lowery, who is currently athletic director at Copperas Cove ISD. "She was an incredible coach, and there are lots of us that came from that class that are doing coaching jobs," Houston said. In their junior years, Houston and Strickland began competing against other Class 4A schools. "Once we got with the big dogs, it was a little bit differ-

ent story, but we were still pretty competitive," Houston recalled. The Lady Pines made it to the regionals in the playoffs to cap Houston's junior and senior years. This year's Porcupines look competitive, as well, she said. Strickland "has an incredible future," Houston said. "Her younger kids — eighth and ninth graders — are super solid. They graduated some good players this year, but there are other players here that are ready to step up." Seeing her friend and former teammate at camp each year makes Strickland feel better about the upcoming season. "It's nice to have her come back and have some fresh eyes on the kids to put them in different spots and different courts and run different drills with them," Strickland said. "It's always nice to have somebody else's opinion about your kids that are playing."



PHOTOS BY JEFF PRINCE  
Brinklee Dauenhauer is poised to become the kill shot queen in Springtown.



Hollie Houston played volleyball and other sports with Springtown head coach Leighann Strickland from kindergarten through high school.

# SPRINGTOWN Game Faces



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 6 Santa \_\_\_\_\_, Texas  
 7 "\_\_\_\_ an old cowhand from the Rio . . ."  
 8 money machine (abbr.)  
 9 torment  
 15 Kick \_\_\_\_\_ Indian Reservation is in Maverick County  
 16 place of refuge  
 19 TXism: "never look a gift \_\_\_\_\_ the mouth" (appreciate)  
 21 distinguishing characteristic  
 22 prepared something  
 27 TXism: "chrome dome"  
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 29 lately, one buys Texas crude \_\_\_\_\_  
 30 TXism: "disappointed as \_\_\_\_\_ with a rubber chicken"  
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 4 TX Robert \_\_\_\_\_ was Secretary of Commerce for TX George W.  
 8 TXism: "two peas in \_\_\_\_\_" (alike)  
 9 TXism: "he's right (often "Tejas") \_\_\_\_\_" (big eater)  
 10 TXism: "frisky as \_\_\_\_\_ unsaddled horse"  
 11 noted A&M football coach: \_\_\_\_\_ Slocum  
 12 TX McArdle painted "Dawn \_\_\_\_\_"  
 13 TXism: "\_\_\_\_ 'nuff"  
 14 apt. assn. in the Alamo City  
 15 TXism: "got \_\_\_\_\_ big as Texas" (kind)  
 16 farm storage tower  
 17 old spiritual: "Down to the \_\_\_\_\_ Pray"  
 18 former Mexican state: "Coahuila \_\_\_\_\_" (often "Tejas")  
 20 "to \_\_\_\_\_ his own"  
 22 Texas singer Orbison (init.)  
 23 Limbaugh's net.  
 24 high tennis shot (2 wds.)  
 25 TXism: "honest as the \_\_\_\_\_ long"  
 26 TX Dan Jenkins book: "Life \_\_\_\_\_ self" (1984)  
 28 beer keg valve (2 wds.)  
 31 TX-born Martin film: "All \_\_\_\_\_"  
 34 this physicist was smart enough to be a Texan (init.)  
 35 cheerleaders org.  
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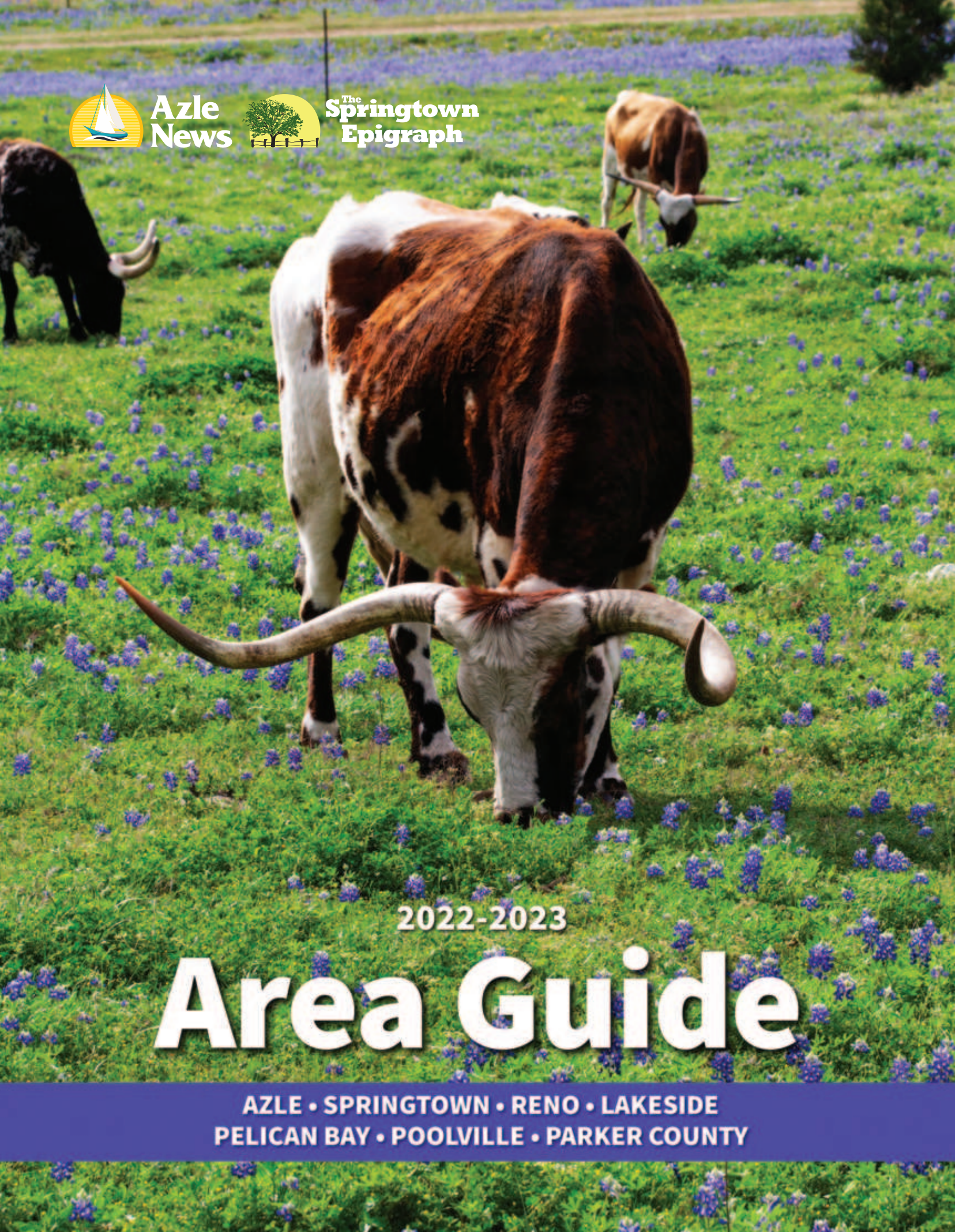




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# Calendar of Events

## MARCH

Annual Awards Banquet

## APRIL

Sporting Clay Shoot

## AUGUST

Annual New Teachers Back to School Luncheon

## SEPTEMBER

Wild West Festival

## OCTOBER

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## DECEMBER

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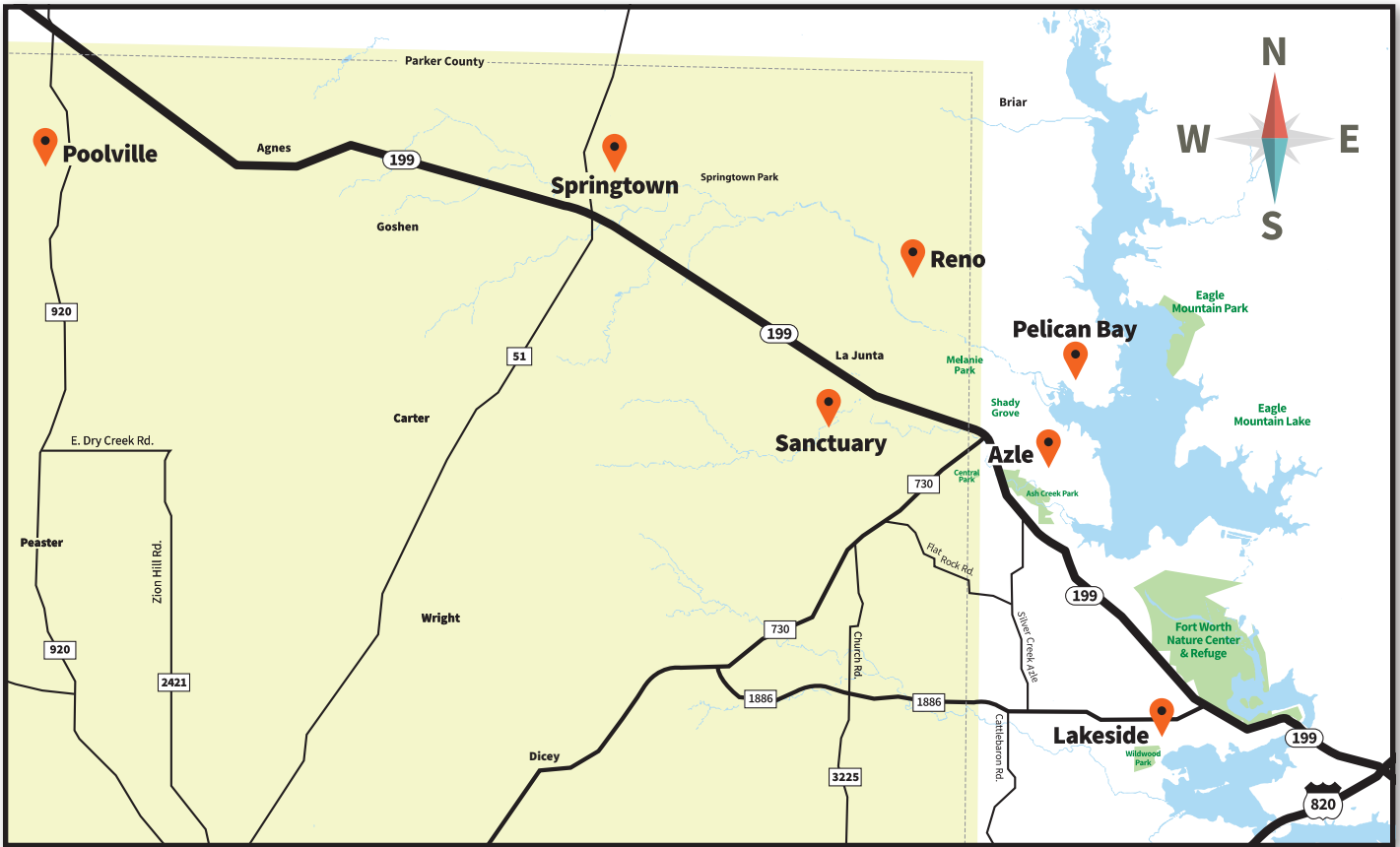
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Welcome to the Azle-Springtown area. We're happy to have you in our community, whether you're a new resident or visitor seeking knowledge about this part of North Texas.

We at the Azle News and The Springtown Epigraph are pleased to bring you the 2022-23 Area Guide, which seeks to inform readers on a number of aspects of living here. This part of North Texas is special, boasting a beautiful lake, museums, outstanding school districts, plenty of parks and welcoming residents.

Speaking of residents, many people are now making Azle and Springtown their home. Azle and Springtown are growing, and leaders from local city governments are taking a proactive approach to meeting the demands of their growing cities. Many housing developments are going up in both Azle and Springtown. The Azle ISD will have open a new elementary campus in fall 2023.

Our Area Guide brings you information about local cities, which are close to all the advantages and cultural and entertainment options of larger cities in the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex.

Besides the positives of living in Azle or Springtown, one will find Reno offers rolling pastures and a rural setting, while Lakeside has all the waterfront people could want between Eagle Mountain Lake and Lake Worth. Poolville, Sanctuary and Pelican Bay all have something to offer, as well.

Azle and Springtown both have state-recognized school districts with outstanding athletic programs and fine arts programs. Most sports teams from both cities' high schools made the postseason in 2021-22, and Springtown High School's One-Act Play competed at state in spring 2022.

Enjoy your time here, whether you're just passing through or making it your new home. We hope you enjoy the Azle-Springtown area.

Don Munsch, Editor  
*Azle News/The Springtown Epigraph*

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The Christmas on Main Street event is held at 404 W. Main St. and the Azle Historical Museum on the first Saturday in December.

## AZLE FESTIVALS

### STING FLING

The Sting Fling festival is an all-day event held on the second Saturday in September. Sting Fling boasts many festivities such as the 1K Family Color Run, a parade, wiener dog races, car show, petting zoo, and live entertainment. Food and other vendors will be located all along Main St. and at 404 W. Main St.

### CHRISTMAS ON MAIN STREET

The Christmas on Main Street event is held at 404 W. Main St. and the Azle Historical Museum on the first Saturday in December. It's hosted by the Azle Chamber of Commerce with assistance from several other community organizations. The festivities consist of photos with Santa, tree lighting, live entertainment, a car show and children's events.

### MUSIC IN THE PARK

Free music every Friday night during May and June brings hundreds of people to Central Park. Concerts are held at the amphitheater in Central Park, 263 W. Main St., next to the library, offering a wonderful opportunity for family and friends to gather and listen to an enjoyable evening of music and entertainment.

### FOLLOW THE FLAG

Follow The Flag is hosted by the Azle Area Ministerial Alliance on July 4 in Central Park. The event consists of Christian music, free food and drinks and family-friendly entertainment. Follow The Flag is free to the public and concludes with a fireworks show.



Follow The Flag is hosted by the Azle Area Ministerial Alliance on July 4 in Central Park.

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# City of Azle Government



## Azle City Council

Members of the Azle City Council are, front row, Stacy Peek, Mayor Alan Brundrett and Mayor Pro Tem Randa Goode and, back row, Derrick Nelson, Amy Estes, Rouel Rothenberger and Brian Conner.

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### MAYOR

Alan Brundrett

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Randa Goode

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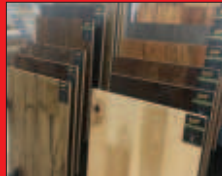
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## CENTRAL PARK

Located at 263 W. Main St., this 28-acre park offers volleyball court, basketball court, a pickle ball court, a covered playground, a gazebo, a skate park, walking trail, pavilion, picnic tables and an amphitheater. The park hosts community events such as Music in the Park and Follow the Flag each summer. The gazebo, pavilion and amphitheater are available for rental.



Central Park hosts community events such as Music in the Park and Follow the Flag each summer. PHOTO BY JIM STEVENS

## MELANIE PARK

A small, 3-acre park located at 122 S. Melanie Drive offers a ball field, playground and picnic area.

## SHADY GROVE PARK

Set on the shore of Eagle Mountain Lake at 1000 Stribling Drive, this 31-acre park

offers free public use fishing dock, boat ramp and trailer parking, and a swimming beach with picnic tables. Additionally, there are three lighted softball fields available for rent, a large pavilion, picnic area, lighted tennis courts, a volleyball court and a children's playground, all surrounded by shaded walking trails.



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Azle ISD Superintendent Todd Smith stands with members of the Azle School Board, who are, from left, Sarah Bennett, Jeff Edwards, Ray Lea, Bill Lane, Brenda Reed, Jeremy May and Tim Brown.

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# Azle Area Chamber helps local businesses thrive

The Azle Area Chamber of Commerce is a 501 c(6) nonprofit organization that brings together area businesses, local professionals and community members with the goal of seeing growth and success in the wide variety of businesses that serve Azle.

Executive Director Jennifer Herrington, Administrative Assistant Julie Preston and the Chamber Board of Directors bring community members and businesses together through numerous networking opportunities like monthly luncheons, business after-hours events, and annual fundraiser events where members can come together to network, socialize and talk business in a casual setting.

The chamber helps members increase their visibility by sponsoring these community events throughout the year. The chamber also shares members' social media posts to help boost their reach around the community and posts business tips with ideas to help businesses continue to grow and succeed.

The Chamber Ambassador program is another way for businesses to become involved with the chamber and out in the community. Right now, the chamber has 25 ambassadors who volunteer at community events and go out to support local businesses.

Each February, the chamber hosts an annual awards banquet to recognize the hard work that business owners put into the community.

The annual Chamber Clay Shoot takes place in the spring. In the summer, members form teams and come together for the annual golf tournament at Cross Timbers Golf Course.

The annual Sting Fling event takes place



Azle Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Jennifer Herrington, left, and Julie Preston, administrative assistant, serve the community by partnering with local businesses and professionals.

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every September in Azle on Main Street, followed by Small Business Saturday in November and Christmas on Main Street in December.

This year, Sting Fling will be Sept. 10 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The family-friendly event kicks off with a parade starting at 9 a.m. on Main Street. The Weiner Dog Derby starts at 10 a.m. and the Classic Car Show at 11 a.m. at 404 Main Place. Vendors will be set up starting at 9 a.m. along Main Street.

When the community attends Sting Fling, they can enjoy delicious food and beverages from local vendors, shop boutique and handmade items, and take

part in family-friendly activities along Main Street.

The Azle Area Chamber Board of Directors includes President Kim Ware; Vice President Marcy Pinkston; Treasurer Debbie Bunero; and directors Dena Hall, Jack Stevens, Elizabeth Salvatore, Michael Wright, Regina Stokes and Jim Stevens. Ex-officio members are Azle city manager Tom Smith; Azle ISD superintendent Todd Smith, and Chief Operating Officer at Texas Health Harris Methodist Hospital of Azle, Tonya Sosebee.

For more information about the chamber, visit [www.azlechamber.com](http://www.azlechamber.com), or call 817-444-1112.





### Sting Fling

The Sting Fling festival is an all-day event held on the second Saturday in September. Sting Fling boasts many festivities such as the 1K Family Color Run, a parade, wiener dog races, car show, petting zoo and live entertainment. Food and other vendors will be located all along Main St. and at 404 W. Main St.



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# Eagle Mountain Lake

Eagle Mountain Lake spans across 8,694 acres with Azle sitting just on the edge. The lake is available for recreational uses such as fishing, skiing, boating, and relaxation.

There are several parks bordering Eagle Mountain Lake. The City of Azle owns Shady Grove Park that features a free public beach and swimming area with picnic tables, fishing dock, and a boat ramp with trailer parking for public use.

Twin Points Park opened in 2016 and is located on the south end of Eagle Mountain Lake. For an entry fee by the carload, you'll enjoy a sandy beach area, with volleyball and covered picnic pavilions.

Twin Points also offers boat ramps and docks, plus individual boat slips for picking up passengers. The swim beach is open from Memorial Day to Labor Day and the boat ramp open year round.

Eagle Mountain Park is located on the east side of the lake and offers numerous hiking trails with captivating views of the lake.



Patrons soak up the sun at the popular Twin Points Park located at 10000 Ten Mile Bridge Rd.



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An advertisement for NBT Bank Local. The background is a scenic landscape with a large, brown and white speckled longhorn cow in the foreground. The text is overlaid on the image. In the top left, "BANK LOCAL." is written in large, bold, blue letters. To the right, there is a logo consisting of a blue outline of the state of Texas with a white star in the center, followed by "NBT" in large, bold, blue letters. Below the logo, the website "www.nbt.bank" and the phone number "817.759.9001" are listed in red. Further down, the address "405 Commerce Street Azle, TX 76020" is written in blue. In the bottom right corner, there is a logo for "Member FDIC" and "EQUAL HOUSING LENDER" with a house icon.



# Azle Senior Center

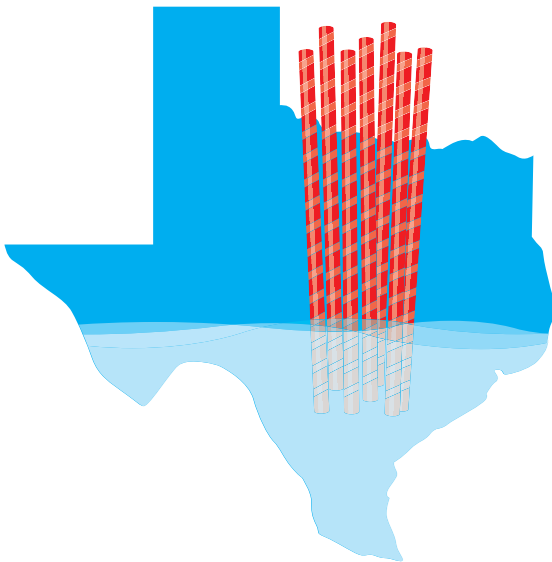
The Azle Senior Center provides folks 60 and over with a gathering place at the B.J. Clark Community Center to get out and socialize during the week. Activities include bingo, crafts, games, classes, exercise, bible study and live bands. Hot lunches are available at 11:30 a.m. on weekdays for a suggested \$2 donation. Call by 9:30 a.m. to reserve a plate!

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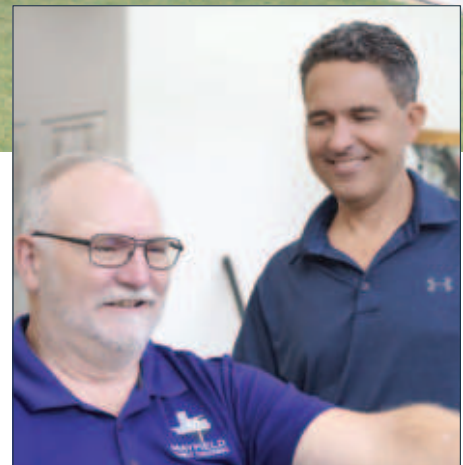
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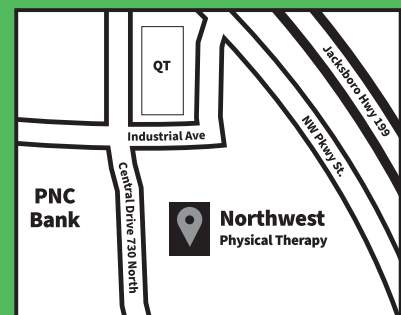
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## SPRINGTOWN FESTIVALS

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### CHRISTMAS PARADE AND TREE LIGHTING

In December of 2019, Springtown held its inaugural Christmas parade along with its annual lighting of the Christmas tree. The city plans to continue these traditions each year on the Sunday after Thanksgiving.

### SPRINGTOWN HOP & SHOP

Held the weekend prior to Easter on Saturday. Includes photos with the Easter Bunny, bounce houses, candy and toy-filled eggs along with prize eggs for children. Adult prizes are awarded based on businesses visited during the event.

### WILD WEST FESTIVAL

On the third Saturday in September, the Springtown Area Chamber of Commerce holds Springtown's largest event. The all-day festival includes a parade, BBQ cookoff, live entertainment, vendors, a children's area and a rodeo show featuring bullriding.

### SUMMERFEST ON THE SQUARE

The event is held by merchants each year on the square. It features vendors, live entertainment, activities for kids, disc golf demonstrations and a car and motorcycle show. Summerfest takes place on the first Saturday of June.



### Springtown Hop & Shop

Held the weekend prior to Easter on Saturday. Includes photos with the Easter Bunny, bounce houses, candy and toy-filled eggs along with prize eggs for children.



### Wild West Festival

The all-day festival includes a parade, a barbecue cook-off, live entertainment, a children's area, and a rodeo show featuring bullriding.



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# Springtown Parks & Recreation



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The 33-acre Springtown Park features a playground, soccer and baseball fields, sand volleyball courts and disc golf.

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Springtown ISD Superintendent Mike Kelley, left, stands with school board trustees Gary Veazey, Chris Gilley, Rick Beall, Tootie Hall, Damon Liles, Mark Bryant and Jay Grubis. COURTESY PHOTO SPRINGTOWN ISD



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# Springtown Chamber helps the community while partnering with local businesses

The Springtown Area Chamber of Commerce understands that developing strong, meaningful relationships with business owners and community members is the key to creating a thriving town.

That's why the Chamber, under the leadership of Executive Director Amy Walker, hosts several events throughout the year to foster those relationships.

The third Saturday in September is the usual date for the Wild West Festival, which begins with a parade and ends with a thrilling bull-riding competition. There's also live music under the Square's Tabernacle, children's activities, arts and crafts, booths, puppet shows, rides and a sanctioned barbecue cook off that's sure to knock your socks off.

Some vendors have maintained a spot at the festival for over 20 years, which just goes to show how ingrained the Chamber has become in the community.

The annual Clay Shoot in April also offers camaraderie and competition. Then, there's the New Teacher Luncheon in August (sponsored by local churches), which welcomes new educators to Springtown ISD and our community, and the All-American Bike Rally in October, which is open to bikers of all abilities.

These events help raise money for chamber operations and fund scholarships for local students.

The fourth Thursday of most months is set aside for a catered member luncheon, which gives members an opportunity to hear speakers with years of expertise and network with others in the community. Area vocational students

are also honored at the luncheons. The chamber also hosts an annual awards banquet that recognizes the stars of Springtown.

At Christmas, the Chamber puts on an angel tree program that collects gifts for young and old alike. The gifts are hand-delivered to ensure that all have a happy holiday season.

Walker and Administrative Assistant Marcia Garcia are part of a team that includes a 20-member board of directors.

The goal of the Springtown Area Chamber of Commerce is to help further the interests of small businesses while helping the community.

Think of your chamber as a business partner. As a member, you will have countless opportunities to spotlight your business.

For more information, call 817-220-7828. The office is located at 112 South Main St., right on the Square. Stop by anytime or visit [www.springtown-chamber.org](http://www.springtown-chamber.org).



Front Row (left to right) - Damon Liles, Dr. Robert Moss, Director Amy Walker, Dr. Larry Murphy, Administrative Assistant Marcia Garcia

Back Row (left to right) - Paige Pearson, Carolyn Rocha, Bill Hughes, Julie Lambert, President Jennifer Conway, Kim Ware, Second Vice President Mary Harms, Dene Berry, First Vice President Judy Ray, David Miller, Monica Kirk, Tootie Hall

Not pictured - Denise Taylor, David Ward, Pastor Gary Veazey, Debbie Ray-Wilson, Jim Nielsen, Mike Kelley, Brandon Conway



# City Services

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### SPRINGTOWN AREA SENIOR CENTER

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The center is available for rental for family reunions and various meetings.

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Police Chief Cres Salazar

### SPRINGTOWN FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire protection and suppression in Springtown is provided by Parker County Emergency Services District 1.

### VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT STATION 48

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### SPRINGTOWN ANIMAL CONTROL

Animal control in Springtown is handled through a contract with the Parker County Sheriff’s Office. For animal control issues, call the Springtown police Department, and they will dispatch a county animal control officer. Animals are held 1-2 days before being transferred to the Parker County Animal Shelter. The Springtown Police Department can be contacted at 817-220-0828.



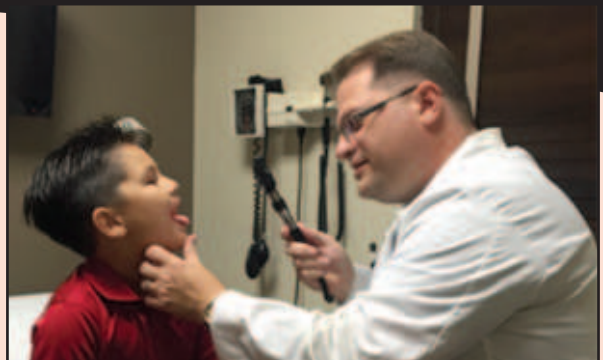
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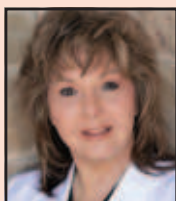
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# Springtown has something for everyone

A thriving business community, innovative school district and historic town square mesh seamlessly to make Springtown a place that about 3,300 people are happy to claim as home.

First settled in the mid-1800s, Springtown was originally named Littleton Springs. A petition drawn up in the 1870s changed the name to Springtown.

The open-air tabernacle in the center of the downtown square has been designated officially as a historic monument. Live music performances and even an occasional revival fill the benches under its roof, and the tabernacle is the centerpiece for several community events, including Summerfest, Wild West Festival, Old-Fashioned Christmas, vendor events and car shows.

A beautiful 33-acre park with lush grass and mature trees is another Springtown treasure. The park boasts soccer and baseball fields, sand volleyball courts and disc golf. A walking/jogging trail that winds through the park passes dinosaur tracks in a creek bed.

In the words of Mayor Greg Hood: “The City of Springtown encourages a community spirit that makes it the best place to live, work and play in Parker County. Springtown’s unique position in the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex helps to make the city’s motto ‘Where Country Meets Living’ a reality for our residents.

“Our city has something for everyone, especially as we continue to grow. Parker County’s population is set to explode in the coming years as more and more residents and businesses look to locate further away from the heart of the Metroplex. The city council and city staff are working to ensure that the city receives the highest-quality growth possible. We will continue to build a foundation of pride and community spirit that our citizens and visitors deserve.

“As mayor, I am committed to working with our citizens, staff and all the stakeholders to ensure Springtown remains the best city, not only in Parker County but in all of Texas. I invite you to come and explore our heritage and see why we love our city.”



The Springtown Tabernacle, officially designated as a Texas historic landmark in 2017, offers a new water feature in front.



A walking/jogging trail near the Walnut Creek Disc Golf Course passes near dinosaur tracks that were found in a nearby creek bed.



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3,056

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**MAYOR:**  
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Scott Passmore

**CITY HALL:**  
195 W Reno Rd., Azle TX

**WEBSITE:**  
[www.renotx.gov](http://www.renotx.gov)

**NEWSPAPER OF RECORD:**  
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## City of Reno Government



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### CITY HALL

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### CITY ADMINISTRATOR AND DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

Scott Passmore

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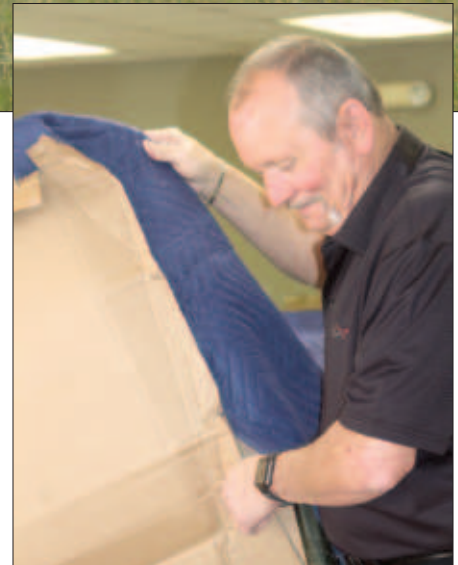
Businesses are few, and that's just how the residents like it.

A one-acre minimum size for new residential buildings is aimed at preserving the wide-open spaces and green fields of Reno.

A part of the Springtown ISD, the town has a soft spot for its own Reno Elementary School, home of the Rockets.



Above: A young calf in a meadow in rural Reno. Right: Scott Passmore moving food pallets.



City Hall, located at 195 West Reno Road, is also the home of Our House, a food pantry that requires nothing of its patrons but a signature. The pantry, a venture of City Administrator Scott Passmore, has been so successful that it regularly distributes its excess food to other charitable organizations in the area.

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Dr. Robert Moss

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Dr. Moss believes in serving his community as well as his clients. He is active with the Springtown Chamber of Commerce and hosts the annual All-American Bicycle Rally.

MOSS Rehab also hosts free monthly workshops for the community that focus on healing and wellness.

The next workshop will be Saturday, Aug. 13, at 10 a.m. and focuses on shoulder pain and how to stop it without injections and harmful drugs.

Another workshop will be held at 10 a.m. Sept. 10 for men and women over 65 to learn how to stay out of a nursing home without risking health, safety or independence.

For more information about treatment plans, deep tissue laser therapy or upcoming workshops, call 817-220-6677, or visit [www.SpringtownPhysicalTherapy.com](http://www.SpringtownPhysicalTherapy.com).



# Town of Lakeside Government

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Lakeside City Councilmembers are, from left, Rona Stratton Gouyton, Wesley Hearn, Mayor Patrick Jacob, Chris Ayers and Amy Robinson. PHOTO BY JIM STEVENS

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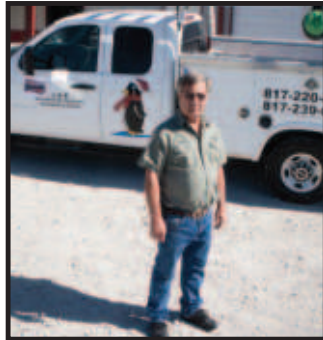
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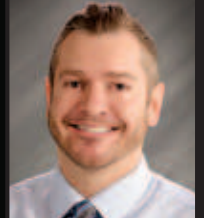
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**Squiggly Park**

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# City of Pelican Bay Government

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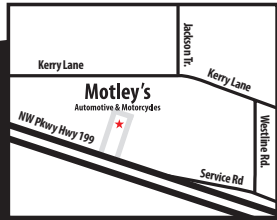
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Northwest Physical Therapy is a private practice outpatient physical therapy clinic in Azle. It was established in 1986, and in May 2021, Wall took over ownership of the clinic.

After 24 years of practicing physical therapy, Wall – who is a 1991 graduate of Azle High School – returned to his hometown to continue his career. Prior to coming back to Azle, he spent the past 11 years practicing physical therapy in and around Comanche.

“The diversity of working in rural Texas allowed me to treat many different types of patients,” Wall said. “I am very fortunate and proud of my career in that I have worked in just about every setting possible from hospital acute care, in patient rehab, nursing homes, home health and outpatient physical therapy.”

Wall added, “My experience sets me apart from a lot of other therapists because it taught me to take a holistic approach when treating patients of a variety of ages and diagnoses.”

Northwest Physical Therapy treats patients of all ages with an emphasis on pre- and post-operative orthopedic rehab, back rehab, neurologic/stroke rehab, balance and fall prevention and sports injuries.

Wall said the success of the clinic is undoubtedly because of his staff. Johnna Morris, a native of Azle, is the office manager and is the backbone of the clinic, and she has been with Northwest Physical Therapy since 2003. Brooke Branson works side by side with Morris and brings a lot of energy to the clinic on a



Shane Wall, right, with a patient.



Northwest Physical Therapy offers physical therapy and wellness to patients with a wide range of different services for many different conditions.

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“Together our approach to physical therapy is to provide a positive and energetic experience, build lasting relationships and most importantly, help each patient reach their goals during the rehab process,” Wall said. “My staff and I genuinely care about our patients and have an interest and concern for the patients and

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“We gain a friend every time we get a new patient,” he added.

Northwest Physical Therapy accepts virtually all insurance plans. Please call 817-444-8827 to inquire about a specific insurance plan. For more information about Northwest Physical Therapy, visit its website at [www.azlenwp.com](http://www.azlenwp.com).



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The Azle Lions Club sponsors an annual 'Back the Pack' program that provides school supplies and backpacks to Azle youth.

## AZLE LIONS CLUB:

The Azle Lions Club was chartered in 2001. They are active in the community and hold an annual 'Back the Pack' program that provides school supplies and backpacks to Azle youth. Every Christmas, the Lions host an Angel Tree program, ensuring children in the community receive gifts at Christmas. The club also does an eyeglass drive for children and conducts an electronics collection day. The Azle Lions Club meets at 6 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month at One Azle 412 Commerce St. [www.e-clubhouse.org/sites/azle-tx/](http://www.e-clubhouse.org/sites/azle-tx/)

## AZLE OPTIMIST CLUB:

The Azle Optimist Club was established in 1979. With the motto "Friend of Youth," the Optimists support and honor the children and teens of Azle through scholarships, an annual awards banquet, and special recognition of Azle High School seniors as Young Texans every month during the school year. The club organizes an annual "Penny Race" fundraiser with all of the Azle ISD campuses, which helps raise money for the Community Caring Center and Food Backpack program. They also take part in Christmas on Main with a tree lighting, childrens activities, and a bike giveaway. Optimists meet at 6:30 a.m. every Friday at Moe's Country Kitchen. [www.facebook.com/AzleOptimist](http://www.facebook.com/AzleOptimist)

## AZLE ROTARY CLUB:

The Azle Rotary Club has been serving the community for more than 40 years. The Rotarians have an annual dictionary giveaway that presents all third-grade students in Azle ISD with new dictionaries. The club also donates complete Thanksgiving meals to those in need. Each month during the school year, the club recognizes four Azle High School seniors. The Azle Rotary Club meets at noon on Thursdays at One Azle, 412 Commerce St. [www.facebook.com/AzleRotary](http://www.facebook.com/AzleRotary)

## SPRINGTOWN OPTIMIST CLUB:

The Springtown Optimist Club was chartered in 1983. Optimists provide scholarships to Springtown High School seniors and recognize two seniors each month as Young Texans. Much of the club's fundraising comes from an annual pancake supper at the high school. [www.facebook.com/SpringtownOptimist](http://www.facebook.com/SpringtownOptimist)

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### AZLE BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION

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Offers baseball, softball and tee ball for ages 3-15. Games are held at Stinger Field, 9980 Ten Mile Bridge Road, and other area youth associations. Practices are at Stinger and area parks and schools. The association offers sports seasons in spring (March-May) and fall (Sept-Oct) and hosts an All-Star program during the summer for kids who excelled in the spring and want to play tournament ball in June-July. Registration for spring and fall opens two to three months before the season starts.

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[www.fumcazle.org](http://www.fumcazle.org)

First United Methodist Church Azle offers Upward basketball and cheerleading in January and February at the church, 200 Church St.

[www.fbclakeside.net](http://www.fbclakeside.net)

First Baptist Church Lakeside opens its gym for several hours a week for local kids at 8801 Jacksboro Highway. Check fblakeside.net for gym hours.

[www.firstbaptistspringtown.com](http://www.firstbaptistspringtown.com)

First Baptist Church Springtown offers co-ed basketball and flag football at 500 N. Main St.

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### SPRINGTOWN SOCCER ASSOCIATION

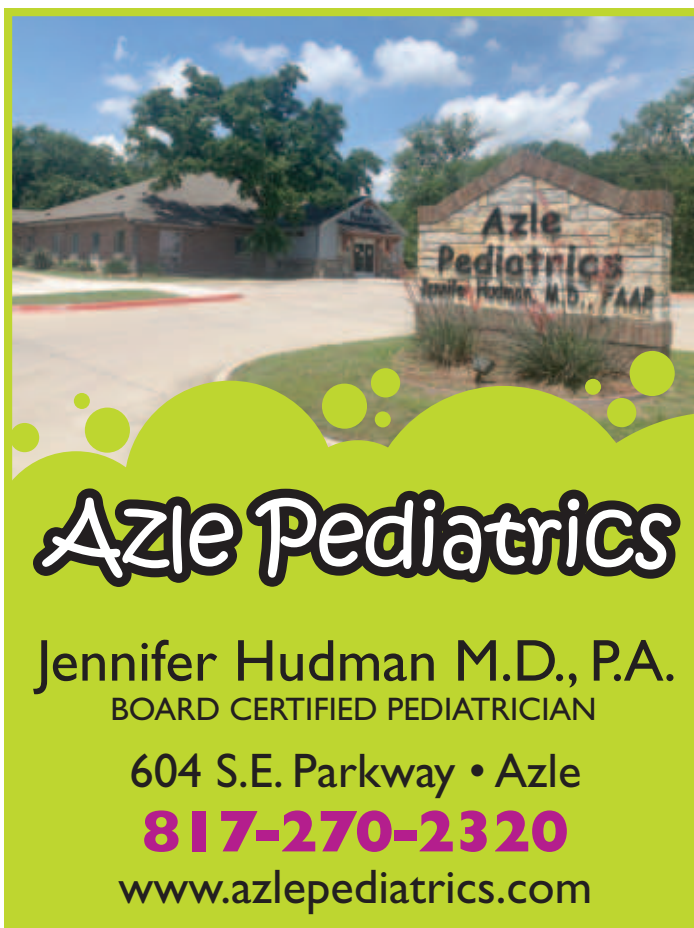
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### SPRINGTOWN LIONS CLUB

[www.springtownlionsclub.org](http://www.springtownlionsclub.org)

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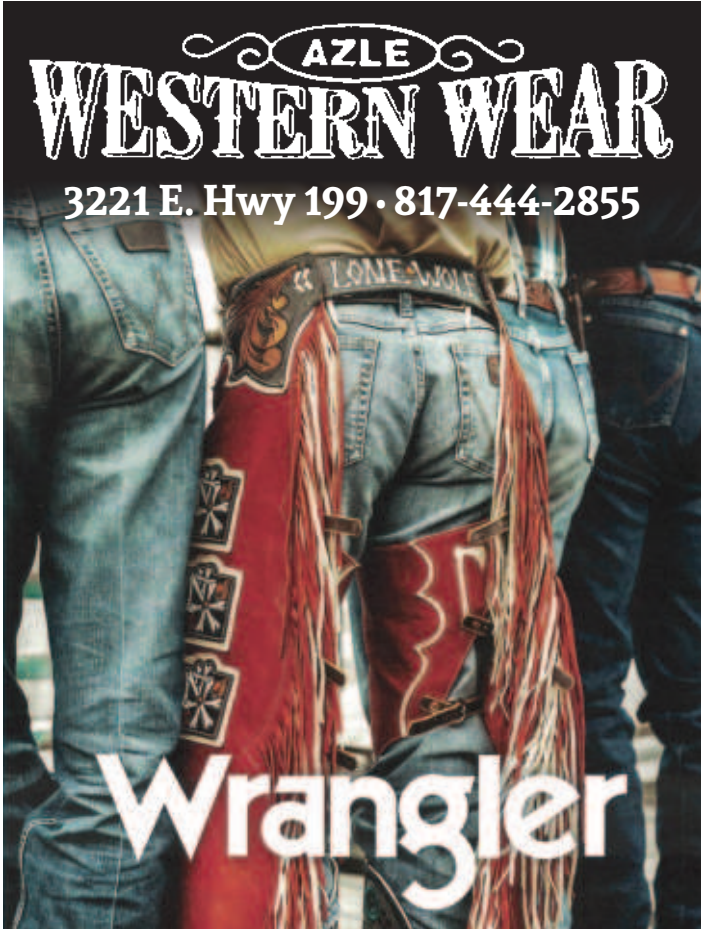
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## PROMOTING BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY



### Member Investment Benefits:

- Official ribbon cutting at place of business
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- Free listing in Chamber Website Business Directory
- Weekly Azle E-Blast
- Brochure and business card display and distribution
- Member referrals
- Marketing Opportunities via Sponsorship and Participation
- Leadership Opportunities
- Viable Networking and Leads
- Social Media Updates & Member Shares

The Azle Area Chamber of Commerce is a voluntary organization of business owners and individuals who invest their time and money in a community development program - working together to improve the economic, civic and cultural well-being of the area. If you are interested in being a part of your growing community, we encourage you to become a member of your Chamber of Commerce.

### Calendar of Events

- Monthly Luncheons 1st Tues of each month at 404 Main St.
- Ambassadors Meet 1st Thurs of each month

**September 10, 2022** Sting Fling

**November 26, 2022** Small Business Saturday

**December 3, 2022** Christmas Parade

**February 9, 2023** Annual Awards Banquet

**March 24, 2023** Clay Shoot

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