



‘Up for a challenge’: City of Reno names Chris Albright as public works director

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In a full-circle moment, Chris Albright – who previously worked at the city of Reno through a summer program with the Texas Workforce Commission – recently got promoted to public works director in Reno. “I kind of just fell into it and fell in love with it,” Albright said about his ca-

reer. “I’ve done a lot of re-search. I’ve gotten my licenses; I’ve gotten certifications and just kind of pushed myself as far as I can. I’m going to keep pushing myself, but I mean, I’ve pushed myself pretty far to be in this position.”

Albright was previously Reno’s water department supervisor, a position he took over in May. Before that, he worked at SouthWest Water

Company, and he came to Reno to seek a position in management. Even though his last job was at a private company, Albright has worked for cities before, such as Grapevine and Fort Worth, during his 13-year career.

Albright said what he likes about his job is the responsibilities and challenges he gets to take on, plus the fact that each day he gets to do

something different than the day before.

Albright’s main goal for the city of Reno is to update the city’s water infrastructure so it can be sustainable for decades to come. He described it as an aged water system, and he’s looking forward to participating in the city’s new water infrastructure task force, which is expected to make recommendations on updates to

council.

“The biggest challenge is going to be updating this water system,” he said. “And I’m always up for a challenge.”

Albright’s new position as public works director means that he will now oversee the streets and stormwater departments as well as the water department. He said

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PHOTO BY MADELYN EDWARDS
Chris Albright was promoted to Reno public works director at the city council meeting on July 25. Albright was previously Reno’s water supervisor, a position he took over in May.

Nothing slows her down

‘Set goals, smash goals, repeat’

BY JESSICA MCKINNEY
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Seven-year-old Charlotte Lindsey doesn’t like sitting still.

Now that she has her first athletic blade, she won’t be slowing down anytime soon.

Charlotte, a first grader at Goshen Creek Elementary in Springtown, was born without a fibula in her right leg, a congenital (at birth) condition called fibular hemimelia. She was also missing foot bones and only had a few toes.

Doctors did a Symes amputation and straightened her tibia in August 2016. Since then, she has gone through six casts and many trips to Scottish Rite Children’s Hospital in Dallas.

“Every year she ends up having to get a new prosthetic leg,” said Lacy Lindsey, Charlotte’s stepmom. “This year she received her first athletic blade along with a walking leg to help her be competitive in sports.”

With her new athletic blade, Charlotte can begin taking part

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COURTESY PHOTO
Charlotte Lindsey is ready to compete with her new athletic blade.



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Charlotte Lindsey took home gold medals at this year’s Endeavor Games.

Springtown City Council sets not-to-exceed tax rate

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The tax rate for the city of Springtown will not surpass \$0.487744 this year.

Springtown City Council has discussed the budget for the 2022-23 fiscal year. Last week, the council held a special meeting to review the budget as well as the no-new-revenue tax rate and the voter-approval tax rate.

The not-to-exceed tax rate is one cent lower than the 2021-22 tax rate of \$0.498575. The council will set the official tax rate for the next year at the meeting on Aug. 25. Residents will have the chance to voice their thoughts about the tax rate and budget during pub-

lic hearings at the August meeting.

THE PROPOSED 2022-23 BUDGET INCLUDES FUNDING FOR:

- \$300,000 in street rehabilitation
- Two replacement patrol vehicles for the police department
- \$20,000 in additional training funding for the police department and additional training funds for other departments
- Funding for the police department’s Explorers, who are local youth interested in a career in law enforcement
- The creation of an animal control department

- Additional personnel in planning and development
- Additional equipment for public works, including a side-by-side ATV for meter reading, an additional mower for park maintenance and a replacement vehicle for a water plant operator
- Certification pay for employees who obtain certifications or degrees beyond the minimum requirements for their position
- A 5% raise for all employees

A third school resource officer at the request of Springtown ISD, a position that would be funded in part by the city with the school district picking up the rest of the cost.

FAMILY DAY EVENT AND OVERDOSE MEMORIAL



PHOTOS COURTESY OF DEZARAE KINNIBRUGH
Myra Castro and April Sonier, on the right, attended the family day event and overdose memorial, hosted by “We ARE our brothers keeper,” on Saturday to hand out backpacks and school supplies to families.

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Get ready for the Best of Parker County!



FROM MY FRONT PORCH

By Sam Houston

Sam Houston is a syndicated columnist and newspaper executive. He is also an author, actor, playwright and entertainment producer/promoter.

The Springtown Epigraph is pleased to announce the start of the Best of Parker County competition. This exciting event allows you, our readers, to vote for your favorite businesses in a variety of categories such as “best electrician,” “best plumber,” “best Mexican food,” “best hamburger” and many other categories.

Why is the “Best of Parker County” competition a big deal? It allows you, the consumer, to support your local businesses with your vote, and to have your voice heard on what services or goods

you enjoy most.

For businesses, winning the “Best of Parker County” certificate allows you to promote your business in the marketplace as “the “choice” for a specific good

or service. For those visiting Springtown, or recently moving into town, being the recipient of the Best of Parker County award is like a shining beacon bringing new business to your door. Many times, businesses utilize the award in future promotions because they know being the “best” means even more business activity.

In other towns with a “best of” program, I have always enjoyed the healthy competition between businesses as they fight for the votes of consumers of their product. I have seen restaurants and stores go all out in promoting the event, to sway voters and to beat their competition. A little competition is

always fun!

So, tell your friends and neighbors to grab up a copy of the Epigraph and cast a vote. You are free to vote as many times as you would like. Show your support and let your voice be heard. This is going to be epic!

Ballots are available in copies of the Epigraph starting Aug. 11 and going thru Sept. 1. Clip the ballot out of the paper, vote for your favorites, and then turn the ballot in at the Epigraph office either by mail or in person. Voting ends on Sept. 5, at 5 p.m. Winners will be announced and presented in a special tab insert to the Oct. 27 edition of the Epigraph. Let the fun begin!

UVALDE TRAGEDY HITS CLOSE TO HOME

This past week, I had the opportunity to go to the Texas Press Association statewide convention.

One of the speakers was Craig Garnett, the publisher of the Uvalde Leader-News. He gave an outstanding presentation on the difficulty of covering a mass shooting news event. It was heart-breaking as he explained how one of the members of his staff had a child who had died in the shooting. The employee had started at the newspaper some 10 years ago and at the time of the hire, was pregnant with the child who perished in the

tragedy. The young girl was frequently in the offices of the paper to see her mother. The entire staff loved her and treated her like one of their own.

Imagine the difficulty of covering a story of such magnitude and being emotionally attached to one of the victims. My hat goes off to the great work of the Uvalde Leader-News during the crisis. True professionals in every sense of the word. God bless the victims and the newspaper people who covered the story so well.

Thought for the day: To be the best, you must beat the best.

Prayers for a new school year



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.

It's that time of year. Marching bands are already rehearsing. Athletic teams are practicing.

Teachers are getting their classrooms ready.

Parents are counting the days. Except for parents of kindergartners and high school seniors — they are crying a lot.

There's something about a new school year that affects the entire community — even those who no longer have a direct connection to the school district.

It's the other New Year — the time of new beginnings, new aspirations and new opportunities.

Every team is still undefeated and every student still has perfect attendance and no one has been sent to detention.

I'll be watching social media for all the first day of school photos, complete with new clothes and backpacks.

Since Mrs. Sweetie retired from education and our kids graduated from col-

lege, we are not quite as interconnected with the school calendar as we once were.

But we've got two kids who are public school teachers, one that is an adjunct college instructor, and grandkids who are in kindergarten, first grade and second grade, so we do have to consider school schedules when making family plans.

Our kids are third-generation educators, so we are well aware of what it means to anticipate a new school year.

But I feel compelled to mention that, along with the new opportunities, come some new challenges and fears that previous generations of teachers and

students didn't spend much time worrying about.

Those things are my prayers for the new school year.

I'm praying for safety. That's not new, but previous generations didn't spend much time thinking about the possibility that a troubled individual would show up at the school with the intent of taking the lives of innocents.

We do now. I'm praying for wisdom for administrators who are thinking about how to provide learning environments that are safe and productive for all students and supportive work environments for teachers in a pluralistic but increasingly polarized society.

I'm praying for encouragement for teachers who have sacrificed the compensation commensurate with similar education in other fields because they want to pour their lives into the next generation.

They often live under the constant scrutiny of misinformed critics and political agendas that devalue their contribution to the community while they drown in increasing piles of paperwork, procedural hoops and standardized testing.

And now they worry that someone is going to sue them for the content of their teaching.

I pray for endurance for the support, custodial, food service, and transportation staff who work in silent an-

onymity — until they make a mistake.

I pray for patience for parents who are doing their best to get their kids clothed, fed and delivered to school and to be available to read to them and tuck them into bed at night while holding down a job that provides the resources to keep all those things in place.

This isn't easy for anyone. But if we'll cut each other some slack, pray for each other regularly and encourage each other frequently, we'll find some amazingness in this school year.

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Quilter's Guild of Parker County to meet next week

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The Quilter's Guild of Parker County will meet in-person and via Zoom on Aug. 18 at Lakeshore Drive Baptist Church, 200 S. Lakeshore Drive in Hudson Oaks.

The meeting will begin at 6:45 p.m., but attendees are encouraged to come earlier to socialize. Visitors are welcome in-person and online.

The program this month will be speaker Charlotte Agnotti, who has been teach-

ing quilting since 1978. She will speak about design and color as she shares her collection of quilts. Each lecture is humorous, light and full of information and real quilts. Questions are always welcome during the lecture.

"Bring friends, cameras and be ready to laugh!" is the recommendation from the guild's news release.

Agnotti will also be leading a mystery quilt workshop on Aug. 19 focusing on color and construction. Each par-

ticipant will exchange two-and-a-half-inch strips for a one-of-a-kind quilt. Those interested in the workshop may contact the guild at ggpc2000@gmail.com to sign up.

If you wish to join online, email your name and telephone number to ggpc2000@gmail.com. To learn more about the guild, visit the website quilters-guildofparkercounty.org or find the guild on Facebook.

GOALS

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in adaptive sports, which includes anything from track and field events to basketball to swimming and more.

"She has always been competitive," Lindsey said. "Watching the Olympics really sparked her interest and she said she wanted to do it, so we went for it."

Charlotte began competing in track and field this past June. She and her family traveled to Edmond, Oklahoma, to compete in the University of Central Oklahoma Endeavor Games, one of the premier adaptive sports competition series in the United States.

She received gold medals in the 20- and 60-meter dash for her class and age group, which qualified her for Junior Nationals in Westminster, Colorado.

Charlotte attended the Move United Junior Nationals in July where she

once again took the gold for the 20-meter dash and set a personal best. In the 60-meter dash she earned bronze and set another personal best.

Charlotte competed in the 20-meter dash and the 60-meter dash, setting her personal bests each time, said Lindsey.

Next year, Charlotte wants to expand her events to include swimming and field events like discus shotput, javelin, and long jump. She's also interested in trying wheelchair basketball in the off-season.

"I want to do everything," said Charlotte.

Shelbi Vaughan Walley, an Azle resident who competed in discus at the 2016 Olympics in Rio, will help Charlotte in training for her field events.

"I can't wait," Walley said. "I have always admired how Brandon (Charlotte's dad) has pushed her to not limit herself. She is an inspiration to everyone. Although she's

so young, still I truly believe that if she sticks with it, she could go far in whatever sport it is that she decides to do."

Brandon Lindsey is his daughter's hero and a big believer in positive thinking. He tries to instill that into all that they do, especially when it comes to competing.

"If all Charlotte sees is positivity, she will spread positivity," said Brandon.

"It'd be lying if anybody ever told you that you don't have a down day or a down moment. But the more you tell yourself that it's going to be a good day, the more often you're going to have good days ... I believe positivity is contagious.

"We all know life is too short and you don't ever get a refund on time no matter how fast you are. So, if you can make that time a positive one and have a positive impact on someone else, no one ever wants to return that. So, we set goals, smash goals, and repeat."

Reno City Council discusses the need for animal shelter facility

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Reno animal control officer Joe Harris revealed to the city council in July that he keeps some of the surrendered or captured animals at his home.

The animal control officer position in Reno is fairly new, and so far, places to keep the surrendered or captured animals are limited.

Reno Police Deputy Chief Nathan Stringer said after the meeting that the department has agreements with organizations like fosters and rescues, but a facility to store animals and adopt them out of would be ideal. Some animals from Reno have been taken to the animal shelter in Weatherford, Stringer said, but there is a cost involved with using that facility.

"It's not like we do not have a facility to take them to. We would just prefer to have one (A) closer and (B) that we maintain so it keeps the cost down on taxpayers," Stringer said.

At the July council meeting, Harris told council that

he had five animals at his house. One of the dogs he picked up was taken into foster care and then adopted out.

Stringer clarified that Harris would not and has not taken a dangerous animal home.

Mayor Sam White said Harris would be reimbursed for the costs he has spent out of his own pocket to take care of animals.

"We're also working on a program to where he doesn't have to do this," White said.

Council members questioned how quickly Harris would be reimbursed and the legality of the situation.

"I have a problem with you not knowing what to do with the animal, so you take it home, you having no place to put it so you take it home," Council member Shelli Swift said to Harris. "We put the carriage before the horse with this animal control. We need to have a place to put these (animals). We need to have a budget item for these expenses."

Mayor Pro Tem Katie Tucker, who led the conversation about animal control

during the meeting, chimed in that the city needs contracts with shelters and rescues.

At the meeting, Reno Police Chief Scott Elsner said Reno officials were talking with the city of Springtown about a partnership, but this has not come to fruition.

Stringer said the department is close to securing a facility for animals. He said the department is talking with a couple of cities about this partnership.

"These things just take time," Stringer said.

Elsner said he is working with City Administrator Scott Passmore to create a budget for the animal control officer position.

Council member Granville "Randy" Martin III suggested that the Reno community should get involved to help out the animals with donations. Council member Jeff Davis also solicited community support in the form of volunteers who could take care of baby animals.

"I would suggest that we work together to resolve this issue," Martin said.

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Parker County judge, sheriff address disincorporation at Reno City Council

BY MADELYN EDWARDS
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Parker County Judge Pat Deen and Sheriff Russ Authier visited the Reno City Council meeting in July to offer some brief remarks, including about partnerships.

Deen, who related to the council's responsibilities because he started out in city government, told the council that they should see the county as a partner and a resource, especially in terms of growth and economic development.

"Your job is not easy. You're in a situation with the growth and being the second city in the county that has the largest landmass of any other city other than Weatherford, so your task is great, and your job is very difficult," he said. "It's very difficult to meet the needs of the community, and even when you do the very best you can, there's always going to be a shortfall."

Authier praised the Reno Police Department's devel-

opment from last year to this year and described the department as partners to the sheriff's office.

"The whole community gets a better product when we get along," Authier said.

Reno Mayor Pro Tem Katie Tucker asked the sheriff whether his office would be ready to take over law enforcement services in Reno if the city disincorporates, which is what some residents are petitioning for.

"If you have officers in a 13-square mile city and a call goes out for help, they're going to be there a lot quicker than our deputy whose territory in north county would be 150 square miles," Authier said. "Can we do it? If we're forced to, absolutely, we'll be here. Will we be able to provide the same service? Logic dictates that no, we won't. We'll try our best, but we won't have the numbers that we can actually dedicate to Reno."

Mayor Sam White pointed out that the city pays the sheriff's office for dispatch

services, and without the city paying for it, the sheriff's office will have to find the money for a Reno dispatcher.

Deen did not take a stance on disincorporation, but he said disincorporation would take away the city's ability to allow or not allow certain things within the city.

"You are a city with an identity and a destiny that you're going to go at. If you disincorporate, you have no ability to control the second largest mass city in the county," Deen said. "Anything could come out here and there's no regulatory ability at all."

Deen also said if the city disincorporates, the residents wouldn't have a utility department through the city with leaders they could vote out of office. Instead, there would be a private entity supplying utility services that could raise rates as much as it wants.

Reno residents, council members and the mayor offered appreciation for Deen and Authier's visit.



PHOTO BY MADELYN EDWARDS

Sheriff Russ Authier and Parker County Judge Pat Deen visited the Reno City Council meeting in July to offer some brief remarks.

LEGAL PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF CLAIM AND PUBLIC SALE

Property to be sold to satisfy landlord's lien. Seller reserves the right to withdraw property from the sale. Unit items to be sold to the highest bidder. Sale to be held ONLINE at <https://www.storagetreasures.com/>. Location of Units for Public Sale: Longhorn State Storage 11700 Jacksboro Hwy Fort Worth, Tx 76135. Auction to be held on Monday August 29th, 2022 beginning at 9:00 a.m. for the following tenants: Gary Pendelton, Randy Talley, Kandie Hillen.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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 use of temporary storage containers for Parts of Lots 1, 2, 7, and 8, Block 6, Original Town of Springtown Addition, being an addition to the City of Springtown, Parker County, Texas also known as 100 S. Main Street, 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.

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 use of a temporary concrete batch plant for Sculptor's Park, being an addition to the City of 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.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The SPRINGTOWN ISD will hold a public meeting at 07:00 pm, August 22, 2022 in SISD Board Room, 301 E 5th Street, Springtown, TX 76082. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax (proposed rate for maintenance and operations)	\$0.942900/\$100
School Debt Service Tax Approved by Local Voters (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)	\$0.200300/\$100

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories.

Maintenance and operations	4.90 % increase
Debt Service	-0.05 % decrease
Total Expenditures	4.85 % increase

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$2,949,737,790	\$3,255,294,363
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$134,591,091	\$151,355,459
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$1,963,334,311	\$2,200,040,736
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$134,591,091	\$151,355,459

*Appraised value is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.

** "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.

*** "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness*	\$45,770,000
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*Outstanding principal

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$0.960300	\$0.182900	\$1.143200	\$5,512	\$4,150
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$0.884330	\$0.180330	\$1.064660	\$6,423	\$3,463
Proposed Rate	\$0.942900	\$0.200300	\$1.143200	\$6,680	\$3,470

*The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$240,152	\$236,937
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$179,403	\$177,771
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$1.143200	\$1.143200
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$2,050.94	\$2,032.28
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$-18.66

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Voter-Approval Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.143171. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the voter-approval rate of \$1.143171.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment.

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$10,000,000
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$500,000

A school district may not increase the district's maintenance and operations tax rate to create a surplus in maintenance and operations tax revenue for the purpose of paying the district's debt service.

Visit Texas.gov/PropertyTaxes to find a link to your local property tax database on which you can easily access information regarding your property taxes, including information about proposed tax rates and scheduled public hearings of each entity that taxes your property.

The 86th Texas Legislature modified the manner in which the voter-approval tax rate is calculated to limit the rate of growth of property taxes in the state.

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Students may prepay for their meals.

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

Monday Dutch Waffles, Strawberries **Tuesday** Breakfast Stick, Blueberries
Wednesday Scramble Eggs, Apple **Thursday** Cinnamon Roll, Strawberry Applesauce **Friday** No School

PK - 8th GRADE Lunch: Everyday - Choice of one meat, two vegetables, and one grain/bread with milk. Variety of milk is offered every day for breakfast and lunch.

Monday Tangerine Chicken, Rice, Garden Salad, Broccoli, Mandarin Oranges, Roll **Tuesday** Chicken Alfredo With A Twist, Crispy Chicken Sandwich, Roll, Green Beans, Fresh Baby Carrots **Wednesday** Hamburger or Cheeseburger, Cucumber & Tomato Cup, French Fries, Blueberries **Thursday** Cheese Pizza, CK Fried Steak Sand, Fresh Broccoli, Mixed Vegetables, Banana **Friday** No school

9th-12 GRADE Lunch: Everyday - Choice of one meat, two vegetables, and one grain/bread with milk. Variety of milk is offered every day for breakfast and lunch.

Monday Tangerine Chicken, General Tso's, Fried Rice, Broccoli, Cucumber Tomato Cup Mandarin Oranges, Apple, Roll **Tuesday** Lasagna w/ Cheesy Breadstick, Chicken Sandwich, Garden Salad, Carrots, Grapes, Applesauce **Wednesday** Spicy or Reg Chicken and Waffles, Broccoli Salad, Tater Tots, Strawberries, Oranges **Thursday** Cheese Pizza, Steakfingers, Roll, Baked Potato (Ham), Mixed Veggies, Fresh Carrots, Baked Beans, Apple Slices, Pears **Friday** No school

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Walnut Creek SUD board discusses resident annexation options

BY MADELYN EDWARDS
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Walnut Creek Special Utility District customers who couldn't vote in the last board of directors election have an option to become voters: annexation.

The attorney for Walnut Creek SUD briefed the board of directors at last month's meeting about how customers who are within the CCN - the area where the district has a right to supply utility service - but outside the district's boundaries can petition to be annexed into the district. Residents with properties annexed into the SUD's district boundaries would be able to vote in district elections.

"Basically, what the statute says is you have to receive a petition signed by the owners of a majority in value of the land in the area to be annexed according to the tax rolls," attorney Ron Freeman said.

Some voters arrived at the polls during the May board election to realize that they weren't eligible to cast votes. SUD Office Manager Paula Spence explained in a previous Epigraph article that the state dictates that those who live outside the district's boundaries cannot vote in these elections, and the boundaries have been in place since the 1970s.

SUD general manager Steve Harris said after the meeting that the annexation process would have to be initiated by the landowners, not the district. He said annexation is geared more toward subdivisions.

"If a developer is coming in with a subdivision, he can get all of his lots involved in it and get everybody to sign a petition and get it brought into the district, or the individuals that live in there can all get together and do a petition and get it done," Harris said.

When asked if the board could put terms on the

amount of land annexed in the district, Freeman said the petitioners could ask for whatever they want. But the SUD could deny petitions "if you don't want to annex one person at a time or one person in a subdivision," he said.

"You're going to have some processing to do, especially if you process one or two at a time," Freeman said. "Before you annex anybody's land who did not sign the petition, then you, again, have to meet that 50% or more in value of those lands that you're going to annex in, and you got to hold an election. If it's one person at a time, you can do it without an election."

An election is not required if 100% of the landowners sign the petition, Freeman said.

Freeman said the district can charge a fee to petitioners for processing the application, but a fee amount has not yet been set.

Mom is a marathon runner

Dear Frankie,

My mom is a health nut. Besides organic food, toothpaste, clothes and probiotics, she also runs marathons. At least six months before the race, she is out there pounding the pavements regardless of the weather. My motto has always been, "To each his own." But that idea goes over with her like a lead balloon.

So, here's the rub, my mom insists I run with her four days a week. She says it's good for me, improves my breathing, expands my horizons, and it's a time for us to be together. The last reason is a joke. After a half-mile, I can hardly walk, let alone keep up with her. Do you think it's appropriate for an 11-year-old dog that gets cracked paws and has a touch of arthritis to be training with a marathon runner?

Signed, Lem

Dear Lem,

Talk about self-involved. Why in heaven's name would she think someone your age and arthritic would be capable of running four days a week? Here are some strategies to stop any activity that borders on animal abuse.

First, on the days she runs,



DEAR FRANKIE
By Geneva Woodruff

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

hide. Second, if she tries to tempt you with a cookie, don't fall for it. I know refusing the cookie will take much restraint. But think of the option. However, if she is so hot about you going with her on the run, demand she buys you a stroller.

Eventually, it should occur

to her that you don't want to go for a run. Remember to make a big deal when she returns to show her how much you missed her. You want to communicate that it wasn't being with her that you objected to but rather the activity.

Best, Frankie



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OBITUARIES

Virginia Rutledge 1943 - 2022

Virginia Rutledge, 78, went home to be with the Lord, Tuesday, Aug. 2, 2022 in Azle. She was born Aug. 7, 1943 in Gorman to Earl and Beulah (Alexander) Isbell. They both preceded her in death along with her husband, Huye Rutledge; brother, Kenneth Isbell, two sister in laws and two nephews. A memorial was held, Monday at Alexander's Midway Funeral Home, Springtown.

Virginia was an avid seamstress. But, her true passion was quilting. She put her heart and soul into every stitch. Virginia was a member of several sewing clubs and loved to attend quilt shows to admire their works. She is survived by her daughter, Angela Reeves and



husband, Roy; grandsons, Hunter Tompkins and James Durant; brothers, Bill Isbell, Joe Bob Isbell and Jerry Isbell and wife, Lana; several nieces and nephews that are very loved.

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Talmadge Eugene Ryan 1935 - 2022

Talmadge Eugene Ryan passed away peacefully at age 86 on Thursday, Aug. 4, 2022.

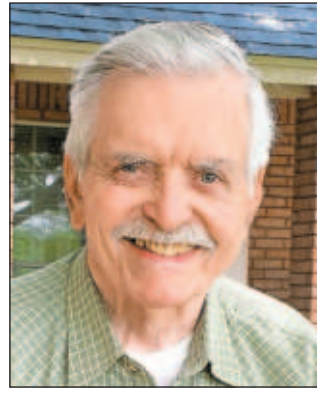
Memorial service is at 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 20, 2022 at the Galbreath-Pickard Funeral Chapel.

Ryan was born Nov. 13, 1935 in Booneville, Arkansas to Ottho Ryan and Zenoma Rutledge Ryan. Ryan married the love of his life, Lynn, on Sept. 13, 1982. Between the two of them, they had six children and shared 39 wonderful years together.

Ryan retired as a Master Sergeant in the U.S. Air Force in 1977 after proudly serving for 22 years. He then retired from Lockheed Martin in 2003 after 22 years. He could always be found in the stands cheering and supporting his children in all their activities and sports.

During his leisure time, Ryan enjoyed hunting, fishing, coin collecting, and Sudoku puzzles. The last four years of life were spent loving, holding, cherishing, and playing with his grandbabies. Papa always had a lap for naps, candy to share, books to read, and the remote to the TV for SpiderMan, Bluey, and Choo Choo.

Ryan was preceded in death by his parents, broth-



ers Brent Fulham and Mark Fulham. Ryan is survived by his wife Lynn Ryan of Weatherford, Texas; children Talmadge E. Ryan, Jr. and wife Beth of Concho, Arizona, Randall Ryan and wife Michelle of Vancouver, Washington, Daniel Ryan of San Angelo, Texas, Michelle Ryan of Weatherford, Texas, Meredith Villasana and husband West of Brock, Texas, Maegan Lisle and husband Justin of Weatherford, Texas; sister Dwana Ryan; brothers Bob Ryan and Rodger Ryan; grandchildren Jennifer, Talmadge III, Justin, Jordan, Jackson, David, Michael, Jaren, Caitlyn, Rhyker, Stetson, Tucker, Raegan; great-grandchildren Nash, Hayes, and Parks.

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Plant Society to meet again

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The Cross Timbers chapter of the Native Plant Society of Texas will resume monthly meetings today, Aug. 11, at 6:30 p.m. at Mount Pleasant School, 213 Raymond George Way in Weatherford.

An educational program will follow a short business meeting. Visitors are always welcome.

For information, go to npstot.org/wp/crosstimbers. The group meets each second Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. except July and December.

ALBRIGHT

FROM PAGE 1

he has some experience in street work but not much knowhow in stormwater, but where he lacks knowl-

edge, he has the staff to back him up. "The guy who's over stormwater, he's pretty good, pretty knowledgeable about it, so I'm going to let him do his thing," Albright said.

Reno Mayor Sam White praised Albright's leadership skills and his experience. White said Albright reports happenings without being asked and is a leader who doesn't just do paper-

work but has also handled street repairs himself.

"He is experienced in most areas as such as (Reno City Administrator) Scott (Passmore) in the water department," White said. "He knows what he's doing."

Albright's new role means that a burden is lifted off of Passmore, who was the public works director in addition to city administrator for a while. Passmore seemed confident in his successor.

"He's a good kid; I like him," Passmore said. The city administrator added, snickering, "I call him the kid. He's 30-something years old; he's not a kid."

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ON FISHING

Hot tips: Fishing advice for those aiming to target summer patterns



ON FISHING

By Michael Acosta

As a licensed professional fishing guide, Michael Acosta shows you how to find them. He has been a licensed guide since 1998. michael.acosta@att.net

It has been really hot for quite a while, and according to the weather forecast, it will continue for some time to come. Some species are more stressed by the heat than others, but these fish still have to feed to survive. The fun part of this season is that when the fish do feed, they are generally willing to chase (active movement). Today's discussion is just a fishing report for those trying to pattern these summer-time fish.

Lake Granbury fishing continues to be fair to good for many species if you can locate them. Many folks are having a hard time catching fish in this hot weather especially during the day. There are fish to catch - just try to get on them real early if at all possible. The thermocline is between 15 and 20 feet, so you need to be focused on those depths or shallower.

Last week, the striped bass and sand bass fishing was better in the morning, very early. Stripers were good on live bait in 14-21 feet of water with your baits put down to 12-14 feet. Trollers are also catching fish on deep-diving crankbaits, trailed by a pet spoon or jigs. Down-rigging is also popular this time of the year as the fish

are willing to chase.

Sand bass are congregating on baitfish on structure and flats in 8-16 feet of water. You may notice some surface action or you might find them boiling on the bait. Work those areas by bouncing spinners or slabs off the bottom, and you will get bit. Vary your presentation, but generally you may need to impart a lot of action to draw the strike.

Lake Granbury crappie action has been tremendous mid-lake on jigs and small minnow. Work timber or bridge pilings near deeper water.

When this article is published, the quarter moon will be overhead - which makes the early and late bite the predicted times. Nothing is guaranteed, but without any other weather influence, there is truth to the predicted feeding times.

The shallow water bite in the heat of the day is tough. Water temperatures in the backs of sloughs are in the 90s and typically the fish and the bait move out toward deeper water where it is a tad bit cooler. Later in the evening, the bait and fish may make the trek back shallow.



PHOTO COURTESY OF MIKE ACOSTA

GREAT OUTING: This group is shown with their fish taken about a week ago on Lake Granbury. From left are T.J. Garces, Antonio Terrasas, Tony Garces and Carl Rodgers.

FISHING REPORT

Black bass on Lake Granbury continue to hold near shaded structure after their morning feed. Lake Granbury has an abundance of shad, but there is also an abundance of bream. Catching these smaller breams make good bait for striped bass, catfish, black bass and sand bass as well. These bream are holding in submerged brush, and the black bass will follow. You may want to choose your artificial colors to mimic bream/sunfish.

On other reservoirs, Lake Whitney striped bass action has been tremendous with huge schools schooling on the surface from the state park to Bee Bluffs.

Possum Kingdom Lake action is also good with some really big fish to near 20 pounds being caught on live bait fished in the tops of trees mid-lake near Hells Gate to the dam.

Hopefully you can get out early and enjoy the action. Take plenty of fluids and sun block. Hopefully, the heat wave will break and give the fish some relief (we could use the relief as well).

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$ 0.487744 per \$100
NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE	\$ 0.464293 per \$100
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE	\$ 0.505899 per \$100

The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the 2022 tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax revenue for the City of Springtown from the same properties in both 2021 tax year and the 2022 tax year. The voter-approval tax rate is the highest tax rate that City of Springtown may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate.

The proposed tax rate is greater than the no-new-revenue tax rate. This means that the City of Springtown is proposing to increase property taxes for the 2022 tax year.

A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WILL BE HELD ON August 25, 2022 at 7 p.m. at the Council Chambers of the Municipal Annex Building at 200 N. Main Street, Springtown, Texas 76082.

The proposed tax rate is not greater than the voter-approval tax rate. As a result, the City of Springtown is not required to hold an election at which voters may accept or reject the proposed tax rate. However, you may express your support for or opposition to the proposed tax rate by contacting the members of the City of Springtown City Council of the City of Springtown at their offices or by attending the public hearing mentioned above.

YOUR TAXES OWED UNDER ANY OF THE TAX RATES MENTIONED ABOVE CAN BE CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS:

Property tax amount = (tax rate) x (taxable value of your property) / 100

FOR the proposal: Michele Chandler Kelley, Place 2; Walter Roberson, Place 3; Richelle Pruitt, Mayor Pro Tem/Place 4; Scott Richardson, Place 5.

AGAINST the proposal: None
PRESENT and not voting: Mayor Greg Hood
ABSENT: Ted Martinez, Place 1

The 86th Texas Legislature modified the manner in which the voter-approval tax rate is calculated to limit the rate of growth of property taxes in the state.

The following table compares the taxes imposed on the average residence homestead by City of Springtown last year to the taxes proposed to be imposed on the average residence homestead by City of Springtown this year.

	2021	2022	Change
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	2021 adopted tax rate \$0.498575	2022 proposed tax rate \$0.487744	Decrease of \$0.010831, or -2.17 percent
Average homestead taxable value	2021 average taxable value of residence homestead \$171,982.60	2022 average taxable value of residence homestead \$192,942.58	Increase of \$20,959.98, or 12.19 percent
Tax on average homestead	2021 amount of taxes on average taxable value of residence homestead \$857.46	2022 amount of taxes on average taxable value of residence homestead \$941.07	Increase of \$83.61, or 9.7 percent
Total tax levy on all properties	2021 levy \$1,377,258.00	(2022 proposed rate x current total value)/100 \$1,478,310.84	Increase of \$101,052.84, or 7.33 percent

Notice about 2022 Tax Rates

Property tax rates in CITY OF SPRINGTOWN.

This notice concerns the 2022 property tax rates for CITY OF SPRINGTOWN. This notice provides information about two tax rates used in adopting the current tax year's tax rate. The no-new-revenue tax rate would impose the same amount of taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. In most cases, the voter-approval tax rate is the highest tax rate a taxing unit can adopt without holding an election. In each case, these rates are calculated by dividing the total amount of taxes by the current taxable value with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

This year's no-new-revenue tax rate	\$0.464293/\$100
This year's voter-approval tax rate	\$0.505899/\$100

To see the full calculations, please visit www.parkercad.org for a copy of the Tax Rate Calculation Worksheet.

Unencumbered Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will be left in the taxing unit's accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Fund	Balance
Maintenance & Operations	2,320,152
Interest & Sinking	148,718

Current Year Debt Service

The following amounts are for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from upcoming property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payment
CO Series 2012A	230,000	43,251	0	273,251
GO Refunding Series 2017	60,000	105,000	0	165,000
CO Series 2017	40,000	29,448	0	69,448
Tax Notes Series 2017	40,000	1,800	0	41,800
CO Series 2018	40,000	77,600	0	117,600
CO Series 2021	25,000	119,356	0	144,356
G. O Refunding Series 2021	275,000	85,194	0	360,194

Total required for 2022 debt service	\$1,171,649
- Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in unencumbered funds	\$0
- Amount (if any) paid from other resources	\$698,155
- Excess collections last year	\$0
= Total to be paid from taxes in 2022	\$473,494
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 100.00% of its taxes in 2022	\$0
= Total debt levy	\$473,494

This notice contains a summary of actual no-new-revenue and voter-approval calculations as certified by Rick Armstrong, Chief Appraiser on 08/03/2022 .

Visit Texas.gov/PropertyTaxes to find a link to your local property tax database on which you can easily access information regarding your property taxes, including information about proposed tax rates and scheduled public hearings of each entity that taxes your property.

The 86th Texas Legislature modified the manner in which the voter-approval tax rate is calculated to limit the rate of growth of property taxes in the state.

CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER OF PARKER COUNTY'S SUGAR RUSH FUNDRAISER



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Attending the Children's Advocacy Center of Parker County's Sugar Rush fundraiser were, from left, Sara Ballard, Christine Hogan, Patti Oaks and Chris Ballard. Children's Advocacy Center of Parker County associate director and forensic interviewer Brittany Lain called the fundraiser a "wonderful success." The Sugar Rush event garnered about 125 people, and the Children's Advocacy Center raised the most money ever – about \$52,000.

"We also had a survivor that shared her story of abuse and her journey through our CAC," Lain said. "There wasn't a dry eye in the room. We wouldn't have been able to have such a successful event without the support of our sponsors, donors, volunteers, board members and staff."

SPRINGTOWN ISD BOARD PRESIDENT RICK BEALL EARNS THE DESIGNATION OF MASTER TRUSTEE



PHOTO BY DON MUNSCHE

Springtown ISD Board President Rick Beall, right, earned the designation of Master Trustee upon completion of Leadership TASB, a program sponsored by the Texas Association of School Boards. He was recognized at the SISD board meeting in July. He is shown here with Trent Taylor, the vice president of TASB Leadership. School board members in the 2021–22 Leadership TASB class made presentations of their team's findings following yearlong research, according to a TASB news release. "Class participants researched critical issues and their impact on Texas public education," the release stated. "The Leadership TASB class met in conjunction with TASB's Summer Leadership Institute in Fort Worth. More than 1,000 new and veteran school leaders attended the Institute and received extensive training on every facet of effective board governance, heard keynote addresses from renowned education experts, and picked up valuable ideas from district showcases and networking opportunities."

We ARE Our Brother's Keeper family day and overdose memorial



PHOTOS COURTESY OF DEZARAE KINNIBRUGH

Tosha Godwin cuts a kid's hair at the overdose awareness group's "We ARE our brothers keeper" family day event and overdose memorial on Saturday at the park in Springtown.



Purple pinwheels were planted at the park in Springtown to memorialize people's loved ones who have died of overdose. The overdose awareness group "We ARE our brothers keeper" set out the pinwheels for the overdose memorial and family day on Saturday.




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Courtney Anderson practices her stance.

Color guard adds visuals to Sound of Springtown music

BY JEFF PRINCE
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A large group of band, drill team and color guard members stood in the parking lot at Springtown High School during a recent practice, listening to Scot McPhetridge provide pointers on how to move and where to stand. Most listened intently as the band director spoke. A few chatted.

“No one should be talking,” McPhetridge said. “If you have at least one degree in music education, you are allowed to talk.”

That quietened everyone. The marching band has been spending recent mornings working on this year’s show “Wander.” On Aug. 3, the band practiced their movements without using instruments.

“It’s more about footwork

and remembering where to go,” said drum major Benjamin Cannon. “We’re just drilling it over and over, so they can get it cemented into their heads where to go.”

Practicing alongside the musicians were color guard members, who provide vivid colors and movement to accentuate the music being

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PHOTO BY JEFF PRINCE

Molly Frank serves as second lieutenant in color guard.



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A high snap didn’t make its way past Hudson Hulett’s hands.

Porcupines preparing to defend football title

BY JEFF PRINCE
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The morning sun shone with enthusiasm, white clouds dotted the blue sky, classic rock music blared from a sound system, coaches yelled, players sweated and student trainers hustled to keep everybody hydrated. Summer football practice has arrived.

During the first week of August, the Porcupines hit the field at 6 a.m. to work out in shorts, shoulder pads and helmets. The team faces lofty expectations this season. Dave Campbell’s Texas

Football magazine pegged the Porcupines to dominate District 4-4A Division I football and make the playoffs. The magazine put a cherry on top by naming junior quarterback Hudson Hulett as Pre-season Offensive MVP.

Last season, Hulett helmed the offense as a sophomore, logging 2,223 yards and 22 TDs in the air.

On Aug. 5, the young quarterback led the offense in a series of rapid plays at practice, and the offense’s potential was obvious. Hulett handled high snaps, blitzes or whatever came his way and showed why Texas Football

magazine is so keen on him.

Hulett will rely on sticky fingers from wideouts such as Speck Behle and Bryce Hollingsworth in the passing game and big blocking from offensive linemen such as Aaron Bowen and Jeremy Morrow. The defense will lean on Kelby Castro, Hayden Nichols, Yair Hernandez, Dallin Fabrizius and many others to keep the Pines purring.

Last year’s football team won a regional semifinal title with a 10-4 record.

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Hudson Hulett takes off running during a broken play.

Springtown Lions Club football season ready to kick off new season

BY JEFF PRINCE
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Pee wee football is back, and the Springtown Lions Club will kick off the season soon.

Football practices began in August, and the first games of the season begin Sept. 3.

Games are played at Stinger Field, 9980 Ten Mile Bridge Road in Azle.

Currently, the Lions Club football league is being operated by about 15 volunteer staffers and board members, but the group could use twice the number of warm bodies on Saturday game days.

"We are always looking for volunteers to help," said football commissioner Kyle Goin. "We always need people to run this the score clock, help with concessions, help with running the gate. Everything's made up of volunteers, and we can't seem to get enough of them."

To volunteer, contact Goin at football@springtownlionclub.org.

"If they would be interested in volunteering, we've got a multitude of things they could do," he said.

Other volunteer duties include announcing games, picking up trash and making sure the kids on the sidelines have fresh water.

With just 15 volunteers or fewer, the workload on game days is daunting.

"Our days usually start at about 5:30 in the morning and we don't get out of there until almost 11 at night," Goin said. "We're looking for volunteers so that we can break it up into shifts. We can have three- and four-hour shifts that make everybody's Saturdays more enjoyable."



COURTESY PHOTO

The Springtown Lions Club football begins playing games on the first Saturday in September, and the league is looking for volunteers.

Recently, volunteers sanded and re-painted the concession stand.

"It looks real sharp compared to last year," Goin said.

Shotwell and Sons did the

painting.

"We also got several individual sponsors that have helped," Goin said. "They've cut donation sponsorship checks this year."

Sponsors for this year's

football season include:

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Board members this year include Jennifer and Jason Finchum, Cole and Shelby

Stanton, WT Powell, Lance Castro, Mike Shotwell, Justin Mcneely, Martin Perales, Jesse Terrell, Jesse Jarvis, Spencer Ingram, Steve Fortner and Kyle and Linda Goin.



PHOTO BY JEFF PRINCE

Hanna Schnelle uses a ribbon instead of a flag or rifle during summer practice.

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performed. During practice, they used red ribbons in place of flags, rifles and props.

"They are just doing dance work now," said Chyenne Rodriguez, color guard director.

Team captain Diana Perez liked what she saw.

"It's looking pretty good," she said. "We are trying really hard."

As captain, she spends time working with younger members on technique and choreography.

"I really want them to enjoy it as much as I do," she said.

Perez's leadership helps Rodriguez prepare the team for the season. The director appreciates her efforts.

"She is a senior, a fourth-

year member and one of our strongest performers and teachers," Rodriguez said.

Other leaders include Samantha Holder, first lieutenant, and Molly Frank, second lieutenant.

The color guard features 16 regular members, along with three members who participate in winter guard but play instruments with the marching band during games. This year's team is a combination of young and

older students.

"It's about half and half," Rodriguez said. "We have several rookies this year. A lot of freshmen."

"This is one of the strongest freshmen classes we've had," she said. "They are just really getting in there, working really hard, trying their best and catching on pretty quick to the upper classmen."

Color guard hasn't filtered down to the middle schools

yet, so the rookies at high school have much to learn. (Band members can start as early as sixth grade, so many of them come to high school with advanced skills.)

"When I get color guard members that are rookies, as we call them, they are basically starting out as what we would see a sixth grader on their instrument," Rodriguez said. "I'm expecting them to get caught up in a very short amount of time.

And I tell them all the time, this isn't easy. It's kind of hard, and it's not a normal thing. I'm handing you a six-foot pole with what looks like a bedsheet tied to it and trying to get you to make it look pretty."

So far, the kids have accepted the challenge with enthusiasm.

"They're looking really good," she said.

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- ___ Leon, TX
- TXism: "the ___ is wagging the dog"
- former A&M basketball coach, Tony (1991-98)
- TXism: "___ calf rope" (quit)
- saddle
- ___ Pictures made "Walker, TX Ranger"
- Cowboy Dave who was head Bear (init.)
- TXism: "couldn't drive ___ snow bank" (incompetent)
- TXism: "___ a fancy to" (attracted)
- this Ames played "Mingo" (init.)
- Austin politicians
- TXism: "chew the fat"
- this Keenan was Digger on "Dallas"
- hit with a gun (hyph.)
- the "Wink Sink," "Kermit Crater," or "Guacamole ___"
- Oklahoma town
- he killed a rare albino buffalo near Snyder
- hunt for food
- TX town or Bible garden
- TXism: "not ___ ___ nickle" (no value)
- tiered
- news net. on cable
- "shop ___ you drop"
- dir. to Eden from Ozona
- Lake El Sal de ___ ("The King's Salt")
- TX female athlete Zaharias (2 wds.)
- instrument played by TX Ginger Rogers
- Christmas tree decoration
- viper
- this Driscoll was the "Savior of the Alamo"
- Washington wasn't a Texan cause he couldn't "tell ___"
- TXism: "compadre"
- "___ for a penny. . ."
- TXism for "also" (2 wds.)
- TXism: "scarce as a wildcatter with ___ balance"
- TX pro football Hall-of-Famer Yale
- "bear in Spanish"
- TXism: "couldn't ___ under a sitting hen" (dumb)
- ___ Braunfels, TX driving 50 mph on a 75 mph road (2 wds.)
- TX country singer Ketchum
- TXism: "fits like scales ___ fish"
- TX Dan Morales is a Harvard ___ School graduate
- Emmitt Smith often ___ off the field
- Steinbeck's wife from Texas
- once a town south of Texarkana
- Crystal City has a statue of cartoon ___ Popeye
- in San Antonio: Sea ___
- TX poet Naomi Shihab ___
- longtime South Carolina senator, Thurman
- "Dallas" was prime time ___ opera
- take home pay age of Sam Houston when he settled in Texas (hyph.)
- TXism: "pulled the ___ over his eyes"
- "___ for the best"
- TXism: "cut ___ some slack"
- TXism: "a ___ piece"
- "Eagles" drummer from Texas, Don

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