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A memorial for Hunter Hess was established after his death in September.

In memory of Hunter

Retired couple adopts road where their young neighbor died

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Retired couple Brian and Jennifer Giesbrecht remember the evening that their 23-year-old neighbor Hunter Hess died.

Hess was traveling on a motorcycle at about 7 p.m. Sept. 2 on Sandlin Lane when he

veered into the opposite lane and was hit by a pickup truck. Hess died from his injuries at the scene of the crash, which was not too far from his parents' home.

Hess graduated from Springtown High School and was going to school for mechanical engineering at Texas Tech University. He had taken

a break from college to work in the electrical field with his father Jason Hess, who described Hunter as hardworking, dependable, and honest.

"He was pretty funny. He was real witty," Jason Hess said about his son.

Hunter's mother Jamie Hess added that Hunter was playful, creative, and very

smart.

"He loved his family, that's for sure," she said. "That's one thing that you wonder whenever you lose one is, 'Did I do enough? Did they love me?' After talking to all his friends and everything, they always said we were very important to him."

The Geisbrechts, who

live across the street from the Hess family in the Cooperstown neighborhood, got the news about Hunter's death from his brother Wyatt.

"It was very traumatic for the neighborhood, actually all of Cooperstown," Jennifer Giesbrecht said. "They didn't

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Hunter Hess died in a motorcycle accident in September on Sandlin Lane. He was 23 years old.



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Darvin Altom, a longtime Springtown resident who now lives in Poolville, has been inducted into the Texas High School Basketball Officials Association Hall of Honor.

Officially admired

Springtown's Darvin Altom inducted into basketball officials' Hall of Honor

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Winning the UIL District 11-2A basketball championship as one of the players on a Springtown High School team in 1974 was a high mark for Darvin Altom.

After graduating in 1975, he set another goal — making it to the UIL state tournament, not as a player but as an official. He accomplished that goal three times. He also

refereed 15 regional tournaments over the years.

Altom's devotion to officiating prompted the Texas High School Basketball Officials Association to induct him into its Hall of Honor in April.

"It humbled me," Altom said. "It was something I never ever expected."

He was enshrined in the Fort Worth Basketball Officials Association Hall of Honor in 2018.

His love of the game stretches back to his childhood. Altom was 8 when he moved with his family to Springtown.

"I started the third grade and lived on the same property there for 56 years," he said.

He played basketball and tennis at Springtown, and after graduation, he became a paint contractor, taking over Altom Painting, which his fa-

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Double grads

SHS seniors graduate from Weatherford College with associate's degrees

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Because of enrollment in dual credit courses, some Springtown High School graduates have also earned associate degrees from Weatherford College. SHS seniors from the Class of 2023 who graduated from WC are Heather Bailey, Blythe Bell, Regan Burdick, Isabelle Burnett, Macy Chavez, Reagan Fortner, Brianna Graham, Kaidence Inzunza, Kayli Norheim, April Quirarte, Ryan Robinson, Roland Stockton, Amie Ann White and Emma Whitehead. Dual credit students who are core complete are Brett Burdick, Brinklee Dauenhauer, Kaden De Leon, Emory Fox, Ava Guerra, Braden Hobbs, Madylyn Merendon, Megan Mills, Mackenzie Paseka and Molly Worthington.



Reno swears in new mayor, council members



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Place 1 Council member Hernando Herrera, Place 2 Council member Tod Siedell, Mayor Hector Bas Jr. and Place 4 Council member Jennifer Vogle were sworn in during the Reno City Council meeting on May 15.

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Reno residents packed city hall on May 15 to witness the swearing in of the city's new leaders.

After winning their elections earlier this month, Place 1 Council member Hernando Herrera, Place 2 Council member Tod Siedell,

Mayor Hector Bas Jr. and Place 4 Council member Jennifer Vogle took their seats at the dais last week.

The transition of power at the meeting was a smooth one. Before stepping down, outgoing Mayor Sam White congratulated the newly elected officials.

"Holding a city office is no easy undertaking," White

said. "It comes with problems and challenges that require collaboration with city staff, legal counsel and oftentimes (Texas Municipal League) experts. I want to thank my family, friends and all the city staff that helped me during the time of my office. It has been my honor to serve the city of Reno and its citizens."

Outgoing council member Jody Works, who was appointed to serve in Place 1 for several months and did not run for election, thanked all the candidates, congratulated the winners and described the races as "one of the calmest election cycles that we've had in forever."

"There were some back and forth, but it was minor

compared to years past, so I appreciate that out of everybody that ran," Works said. "I thank you for throwing your hat in the ring. It is a thankless job, and so, I appreciate it. I appreciate Sam and (outgoing council member) Katie (Tucker) and the job that they've done along with the other council members. And I was proud to serve with all

of you." When Bas took his place behind the dais, he said he appreciated the smooth transition and thanked outgoing Reno City Council members. Before adjourning, the council appointed Rebekka Roberts as the interim city secretary.

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Springtown Library's summer events, reading challenge to start in June

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Despite dealing with a flood this spring, the Springtown Public Library staff is ready to host summer events for local kids starting in June.

The library's annual summer programming will kick off with rock painting on June 7. Activities - including tie-dyeing bookbags, watching movies, planting flowers and decorating flowerpots - are expected to take place at 10:30 a.m. every Wednesday in June and July. The event series will close out with another session of rock painting.

"It's such a big hit," Library Director Andie D'Avignon said about rock painting. "We can't just do it once."

The last program will also include an opportunity for the kids to meet Springtown police officers. This is a feature that D'Avignon and library staff try to include every summer. The kids usually get a chance to tour police cars and may leave feeling more comfortable with the officers.

Children "especially the ones that are in the public schools, they get to meet the school resource officers that they're going to be dealing with so that they're familiar with them," D'Avignon said.

The only activity that may be subject to change about the summer programming is the movie showings, which will happen if the library is open, D'Avignon said. The library had to close at the end of March because of a flood and as of last week, is still undergoing repairs.

All other summer events will take place in the back parking lot outside the library, regardless of whether the library building is open to the public. For the craft activities, D'Avignon recommends that kids wear clothes that they can get messy in.

Also, during the summer, the library will host its annual Summer Reading Challenge for children ages four through 17. This contest tasks kids with recording their time reading during the summer to win prizes. The time families spend reading to younger children counts as part of the challenge, D'Avignon said.

Kids can get signed up for the challenge starting on June 1 at the library, and they can also sign up at Summerfest on June 3 in the children's area. July 31 is the last day kids can record their time reading, and families are given a week to turn in the reading logs. All participants usually end up with a prize, but the top three or four readers



Many families showed up at the Springtown Public Library's rock painting event on June 1 in 2022.

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have a chance to win bigger prizes, D'Avignon said.

Craft supplies and Summer Reading Challenge prizes are provided by the Friends of the Springtown Public Library, a group that fundraises during the year via

book sales.

Regarding the importance of reading, D'Avignon said reading helps people to be empathetic and allows them to explore new worlds while never actually leaving Springtown.

"Being a reader is one of the best ways to learn empathy," she said. "You learn to put yourself in the position of someone that might be completely different from you because you're in their head while you're reading the

book."

For more information about the library's summer programming, visit its website at springtownlibrary.com/kids-corner/ online.

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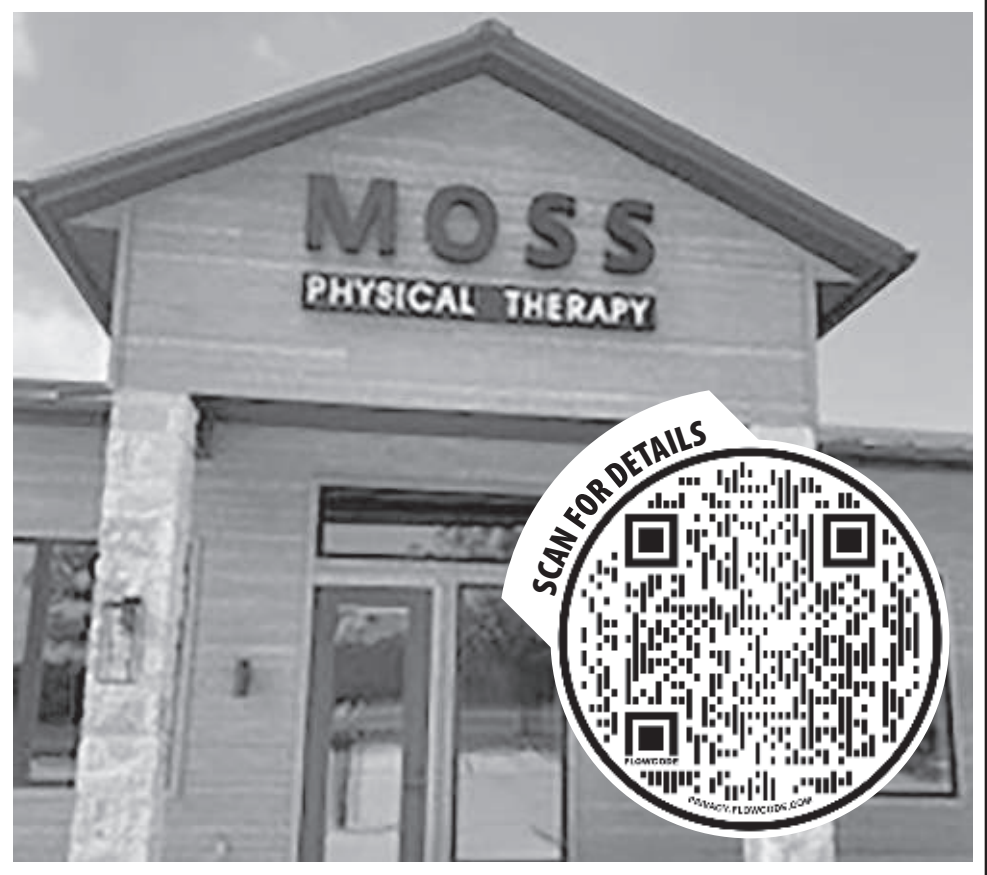
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Springtown Council discusses next year's budget priorities, future projects

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Of all the potential project ideas tossed around at a recent planning meeting, Springtown City Council agreed that the city's employees need to be prioritized in the upcoming budget.

City Administrator David Miller gave a presentation to the council at a special meeting on May 9 about the city's current budget as well as current and future projects. At the end of the meeting, Miller laid out his priorities for the 2023-24 budget.

"My priorities for this upcoming budget year as first

and foremost and always will be taking care of our employees," he said as he explained what might be in store for pay raises to ensure staff are being paid fair and competitive wages. Miller also said it's important for employees to receive the same level of benefits they get now.

Miller continued that his goals are also to have no less than two police officers patrolling every day and possibly bring in another supervisor in the public works department as well as obtain new equipment and software that's needed.

Council members agreed that the city needs to take care of its staff.

"We've got a great set of employees serving the city," Council member Scott Richardson said. "We want to take care of them and try not to give them a reason to leave and go elsewhere and take a job. We don't want to lose what good people we have."

They also largely agreed that the city needs to accomplish goals that will benefit their constituents, such as working on developing Springtown Park and street repairs.

Earlier in the meeting, Miller proposed that the city needs to consider hiring an architectural firm to complete a needs assessment of

facilities.

"The animal control building is inadequate," Miller said, about the crowded animal shelter. "There's got to be some work done there. Space is precious. It's a precious commodity at city hall. It's a precious commodity in the library. It's becoming rapidly a precious commodity at the police station."

This study would cost upwards of \$12,750 and would allow city officials to envision what the city's facilities may look like in the future, Miller said.

"For a city like Springtown, it would probably be most cost effective to combine as many services into one build-

ing as you could possibly combine," he said, while adding that this could include bringing the police department, the public library, the Springtown Legends Museum and city hall into a single structure.

Another idea for facilities needs is moving the public works department to the sewer plant and letting animal control take over a vacated and renovated public works building. Miller was quick to point out that these ideas are not a permanent plan yet.

The council agreed to move forward with the study while offering their comments. Council member

Walter Roberson questioned how the library and the museum could be more accessible and more of an attraction for people in a single, central location. Council member Michele Chandler Kelley said she wants the city to work on accomplishing the goals of the parks master plan, which included renovating the splash pad into a fountain park. Council member Ted Martinez said keeping city employees and the community safe by combining departments in a centralized space, as opposed to being spread out, should be the top priority.

A Lesson in Anatomy

This is the third post in a series on the art of healthy conversation.

"Anatomy is the branch of biology concerned with the study of the structure of organisms and their parts. Anatomy is a branch of natural science that deals with the structural organization of living things. It is an old science, having its beginnings in prehistoric times." (Wikipedia)

Most of us had some basic study of anatomy during our educational journey. Of course, our main interest was in the informal study of the anatomy of the opposite sex, but that is another story for another day (or maybe not).

So, what does anatomy



BE AMAZING

By Gerry Lewis

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have to do with conversation?

I'm so glad you asked! Here's the deal: When we think of conversation, we typically think of the exchange of words. That is, we concentrate on what we are saying. And then we wait (often impatiently) for the other person to speak so that we can speak again.

You've probably heard the old saying, "We have two ears and one mouth so that we

can listen twice as much as we speak." (Attributed to the Greek philosopher Epictetus - 50 - 138 AD).

Boom! Anatomy! To be completely candid, I've got to say that most of us are lousy listeners.

As I looked at that sentence, I realized that it is a perfect example: "I've got to say ..."

We operate under the assumption that our words are

the most important part of the conversation. They NEED to be said and we NEED to say them.

How might our conversations be more artful and productive if we really were to listen—seeking to hear with understanding—twice as much as we speak?

In his classic leadership book, "The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People," Stephen Covey said that one of the habits is "Seek first to understand, and then to be understood."

It's not that our words and point of view are less important than the other person; it is that conversation is intended to be a dialogue where

both participants walk away with a better understanding.

What if we were to hold our thoughts long enough that we were certain we had a good grasp of the other person's perspective? What if we were to listen for changes in the tone and pace of the other person's voice to hear some of the story behind the words? (This is one of the inherent weaknesses of online communication).

Some additional anatomical lessons:

We also have two eyes that can assist us in conversation—to respectfully look each other in the eye and to observe body language.

We have two hands—to

touch appropriately and to serve and assist with grace.

We have two feet—to either move closer or to step back and give space. Whatever is most appropriate at the moment.

Words matter. But communication and conversation require more than words. Our anatomical design can remind us of that reality.

And here's a final thought: Perhaps we only have one mouth because words are so powerful. With them we can wound or heal. How will we use ours?

Until next week, be amazing.

June 5 blood drive

Carter BloodCare and the Azle Ministerial Alliance to hold summer blood drive in Azle

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On Monday, June 5, the Azle Ministerial Alliance will be hosting a Carter BloodCare blood drive at 200 Church Street, First Methodist Church in Azle. The drive will

last from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. and serves as a summer kickoff for the organization.

"The start of summer this month typically begins a drought in the community blood supply," Sonia Chiessa-Ortiz, administrative assistant, said. "As high school

students - who contribute up to 25% of Texas blood donations - go on break and families go on vacation, donations can dip, but local patients still need lifesaving transfusions every day."

All Carter BloodCare donors in the month of June will

receive an insulated cooler lunch bag as thanks for their contribution.

"It takes less than an hour to give blood that saves lives," Chiessa-Ortiz said. "Donated blood is used to help people with life-threatening injuries due to serious

vehicle accidents and severe trauma, those undergoing surgeries and transplants, patients receiving cancer treatments, mothers going through difficult deliveries, children with anemia, and older adults with age-related health issues."

For faster donations and less paperwork, donors-to-be can sign up on Carter BloodCare's Donor Portal, https://www3.greatpartners.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/132042. Walk-ins are also welcome.

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HUNTER

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know exactly who it was, but they knew it happened to someone here."

Hunter's death was especially palpable for the Giesbrechts because they experienced a similar tragedy in the mid-1990s when their 14-year-old son died in a car wreck.

"That brought back all those emotions," Brian Giesbrecht said, adding that they could relate to the feeling of losing a child. "We wanted to do something for them that was other than just give them a card."

One day, Jennifer Giesbrecht noticed the trash in the area near Hunter's memorial that is set up on Sandlin Lane near the Farm-

to-Market Road 51 intersection. Fed up with the trash, she decided to clean up around the memorial.

Then, Jennifer Giesbrecht had the idea to adopt Sandlin Lane in memory of Hunter.

"We thought that is something that's long lasting," Brian Giesbrecht said. "People drive in, and they're going to see his name up there because we'll put it in the sign" that comes with adoption.

Hunter's family stops by the memorial site often, with Jamie Hess saying she goes there almost daily. When Brian Giesbrecht asked Jamie Hess for her permission to adopt Sandlin Lane, she immediately agreed.

"As soon as he told me, my heart sank," she said. "And I just started crying and told him, 'Of course.'"

Jason and Jamie Hess spoke highly of the Giesbrechts and their sup-

port after Hunter died.

"It's heartwarming to know that people think of things like that," Jason Hess said about the Giesbrechts adopting Sandlin Lane. "It's a really nice gesture, makes you feel good."

The Parker County Commissioners Court unanimously approved Brian and Jennifer Giesbrecht's application for adopting Sandlin Lane earlier this year. According to Parker County's website, the Adopt a Country Road Program started in 1998. Parker County residents, churches, companies, and commercial institutions can ask to adopt an area in an effort to remove litter.

Those adopting an area are given trash bags and safety vests, and they are asked to clean up the area six times per year for a minimum of two years, according to Parker County's website.



COURTESY PHOTO

Brian Giesbrecht loads a bag of trash into his truck.



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Jason and Jamie Hess hold up photos of their son Hunter Hess, who died in September after a motorcycle accident. The Hess family also includes Hunter's brother Wyatt and sister Kaylea.

So far, the Giesbrechts have been cleaning up Sandlin Lane from FM 51 to Old Springtown Road a lot more than six times a year. Every Monday, they pick up cigarette butts, empty beer bottles and many more pieces of trash.

"If we waited two months, it'd be just a mess," Brian Giesbrecht said.

The first time they picked up trash, they filled up their truck with bags of trash from the stop sign on Sandlin Lane to FM 51 alone.

In addition to honoring Hunter Hess's memorial site, the Giesbrechts want to inspire people to take pride in their neighborhood by not littering.

"It's positive peer pressure," Jennifer Giesbrecht

said. "Now that it's clean, if people see it clean, and then if a little bit of trash starts getting out there, they're more likely to say, 'Oh, I don't like that.' But the way it was, it had been there for years. So, we hope that we will start to change the behavior of, 'Oh, let's not just throw our lunch bag out the window.'"

While on their trash route, Brian Giesbrecht said people will thank them for their service. For him and his wife, the work is meaningful and not at all a burden.

"We're very happy to do it," he said. "We're not grudgingly doing it. We look forward to Monday morning."

The feeling of losing Hunter is almost indescribable for Jason Hess, and it doesn't take much for him to

be reminded of his son, which sometimes happens through music or seeing a long-haired kid riding a motorcycle.

When people pass by Hunter's memorial on Sandlin Lane, Jason Hess said he doesn't necessarily want them to feel sad. That's not something that Hunter would have wanted. But Hess does hope the memorial inspires others to hug their loved ones more because life is fragile and can end quickly, without notice.

"It can be over in seconds," he said. "They (Hunter's other family members) talked to him and then five minutes later, he was no longer. You don't get to say goodbye some days."

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House lawmakers defy Abbott on vouchers; House, Senate closer on tax relief plan

HOUSE LAWMAKERS DEFY ABBOTT ON VOUCHERS

A key House education committee adjourned last week without voting on a school voucher bill that is Gov. Greg Abbott's top priority this session, the Houston Chronicle reported. Barring some unforeseen maneuver in the last week of the regular legislative session, the bill is effectively dead for now.

The Senate had approved a bill that would provide Texas families \$8,000 in taxpayer money to fund private or charter school tuition. The House narrowed the scope so that it would only apply to students with disabilities or those attending schools with a failing grade issued by the Texas Education Agency - an estimated 800,000 students. The Senate bill would make vouchers available to 5.5 million Texas students.

State Rep. Brad Buckley, R-Killeen, chair of the House Public Education Committee, said he doesn't plan to call a vote on the measure. Abbott has threatened to veto the House version or call a special session if the House does not approve the Senate version.

Opponents of the voucher system say it would take



CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

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money away from public education.

"These voucher proposals have been brought before — in 1957. A tuition grant bill was passed through the House. It failed ultimately, but it was to allow kids to leave integrated schools and join white-only schools," state Rep. James Talarico, D-Round Rock, said.

BILLS FAVORING NATURAL GAS POWER PLANTS ADVANCE

A Texas House committee voted Thursday to send to the House floor a Senate bill providing \$10 billion in taxpayer money for low-interest loans to build natural gas-powered electrical generating plants. The plan is still subject to change in the waning days of the legislative session, however.

The Dallas Morning News reported the call for plant expansions stem from the near collapse of the power grid during the devastating win-

ter storm in 2021. Hundreds of Texans died during that blackout.

State Rep. Todd Hunter, R-Corpus Christi, and chair of the House State Affairs Committee that is considering the bills, said the \$10 billion loan fund and other power generation measures remain "works in progress." The legislative session ends May 29.

HOUSE, SENATE CLOSER ON TAX RELIEF PLAN

The Texas House and Senate appear to be nearing a deal that would deliver billions of dollars in property tax relief, the Austin American-Statesman reported. The proposal combines House Speaker Dade Phelan's preference for cutting appraisal caps by half with Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick's preference for increasing homestead exemptions.

The Legislature was under a mandate from Abbott

and Patrick to return nearly half of the state's \$33 billion budget surplus to taxpayers. The latest measure would lower the appraised value cap from 10% to 5% for all properties. The House version would also raise the state's homestead exemption from \$40,000 to \$100,000, with an added \$10,000 exemption for seniors and disabled homeowners. Patrick's original proposal was to raise the exemption to \$70,000.

DRAFT BUDGET BARS TAX DOLLARS FOR PAXTON SETTLEMENT

House and Senate budget negotiators plan to bar using state funds to pay the \$3.3 million whistleblower settlement negotiated by Attorney General Ken Paxton and his former aides, the Statesman reported.

The settlement was reached in February after four former employees of the AG's office sued Paxton, accusing him of bribery and abusing his office. Since that time the four aides were fired or have resigned. Paxton denied their allegations, but as part of the settlement apologized for calling them "rogue employees."

Paxton said when the settlement was reached that it

would save taxpayer money in the long run by avoiding an expensive court battle.

"I have chosen this path to save taxpayer dollars and ensure my third term as Attorney General is unburdened by unnecessary distractions," Paxton said in a statement at the time. "This settlement achieves these goals."

SUSPECTED FUNGAL INFECTIONS LINKED TO MATAMOROS SURGERIES

The Texas Department of State Health Services is sounding the alarm to the public and doctors about suspected cases of fungal meningitis among Texas residents receiving surgery in Matamoros, Mexico - across the border from Brownsville. So far, the investigation has found at least five affected patients, four of whom are now hospitalized and one who died.

The patients traveled from Texas to Matamoros for surgical procedures that involved an epidural anesthetic, which is injected around the spinal column. One of the possible elective procedures conducted under an epidural is liposuction.

"It is very important that people who have recently

had medical procedures in Mexico monitor themselves for symptoms of meningitis," said DSHS Commissioner Jennifer Shuford. "Meningitis, especially when caused by bacteria or fungus, can be a life-threatening illness unless treated promptly."

Anyone who had surgery involving an epidural in Matamoros this year is advised to contact a doctor, DSHS said in its news release.

MORE THAN \$9 MILLION IN EMS STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

The state is funding more than \$9 million for 1,500 emergency medical services scholarships. The goal is to expand the state's EMS workforce, especially in underserved and rural areas. The funding comes from legislation passed during the 2021 legislative session.

"This funding to support EMS education opportunities and to increase the workforce will ensure a strong EMS system in Texas," said Joe Schmider of DSHS. "These scholarships are impacting the current and future emergency care throughout all of Texas."

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Charles Foretich 1932-2023

Charles William Foretich, 91, passed away on the evening of Tuesday May 16th, 2023 surrounded by his loving wife and children.

A private memorial service will be held for the family on May 27th.

He was born on November 15th, 1932 in Bayou-La-Batre, Alabama. He grew up in Biloxi, Mississippi until he joined the United States Air Force in 1951. He served four years, one of which was in Korea during the Korean war. He worked as an IBEW electrician for many years and finished his career with 18 years at General Motors and retired in 1997.

He was married to Nadine Foretich for 66 years and they had three children together. They moved to Springtown, Texas in 1985 and started building their home in the country. He loved taking care of the land and his black angus cows. He was a loving husband and wonderful father.

Charles was preceded in death by his father Elliot; mother Lula Mea; brother Lawrence; and daughter Melinda.

Charles is survived by his spouse Nadine; his son Jerry; his daughter Lisa; his son Brandon; his daughter-in-law



Diana; his grand daughter Krystal (husband Harley); his grandson Wessley (wife Katie); his grandson Jack Henry; his four great-grandchildren and his favorite cat Squirly.

In lieu of flowers the family requests memorial donations be made to AMVETS National Service Foundation online at <https://amvetsnsf.org/>

The family wishes to extend their gratitude to the sweet nurses and aids from Gentiva Hospice who helped keep Charles comfortable. And a very special thank you to Lou Ann from Visiting Angels, who was a God sent and helped make his last few days a special time together for him and the whole family.

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Dorothy Morris 1937-2023

Dorothy Darlene Morris, 86, went home to be with the Lord on Friday, May 12, 2023, passing from Paradise, Texas to her eternal home with the Lord in Paradise.

Visitation was held from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday, May 15, 2023 at White's Funeral Home, 401 North Main St., Springtown. Funeral Service was held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, May 16, 2023 at Cornerstone Community Church, Springtown. Interment at Springtown Cemetery, Springtown.

Darlene prioritized her faith in Christ and loved and served her family, church, and community so well.

She was born February 1, 1937, to Roy Lee and Flossie Belle (Young) Pearson, and lived on the Pearson family farm in Paradise most of her life, graduating from Springtown High School in 1955.

She was deeply rooted in her faith in God and served him by loving others. Darlene was incredibly outgoing and found so much joy in making others feel loved. She was also an incredible mother and "Meme" to her family, constantly cooking and loving. Everyone was welcome at her house and there was "always room for one more."

She had the perfect job for her personality, serving as the church secretary and always greeted with a smile at Outreach of Love and Cornerstone Community Church, saying "We've been waiting on you to get here!" Darlene served as an inspiration to many due to her



amazing personality, positivity, and her constant desire to love and serve others. She will be missed dearly, but she is dancing in heaven now.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Roy and Belle Pearson; sister, Beverly Havner; and brother, Hershel Pearson.

Survivors include her son, James Alvis and wife, Caren, of Springtown, Dwayne Alvis and wife, Tammy, of Springtown, and Gaylon and Angela Alvis of Paradise. Grandchildren include Casey Alvis and Ronica, of Aledo, Melissa Alvis of North Richland Hills, Chad Alvis and wife, Jessica, of Springtown, Andrew Alvis and wife, Kourtlynn, of Springtown, Jonathan Alvis and wife, Amy, of The Woodlands, Rachel Winstead and husband, Jacob, of Louisiana, and Sarah Alvis of Paradise. She also had 12 great-grandchildren and many more spiritual sons and daughters.

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Texas Health promotes National “Stop The Bleed” Day

Local hospitals offer classes and resources on how to render first aid for physical trauma and hemorrhaging.

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An emergency can happen at any moment, thankfully there are resources available that can help you be prepared to make the best out of it. In concurrence with National Trauma and Stroke Month, Thursday, May 25 is National Stop The Bleed Day. May 25, 2023, marks the sixth year since Stop The Bleed was established as a public health initiative by the American College of Surgeons.

Stop The Bleed is aimed at helping prevent deaths by bleeding. Healthcare experts have long been advocating this training to prevent deaths by severe hemorrhaging during accidents or multi-casualty emergency situations.

Texas Health Dallas and Texas Health Harris Methodist Hospital Fort Worth, both designated Level I Trauma Centers, offer regular classes on Stop The Bleed. Resources are also available at other trauma services departments throughout the

Texas Health system. Kristi L. Ramon BSN, RN, Trauma, Stroke, Chest Pain, and EMS Coordinator at Texas Health Harris Methodist Hospital in Azle is able to teach classes and provide resources for those interested in attending a Stop The Bleed class, or in becoming instructors themselves.

“With the increase in violent events across the nation, the general public can feel empowered to make a difference in a life-threatening event after the successful completion of a Stop The Bleed course,” Ramon said. “Tourniquets have been a staple in emergency rooms for years. Table saw, boating, motorcycle, and gun accident victims are just a few that may have a tourniquet in use on arrival to an emergency department.”

These classes are promoted as an excellent resource and training experience for any manner of workplace, church organization or club. More than two million people have received the training, according to the American College



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The class includes a demonstration in how to properly apply a tourniquet.

of Surgeons. In the United States alone, 60,000 people die every year from uncontrolled hemorrhaging, 75 percent of which are the result of trauma.

On Sunday, June 4, there is a free Stop The Bleed Basic Instruction class at Texas Health Dallas Professional Building 5 (Texas Health Resources University) located

at 8194 Walnut Hill Lane, Auditorium, 1st floor, Dallas, TX 75231. Directly following Stop The Bleed, a Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events (CRASE) class will be

held at the same location. CRASE is taught by trained law enforcement officers who teach the community how to stay safe during an active shooter event.



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Darvin Altom officiated basketball games for more than 40 years.

ALTOM

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ther founded in 1950. Darvin Altom was 21 when he joined the Fort Worth chapter of the officiating association in 1977 and began officiating games. In 1999, he reached his goal of officiating at the state tournament. He returned to officiate the state tourney twice more.

He also began officiating NCAA games and worked contests that included standouts such as Jimmy Butler, Rashard Lewis, and Marcus Smart, who would go on to star in the NBA.

“I worked some of great NBA players at one time, either in college or high school,” he said.

He holds no bad memories of four decades spent officiating other than spending time away from his family. He worked as a painter by day and an official by night for four decades.

He recalled working a game in Portales, New Mexico, one night and driving to Baton Rouge, Louisiana, to work another game the following night.

He kept his painting business thriving by relying on employees who could be trusted to work hard while he was away.

“I had good help,” he said. In 2004, hip problems forced

him to have replacement surgery. Six months later, he was back to officiating college games.

In 2012, his other hip began hurting, and Altom retired from NCAA officiating in 2013.

Two years later, he had his second hip replaced, and he returned to high school officiating for another couple of years before retiring from the court for good in 2016.

“There are so many guys that hang on too long,” he said. “I did not want them to say, ‘Well, look at old Darvin out there. He used to be pretty good. Look at him now.’ If I couldn’t do it at the level that I used to do it ... I couldn’t hurt the game that’s been good to me. It was time for me to hang it up.”

He remained on the THSBOA board of directors for nine more years, resigning two years ago. He continues to work occasionally as an observer for the UIL, traveling the state to watch officials working games.

Mostly, though, Altom, now 67, is back to spending time at home with family and his paint company, which he has been operating for 48 years.

He and Denese have three children, including Amanda, Kristen, and Corey, and six grandchildren. Denese retired from Springtown ISD about

five years ago. Corey followed in dad’s footsteps, became an official, and worked the state tournament in 2018 when Allen won its first championship.

“The proudest moment I’ve had in basketball officiating was watching my son at 30 years old working the 6A state championship game at the Alamodome,” Darvin Altom said.

His children summed up their feelings for their father in a joint statement: “Dad is a one-of-a-kind, loyal, and trustworthy man. He is someone that will always take care of you and love you, as he has done for Mom, us three kids, and his six grandchildren. The greatest lesson we have learned from Dad has been to be confident and stand up for ourselves. As a business owner, he takes his work ethic seriously and expects the same from his employees. As an official, he is a great mentor and has shown how much he loves the game of basketball to three generations. He exemplifies brutal honesty in a way that still shows love and encouragement for you to always do your best. Dad wouldn’t be the man he is today without following Christ and having Denese by his side.”

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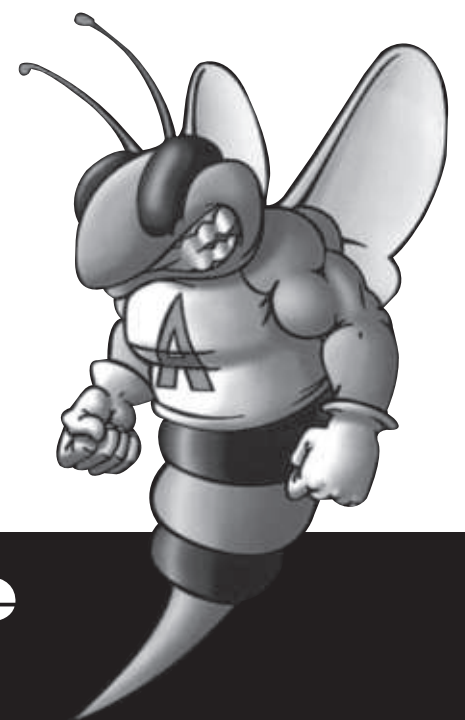
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SISD school board recognizes student achievement



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At their meeting on May 22, the Springtown ISD school board recognized members of Springtown High School's First Responders Club, which competed at state earlier this year.



Mackenzie "Mack" Flaughter attended the school board meeting on May 22 to receive recognition for competing at the UIL State Track & Field Meet in Austin.



Springtown Middle School FCCLA students who qualified to compete at nationals this summer received kudos from the SISD school board on May 22.



On May 22, the Springtown ISD school board honored Gideon McPhetridge, who advanced to the state Academic UIL contest in computer science.

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Randy's Benefit Ride

Proceeds benefitted local toddler with leukemia

Randy's Benefit Ride on May 20 benefitted 2-year-old Turner Dennis, who is recovering from leukemia.



In addition to the motorcyclists, firefighters from Whitt attended Randy's Benefit Ride with their firetruck on May 20.



On May 20, locals gathered for the 14th annual Randy's Benefit Ride, which is an annual event that brings motorcyclists together to raise money for people diagnosed with cancer or others in need. PHOTOS COURTESY TOUGH LIKE TURNER FACEBOOK PAGE

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Scout Aidan Spradlin was recognized for completing all achievements from Lions to Arrow of Light with Pack 303 at the Bridging Ceremony on May 20. He was the first scout to earn this achievement in Pack 303. Aidan also advanced to the BSA Troop.

Crossing the bridge

Pack 303 Cub Scouts graduate to new dens, BSA Troop



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Seven Arrow of Light-ranked scouts in Cub Scouts Pack 303 advanced to the BSA Troop at the Bridging Ceremony on May 20.



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Cub Scouts Pack 303 has some new members in the Tiger Den. These scouts graduated from the Lion Den at the Bridging Ceremony on May 20.



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Scout Jaxson Lowe crossed the bridge from Cub Scouts to the BSA Troop at the Bridging Ceremony on May 20.



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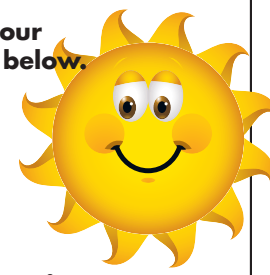
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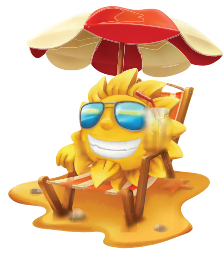


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Sunburn is a type of injury that happens when your skin gets too much sun. When you spend time in the sun without protection, the UV rays can damage your skin, causing it to turn red, feel hot and painful. It's important to protect your skin from the sun because sunburns can be dangerous. They can make you feel sick, give you a headache, and make it hard to sleep or even move comfortably. In extreme cases, sunburns can cause blisters, swelling, and fever. But even more importantly, too much exposure to the sun can increase your risk of skin cancer later in life. Skin cancer is a serious disease that can be hard to treat, so it's best to do everything you can to protect your skin now. That's why it's important to always wear sunscreen, a hat, and protective clothing when you're spending time outside in the sun. And if you do get a sunburn, it's important to take care of it by staying out of the sun, drinking plenty of water, and using aloe vera or other soothing creams to help your skin heal.

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Caleb Boston will be a returning member of the 2023-24 Sound of Springtown drumline.

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So long, Blanca

Foreign exchange student will miss Springtown after returning to Spain

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The past 10 months are something Blanca Alapont will never forget.

On May 30, the foreign exchange student will board a plane and fly back home to Spain. She will touch down as a different person from when she left.

Her sophomore year spent at Springtown High School

changed her as a person. "It's been an experience," she said. "It's been one of the best years of my life. I've enjoyed every single minute of it, and I learned a lot as a person."

In Spain, she had the same friends for years. Here, she had to make new friends despite a slight language barrier. Her English improved during her stay, but in the beginning, she sometimes

struggled to communicate effectively.

"Whenever I came here, I learned how to start over, like a new life, from zero," she said. "Now, it's going to be so much easier whenever I meet someone or make new friends."

Her stay in Springtown opened her mind to new experiences.

PLEASE SEE **BLANCA** | B3



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Blanca Alapont will return to Spain soon after spending 10 months as a foreign exchange student at Springtown High School.



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From left, Shaye Winford and Delaney Harris wait for the awards to be handed out on day 2 at the rodeo finals.

Buckled up

Springtown rodeo shines at rodeo finals

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On May 19-20, Springtown sent team members to the rodeo finals to ride bulls, rope calves, and tie goats while competing against the top high school riders in North Texas.

The team finished in fifth place for the season, and Delaney Harris was named finals average reserve champion in walkup goat tying.

Team sponsor Staci Harris was proud of all her team members, those who made finals and those who didn't. The entire team is young,

worked hard, and has time to learn and improve.

"They did pretty darn good for a lot of rookies and freshmen," she said. "They came out, and they did their best. I saw a lot of improvement and a lot of room for improvement, as well."

Her daughter, Delaney Harris, was one of the four qualifiers for the finals. She finished the regular season ranked third in rideup goats and ninth in walkup goats.

In the finals, she rode Lux, the horse she began using after her favorite, Cinch, died unexpectedly in April. Harris and Cinch had been among

the top 10 in rideup goats before the 15-year-old horse died.

Lux is a younger, less experienced horse, kind of like the Springtown rodeo team in general. Harris was happy with her new mount's performances during the two days of finals.

The average score at finals were added to season totals to determine the winners, with the top 6 in each event winning belt buckles and money.

Harris figured she and Lux earned about \$200 on

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Faith Styles makes her turn on poles.

RODEO

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the first day and \$150 on the second.

"We did pretty good," Harris said. "We accomplished some of our goals. All around, we did pretty good for finals. I came out a lot better than I thought I was."

Lux ran hard, said Harris, speaking on the second day of finals while waiting for the awards ceremony to announce the top finishers.

"Lux stayed solid both nights," Harris said. "I didn't do my job last night, but she really worked for me and got me where I needed to be every time. Today, she hauled down the pen and stayed perfectly consistent and I'm just super proud of how she worked."

Harris, a junior, will have all year to become better synchronized with Lux before next year's finals.

"I think next year, she's going to come out on top," she said. "We're definitely click-

ing. This weekend showed that."

Henley Sears, a junior, competed in three events - breakaway, rideup goat tying, and walkup goat tying.

Sophomore Colton Phillips rode bulls, and junior Shaye Winford competed in rideup goats.

Winford plans to spend her off season riding horses and tying goats to stay in practice for next year's run at the finals.

"We'll do a couple of jackpots this summer," she said. "We may go to Shawnee. Do a couple of amateur rodeos around North Texas. Getting ready for our senior season."

The rodeo season is one of the longest in high school sports, stretching from August to May and involving two dozen multi-day events.

About 15 kids signed up for the rodeo team this year, and about half of them were inexperienced. Harris and other sponsors and parents helped teach them how to rope and ride. Most will return next season to try to make it to finals and compete against the

best of the best.

RODEO FINALS RESULTS

- **Breakaway**
Henley Sears, ninth place
- **Bulls**
Colton Phillips, sixth place
- **Goat Tying/Horse**
Delaney Harris, fifth place
Henley Sears, 11th place
Shaye Winford, 12th place
- **Goat Tying/Walk Up**
Henley Sears, fourth place
Delaney Harris, seventh place
- **Team Roping**
Levi Newcomber (header), 15th place
Stephanie Heil (heeler), 16th place
- **Barrels D Buckle Winners**
3D - London Smith, first place; Kaylee Buchanan, fourth place
4D - Kallie Gray, fourth place
- **Pole D Buckle Winners**
3D - London Smith, sixth place
4D - Brylee Bailey, fourth place
5D - Faith Styles, first place; Stephanie Heil, fourth place



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Brylee Bailey won a buckle in 4D poles.



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Delaney Harris earns fifth place and a buckle in rideup goats.



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Addyson Norris races for the finish.

Sound of Springtown establishes drumline for new season

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The Sound of Springtown marching band has announced members of its drumline for the 2023-24 school year.

Snares: Nick McCabe, Layla Matthiessen, and Matthew

Sullivan.

Tenors: Doc Miller and Aidan Stephens.

Basses: Jonathan Sullivan, Hayley Knight, Kimber Woolley, and Collin Walker.

Vibraphones: Colton Walker and Hannah Eichenberger.

Marimbas: Caleb Boston,

Caleb Morris, and Ally Kitchen.

Xylophone: Carolina Williams.

Mallet Station: Jason Patterson.

Synth: Mason White.

The Sound of Springtown, according to its mission

statement, strives to reach and surpass a superior standard in musical and visual performance each year. The members do this by hard work, mutual trust, respect, and self-discipline.

The band will try to improve on its already spectacular

season in 2022-23, when Sound of Springtown competed at the Alamodome in San Antonio and was deemed the 15th best Class 4A marching band in Texas.

In November, 2022, the drumline earned third place at the Lone Star Classic in

Flower Mound and took fourth place while competing up a division with 5A schools at an HEB drumline contest.

BLANCA

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"I know I'm going to have new things coming to my life," she said. "You come here, away from your family and your friends and what you're used to, and you learn how to adapt yourself to different situations. You mature a little bit."

The year was relaxing, in part, because it was temporary. Alapont treated her visit like a working vacation, attending school but also playing sports, making friends, and bonding with her host family.

"I obviously had school and had to study, but it did feel a little bit like a vacation," she said.

She looks forward to returning home and seeing her family and friends but knows "I'm going to be sad when I leave."

She wasn't sad to leave Spain. She knew she would return in 10 months.

Leaving Springtown, however, involves uncertainty about when or if she will return. She plans to come back one day. She became close to her host family and new friends during her stay.

"I have a family here," she said. "I will definitely come visit. There are people I would still like to keep in

touch with. I'll keep updating them, and they will keep updating me about our lives."

When she comes back, she plans to visit her host family, look up her Porcupine friends, visit the school, look around the city, and pay a visit to Chicken Express. Spain doesn't have Chicken Express, and Alapont will miss those delectable pieces of fried chicken.

Before she came to Springtown, she was excited to live "her American dream," although she had no expectations.

"I didn't really know what to think about how my year was going to be," she said. "It's just like normal life."

And it was wonderful.

"There are good moments and bad moments in life," she said. "All of them help me in my life, so it's been good. My experience has been complete."

She will return to school next year as a junior. After she graduates high school, she plans to attend college and perhaps work as a nurse or an architect. She is only 16 and still deciding what direction she will take. Visiting Springtown helped provide education and experience that will one day help her decide which path to take in life.

"It's been a great experience, and I will never forget it," she said. "I loved every single second of it."

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Blanca Alapont played basketball and ran track during her sophomore year at SHS.



Game Faces

Springtown athletes worked hard and played hard in 2023



Elizabeth White



Kyra Reeves



Layton Murrell

Congratulations, Springtown rodeo!

The rodeo team began this season with many young and inexperienced members but finished in fifth place in team standings and performed well at the finals on May 19-20. These teenagers participated in a rough sport that requires much self-discipline, and they made their hometown proud at the finals.



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