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## Building 'gardens of hope'

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Christine Landis stands next to a wall of sunflowers in her garden at her home in Springtown. Landis inspired Springtown Public Library's new seed library.

*Widow copes with loss through gardening, starts seed library*

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SPRINGTOWN — In 2022, Christine Landis found herself amidst a tragedy. Landis' husband, Harley Landis, died of suicide, and she became a single mother to her four daughters. She said grief caused her to lose 30 pounds in a month because she couldn't keep food down. On the financial front, she thought about selling the house she and her husband built in Springtown to make ends meet, though she ultimately kept their home. During this time, one activity stood out as a beacon of hope for her — gardening. "It was my beautiful little project that got me through a really dark time," Landis said. Now, she wants to share the therapeutic nature of gardening with the Springtown community. Landis was the driving force behind Springtown

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## Lake Worth man arrested for bomb threat

**STAFF REPORT**

LAKE WORTH — A man suspected in a Lake Worth bomb threat was taken into custody just hours after the evacuation of a local Walmart and the brief closure of NW Loop 820 July 25.

According to a news conference with Lake Worth Police Department Chief of Police JT Manoushagian, Donald Mark Scott, age 43, is currently under investigation after he was reported to be in the area with armed explosives. Police tracked the suspect using his phone signal to the Lake Worth Walmart Supercenter after he sent a presumed bomb threat to his probation officer.

"I've had this plan since 2007," the message said. "I have things stashed everywhere. I've been here over 24 hours. Cops play with my word ... When I say planned, I mean everything. Even going to prison for bank robbery."

During a manhunt in the area, officers discovered a suspicious bag at the nearby Richie Brothers Auctioneers and another in the 3900 block of Boat Club Road. The Fort Worth Fire Department's arson and



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**Donald Mark Scott was arrested after allegedly making a bomb threat July 25.**

bomb squad was called in and a safe perimeter was established. Initial concerns about possible explosive contents in the bags were proven unfounded after investigators instead discovered pressure cookers, electric wires and other miscellaneous cooking and camping equipment.

Manoushagian praised the handling of the situation. "All things considered, this incident was

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## Azle FD welcomes new employees, ambulances



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One of the two new ambulances that will be introduced to service next month, manufactured by Frazier LTD.

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AZLE — The Azle Fire Department recently welcomed three new employees and two new ambulances with a third on the way.

The Azle Fire Department acquired three new employees in May 2024. According to Fire Chief Will Scott, the hires were replacements for positions that have been left vacant since at least 2023. Two of the hires will be attending

the Tarrant County College Fire Academy this fall.

Scott previously spoke about the job openings during a December Azle City Council meeting. He attributed difficulties in filling the positions to changes happening in the emergency medical services industry that are making it harder to employ them; many potential candidates choose to go to emergency rooms instead. The Azle Fire Department and emergency medical ser-

vices have been combined for many years.

"The employees that you do have are doing a fantastic job considering what the workload is," Scott said.

Scott said he would like to have 32 firefighters on staff, but the current budget only pays for 21 non-administrative employees. With the hiring of the three most recent employees, all available positions have been filled.

The department also took delivery of two new am-

bulances in late April. The ambulances have not yet entered service as the FD is still waiting on all the equipment needed to outfit the vehicles. Scott predicts they will likely enter service sometime in the next month. The city obtained the funding for the vehicles as part of its participation in Tarrant County Emergency Services District No. 1. TCESD No. 1 received a grant from the

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American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 to assist in the purchase of three ambulances. The third ambulance was ordered around the same time but became untraceable and did not arrive due to complications during the 2023 United Auto Workers strike, Scott said. A replacement ambulance has been ordered and with the current demand for chassis, Scott expects it to be delivered between 12 and 24 months from now.

TCESD No. 1, previously known as Tarrant County Rural Fire Prevention District, contracts with 25 fire departments to provide fire and EMS coverage for approximately 50,000 residents in the 183 square miles of unincorporated Tarrant County.



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The interior of one of the new ambulances that will be introduced to service next month, manufactured by Frazier LTD.

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## Can we talk about conspiracy theories?



### Common Practice

I tend to believe stories that match my views, or that are reported by sources that I agree with.

### Best Practice

I search for verification on stories that I hear and share them with caution.

### Helpful Habits

- Beware of conspiracies designed to make you suspicious of one group.
- Ask questions about the story and how it is designed to make you feel.
- Look for solid facts from multiple reliable sources.
- Think before you share. Does the story sound too good (or bad) to be true? Is the tone objective and factual, or is it sensationalist? Does the headline accurately reflect the story?

### The End Game

We can all fall for conspiracy theories and unintentionally assist in spreading them. Learn how to spot and evaluate them, especially before we share them.

Let's Talk Azle is a community resilience initiative endorsed by the City of Azle, the Azle Independent School District, the Azle Area Chamber of Commerce, and the Azle Area Ministerial Alliance. We hope you will use each month's topic to have conversations with your family, friends, co-workers, etc.

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### Practices

#### Think about this...

- Remember that conspiracy theories are persuasive and will play upon our fears.
- Conspiracy theories are designed to help us feel in control and explain our frustrations.

#### Try this...

- What are the central claims of the conspiracy theory and where do they come from?
- Be skeptical of stories shared from sources supporting only one viewpoint.
- Conspiracy theories and misleading information thrive by invoking a strong reaction. If the information upsets you or makes you angry, it could be a sign that you're being manipulated.

# Living with our mistakes is a part of life

Humans are fallible and in some ways our failings are what make us endearing. But in other ways our shortcomings are the source of personal irritation and frustration, so much so that it is sometimes hard to appreciate the lesson life is teaching us.

We recognize the good Lord who created us humans gave us a higher intellect than other creatures. With that intellect comes a level of responsibility which the lower animals do not have. Wait a minute — that may not be entirely fair for when the lower animals make a mistake in judgment, the price they pay is usually their life. For example, when a small fish exercises poor judgment and swims near the surface of the lake in clear sight of the bald eagle resting in a neighboring treetop, the fish's poor judgment is violently confirmed when the



## FROM MY FRONT PORCH

By Sam Houston

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eagle dives in and swoops the fish out of the water making it the "catch of the day." With our greater degree of brainpower, we humans can make a wider variety of mistakes than just swimming too close to the surface. Fortunately, most of the mistakes we make in a civilized society are not paid for by sacrificing our lives like the fish in my example, though occasionally we feel so remorseful about a mistake we might wish we could die.

Stop and think about the absent-minded, lackadaisical, silly mistakes you have

made over the course of your life. The mistake that may come to mind for some could be marriage to a certain spouse. Admittedly, in some instances a bad marriage can be a huge mistake. But I am referring to the everyday "dealing with life mistakes" like pulling your vehicle into oncoming traffic and not seeing the truck that hits your front quarter panel and spins you off into the ditch. Clearly the oncoming truck was there, but for whatever reason, we simply did not see it; a mistake is made, and consequences result. If we are

lucky, the mistake only costs us financially.

Then there is just plain, old absent-mindedness like the time in graduate school when I thought my final exam was Wednesday. When I showed up to take the test, I learned that the exam had been administered the day before! I had gotten the date wrong! The stress and mortification I suffered until I could contact my instructor and beg her to allow me to take the test, was excruciating. Fortunately, through the grace provided me by my forgiving professor, predicated on a promise I had not talked to anyone else who had taken the test and learned what the questions were, I did not have to repeat a whole semester of school. Reminiscing about the situation still makes my heart shudder thinking about how bad the consequences

might have been. After realizing I had made a mistake, the worst part was trying to reconcile why I had made the mistake in the first place. What caused me to write the date down incorrectly? Why had I been confused? Did somebody else screw up and tell me the wrong date?

Yes, when a mistake occurs, it is human to attempt to deflect blame on someone or something else. Is there a logical explanation which will absolve the blame or the consequences of the mistake? While on a rare occasion there is a legitimate explanation and the mistake is someone else's fault, much more commonly the mistake is ours. The sooner we admit to the mistake and accept our failings, the quicker we can deal with the consequences and get back on track. The tragedy is not the mistake;

the tragedy is the failure to learn from the mistake, rather than taking steps so it does not happen again and growing. Without mistakes, how would we learn and get better? Sometimes it is hard to accept learning a lesson is a good thing. Like the time we printed last week's date on this week's paper. After some shame, embarrassment and aggravation, a lesson was learned and will never be forgotten. I bet we all learned a lesson this week, whether we liked it or not. It was probably a lesson worth learning.

Thought for the day: Mistakes are like knives that either serve us or cut us, as we grab them by the blade or by the handle.

Until next time...I will keep ridin' the storm out!

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# What is woven into the lives of others

This past week I was at a series of events, meetings and activities where I found myself looking around at the various people I knew and retrospectively thinking about our friendships.

Several people were ones I would consider good friends. Interestingly, like in most close friendships, we have had to work through things together that were, at times, quite difficult. Although rare, some of those issues involved hurt feelings and confusion.

The 19th century American novelist Louisa May Alcott wrote, "Stay" is a charming word in a friend's vocabulary." How true! When a friend stays to work through an issue, reminding me that we are on the same side despite our disagree-



## HOPE MATTERS

By David Shaffer

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ments, I feel emboldened and strengthened, and it bonds us even closer together.

Relationships can be tough, but they are clearly what give life meaning and context.

This is, of course, no new revelation. Pericles, the most prominent and influential Greek statesman and orator during the Golden Age of Athens, wisely noted nearly 2,500 years ago that "what you leave behind is not what is engraved in stone monuments, but what is woven into

the lives of others."

More than two millennia later, William Shakespeare added his observation of relationships, saying, "The course of true love never did run smooth."

My work in Son Shine Ministries is focused primarily on marriage and family ministry. Almost every day I am inspired by couples and individuals who are putting forth the effort to strengthen their relationships.

Friendships almost always

involve the risk of being hurt, saddened, scared and broken; yet they also are the primary source where love, joy, peace, happiness and safety can thrive.

A few years ago, a friend of mine saw the division in our country and remarked to me, "No matter what I hear on the news, I'll tell you one thing, David: I'm not fearful."

While I believed him at the time, I remember feeling that I could not match his declaration. I did have some anxiety about what was happening in our culture and nation, and I transparently shared that with him, which was met with understanding. For me, a great friend is someone with whom I feel comfortable being completely honest.

U.S. Olympic sprinter Noah

Lyles, in a recent NBC News interview, paraphrased classic wisdom about fear as it relates to his competitions. He made the point that it is not the absence of fear that is his goal. It is the willingness to recognize the fear he feels and not let it keep him from lining up in the starting blocks and competing.

As I continue in this life, I want to strengthen my friendships and fight for them when necessary. I want to develop new friendships and to linger at times, staying long enough to get below the surface.

It is so easy to be contentious. Some relationships don't make it, and some sadly actually need to end. Whenever possible and wise, though, I want to discipline

myself to be positive and to support people rather than find faults and tear down people. I have been shown so much grace in my life! Why would I not extend it to others?

Perhaps what I love best about healthy friendships is that they weave hope into our lives. I am deeply grateful for the hope I have because of my relationship with Christ, my wife, my family and my friends.

Despite associated challenges and risks, special relationships are well worth it. May you be blessed with friends who know you, support you and love you! And may you reciprocate such kindness to them and to others!

# Springtown woman thanks EMTs who saved her life after she fell through her porch

*Hirleman's blood pressure was 70/0 when first responders came to her rescue*

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SPRINGTOWN — "How do you thank somebody that literally saved your life? What do you do for that person?"

Asking this question caused Springtown resident Donna Hirleman to choke up with emotion as she retold the story of how Parker County emergency medical technicians helped her during a traumatic accident.

"God is good," Hirleman said. "I absolutely have God and my angel, whatever people believe that's out there, (who) brought those other angels to my aid."

On a Saturday evening in mid-June, Hirleman needed an ambulance. She was headed out to test drive her truck after it had been worked on, but unfortunately, she never made it that far. She stepped outside onto her front porch, and unbeknownst to her, one of the wooden boards on her deck where her foot landed was rotten, causing her leg to fall through.

"I went straight down, and

when I did, the wood cut my leg," she said. "It went really deep."

Hirleman started bleeding, but she specified that the blood wasn't running down her leg but instead spraying out of her leg. Hirleman, who had her phone with her when she fell, called 911, and her husband addressed her wound by wrapping his belt around her thigh along with a towel.

Luckily for Hirleman, she lives close enough to the Parker County Hospital District emergency medical services station on East State Highway 199 that she could hear the sirens turn on when the first responders were on their way to her. When they arrived, the EMTs hooked Hirleman up to an IV and took her blood pressure, which was 70/0. (Keep in mind that a healthy blood pressure is between 90/60 and 120/80.)

During the traumatic ordeal, Hirleman said she felt like she was going unconscious, but the EMTs reassured her that she would be

OK.

"(One of the EMTs) says, 'If you pass out, it's fine.' He said, 'Just let go. You're fine,'" Hirleman said. "I had to totally trust in those guys. They were awesome. I would trust them to come to my aid any day of the week."

The first responders banded Hirleman's leg and whisked her away to the hospital in Azle, where she had to have stitches.

Looking back, Hirleman realized that if she didn't have her phone in her hand when she fell and if her husband wasn't home, she might not have survived the accident.

"That's the scariest injury I've ever had in my life, ever, hands down," she said.

Hirleman's husband suspected the deck needed to be replaced but didn't realize it was bad enough to cause his wife's injury. Shortly after the incident, he redid the whole deck. The couple has lived in their current home in Springtown for almost 20 years, and nothing like that had ever happened before.

After she healed, Hirleman



COURTESY PHOTO

Donna Hirleman delivers a basket of snacks to the Parker County Hospital District emergency medical services station in Springtown and meets one of the first responders who saved her life, Matt Dunn.

decided she wanted to show her appreciation to the EMTs who came to her aid. She assembled a large basket of snacks and keychains for the

first responders and dropped it off at the emergency medical services station July 24.

"It may have not been a big deal to any of them as far as

this is not much of an accident," she said. "It felt really big to me, and I'm just very grateful."

## THREAT

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handled nearly perfectly," Manoushagian said.

The suspect, described as homeless and residing in a wooded area, remains in custody. Scott has a long crimi-

nal history in the Lake Worth area and beyond.

In 2008, Scott was arrested along with Thomas Leon Jochum Jr. after the two allegedly robbed several banks

in Saginaw and Blue Mound with a pellet gun. After stealing \$10,000, the pair used the money to bail their friend, Kenyon Grady Cox, out of jail. The trio met in the Tarrant

County Jail in 2007 after each was arrested on child sex charges. After Cox removed a monitoring device from his ankle and a warrant was issued for his arrest, all three

were apprehended together at a Parker County pawn shop three days later.

# Top cops: Azle officers recognized at in-house awards ceremony

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AZLE — Thursday night, July 25, the Azle Police Department hosted a small, private award and pinning ceremony for officers and their families at the Orchard Event Venue. Police Chief Ben Hall said this is the first year the department has had a dedicated ceremony of this kind, which the department used to honor the accomplishments and recognize the experiences of officers going back the last eight years.

Hall, who became Azle's chief in 2022, said he was inspired to host this event because of the rough transition the department faced with the sudden retirement of one of its lieutenants as well as its former chief. Hall said the department had failed to properly record certain notable events, in his view, and this ceremony was the department's way of rectifying the situation and setting a good precedent for the future.

"When I first got here, we were talking about commendations and recognition and it kind of became apparent that there was a gap," Hall said. "With the loss of these people a lot of history went with them, where there may

have been written commendations or things prepared, a lot of that stuff got lost."

The first to be recognized was new Azle Officer Stefan Beard. Beard, originally from Chicago, Illinois, attended the University of Texas at San Antonio on a full football scholarship. With hopes of a future in law enforcement, Beard joined the Tarrant County Sheriff's Office as a detention officer and graduated from the police academy in 2023. Beard was joined by his wife and children. Beard said he feels blessed and grateful for the opportunity to serve the Azle community.

Another new officer, Joe Nelson, earned an associate degree in applied science from Kaplan College, received his basic peace officer licensing at Weatherford College and is working toward an intermediate license. Nelson has a passion for helping others and building strong relationships with the community. He has a goal of one day being a K-9 unit. He enjoys arts, crafts and spending time with his partner Chandler, family and friends.

The chief then recognized two corporals who were promoted in the last year. Officers Loren Lyon and Kevin Nguyen were recog-



Left to right, Perez, Gallardo, Lyon, and Beane pose for a silly photo on the back row. Nguyen, McQuarrie, Gittinger, Javarone and Lukowsky pose in the middle row. Ty Tapp lays in front.

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Officer Joe Nelson is joined by his partner and recognized as one of Azle's newest officers during a pinning ceremony.



Officer Beard is joined by his wife and recognized as one of Azle's newest officers during a pinning ceremony.



Cpl. Kevin Nguyen is joined by his wife during his pinning ceremony for his promotion to the rank of corporal.



Cpl. Loren Lyon is joined by his wife during his pinning ceremony for his promotion to the rank of corporal.

nized with a pinning ceremony, along with their wives.

"When you take on a formal role of leadership at the police department there's a level of responsibility that goes with it. You're now not just in charge of yourself, you're in charge of your co-workers and you're in charge of officers and to some degree you're in charge of your sergeant because if you screw up, your sergeant is going to hear about it. From a leadership perspective, this is the beginning of forming the rest of your career. It's important to understand with each step, the burden becomes bigger, and the hard stuff becomes harder but there's also more rewards because you're touching more lives," Hall said.

To conclude the ceremony, Cpl. Angel Perez was recognized with the APD's Medal of Honor. This commendation came as a result of an

incident in which Perez shot and killed an individual in the spring of 2016. Perez responded to a report of a man firing a gun in the 600 block of Alameda Road. When Perez arrived, 51-year-old Mark Minnick reportedly advanced toward Perez and pointed his weapon at the officer after an effort was made to deescalate the situation. Perez was placed on administrative leave during an investigation into the incident; he was found to be justified in defending himself.

"It is my privilege to present this final award," Hall said. "It really should have been covered years ago. The decision he made is one that sticks with an officer for a lifetime ... Cpl. Perez is commended for his bravery. His heroism and his professionalism were demonstrated, as well as his willingness to place himself at imminent risk of serious violence, in-

jury or death in the service of his community. Unless you have known a person who has been through what he has been through or been through it yourself, you don't get the full impact of those moments in life."

### OTHER AWARDS FROM THE EVENING INCLUDE

Officer Brock Royal, Cpl. Angel Perez, and Officer David Beane were each recognized individually with a Lifesaving Award for instances in which their actions helped to protect or ensure the safety and lives of others.

Perez, Sgt. Jordan MacQuarrie, Officer Jason Castro, senior dispatcher Somer Lukowsky, and dispatcher Tessa Erwin were recognized together for Lifesaving and Exemplary Service Awards for their actions in resolving a critical missing person's case.

- Cpl. Loren Lyon, Sgt. Richard Lukowsky, Cpl. Chris Javarone, Cpl. Ty Tapp, and Cpl. Mike Winterrowd were presented with an Exemplary Service Award for their response to a serious accident involving death.
- Royal and Sgt. Eric Scheid were recognized together with a Lifesaving Award.
- Javarone and Officer Joseph Gittinger were recognized together with a Lifesaving Award.
- Cpl. Kevin Nguyen and Perez were recognized together with a Lifesaving Award.
- Officer Marco Gallardo was recognized with an Exemplary Service Award.
- Officer Joseph Gittinger received the Purple Heart Award.

By the ceremony's conclusion, the APD had presented one Medal of Honor, one Purple Heart Award, 11 Lifesaving Awards and 10 Exemplary Service Awards.



Left to right, Officer Brock Royal and Sgt. Eric Scheid with Police Chief Ben Hall.

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Left to right, Perez, Sgt. Jordan MacQuarrie, dispatcher Tessa Erwin, Officer Jason Castro, and senior dispatcher Somer Lukowsky.

# Back-to-school giveaway, car show fundraiser slated Aug. 10 in Springtown

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SPRINGTOWN — Two events that were previously hosted by overdose awareness organization “We ARE Our Brother’s Keeper” are merging into one this year. The third annual Cars for the Cause Car Show will take place 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 10 on the Springtown Square, concurrently with the Back-to-School Family Day that provides free school supplies to families

## Free school supplies, overdose awareness memorial to come

who need them. Aside from cool cars and backpacks, the event is also expected to include bounce houses, snow cones and entertainment provided by a live DJ. School supplies — pencils, pens, paper, folders, binders, backpacks, highlighters, crayons, markers, glue, tape, calculators, notebooks,

erasers, rulers, Sharpies, scissors and the like — are being collected to give out to families in need. People can donate these items by Aug. 6 at Springtown City Hall, Springtown Police Department, Springtown Public Library, The Nutrition Lodge, Alvin Ord’s, The Community Bank and

Allstate Insurance.

The event also coincides with We ARE Our Brother’s Keeper’s annual overdose awareness memorial, which pays tribute to people’s loved ones who died of overdose. We ARE Our Brother’s Keeper co-founder Jessica Castro expects to put up yard signs that have pictures of those who died at the car show.

Typically, the car show takes place in May, but Castro said she ran out of time to put the event together then.

Since it didn’t happen in May, combining the car show with the back-to-school bash is what made the most sense to her.

“(We’ll) get more people, more families in general, to come out because the dads want to look at the cars; the kids will be able to do their stuff for school,” she said. “I just thought it would be perfect to throw them together.”

The car show is also a fundraiser for We ARE Our Brother’s Keeper’s funeral

fund, which goes to aid families who lost loved ones to overdose.

To preregister for the car show, email Castro at [weareourbrotherskeeper19@gmail.com](mailto:weareourbrotherskeeper19@gmail.com) before the event. Car enthusiasts can also enter the show the day of. The registration fee is \$25, and the best vehicles in the show can win first, second or third place.

# Springtown Council meeting provides updates on infrastructure projects

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SPRINGTOWN — Springtown City Council is moving forward with street improvements that were promised after the council passed a bond — specifically, certificates of obligation that didn’t require voter approval — last year.

Around August 2023, the city obtained about \$4 million in bond funds to pay for upgrades to streets and the public park. In January, the city council agreed to repair multiple streets with the bond funds, and at last month’s meeting, the council awarded a \$727,370-contract

## Council awarded bid for street improvement project; city to receive \$6.2 million to mitigate water loss

to Intermountain Slurry Seal, which is based in Lewisville. This covers the first phase of the project, resurfacing Avenue D, Church Street, East Third Street, East Sixth Street, Oakview Drive, East Ninth Street as well as inside the North Gate and Bonnie Bell Estates subdivisions.

Intermountain Slurry Seal was the only bidder on this phase of the project, and the bid was about \$100,000 more than the anticipated cost. However, City Administrator David Miller said the price

was “not out of line” and still manageable for the city.

“From a financial standpoint, we’re solid enough to absorb the additional cost,” Miller said during the meeting.

The city’s engineer Thomas Hoover described slurry seal as a cousin to chip seal, which is a process used by Parker County to pave roads. The difference is chip seal uses a larger aggregate, which results in more road noise, than slurry seal. Miller pointed out there aren’t as many rocks

slinging around on the road with slurry seal versus chip seal.

Hoover said the slurry seal has a longevity of about five to 10 years. Before the resurfacing can start, the city’s public works department will have to clean up the streets and fix potholes. The city will have 45 days to do this before the contractor starts working. Then, Intermountain Slurry Seal will have 120 days to finish the job.

When the mayor called for a motion, both council

members Michele Chandler Kelley and Scott Richardson spoke up at the same time to approve awarding the bid. Chandler Kelley and Richardson agreed during the meeting that if the council stalled a decision, costs were liable to go up even higher.

“Quite frankly, the longer we wait, the worse streets get, which then causes us to have to spend more money for the repairs as well,” Miller added.

The city of Springtown is also working on improvements to its water system, and to that end, Miller said the council may be able to decide on awarding bids at its August meeting. Additionally, the city received

a \$6.2 million grant from the Texas Water Development Board to resolve water loss issues across the city.

“Most of our water loss has been identified in the 10-inch pipe that feeds from our water intake plant to our treatment plant, but it also will help with any other water loss that we identify throughout the city, whether there are leaky pipes or things of that nature,” Miller said during the meeting.

The grant requires a 10% match from the city, and Miller said the city may take advantage of a low-interest loan from the state water board.

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# OBITUARIES

## Carolyn B. Thompson 1935-2024

Carolyn B. Thompson, 88, passed away Monday, July 22, 2024 in Azle.

A memorial service was at 11 a.m. Wednesday, July 31, at Azle First Assembly of God, 1020 Southeast Parkway, Azle TX 76020.

Carolyn was born Oct. 1, 1935, in Los Angeles, California to Asaph and Virginia Blaskowsky. She was the third of eight children and grew up with her parents and siblings in the Rio Grande Valley of Texas. She married George Burke Lutman Dec. 1, 1953, and had five children with him.

She and George moved to Azle in 1980 and joined the First Assembly of God congregation there. Carolyn was very active in her church, answering phones and taking prayer requests two to three days a week. She was known as a prayer warrior, and many in the church looked to her as a surrogate mom.

Carolyn is survived by a sister, Eleanor Koonce; three children, Kathy McLemore, Patti Hoyle and Curt



Lutman; two sons-in-law, Pat McLemore and John Hoyle; seven grandchildren: Frances, Randall, Charity, Patrick, Bryan, Ashley and Joseph; seven great-grandchildren; and multitudes of nieces and nephews and their children. She was preceded in death by her husband, George; her second husband, KW; her sons, Richard and Ronnie; and her siblings, Wanda, Lorraine, Charles Leroy, Ruby, Louise and Loyd.

The Tri-County Reporter, Thursday August 1, 2024

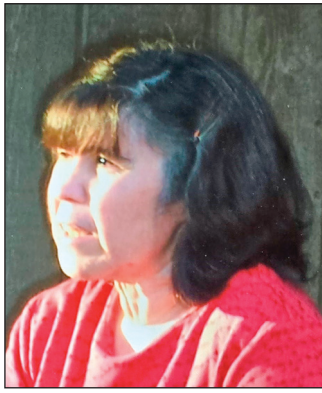
## Teresa Ann Evans 1958-2024

Teresa Ann Evans 65, of Azle, passed away peacefully with family at her side June 29, 2024 in Azle.

A Celebration of Life will be from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 3, at Eagle Mountain Plaza, 300 West Main St., in Azle.

Teresa was born in Fort Worth Nov. 8, 1958, to Elza Ree "ER" Evans and Allie Louise Owen Evans. Teresa attended Lake Worth schools beginning in 1966 and graduated in 1977. She furthered her education at the Child Study Center from 1978 through the early 1990s where she learned skills for independent living and held a job earning her own paycheck working at the "Workshop" for special needs kids.

Teresa is preceded in death by her father, Elza Ree "E.R." Evans and mother Allie Louise Owen Evans, as well as her grandparents, Virgle Lee and Martha Rebecca Burnett Evans and Elisha Andrew Owen and Allie Odessa Mann.



She is survived by her younger sister, Patricia Evans of Azle; nephew Jason Downes and his children Jacob, Kaylee, Kinsley and Jaiden of Azle; niece Brandie Boyle, her husband John, and their children Timber and Saige of Azle; aunt Connie Woody of Little Elm; uncle Paul Owen of Durant, Oklahoma; and multiple cousins, family and friends.

The Tri-County Reporter, Thursday August 1, 2024

# Reno P&Z to hold public hearing over proposed 'one-unit-per-acre' ordinance

**MADelyn EDWARDS**  
springtownreporter@tricountyreporter.com

**RENO** — Reno Planning and Zoning Commission is expected to hold a public hearing Aug. 5 and discuss a draft ordinance that would reinforce Reno's one-home-per-acre rule.

Reno City Council ad-

ressed this briefly at its July 29 meeting but didn't take action.

The ordinance, if approved by council, would amend the zoning rules to mandate there be one unit per acre in Single Family 1 zoning districts. After being discussed at P&Z, the council is expected to talk about it again at its

August meeting.

"This will most likely require a comprehensive plan amendment, but that'll all be addressed at the Planning and Zoning Commission," Reno's attorney Dottie Palumbo said July 29.

A few people spoke critically about the ordinance at the July 29 council meeting

and questioned the impact of the proposed rule on infrastructure and the city's finances as well as the legality of the agenda item. Palumbo said during the meeting that an analysis of the ordinance and its impact will be discussed at the P&Z meeting.

# Who's choosing D-FW?

**STAFF REPORT**

Special to the Tri-County Reporter

Wondering where those new neighbors came from in the U-Haul truck?

With summer moving season at its peak, chances are you have seen a U-Haul moving truck pull into your neighborhood in recent weeks. After all, nearly half of all residential moves in a calendar year occur between Memorial Day and Labor Day weekends.

According to demographic data from Azle ISD, the number of people living within the district increased by about 2,000 people from 2020 to 2023.

So where did the new neighbors' trip originate? U-Haul itself can help shed light on the question.

As part of its migration trends news-sharing campaign, U-Haul looked at one-

way truck transactions for the first half of 2024. More specifically, the company considered the 25 most populated U.S. cities — according to the latest U.S. Census

reports — and where U-Haul traffic arriving in those markets originated between Jan. 1 and July 1.

To give you an idea where your new neighbors may

have previously called home, below are the top origins for U-Haul do-it-yourself customers pulling into the Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex.

### Top origin states excluding Texas

- Oklahoma
- Florida
- Louisiana
- California
- Arkansas
- Colorado
- Georgia
- Arizona
- Tennessee
- Missouri

### Top origin metro areas outside Texas

- Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
- Denver, Colorado
- Phoenix, Arizona
- Atlanta, Georgia
- Tulsa, Oklahoma
- Los Angeles, California
- Kansas City, Missouri
- New Orleans, Louisiana
- Little Rock, Arkansas
- Shreveport, Louisiana

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# SEEDS

FROM PAGE A1

Public Library's new seed library that allows people to leave leftover seeds and take new ones to use.

Landis and her husband Harley moved to Springtown four years ago. While serving in the Air Force, the couple met briefly in Pensacola, Florida, but they really connected in Fort Worth at the former Carswell Air Force Base, now National Air Station Joint Reserve Base Fort Worth.

"Him and I started hanging out, and we got married three months later" in 2013, Landis said. "It was the world's most perfect marriage for a while."

Christine couldn't talk about her late husband without choking up. She described an attractive man with bright blue eyes that one of her daughters inherited from him. He was the kind of person who would help people on the side of the road. "He made me see the good in the world and myself," she said.

Landis said her husband's caring and giving personality extended to her and their children. The girls were his No. 1 priority, and he worked hard to provide for them, she said.

After ending their contracts with the Air Force in 2018, Harley Landis went to work for Lockheed Martin, and Christine stayed home with the kids. Christine Landis noticed her husband's mental health changed in the late 2010s after he had surgery on his foot. He had good pain medication, she said, but then he transitioned to substances like Kratom.

"His mental health deteriorated with the drug use, and then without the drugs, his mental health was worse," Christine Landis said. "Then it just was a negative spiral downward."

Landis said her husband

experienced a cognitive decline evident through seclusion, oversleeping, anger and delusion. She recalled a fight between her and Harley where he accused her of taking his wallet, something that baffled her at the time.

"Now I look back, and I realized that was drugs," Landis said. "But I was ignorant to drug use and didn't realize that they were signs that he was an addict."

Harley Landis, who also had borderline personality disorder, visited a psychiatric hospital twice, but because of issues with insurance, he couldn't stay long enough to get the full treatment that he needed, Christine said. The hospital stays did help, but Christine Landis said her husband would eventually go back to using substances.

After Harley Landis died in September 2022, Christine said she went into "survival mode" as she grappled with becoming a single mother of four without her husband, who was the family's provider.

"Around month five is whenever the shock really started wearing off, and it really hit me that he wasn't coming back," she said.

The first eight months after his death were the most difficult, though Landis credited the community to helping her pay her mortgage and sending over meals for her and her children.

Around this time, she discovered the book "The Garden of Hope" that came with kids' meals at Chick-fil-A. She was touched by the story of a mother who would plant a seed in her garden when she was worried, but she knew that when her plants bloomed, the worry would fade away.

Landis had a garden of her own as well, a piece of land that her husband dedicated for her to use. In early 2023, Landis began tilling the land for hours every day while her kids played outside. She de-

scribed the tranquility there of being able to listen to worship music and only worry about the task at hand.

"That year was my year of quiet, and it was the glimmer of hope that I really, desperately needed, and that was even before I planted any seeds," she said. "I was in control of that quarter acre of land, and that was so powerful."

When she started planting seeds, Landis was also reminded of the good times she had gardening with her husband. She laughed thinking of how he was able to line up the plants and T-posts in perfectly straight rows.

Landis found that the message of the book "The Garden of Hope" came true. By the time her plants bloomed, her worries had passed.

"No, I couldn't bring back Harley, obviously, but I was able to see the tangible proof that all the other worries were temporary," Landis said. "Whenever I felt like I didn't have anything else to look forward to because everything was so dark, I had that to look forward to."

Landis heard about seed libraries on Facebook and thought it would be a good way for her to give back and "keep Harley's name alive."

"I want everyone to be able to grab seeds for free and be able to plant something that they could look forward to," she said.

Before the seed library, Landis had visited the Springtown Public Library previously for mundane reasons, like making copies and for her four daughters to explore the kids' area. But one day, she pitched the seed library idea and ended up talking with Library Director Andie D'Avignon. Landis told D'Avignon that her husband died of suicide and said D'Avignon showed her compassion and pointed her to resources.

"The library is so much more than books," Landis

said, recalling a realization she had after talking with the library director.

D'Avignon coordinated with Landis and the Friends of the Library group to make the seed library a reality, including getting a table for it to sit on and drawers to contain the seeds. Early in the process, D'Avignon envisioned pairing the seed

library with literature on gardening based on the season.

While D'Avignon herself said she has the opposite of a green thumb, the library director knows many gardeners in the community who will likely support the seed library.

"This is a really cool idea, especially in an area like this because you have a lot of peo-

ple that have the area to be able to grow stuff and need to and can and want to, and then this way they can afford to, in some cases," she said after a city council meeting in May.

For more information about the seed library, visit the Springtown Public Library at 626 N. Main St.



JOEY GARCIA | TRI-COUNTY REPORTER

The seed library opened at the Springtown Public Library in July. The library is located at 626 N. Main St.



MADELYN EDWARDS | TRI-COUNTY REPORTER

Christine Landis checks on a tomato in her garden. While grieving the death of her husband, gardening helped her cope.

## WALNUT CREEK

# Special Utility District

Notice of rate increase to be effective October 1, 2024.

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Minimum: \$35.70	0 – 2,000 gal
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15,001 – 20,000 gal	\$7.90 per thousand gallons
20,001 – up gal	\$9.00 per thousand gallons

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20,001 – up gal	\$9.00 per thousand gallons

\*To be set up with the Senior Citizen rate, the customer must come by the office at 1155 W Hwy 199, Springtown, TX 76082 or call the office at (817) 220-7707 to be added to the list. A valid driver's license must be presented for the account owner.

## LEGAL PUBLIC NOTICES

### CITATION BY PUBLICATION CAUSE

NO. 24P253

In the Matter of the Estate of Emma Frances Sisk, Deceased TO ALL UNKNOWN OR MISSING HEIRS OF THE ESTATE OF EMMA FRANCES SISK, DECEASED Billy Robert Sisk in the above-numbered and entitled estate filed an Application to Determine Heirship and for Independent Administration and Letters of Administration Pursuant to Section 401.003 of the Texas Estates Code on 06/13/2024 In the Estate of Emma Frances Sisk, Deceased, requesting that the Court determine who are the heirs and only heirs of Emma Frances Sisk, Deceased, and their respective shares and interest in such estate, and appointing Billy Robert Sisk to serve as the Independent Administrator of said estate and Determined Heirship. The court may act on said application at any call of the docket on or after 10:00 o'clock A.M. on the first Monday next after the expiration of 10 days from the date of publication of this citation, at the Parker County Court, One Courthouse Square, Weatherford, TX 76086 in Parker County, Texas. All persons interested in this case are hereby cited to appear before said Honorable Court by filing a written contest or answer to said Application before the above stated time and date should you desire to do so. To ensure its consideration, you or your attorney must file any contest, objection, intervention, or response in writing with the County Clerk of Parker County, Texas on or before the above noted date and time. Given under my hand and the seal of said Court of Parker County, Texas at the office of the Parker County Clerk, on this 13th day of June, 2024. LILADEAKLE County Clerk, Parker CountyTexas. By: Meridith Hawk, Deputy Clerk. Applicant's Attorney: Wendi E. Andino 1020 Fort Worth HWY STE 500 Weatherford TX 76086.

### PUBLIC NOTICE OF ORDER

On July 25, 2024, the Building Board of Appeals for the City of Azle held a public hearing in Case No. BBA 22598; City of Azle vs. Therian Brown, real property owner, regarding the structure(s) located at 305 Walnut Avenue, Azle, Texas. On the vote of four Board members in attendance at the hearing, the Board approved an Order to Remove or Demolish Substandard Building which provides:

- (1) The owner of the Property must demolish the structure(s) on the Property within 30 days of the date of this Order.
- (2) In the event the owner fails to comply with any requirement of this Order within the time period provided in this Order, that the City of Azle shall, without further application, notice, or hearing, be fully authorized to enter upon the Property and to (a) secure the Property, and to cause the demolition and removal of the Property, including the following requirements: all debris removed, the lot brought to grade, erosion control installed, and/or seed/sod installed or as otherwise specified in the City-issued permit, (b) assess the reasonable costs and expenses for such demolition and removal, and (c) fix a lien on the Property, as authorized by applicable law and ordinance, to secure the reimbursement of all such unpaid costs and expenses for the demolition and removal of the Property as provided for in this Order.

A complete copy of the Order in the above case may be obtained in the Office of the City Secretary for the City of Azle, 505 W Main Street, Azle, Texas, during regular business hours.

### CORRECTED NOTICE OF SF-1 ZONING AMENDMENT TO PROVIDE FOR 1 UNIT PER ACRE, MINIMUM LOT AREA OF 43,560 SQUARE FEET; MINIMUM LOT WIDTH OF 100 SQUARE FEET FOR THE CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD ON AUGUST 19, 2024 AT 7:00 PM IN THE RENO CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Public hearings will be held at the City of Reno Planning and Zoning Commission meeting beginning at 6:00 p.m. on August 5, 2024 at Reno City Hall, 195 W. Reno Road, Azle, Texas 76020 and thereafter, a public hearing will be held by the City of Reno City Council at the meeting beginning at 7:00 p.m. on August 19, 2024 at Reno City Hall, 195 W. Reno Road, Azle, Texas 76020, to consider the approval of a zoning amendment to amend the Reno Zoning Code provisions for SF-1 zoning to provide for one unit per acre for a single family dwelling; minimum lot area of 43,560 square feet and a minimum width of 100 square feet. . The zoning ordinance amendment is available for viewing on the City's website or at City Hall during regular business hours. Comments regarding the proposed zoning amendment may be emailed to rebekka.roberts@renotx.gov or mailed to 195 W. Reno Road, Azle, TX 76020. For more information call City Hall at (817) 221-2500.

### REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS Walnut Creek Special Utility District Request for Qualifications Independent Audit Services

Walnut Creek Special Utility District ("WCSUD") is issuing a Request for Qualifications ("RFQ") for professional audit services from qualified certified public accounting firms to audit its annual financial statements. Sealed responses shall be submitted to the Office of the General Manager, Walnut Creek Special Utility District, 1155 Highway 199 West, Springtown, TX 76082. Deadline for submittal is 4:00 p.m. August 28, 2024. Late submittals will not be accepted and will be returned unopened. A copy of the RFQ may be obtained from the District Office located at 1155 Highway 199 West, Springtown TX 76082, or electronically, if requested at customerservice@walnutcreeksud.org. The Walnut Creek Special Utility District reserves the right to reject any or all submittals, waive minor technicalities or to proceed otherwise when in the best interest of the District.



# Tech truck comes to Azle library

*Perot Museum of Nature and Science brings fun and learning to Azle youths*



Local kids built their own rocket concepts out of household materials.

ZACH FREEMAN | TRI-COUNTY REPORTER



The Perot Museum of Science and Nature partnered with Azle Memorial Library to bring fun science crafts and activities to Azle children July 24.

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Local kids play stimulating tech-based games to get a better understanding of how everyday items works.

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Local kids learn about engineering and physics while building and testing Lego cars.

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## Minnesota youth group tackles work at area homes, ministry

AZLE — Many have gone out of their way to do something good for others, but rarely does “out of their way” mean 900 miles.

Young volunteers from Faith Community Church traveled about 16 hours from Pipestone, Minnesota to Azle to work on homes in the D-FW area for a week. The group began its renovations at the Servolution Dream Center, after making

a connection with the non-profit through Real Family Fellowship’s pastor, Joe Bruce. Through Servolution Network, they were directed to homes in need in River Oaks, Springtown and Azle. While at each home, volunteers did everything from trimming trees and removing brush to rebuilding porches. While this was the first time many of these youths had been to Texas, their mission

trips have brought them as far north as Alaska and will bring them as far south as Ecuador, according to the church’s plan for the next few years.

A few things that youth group members said made Texas stand out include the heat, giant spiders and friendly people.

“Right now, we’re just trying to get used to the Texas heat,” Gavyn Rowden, age 15,



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Carter De Ruyter tosses some trash into a dumpster while cleaning out an elderly woman’s garage.



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Youth group members from Minnesota pose for a picture in front of the home they’re working on.

said after remarking that the high in his hometown was 85 that day.

“It’s awesome, other people here are so nice,” Jenaya Drietz said. “(People) talk about ‘Minnesota nice’ but I think people should talk more about ‘Texas nice.’”

One Azle home in the week’s schedule required new flooring and an extensive deep-clean of the garage while its owner was spending time with a newborn grandson and family in the hospital.

Rowden, along with Elliot Vander Pol, 15, and Carter De Ruyter, 14, were tasked with the garage. The group re-counted their time spent over the last few days doing hard labor in the Texas sun, but

the moment that most stuck out for them was removing an old carpet from a cat-filled house in Springtown.

“That was definitely eye opening to see that my situation wasn’t always as bad, and someone always has it way worse,” Rowden said. “‘Honestly, we’re just here to serve. That’s the biggest, most important thing we’re doing. I’m not really doing this for me. I’m doing this for the Lord. That’s what is most important to me.’”

Rowden finished with a word of advice for those seeking help or religion.

“You don’t have to clean up yourself before you come to the Lord, the Lord meets you where you are.”

Linda and James Dority

served as group leaders for an Azle house and were impressed with the hard work they saw from the youth group’s members.

“These kids work hard and they’re such good kids,” Linda Dority said. “I mean it’s amazing what they do. They’ve been polite, they haven’t made comments about ‘this house smells’ or anything.”

During their week in Azle, the group would pray at Azle Central Park each evening and spent free time dining and getting to know their hosts. On July 19, the group left to return to southwestern Minnesota after doing work at five houses, the Dream Center, and Servolution’s Pay it Forward program.



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Youth group members from Minnesota play karaoke with paint brushes.



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From left to right, Carter De Ruyter, Elliot Vander Pol, and Gavyn Rowden stand in front of an Azle home.

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# Take a lunch, leave a lunch

*This week Legacy Oaks of Azle swaps premade lunches for canned goods and nonperishables for Azle students*



Until August, Legacy Oaks of Azle staff will be trading a bag containing a sandwich, chips, fruit and other foodstuffs for canned goods and other nonperishable items.

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Community Relations Director Sandra Bramlett is Legacy Oaks' newest director, taking over the job from Kelly Case just six weeks ago. The idea was initially Case's while Bramlett got to oversee its implementation. "We're just really pleased to always serve the community any way we can," Bramlett said. "So hopefully, we will be able to not only supply some Azle students with some lunches, but also lunch bags. We just look forward to doing that and any other way we can plug in and help out the community. This is an event that we're really reaching out to our professional partners throughout the community, folks that work in health care or just other professional capacities. We've had a really amazing turnout, and we're going to keep it open for the next week so that we can stuff these lunch boxes as full as possible. It's good to help the kids out, you know, making sure they've got their meals, and they can focus on school and what's important."



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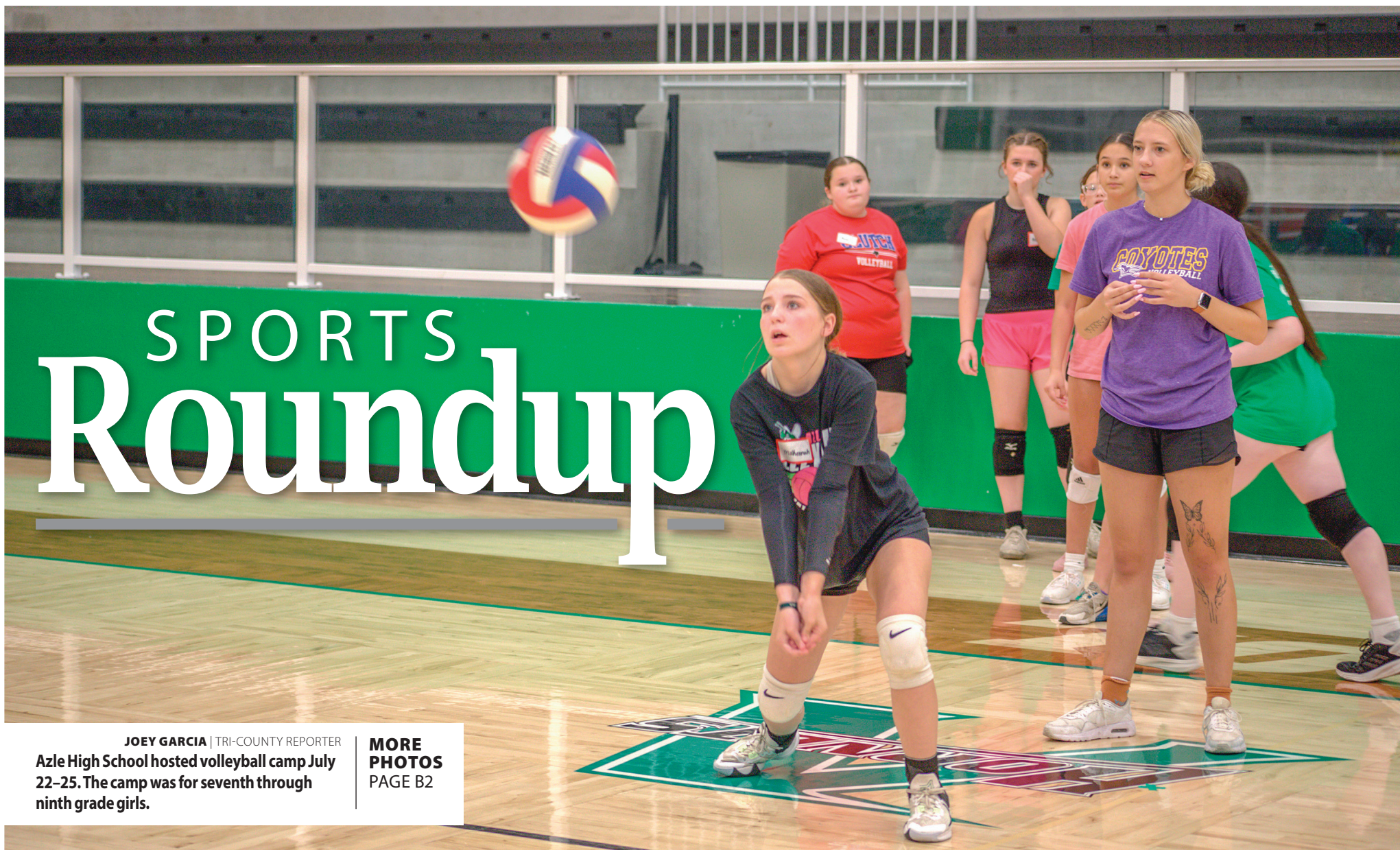
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## SPORTS Roundup

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Azle High School hosted volleyball camp July 22-25. The camp was for seventh through ninth grade girls.

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## Lake Worth coach pleased with 7-on-7 success

RICK MAUCH  
Special to the Tri-County Reporter

In preparation for their first season under head coach Todd Peterman, the Lake Worth Bullfrogs participated in 7-on-7 football competition this summer. And while University Interscholastic League rules prohibit him from actually coaching the players in this competition, Peterman liked the progress

of his players. “The kids are digesting the offense and defense very well,” Peterman said. Coming from Duncanville, where he was offensive coordinator for the two-time defending Class 6A Division I state champions, Peterman said the Bullfrogs will operate out of an uptempo multiple spread offense, albeit “with a little more option than we ran at Duncanville.”

As for the defense, which also benefits from the passing game of 7-on-7, Peterman said the Bullfrogs will run an even front. The Bullfrogs will begin practices for the coming season Aug. 5. Their first scrimmage is Aug. 15 at Aubrey, followed by hosting Waco Connally Aug. 22. They open the regular season Aug. 30 at home against Frisco Panther Creek.

**FLAUGHER COMPETES AT NATIONALS**  
Springtown triple jumper Mack Flaughter competed at the USA Track and Field Junior Olympics in Bryan-College Station July 24. She posted an effort of 37 feet, 5 inches to place 18th in the Girls 17-18 age group. This was her first time participating in the elite competition. She qualified by

placing fourth at the Region 12 Championships in Seguin with an effort of 38-1.25. Flaughter, a senior this coming school year, is seeking a fourth consecutive trip to the UIL Class 4A State Meet next May. **VOLLEYBALL SCRIMMAGES STARTING**  
Practices are set to begin Aug. 5 and scrimmages are soon to follow.

Azle: Aug. 9, hosting Tolar, Lake Worth and Spartans home school team, 9 a.m. Aug. 10, at Keller Central, also including Boswell and Denton Ryan, TBA. Lake Worth: Along with the matches at Azle, the Lady Bullfrogs will host Fort Worth North Side and Fort Worth Dunbar Aug. 10 at 8 a.m. Springtown: Aug. 9, at

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## Back-to-school 101: A parent’s guide to smooth transitions

MICKY SHEARON  
Special to the Tri-County Reporter

As the lazy days of summer draw to a close, the countdown to the first day of school begins. For many families, this time of year brings a mix of excitement, anxiety and a dash of chaos. As the parents of five kids, my wife and I have experienced our share of the first days of school. Admittedly, some were smoother than others! But fear not, dear readers! We’ve compiled a list of tips and advice to help you

and your kids start the new school year on the right foot. So, grab a cup of coffee, put your feet up, and let’s dive into some back-to-school brilliance! **PLAN A FUN FINALE FOR SUMMER**  
Make the last days of summer memorable with a family outing or a special activity. Whether it’s a picnic at the park, a day trip to the zoo, or a movie marathon at home, creating a fun end to the break can help everyone transition more smoothly into

school mode. **GET BACK INTO A ROUTINE**  
Ease back into school schedules by gradually adjusting bedtimes and wake-up times. Start this process at least a week before school begins. This way, the first day of school won’t come as a shock to anyone’s system — at least not a complete shock! **ORGANIZE SCHOOL SUPPLIES TOGETHER**  
Make a fun family event out of shopping for school supplies. Let the kids pick

out their favorite notebooks, pens, and backpacks — in accordance with your school’s supply list, of course. When you get home, organize everything together, and label items if necessary. This not only builds excitement but also ensures nothing is forgotten. **CREATE A HOMEWORK STATION**  
Set up a dedicated, distraction-free space for homework and studying. Stock it with all the necessary supplies, like pencils, paper and a calcula-

tor. This will help kids get into the habit of focusing on their schoolwork and keeping everything they need in one place. **SET GOALS AND EXPECTATIONS**  
Have a family meeting to discuss goals and expectations for the new school year. Encourage your kids to set their own academic and personal goals. This can range from improving grades to making new friends or joining a club. Having clear objectives can motivate them to

stay on track. **MEAL PREP MAGIC**  
Save time and stress on busy mornings by planning and prepping meals ahead of time. Create a weekly menu and prep lunches and snacks the night before. Consider healthy, easy-to-grab options like fruit, cheese sticks and pre-made sandwiches. **GET INVOLVED**  
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## Marching Green Pride begins practice in July

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Woodwind players line up outside to practice. Azle High School band began practice Monday, July 22.

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Granbury with Saginaw Chisholm Trail and Peaster, noon, Aug. 10, at Glen Rose, TBA.

Regular-season matches begin the following week with Lake Worth hosting Brewer Aug. 12 at 1:30 p.m.; Azle traveling to Boswell Tuesday, Aug. 13 at 6:30 p.m.; and Springtown playing in a tri-match at Peaster along with Godley, time TBA.

## YOUTH BASEBALL

The Azle Hornet 12U All-Stars have had a standout season this summer. They have posted a record of 22-6-1 and have outscored their opponents by a margin of 328-162, average of 11.3 to 5.6.

The team's prolific offense has resulted in scoring 20 runs on two occasions and 19 another time. They've also scored 15 runs eight times, 14 twice, 13 once and 12 in 11 games.

## SPRINGTOWN FOOTBALL

Season tickets for

Porcupines home games are on sale to the public through Aug. 2. Contact the SISD athletic department at 817-220-3040.

Home games are Graham, Sept. 6; China Spring, Sept. 20; Fort Worth Southwest, Sept. 27; Fort Worth Eastern Hills, Oct. 11; and Fort Worth Western Hills, Oct. 25. All games kick off at 7 p.m.

## SPRINGTOWN WALL OF HONOR

Wall of Honor nominations are open to add to the list of athletic excellence at Porcupine Stadium's field house. This prestigious wall recognizes the outstanding achievements of teams and individuals who have excelled in athletics during or after high school. Nominations for the annual fall induction are being accepted until Aug. 1. A committee of community members will carefully review all nominations throughout August and September before selecting up to two recipients — individuals or groups — who have demonstrated exceptional talent, success in athletic competi-

tion, and exemplary moral character.

To nominate, visit [#PorcupineFamily #WallOfHonor](https://bit.ly/sisdwalloff-honor).

## AZLE VOLLEYBALL SEASON TICKETS

Season passes are now on sale for Lady Hornets matches. They are \$35 and all tickets are general admission. They will not be available at the gates and are only available online through Aug. 2 at <https://brushfire.com/azleisd/volleyball/579445/> details.

Tickets are also subject to a processing fee, are nonrefundable and nonexchangeable.

Azle ISD has a clear bag policy.

## AZLE CHEER CAMP

Visit <https://azlesports.rankone.com/Website/Main> and click on the camps link.

Mini-Cheer: Aug. 24, AHS, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., incoming grades pre-K through 6. Cost is \$60 for silver level, \$75 for gold and \$150 for VIP (15 spots only).

# Springtown Football Camp '24



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A Springtown football camper practices how to catch a football.



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Campers learn to run the football.



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Campers ferociously tackle foam mats to the ground.

**Nominate an athlete to Springtown Wall of Honor**  
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**Azle Volleyball Season Tickets**  
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# Sudoku

AUGUST 1, 2024

1			3	9				
	8		7					
		6			5			3
				4				6
2		1				9		
		8			7			
		4						5
5	2				6	7		
		9			4	8		2

Level: Advanced

# Solution to last week's puzzle

JULY 25, 2024

1	3	6	4	9	5	7	2	8
9	5	2	6	7	8	1	4	3
4	8	7	3	2	1	9	5	6
5	7	4	9	8	2	6	3	1
6	2	3	1	4	7	5	8	9
8	1	9	5	3	6	4	7	2
3	4	8	7	6	9	2	1	5
2	9	5	8	1	4	3	6	7
7	6	1	2	5	3	8	9	4

# WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to community papers.

**P O T E R R**

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Answer: Report

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**CRYPTO FUN**  
 Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to the grilling. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 1 = R)

A. 25 1 3 19 19  
 Clue: Cooking appliance

B. 13 19 12 14 20 21  
 Clue: Generated by fire

C. 2 26 16 6 2 2 1 21  
 Clue: Not inside

D. 22 26 1 25 20 1  
 Clue: Served on a bun

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teachers and joining the PTA. Being involved not only shows your support but also helps you stay informed about what's happening at school.

## ENCOURAGE INDEPENDENCE

In age-appropriate ways, foster independence by encouraging your kids to take responsibility for their own tasks, such as packing their lunch, organizing their backpacks and setting their own

alarms. This not only builds confidence but also teaches valuable life skills.

## STAY POSITIVE AND SUPPORTIVE

Starting a new school year can be nerve-racking for kids. Offer plenty of positive reinforcement and support. Listen to their concerns, celebrate their successes and reassure them that it's okay to make mistakes along the way.

## HAVE FUN!

Above all, remember to have fun. School is a time for learning, growth and new experiences. Encourage a love of learning by making education enjoyable. Whether it's through educational games, reading together or exploring new hobbies, make sure to keep the joy in the journey.

Starting the school year on the right foot doesn't have to be a daunting task. With a little planning, a dash of creativity and a lot of love and support, you can set your family up for a successful and enjoyable school year. Here's to a fantastic start to the new school year!

# Marching Green Pride begins practice in July

The MGP performs at all home and away football games, parades, pep rallies, marching contests and more.



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From left, AHS band director Greg Davis points at assistant band director Matt Assis' shoulders as he demonstrates how the band members should stand.



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Trumpet players raise their hands as they follow directions.



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Seasoned band members check the posture and pose of the new students.

# Springtown Girls Basketball Camp '24

Springtown High School hosted its girls basketball camp July 9-11 for girls in grades two through nine.



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Campers hustle down the court at SHS girls basketball camp.



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A seasoned basketball vet gives a camper some pointers.

# Beyond medals: The core values of the summer Olympics

**MICKY SHEARON**  
Special to the Tri-County Reporter

One of the things I love most about the Olympic Games is that for a few weeks every two years, we see athletes from all over the world — from all walks of life, all cultures, all races and ethnicities — come together in the spirit of athleticism and ca-

maraderie to compete against one another in their respective events.

While these highly trained athletes are no doubt at the Olympic Games to compete, do their very best, and hopefully bring home a coveted Olympic medal, there is a clear connection among the athletes. Even in the midst of competition, they have mutu-

al respect and admiration for one another. They support one another because they all know the dedication, commitment and hard work it takes for every athlete to get to the Olympic Games.

In a microcosm sort of way, the Olympic Games are a picture of what we all wish the world could be every single day. Indeed, the Olympics

are not just a showcase of athletic prowess; they represent a philosophy of life that transcends sports, fostering a global community bound by shared ideals. The three fundamental values of Olympism — excellence, respect and friendship — form the bedrock of the Olympic Games, guiding its mission to promote sport, culture and

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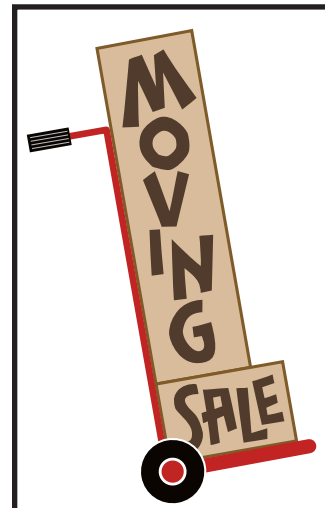
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### TEXAS CROSSWORD

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**ACROSS**

- book by TX game hunter Buck: "Bring 'em \_\_\_\_ Alive"
- TXism: "liquid \_\_\_\_"
- on the Gulf
- Fort Worth's Cullen was found not guilty in death of this Farr
- Heisman winner Brown from Dallas
- Kelvin Martin left Cowboys in 1993 for this Seattle team
- hair cutting action
- racetracks have to pay \_\_\_\_ fees
- popular "emergency" TV show
- this actor Busey was TX Buddy Holly
- TXism: "couldn't find hide \_\_\_\_ hair of him"
- TX Charlie Dunn was first to put \_\_\_\_ roses on boots
- publication: Texas Farm & \_\_\_\_
- Green Bay Packers' home state (abbr.)
- TX Armstrong was stripped of his \_\_\_\_ France titles
- TX outlaw booty
- TXism: "counts his money with \_\_\_\_ measure" (rich)
- TXism: "\_\_\_\_ as a coyote with a rubber chicken"
- cheerleader cries
- former U.S. Congressman, Ortiz
- TXism: "let '\_\_\_\_ rip!"
- Valley \_\_\_\_ vera plant
- neither's sidekick
- football rally
- TX O'Connor: "Land does \_\_\_\_ away, dollars do"
- Bevo's school (abbr.)
- TXism: "\_\_\_\_ broke I couldn't change my mind"
- TX Willie's "Turn Out the Lights the \_\_\_\_ Over" a thing without equal
- TX Orbison's "That \_\_\_\_ You Feelin' Again"
- "red as a \_\_\_\_"
- April 15 agcy.
- pos. of Rangers' Corey Seager
- "\_\_\_\_ you can"
- TX-born jockey Shoemaker (init.)
- TXism for relatives
- road equipment not seen in South Texas (2 wds.)
- flavor of 3-down: \_\_\_\_ cream
- in Lubbock County on U.S. 82
- expel a foreigner from the country
- state buildings are \_\_\_\_-smoking
- Bowie's Alamo bed aircraft hard to detect by radar
- Goddess of Liberty atop Texas Capitol is aluminum
- after lunch (abbr.)
- TX V.T. Hamlin's comic: Alley \_\_\_\_
- TXism: "got the \_\_\_\_" (clumsy)
- "cement pond"
- sarcastic insult
- an "Achy Breaky" Cyrus (init.)
- noted 1960s UT linebacker, Tommy
- Denton's historic hardware store (now closed)

**DOWN**

- bomb explosions
- state capital
- Texas-based Blue Bell products are richer & \_\_\_\_
- Ablene FM radio
- Oliver Hardy's "pardner" (init.)
- San Jacinto battle lasted \_\_\_\_ min.
- TXism: "fits like sardines in \_\_\_\_"
- TXism: "skeddadle out of \_\_\_\_"

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