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Springdale votes on millage

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It is Friday night, the stands are surrounded with fans and family. Stadium lights illuminate the glistening turf as a state championship team prepares for the game. Har-Ber football players step out onto the field. It is a home game, but they're not really home. They're on Jerrell Williams

Stadium.

A vote to increase property taxes takes place Sept. 21. Approval of the vote to increase the millage by 2.4 mills would raise the millage to 41 mills. The increase is high but it is not something Springdale hasn't seen before.

The last time the millage was increased was in 2003 and was raised to 40 mills. Due to property values, however, the millage began to decrease just

one year later to where it is now, at 38.6 mills.

The past millage provided the funding for 11 schools which lowered to overall student to teacher ratio, ultimately benefiting the students.

Springdale School District is expected to welcome in up to 750 new students in each of the next five years. This student population growth has caused the schools to become over crowded with not

enough teachers.

According to Rick Schaeffer, "Springdale's three middle schools and three junior highs are currently operating a close to maximum capacity." With the millage increase the district would add a new middle school, a new junior high, facilities for Har-Ber and renovations for Springdale.

MILLAGE

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A local resident puts up sign against the tax increase on 56th Street. Photo by Karla Sprague

Prayers sent skyward Band plays at Arvest park



Student Council organizes balloon send off at senior Micayla Patterson's funeral held at Fellowship Bible Church in Lowell Sept. 8. Photo by Karla Sprague

Har-Ber mourns another loss

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"Micayla, last night you texted me joking about how I had bad communication skills... I texted you back really late last night, but I was too late. I want you to know I'm sorry I was too late," posted Shiloh student Luke Treece on senior Micayla Patterson's Facebook wall.

"I was too late."

Treece's post didn't reach her in time, but her influence on others was far reaching.

"The fact that we grieve is a testament to the impact of the life that has been lost," said Mrs. Mariana

How to be a friend to someone who is grieving

1. Be there. Be faithful and repeatedly there over time
2. Be a "distraction companion." Grievers may need to be reminded of what is still "present." Do normal things together: church, school, friends, family, work, etc
3. Be a companion in the pain. Be willing to listen, be attentive, be silent. Words don't have to be used. Be open to expressions of grief and loss.

Information from: Five Stages of Grief by Elizabeth Ross

Hendrycy, a close friend of Mr. Culp, and Patterson's AP Biology teacher.

It's hard to understand why people

such as junior Morgan Hamilton, who passed away on July 27, and Patterson, who passed away Sept. 3, leave this earth in what seems

to be an untimely measure.

Counselors were available Tuesday Sept. 6 to help students cope with yet another loss.

The school has seen its share of losses, with the passing of Austin Ussery in 2008, Mr. Thomas Culp in 2009, and Kally Adams in 2009.

If one thing can come from these tragic losses the school has experienced in the past couple of years, it's this: never take a moment for granted. Ever.

"You don't ever let a moment pass where you are not loving out loud," said science teacher Leslie Pitman who taught Patterson as a junior and knew Culp as part of the science department.

Losing someone close is a sad reality

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Band plays at Arvest park

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Their mouths are dry as sand and their feet are aching from standing for an hour and a half at the Aug. 23 Natural's game. These kids are the marching band members.

"It was fun at first then it got tiring, but it got us pumped and ready for the football season," said junior flute player, Mary Tetrick.

This year the marching band received a special opportunity from two of the band members, Quinn and Connor Robertson's Father, Mr. Ken Robertson.

The band got to open the game by playing their show and the national anthem.

Mark Zaiger, a worker for the Natural's, helped set up this event.

He provided answers and whatever the band needed.

Zaiger offered the opportunity for the band to play as an option for fundraising to fund their trip to New York later this year.

After minor tweaking to fit the band's needs, they picked the date, Aug. 23, in late May in order to allow time for ticket sales.

BAND

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