

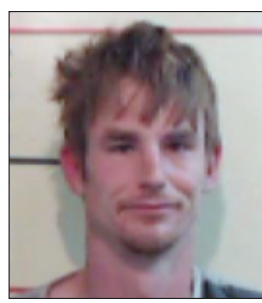
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Thursday, April 8, 2021

# The Springtown Epigraph

## Easter event brings fun to the Square



Springtown residents Haygen Troutman, 3, with his mom Nicole Troutman visit the Easter bunny during the Springtown Hop & Shop. Photo by Susan McFarland

**BY SUSAN McFARLAND**  
sptreporter@azlenews.net

The Easter bunny arrived on the Springtown Square Saturday, April 3, during the city's Hop & Shop, an event sponsored by the Downtown Advisory Board to help businesses on the Square

while providing family fun. The event included photos with the Easter bunny, jelly bean guessing game and egg coloring contest in two categories. Winners in age group 2 to 5 were Roxanne Wade and Eliza Wade.

SEE HOP AND SHOP, PAGE 2A.

## Springtown man arrested on aggravated assault charge

### 36-year-old accused of biting, striking teen because of grades

**BY SUSAN McFARLAND**  
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Parker County Sheriff's Office deputies arrested a Springtown man April 3 on charges of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon of a family member and harassment of a public servant.

Parker County Sheriff Russ Authier said deputies responded to the 200 block of Williams Road in Springtown around 12:15 a.m. and met with the 16-year old victim.

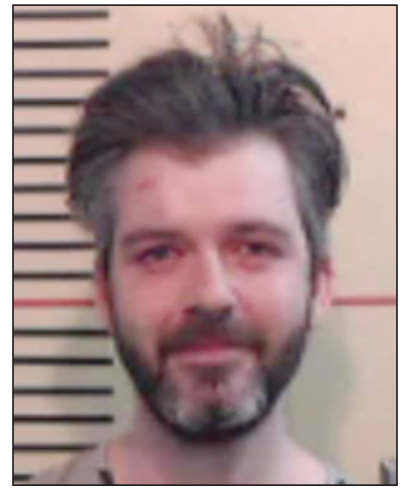
The teen stated the suspect Michael Scott Heusser, 36, had physically assaulted him and threatened him with a knife during an argument that occurred earlier in

the 1700 block of Thomas Road. The victim said he and the suspect had been arguing about his grades and it quickly became physical.

The teen said Heusser was intoxicated and began slapping him in the face, and punching him in the face with a closed fist while stating, "be a man," according to a probable cause affidavit.

Heusser also bit the teen on the right arm, causing a bite mark and laceration, pinned him to the wall and began biting him on the nose.

According to the affidavit, Heusser bit the victim's nose for about 40 seconds and then instructed the victim to sit in a corner, at which



Michael Scott Heusser

SEE ASSAULT, PAGE 5A.

## Reno PD to update communication system

**BY SUSAN McFARLAND**  
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Reno Police Department is working toward becoming P25 compliant, which would update equipment such as hand-held radios to enable communication with other agencies and mutual aid response teams during emergencies.

Reno City Council voted March 22 to allow the city administrator to identify funds to be budgeted for the purchase of the equipment, which would be replaced pending federal grant money.

Police Chief Tony Simmons stressed the importance of needing the upgrade, which could cost

up to \$96,000 but said the process would not have to be done all at once.

Council also voted to approve a grant application for a rifle resistant vest program, which would cost \$8,500 for 10 vests with money being replaced pending grant funding.

During the March 15 city council meeting, council members voted to amend the Reno City Code Emergency Management ordinance, making the city administrator the emergency management director.

Discussions were held about whether to require masks for visitors at City Hall.

The city's attorney advised council the governor's order leaves it up to local jurisdictions, the orders should carry no penalties, and those who wish to not wear a mask should be social distancing.

Council also voted to accept the developer's agreement between Beaten Path Development - Rocky Top Ranch, LLC, discussed setting spending limits for city employees, and approved a hiring and spending freeze until all department budget reports are reviewed.

Council held a budget workshop March 29, to go over the fiscal year 2020-2021 finances.

## Springtown prom closet open to all

**BY SUSAN McFARLAND**  
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Those wanting to attend prom but cannot afford a dress have a solution, thanks to a Springtown resident and a few local entities.

Holly Lumpkins started collecting dresses in 2017 as a committee member for Project Celebration after learning several girls needed dresses.

Project Celebration helps high school seniors and their dates have a safe and fun prom night during an all night, alcohol-drug-tobacco-free event held after prom.

Lumpkins' son graduated from Springtown High School in 2018 but she continues heading up the project because it is dear to her heart.

"To me, every girl deserves to go to the prom, regardless of money," she said.

Lumpkins has vivid memories of her special night, and said it

saddens her to think "someone can't go because they don't have a dress."

"My uncle had the most beautiful Cadillac," she said. "He chauffeured us to a nice restaurant and to the prom."

Currently, the prom closet has about 30 dresses, but needs more jewelry and shoes. Another thing lacking is men's attire.

"I would like to start getting stuff for the guys," Lumpkins said.

The closet is open for anyone, in any school district and not just limited to Springtown.

Springtown Lions Club stores the dresses, which are cleaned and pressed for free by Comet Cleaners in Springtown.

To donate or to make an appointment to see the dresses, contact Lumpkins at 817-694-8743 (if possible, texts are preferred).

Lumpkins, who works as a hospice nurse during the day, said she can meet people after 5:15 p.m.



Dresses stored at the Springtown Lions Club await prom goers. The prom closet, started by Springtown resident Holly Lumpkins, is open to students in any school district, and not limited to Springtown. Photo courtesy Holly Lumpkins

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HOP AND SHOP, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1A.



Above: Lyla Dill, 2, stops to see the Easter bunny before heading to businesses on the Square to collect Easter eggs.

Right: Weatherford resident Katana Gratts, 6, visits the Easter bunny at the Springtown Hop & Shop.

Photos by Susan McFarland



Winners in the group age 6 to 12 were Nathan Abbott and Daniel Abbott. Each family received a bicycle for the children to share. Businesses on the Square handed out candy at the event, some filled with trinkets or candy and some filled with a ticket for a special prize such as restaurant gift certificates, jewelry, Easter candy, tools and sporting goods. Participating businesses include AV Western Wear, Corn Fed Catering, Highland Furniture, In & Out Cuts, Maddie Lou's Grill

& Tavern, Pojo Coffee Shop, Springtown Chamber of Commerce, Springtown Epigraph, Springtown Gas, Springtown Pharmacy, Wells Fargo and Woody Creek. City Administrator David Miller said the event is a great way for the community to celebrate Easter and promote businesses on the Square to keep them vibrant. "It's also a great time to celebrate decreasing numbers in Covid cases, and bringing our community back out together again," Miller said.

# SMS academic team earns UIL district champ title

Springtown Middle School competed in the district academic University Interscholastic League the last few weeks of March, winning a district champion title. The team competed against middle school students from Azle Forte, Castleberry Irma Marsh, and Lake Worth Collins Middle School. Students accumulated a total of 510 points to

win the championship. "Students overcame the challenges of this school year and the unusual circumstances of dealing with the pandemic," said Andrea Hungerford, district academic UIL director, Springtown Independent School District. "I am so proud of their resilience and competitive spirit. True Porcupines!" Hungerford also credited



SMS academic team showing the district champion trophy earned at a University Interscholastic League competition in March.

Photo courtesy Springtown Middle School

The students competed in calculator, maps/graphs/charts, science, math, number sense, social studies, spelling, music memory, impromptu speaking, reading, oral reading, chess puzzles, and ready writing.

### COVID-19 UPDATE

	04/01/21			04/08/21		
	Active Cases	Deaths	Recovered	Active Cases	Deaths	Recovered
<b>Parker County</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>15,162</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>15,249</b>
<b>Wise County</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>7,098</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>7,149</b>
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- **Positive Impact Ministries**  
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  - Café 10:31 404 Main Street, Azle
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  - Community Ministry at Nine Mile 7240 Nine Mile Bridge Road, Fort Worth
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  - Rayl Park 3402 Pueblo Trail, Lake Worth

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- **Tuesday, April 13**  
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- **Tuesday, April 13**  
Tarrant Area Food Bank  
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- **Tuesday, April 13**  
Tarrant Area Food Bank  
Reno Mobile  
1530 E. Reno Rd., Azle  
4 to 6 p.m.

# Man jailed on animal cruelty charges

## Video shows suspect beating dog

Parker County Sheriff's deputies arrested a Weatherford man Sunday, April 4, in connection with an animal cruelty investigation.

Parker County Sheriff Russ Authier said deputies were dispatched to the 7200 block of Comanche Trail around 11:30 a.m., where a neighbor reported witnessing the suspect, identified as Sean Thomas Sloan, 28, assaulting his 3-year-old husky dog named Shy.

The witness captured the incident on a cell phone video recording and showed it to deputies when they arrived on scene.

The video depicts Sloan aggressively grabbing the dog as it was tethered in the front yard of the home. Sloan then struck the dog in the face and neck with a closed fist, contorting its neck, forcing its snout to touch its back, and struck it several additional times. The dog attempted to escape Sloan, at which time, Sloan grabbed the dog's muzzle

and forced it to the ground while striking it on its rear right hip, face and neck several more times. The dog was able to get away from Sloan and ran under the residence.

Sheriff's deputies made contact with Sloan, who without prompting, immediately told deputies he had a "dispute" with his dog after it ate half of a chicken and he held it while he "only slapped" it three or four times.

Deputies observed the chicken, which did have a minor puncture wound on its back but was otherwise uninjured and walking around with other chickens at the residence.

Another witness told deputies he observed Sloan, "about to break his neck," and "near [sic] killed him."

Sloan was arrested on the charge of cruelty to non-livestock animals; torture. He was booked into the Parker County Jail on a \$15,000 bond.



Sean Thomas Sloan

Authier said animal control officers took custody of Shy from the scene directly to receive medical treatment from a local veterinarian.

"Animal cruelty cases are a top priority for my office," said Authier. "I believe we are charged with protecting those who cannot protect themselves. This includes children, the elderly and animals."

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

On April 22, 2021 at 7 p.m., the Springtown City Council acting as the Zoning Board of Adjustments will meet to consider a variance request for 312 West 4th Terrace, being part of Lot 2 and all of Lot 9, Block 1, McCracken Addition, City of Springtown, Parker County, Texas to build a fence that exceeds the height restrictions.

The meeting will take place in City Hall Council Chambers in the Municipal Annex Building at 200 North Main Street, Springtown, Texas 76082.

**THE STATE OF TEXAS**  
**CITATION BY PUBLICATION**  
**CAUSE NO. 21P136**

**In the Matter of the Estate of Kenneth Ray Harrison, Deceased**  
**TO ALL UNKNOWN OR MISSING HEIRS OF**  
**THE ESTATE OF KENNETH RAY HARRISON, DECEASED**

Sheila D. Brewer in the above-numbered and entitled estate filed an **Application for Independent Administration and Letters of Administration Pursuant to Section 401.003 of the Texas Estates Code, and to Determine Heirship on April 1, 2021** in the Estate of Kenneth Ray Harrison, Deceased, requesting that the Court determine who are the heirs and only heirs of Kenneth Ray Harrison, Deceased, and their respective shares and interest in such estate, and appointing Stephanie Bondurant 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 **April 1, 2021**.

**LILA DEAKLE, County Clerk**  
Parker County Texas  
By: Brittany Rowe, Deputy Clerk

## SPRINGTOWN SCHOOL MENU

**April 12-16, 2021**  
**EC through 12th Grade**

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**Monday** General Tso's Chicken, Green Beans, Fresh Baby Carrots, Fruit, Rice **Tuesday** Popcorn Chicken, Mixed Vegetables, Broccoli, Fruit, Roll **Wednesday** Steakfingers, Mashed Potatoes, Green Peas, Fruit, Roll **Thursday** Chicken and Waffles, Fresh Broccoli Florets, Corn, Fruit **Friday** Cheese Pizza, Chili Style Beans, Cucumber & Tomato Cup, Fruit

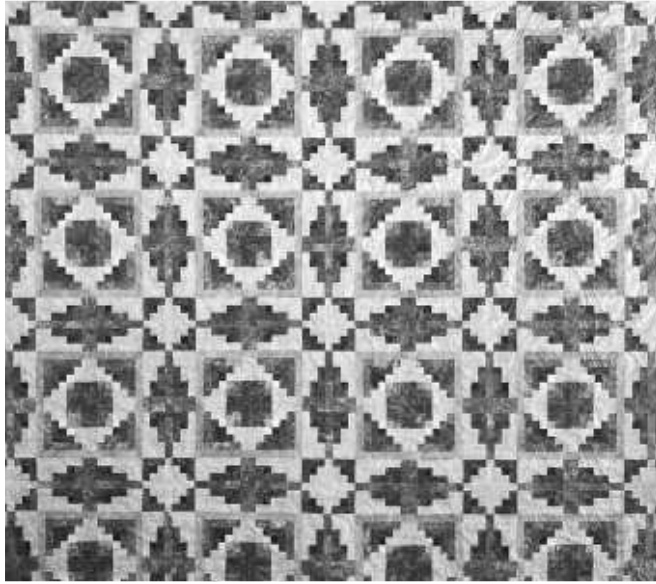
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**Monday** General Tso's Chicken, Stuffed Breadsticks, Green Beans, Cucumber & Tomato Cup, Fruit, Rice, Roll **Tuesday** Chicken & Waffles, Broccoli, Fresh Baby Carrots, Fruit, Roll **Wednesday** Steakfingers, Popcorn Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Green Peas, Fruit, Roll **Thursday** Taco Salad, Corn, Refried Beans, Fruit **Friday** Cheese Pizza, Pulled Pork Sandwich, Glazed Baby Carrots, Coleslaw, Fruit, Roll

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# Quilter's guild donates to Habitat recipients



"Cabins in a Storm," a quilt made by a member of the Quilter's Guild of Parker County, was displayed April 3 at Reggie's Hen House, a gift shop in Weatherford. In March, the guild gave quilts to family members at a Habitat for Humanity dedication ceremony.

Photo courtesy Quilter's Guild of Parker County

BY SUSAN McFARLAND  
sptreporter@azlenews.net

The Quilter's Guild of Parker County blessed family members with a quilt during a March 27 dedication ceremony for two new Habitat for Humanity homes in Weatherford.

"Each family member in the homes received a quilt," said Mary Williams, publicity chairperson for the Quilter's Guild of Parker County. "It was a heartwarming event as recipients were so appreciative."

Williams said the guild has made a quilt for every occupant of a Habitat home built in Parker County since the guild was formed 20 years ago.

The Quilter's Guild of Parker County holds meetings on the third Thursday of each month at 6:45 p.m. Because of COVID-19 restrictions, meetings are held virtually via Zoom.

The April 15 meeting will be a Comfort Quilt Sew-In, which will begin earlier, at 3 p.m.

"Quilters are a social group. We like to get together, exchange ideas, offer advice, show our work and be inspired by one another," Williams said. "The Quilter's Guild of Parker County will do just that at our annual Comfort Quilt Sew-In meeting."

A short business meeting will be held at 6:45 pm.

To attend the Comfort

Quilt Sew-In, email your name and phone number to [qgpc2000@gmail.com](mailto:qgpc2000@gmail.com) to receive a link to the event.

"Each year our Guild donates approximately 200 quilts to various charitable organizations in Parker County," Williams said. "All the quilts are made by our generous members."

Williams said this will be the guild's first Sew-In held over Zoom, "but we have been successfully hosting virtual Bees monthly."

"Bees" workshops usually have from 10 to 20 members in attend to visit and work on their quilting projects.

The Quilters Guild of Parker County, a 501c3 non-profit organization, welcomes new members, al-

lowing two meetings gratis prior to being asked to join. All levels of expertise are active in the group. Dues for 2021 are only \$15, rolled back from \$24 in honor of the guild's 20th anniversary.

Membership benefits include monthly educational and instructional meetings, workshops taught by nationally known speakers, monthly newsletter with information about area quilt shows, events and member news, member retreats (at additional cost), quilting bees to learn from other quilters and access to social media groups.

To learn more about the guild, visit [quiltersguildof-parkercounty.org](http://quiltersguildof-parkercounty.org) or find the group on Facebook.

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# Obituaries

## Roger L. Reagan 1942- 2021

Roger L. Reagan was born June 28, 1942 and entered eternal life on April 3, 2021. He was 78 years old.

A graveside service is scheduled at 2 p.m. Friday, April 9, 2021 at Jarratt Cemetery in Jacksonville. Bro. Don Harvey will officiate. Services are under the direction of Autry Funeral Home Chapel in Jacksonville. Visitation will begin on Thursday, April 8, 2021 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Autry Funeral Home, Jacksonville.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Martha Ann Reagan; and his siblings, Tracy Lee Reagan, Bonnie Joy Gattis, Wilma Jean Taylor and Melba Doris Rogers.

Left to cherish Roger's memory are daughter, Jeanie Rooks and husband James of Springtown; son, Richard Reagan of Ft. Worth; broth-



er, Donald Reagan and Orlanda of Jacksonville; and sister, Judith Elaine Burton of Jacksonville. He is also survived by two grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers will be Donald Reagan, Richard Reagan, Jorge Tavera, Paul Holmes, Ernest and Mark.

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## Community celebrates Springtown Park opening

BY SUSAN McFARLAND  
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A ribbon cutting was held March 25 to celebrate the opening of Springtown Park Rehabilitation and Care Center, located 201 Williams Ward Road.

The facility began accepting their first few residents in March with plans to fully open in early May.

Springtown Park will offer everything from short term rehabilitation and home programs to long term skilled nursing. Ther-



apy services include speech, occupational and physical, as well as an orthopedic consulting doctor, intravenous antibiotic therapy and

wound care.

"Caring for others is what we are called to do everyday and we believe everyone deserves to feel safe

and valued," said Lauren Stoff, marketing and public relations director. For more information, contact Stoff at 817-846-4802

### ASSAULT, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1A.

time Huesser began punching and kicking the teen in the head.

Huesser also put a knife to the teen's neck and stated, "I'm going to make you homeless; I'm going to kill you," the affidavit states.

After a third family member intervened, the teen was able to escape the home and began flagging down cars for help, eventually locat-

ing a Reno Police Department vehicle.

Officers contacted Sheriff's deputies and emergency medical personnel and the teen was taken to Medical City Weatherford.

PCSO deputies and a Springtown police officer went to the home, where they were let in by the third family member, and found multiple weapons includ-

ing an AR-15 style rifle and multiple handguns.

Huesser was found inside a bedroom covering his hand with a blanket. Deputies repeatedly asked him to show his hands and he did not comply. Officers then used a Taser to gain compliance.

Once in custody, Huesser was continually and aggressively belligerent toward

deputies, at one point spitting in a deputy's face and later banging his head inside a patrol vehicle.

Huesser was taken to Parker County Jail. His bond was set at \$25,000.

Authier said that the case will be forwarded to the Parker County District Attorney's Office for prosecution.

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## NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION (AVISO DE ELECCIÓN ESPECIAL)

To the registered voters of the Parker County Emergency Services District No. 1, Parker County, Texas:

*(A los votantes registrados del Distrito Numero 1 de los Servicios de Emergencia del Condado de Parker, Condado de Parker, Texas):*

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., on May 1, 2021, for voting in a special election for or against the proposition:

*(Notifíquese, por lo presente, que las casillas electorales citados abajo se abrirán desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el día 1 de mayo de 2021 para votar en la elección especial a favor o en contra de:*

### PROPOSITION A

The increase in the rate of the local sales and use tax imposed by Parker County Emergency Services District No. 1 from a rate of one-half of one percent to a rate of one and one-half percent.

### PROPOSICIÓN A

El aumento en la tasa del impuesto local de ventas y uso en el Distrito Numero 1 de Servicios de Emergencia del Condado de Parker de una tasa de una mitad de un por ciento a una tasa de uno y medio por ciento.

### LOCATION(S) OF ELECTION DAY POLLING PLACES (UBICACIÓN DE LAS CASILLAS ELECTORALES EL DIA DE ELECCIÓN)

**VOTE CENTERS FOR MAY 1, 2021 ONLY: You may vote at ANY Parker County Precinct Polling Place. Voters are not limited to only voting in the precinct where they are registered to vote.**

*(CENTROS DE VOTACIÓN SOLO PARA 1 DE MAYO, 2021: Usted puede votar en CUALQUIER lugar de votación de Precinto del Condado de Parker. Votantes Tienen más opciones en donde votar, sin limitarse al precinto en donde están registrados para votar.)*

#### Main Voting Site

*(Sitio Principal de Votación)*

Parker County Courthouse Annex  
1112 Santa Fe Drive, Weatherford, Texas 76086  
Annex Kitchen

#### Branch Voting Sites

*(Sitios de Votación de Sucursales)*

**Springtown Senior Center**  
Community Room  
1070 N Main St  
Springtown, Texas 76082

**Peaster ISD Rock Gym**  
Back Room of Gym  
8512 FM 920  
Peaster, Texas 76088

**Aledo ISD Admin Building**  
Louden Room  
1008 Bailey Ranch Rd  
Aledo, Texas 76008

**Hudson Oaks City Hall**  
Council Chambers  
210 Hudson Oaks Dr.  
Hudson Oaks, Texas 76087

**Azle Community Center**  
Community Room  
505 W Main St  
Azle, Texas 76020

**PCT 3 County Barn**  
Break Room  
1107 FM 1189  
Brock, Texas 76087

**Reno City Hall**  
Council Chambers  
195 W Reno Rd  
Reno, Texas 76020

**Garner ISD Ryan Gymnasium**  
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2222 Garner School Rd  
Garner, Texas 76088

**Annetta Town Hall**  
Meeting Room  
450 Thunder Head Ln  
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Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted at:

*(La votación adelantada en persona se llevará a cabo en:)*

#### Countywide Early Voting Sites

*(Sitios para Votación Adelantada en todo el Condado)*

VOTERS CAN VOTE AT ANY POLLING SITE DURING EARLY VOTING

*(VOTANTES PUEDEN VOTAR EN CUALQUIER SITIO DE VOTACIÓN DURANTE VOTACIONES ANTICIPADAS)*

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#### Regular Early Voting Hours and Days:

*(Horas y Días regulares de Votación Anticipada)*

Monday April 19, 2021	8:00AM-5:00PM	Thursday April 22, 2021	7:00AM-7:00PM	Sunday April 25, 2021	CLOSED
<i>Lunes 19 de abril de 2021</i>	<i>8:00AM-5:00PM</i>	<i>Jueves 22 de abril de 2021</i>	<i>7:00AM-7:00PM</i>	<i>Domingo 25 de abril de 2021</i>	<i>CERRADO</i>
Tuesday April 20, 2021	7:00AM-7:00PM	Friday April 23, 2021	8:00AM-5:00PM	Monday April 26, 2021	8:00AM-5:00PM
<i>Martes 20 de abril de 2021</i>	<i>7:00AM-7:00PM</i>	<i>Viernes 23 de abril de 2021</i>	<i>8:00AM-5:00PM</i>	<i>Lunes 26 de abril de 2021</i>	<i>8:00AM-5:00PM</i>
Wednesday April 21, 2021	8:00AM-5:00PM	Saturday April 24, 2021	CLOSED	Tuesday April 27, 2021	8:00AM-5:00PM
<i>Miercoles 21 de abril de 2021</i>	<i>8:00AM-5:00PM</i>	<i>Sabado 24 de abril de 2021</i>	<i>CERRADO</i>	<i>Martes 27 de abril de 2021</i>	<i>8:00AM-5:00PM</i>

beginning on April 19, 2021 and ending on April 27, 2021.

*(empezando el día 19 de mayo de 2021 y terminando el día 27 de mayo de 2021.)*

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:

*(Las solicitudes para balotas que se votarán adelantada por correo deberán enviarse a:)*

Early Voting Clerk

1112 Santa Fe Drive Weatherford, Texas 76086

Facsimile: 817/598-6183

elections@parkercountytx.com

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on April 20, 2021.

*(Las solicitudes para balotas que se votarán en ausencia por correo deberán recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio el día 20 de abril de 2021.)*

ISSUED this the 20th day of January, 2021. *(EMITIDA este día 20 de enero de 2021.)*

PARKER COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 1

*(DISTRITO NUMERO 1 DE LOS SERVICIOS DE EMERGENCIA DEL CONDADO DE PARKER)*

By: 

Mark Jack, President

Election Officer

*Presidente*

*Oficial de Elecciones*

## Has social media depicted pro athletes in a more negative light?

It's no secret that being a current or former professional athlete comes with lots of benefits; money, fame, access, opportunity, and generational wealth.

But what many people overlook is some of the negative things that come with being a pro athlete and how being in the wrong place at the wrong time can cost you millions of dollars if caught on camera.

In 2021, we live in a world where almost everyone has access to a video camera that can capture events at any given moment, and while this technology has helped us create fond memories, it has also framed many famous athletes doing, saying, and acting in ways they would otherwise keep out of the public eye.

The most recent example of a pro athlete caught on camera in a precarious situation was a former NBA player, most notably for the Boston Celtics, Paul Pierce.

Pierce has been retired since 2017 but took a job on

ESPN's NBA Countdown show months after leaving the game.

However, last week (April 2) Pierce voluntarily began recording an Instagram live stream as he was obviously inebriated while being surrounded by multiple women some dancing in lingerie, and some rubbing his shoulders.

While Pierce did nothing illegal on camera, ESPN (his former employer) took offense to his actions as the 10-time all-star is a husband of 11 years, a father to three children, and for the most part, had been viewed as a family man.

It didn't take long for ESPN to act as they fired Pierce three days later.

While some thought the decision was harsh, what many failed to remember is that ESPN is owned by Disney, arguably the world's biggest family TV production and entertainment company, and that ESPN has been quick to punish their employees for less.

No word has come out about whether Pierce and

his wife Julie Pierce are currently on good terms but most would assume she wasn't too happy when the news broke last weekend.

The most ironic part about this story is that while many athletes try to avoid situations like these it seems Pierce is unbothered and unapologetic about his choice to record the "party" he was having.

Other recent examples of athletes caught on tape included former Washington Football Team quarterback Dwayne Haskins and former Los Angeles Clipper guard Lou Williams.

Both Williams and Haskins were caught on video and photos at separate strip clubs in the fall of 2020



### QUINTON'S QUANDARIES

By Quinton Lilley

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while both the NBA and NFL were still using very strict COVID-19 policies that required players to properly social distance and avoid close contact with people outside the league and their immediate family.

However, Haskins was caught on photo maskless in late December at a gentleman's club in Washington D.C.

Haskins received plenty of criticism not only because he had put his teammates at an increased risk of contracting the virus, but also Haskins' coach Ron Rivera had just recovered from cancer and is considered high risk as he tries to make his coaching come back.

A week later Haskins was released from the team and

will likely be relegated to a backup role in Pittsburgh this coming season.

A disappointing fall from grace for a No. 1 pick just two years ago.

Williams was caught by an Instagram story post that rapper Jack Harlow posed for a photo with Williams at an Atlanta strip club in August.

The news sent waves across the NBA as the league to that point had no positive COVID test results and had spent millions of dollars creating a bubble for the league to finish its 2019-20 season by mid-October.

Williams, who's an Atlanta native, was on a team approved leave from the bubble because he was supposed to be attending a family funeral in his hometown, but apparently, the three-time Sixth Man of the Year made a stop at a strip club to as he claimed he was "picking up some chicken wings."

The news didn't go over well with the league and Williams was given a 10-day quarantine suspension

before he was allowed to rejoin his team to begin the playoffs.

While Williams' actions may not have been a direct cause to what happened to the Clippers during the post-season it certainly spoke to the lack of discipline.

The Clippers went on to spoil a 3-1 lead on the Denver Nuggets in the second round of the playoffs and lost in seven games.

Williams ended up being traded from the Clippers just a few weeks ago for Rajon Rondo.

While none of the actions from Pierce, Haskins, and Williams are illegal in any sense what they have done is show that some professional athletes don't realize the power that people have with smartphones and video cameras.

Because one wrong step caught on camera could cost you your job, your money, but most importantly your reputation.

As the old saying goes "What's done in the dark always comes to the light."

## Balance is an illusion.

Do you ever feel like life is out of balance? You are being pulled too many directions at the same time? You are trying to juggle too many chainsaws while keeping too many plates spinning? You are having too many metaphors tossed at you?

A little over seven months ago, I got an invitation to step out of my comfort zone. I guess I could technically say that I got invited to step into an old comfort zone that I moved away from many years ago. A comfort zone for which I have lost some muscle memory and in which there have been so many changes that my old muscle memory wouldn't

have helped much.

Almost thirteen years ago, I left the pastorate to begin my ministry as Executive Director/Lead Strategist of Harvest Baptist Association, a regional network of churches across three counties.

One of the churches in my association is the First Baptist Church in Decatur. Last fall their incredibly gifted young (like the age of my kids young) worship pastor sensed a strong calling from God to make a major move to go and serve as a bivocational music minister in a small church in a small town in Colorado.

At his recommendation, the pastor called me and asked if I would be open to serving as their interim worship pastor while they navi-

gated their staff search process.

Now it has been thirty-three years since I was on a church staff as music minister. At that time I was balancing part-time church staff, full-time seminary studies, and marriage to a young wife expecting our first child.

All these years later, I've been trying to balance part-time church staff, full-time job as Di-



### BE AMAZING

By Gerry Lewis

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rector of HBA, marriage to the same young wife (see what I did there), trying to see four grandkids as much as possible, and—oh yeah—a world trying to negotiate a global pandemic.

Much of the audio/visual technology we are using in church music today didn't even exist when church music was my primary ministry. It's not simply that my small churches couldn't afford it—it had not even

been invented yet!

To tell the truth, it's been taxing physically, emotionally, and spiritually. Just a few years ago, I would have been totally over my head.

But in the midst of all of it, what I have learned over 43 years of "church" work has served me well in this season. Here's the top lesson:

"Balance" is an illusion.

Multi-tasking and trying to give attention to all of those things at once will drive you over the edge. Here's how to not only survive, but experience Amazing in the midst of the craziness.

Focus on one thing at a time and be fully present where you are. That helps you give your best to each situation.

Trust your team. There

are gifted people around who need the opportunity to be part of something bigger than themselves.

Draw your strength, vision, and motivation from God. When you give yourself to something that matters, you realize that it's far beyond your capabilities. But not His.

The past 6 months with FBCD have been a unique blessing to this old music minister. Yesterday, Easter, was my last Sunday with them and I am honored to have been part of this journey.

What invitation outside your comfort zone do you need to consider to be part of something bigger than yourself?

Be amazing today, my friend.

## McAdams appointed to PUC

### DSHS LAUNCHES TEXAS VACCINE SCHEDULER

With anyone 16 and older now eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine, the Texas Department of State Health Services has launched the Texas Public Health Vaccine Scheduler. It establishes a single place to sign up for a vaccine through multiple public health agencies. Texans can visit [getthevaccine.dshs.texas.gov](http://getthevaccine.dshs.texas.gov) to create a profile and pick a preferred day and time for an appointment. In most cases, people will be matched with the next available appointment

in their home counties.

People without internet service or who have difficulty using the online registration tools can call 1-833-832-7067 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. seven days a week for assistance.

As of Sunday, 7.92 million Texans had been vaccinated, meaning 41 percent of the state's residents have received at least one shot. Some 4.46 million are fully vaccinated. DSHS announced Friday that more than 2.5 million doses of COVID-19 vaccines are shipping out this week — more than double the previ-



### STATE CAPITOL HIGHLIGHTS

By Gary Borders

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ous high.

Meanwhile, new COVID-19 cases in Texas dropped again compared to the previous week, with 21,754 reported, down about 20% week to week. The number of deaths dropped to 637 last week, down about 14% from the previous week. Hospitalizations of confirmed COVID-19 patients again dropped, to 2,840 statewide.

### MCADAMS APPOINTED TO PUC


Gov. Greg Abbott has nominated Will McAdams to the Public Utility Commission, subject to state sen-

ate confirmation. McAdams will join the sole remaining member of the three-person commission, Chairman Arthur D'Andrea, who previously announced his resignation but agreed to stay on until Abbott could appoint new members. McAdams is president of the Associated Builders and Contractors of Texas and worked for legislators for more than a decade in various senior staff positions.

The PUC came under fire after the disastrous electrical blackouts during the mid-February winter storm, since it has supervisory power

over the Electric Reliability Council of Texas, which controls the power grid for most of the state. Nearly half of ERCOT's 15-member board has since resigned.

An investigation by the Houston Chronicle indicates nearly 200 people died in the winter storm, primarily from hypothermia or carbon monoxide poisoning. More than 4 million homes in Texas were without power at the peak of the crisis. As State Rep. Rafael Anchia, D-Dallas, noted in the article, the winter storm death toll was almost double that from Hurricane Harvey in 2017.



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# ORDER CALLING A BOND ELECTION AND NOTICE OF ELECTION

**THE STATE OF TEXAS  
PARKER AND WISE COUNTIES  
SPRINGTOWN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Springtown Independent School District (the "District") deems it advisable to call the bond election herein-after ordered (the "Election"); and

WHEREAS, the bond referendum is subject to the provisions of Section 45.003, Texas Education Code, and the District is contracting with Parker County, Texas for the administration of the Election for the territory of the District in Parker County and Wise County pursuant to an interlocal agreement with Parker County (the "Election Contract"); and

WHEREAS, Parker County, acting through the Parker County Elections Administrator in accordance with the Election Contract will provide for the administration of the Election in the territory of the District in Parker County and Wise County; and

WHEREAS, it is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this Order was adopted was open to the public, and public notice of the time, place, and purpose of the meeting was given, all as required by the Texas Government Code, Chapter 551.

**THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE SPRINGTOWN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT:**

**Section 1.** The statements contained in the preamble of this Order are true and correct and adopted as findings of fact and operative provisions hereof.

**Section 2.** Election Ordered; Polling Places. The Election shall be held in the District between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on May 1, 2021 ("Election Day"). The Election is to be conducted and administered by Parker County as provided by Chapter 271 and Chapter 31, Subchapter D of the Texas Election Code (the "Code"), and the Election Contract. Voting for the Election on Election Day and Early Voting shall occur on the dates and during the hours and at the designated polling places as set forth in Exhibit "A" attached hereto, which exhibit is hereby made a part hereof for all intents and purposes. Exhibit "A" shall be modified to include additional or different Election Day polling places required to conform to the Election Contract and the Code.

**Section 3.** Early Voting. Early voting shall be administered by Parker County. Early Voting by personal appearance shall begin on April 19, 2021 and conclude on April 27, 2021 and will be conducted at the Early Voting locations on the dates and at the times specified in Exhibit "A" attached hereto. The early voting polling places shall remain open during such hours for early voting by personal appearance for any registered voter of the District at such voting place. Exhibit "A" shall be modified to include additional or different early voting polling places required to conform to the Election Contract and the Code.

**Section 4.** Election Officials. The appointment of the Presiding Election Judges, Alternate Judges, Early Voting Clerks, the Presiding Judge of the early ballot board and other election officials for the Election shall be made by the Parker County Elections Administrator.

**Section 5.** Voting by Mail. Applications for voting by mail for all residents of the District shall submitted by personal delivery or shall be mailed to the address below prior to the deadline prescribed by law:

**Postal Mail:**

Parker County Elections  
Elections Administrator  
1112 Santa Fe Drive  
Weatherford, TX 76086

**Commercial Carrier/Personal Delivery:**

Parker County Elections  
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1112 Santa Fe Drive  
Weatherford, TX 76086  
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Fax (817)598-6183  
Email elections@parkercountytexas.com

**Section 6.** Early Voting Ballots. An Early Voting Ballot Board shall be created to process early voting results of the Election, and the Presiding Judge of the Early Voting Ballot Board shall be designated by the Parker County Elections Administrator. The Presiding Judge of the Early Voting Ballot Board shall appoint two or more additional members to constitute the Early Voting Ballot Board members and, if needed, the Signature Verification Committee members required to efficiently process the early voting ballots.

**Section 7.** Qualified Voters. All qualified electors of and residing in the District, shall be entitled to vote at the election.

**Section 8.** Proposition. At the Election the following PROPOSITION shall be submitted in accordance with law:

**SPRINGTOWN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT SPECIAL ELECTION  
SPRINGTOWN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPOSITION A**

Shall the Board of Trustees of the Springtown Independent School District be authorized to issue the bonds of the District, in one or more series, in the aggregate principal amount of \$38,500,000 for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, renovating and equipping school facilities within the District; with the bonds to mature, bear interest, and be issued and sold in accordance with law at the time of issuance; and shall the Board of Trustees be authorized to levy and pledge, and cause to be assessed and collected, annual ad valorem taxes, on all taxable property in the District, sufficient, without limit as to rate or amount, to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds and the cost of any credit agreements executed in connection with the bonds?

**Section 9.** Ballots. The official ballots for the Election shall be prepared in accordance with the Texas Election Code to permit the electors to vote "FOR" or "AGAINST" the aforesaid PROPOSITION with the ballots to contain such provisions, markings and language as required by law, and with such PROPOSITION to be expressed substantially as follows:

	SPRINGTOWN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT SPECIAL ELECTION SPRINGTOWN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPOSITION A		
	)		
FOR	)		
_____	)		THE ISSUANCE OF \$38,500,000 OF BONDS BY THE SPRINGTOWN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR SCHOOL FACILITIES AND LEVYING THE TAX
	)		IN PAYMENT THEREOF. THIS IS A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE.
AGAINST	)		
_____	)		
	)		

**Section 10.** Compliance with Federal Law. In all respects, the Election shall be conducted in accordance with the Code. Pursuant to the federal Help America Vote Act ("HAVA") and the Code, at each polling place there shall be at least one voting system that is equipped for disabled individuals, and each such voting system shall be a system that has been certified by the Texas Secretary of State as compliant with HAVA and the Code. The District hereby finds that the voting system to be used by the Parker County Elections Administrator in administering the Election is such a system, and orders that such voting equipment or other equipment certified by the Texas Secretary of State shall be used by the District in its elections.

**Section 11.** The Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the Superintendent, President, Vice President or the Secretary of the Board of Trustees to execute or attest on behalf of the District the Election Contract with the County.

**Section 12.** The following information is provided in accordance with the provisions of Section 3.009(b), Texas Election Code.

- (a) The proposition language that will appear on the ballot is set forth in Section 9 hereof.
- (b) The purpose for which the bonds are to be authorized is set forth in Section 8 hereof.
- (c) The principal amount of the debt obligations to be authorized is \$38,500,000 for Proposition A.
- (d) If the bonds are approved by the voters, the Board of Trustees will be authorized to levy annual ad valorem taxes, on all taxable property in the District, sufficient, without limit as to rate or amount, to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds and the cost of any credit agreements executed in connection with the bonds.
- (e) Based upon the bond market conditions at the date of adoption of this Order, the maximum interest rate for any series of the bonds is estimated to be 3.25%. Such estimate considers several factors, including the issuance schedule, maturity schedule and the expected bond ratings of the proposed bonds. Such estimated maximum interest rate is provided as a matter of information but is not a limitation on the interest rate at which the bonds or notes, or any series thereof, may be sold.
- (f) If the bonds are approved, they may be issued in one or more series, to mature serially, over a period not to exceed thirty years from the date of issuance of each series of bonds.
- (g) The aggregate amount of the outstanding principal of the District's debt obligations as of the date of this Order is \$49,915,000.
- (h) The aggregate amount of the outstanding interest of the District's debt obligations as of the date of this Order is \$21,265,725.
- (i) The ad valorem debt service tax rate for the District as of the date of this Order is \$0.207 per \$100 of taxable assessed valuation.



**EXHIBIT A**  
**Early Voting Location Dates and Times**

Early Voting sites and hours for voting by personal appearance for the General and Special Elections PARKER COUNTY CITIES AND SCHOOLS to be held on May 1, 2021 as conducted by Parker County, Texas are as follows:

**Main Voting Site**

Parker County Courthouse Annex  
1112 Santa Fe Dr  
Weatherford, 76086  
Annex Kitchen

**Branch Voting Sites**

Springtown Senior Center  
1070 N Main St  
Springtown, Texas 76082  
Community Room

Aledo ISD Admin Building  
1008 Bailey Ranch Rd  
Aledo, Texas 76008  
Louden Room

Azle City Hall  
505 W Main St  
Azle, Texas 76020  
Community Room

Peaster ISD Rock Gym  
8512 FM 920  
Peaster, Texas 76088  
Back Room of Gym

Hudson Oaks City Hall  
210 Hudson Oaks Dr.  
Hudson Oaks, TX 76087  
Council Chambers

PCT 3 County Barn  
Break Room  
1111 FM RD 1189  
Brock, 76087

**Regular Early Voting Hours and Days**

Monday April 19, 2021	8:00AM-5:00PM	Saturday April 24, 2021	CLOSED
Tuesday April 20, 2021	7:00AM-7:00PM	Sunday April 25, 2021	CLOSED
Wednesday April 21, 2021	8:00AM-5:00PM	Monday April 26, 2021	8:00AM-5:00PM
Thursday April 22, 2021	7:00AM-7:00PM	Tuesday April 27, 2021	8:00AM-5:00PM
Friday April 23, 2021	8:00AM-5:00PM		

Applications for Ballot by Mail may be obtained by calling **(817) 598-6185** Applications for ballots by mail must be received by the Early Voting Clerk **NO later than** the close of business day on Tuesday April 20, 2021. Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:  
**Early Voting Clerk**  
**1112 Santa Fe Dr,**  
**Weatherford 76086**  
**Email: elections@parkercountytx.com Fax: (817) 598-6183**

**Election Day Sites**

7:00 AM-7:00 PM

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**Voter Information Document – Springtown Independent School District Special Election**

**Proposition A**

The following information is prepared to comply with Tex. H.B. 477 86th Leg., R.S. (2019) and is for illustration purposes only. The information is not a part of the proposition to be voted on and does not create a contract with the voters.

At the Election, the following language will appear on the ballot:

SPRINGTOWN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT SPECIAL ELECTION SPRINGTOWN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPOSITION A		
FOR _____	)	THE ISSUANCE OF \$38,500,000 OF BONDS BY THE SPRINGTOWN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR SCHOOL FACILITIES AND LEVYING THE TAX IN PAYMENT THEREOF. THIS IS A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE.
	)	
AGAINST _____	)	
	)	

The following table sets forth the estimated principal amount of, and interest due to maturity on, the bonds to be issued if Proposition A passes, and all outstanding obligations of the District secured by and payable from ad valorem taxes.

Principal Amount of Bonds to be authorized	Estimated interest for Bonds to be authorized <sup>(1)</sup>	Estimated combined principal and interest required to pay on time and in full the Bonds to be authorized <sup>(1)</sup>	Principal of District's Existing Outstanding Debt  (as of 2/11/21)	Remaining interest on District's Existing Outstanding Debt  (as of 2/11/21)	Combined Principal and Interest to timely pay District's Outstanding Debt  (as of 2/11/21)
\$38,500,000	\$21,939,450	\$60,439,450	\$49,915,000	\$21,265,725	\$71,180,725

(1) The interest on the proposed bonds was estimated at a rate of 3.25% based on market conditions as of February 11, 2021, and therefore, the interest payable on the proposed bonds may be less than, or more than, the amounts set forth above based on market conditions at the time of sale of the proposed bonds.

Based on the information and assumptions provided in the table above, the estimated maximum annual increase in the amount of taxes that would be imposed on a residence homestead in the District with a taxable appraised value of \$100,000 to repay the proposed bonds, if approved, is \$118.00. This estimate assumes annual growth of District's taxable assessed valuation in the dollar amount of \$52,961,643 through tax year 2025 (i.e. 5 years), and holds the District's taxable assessed valuation constant thereafter and assumes that the proposed bonds will be issued in an amortization that will produce relatively consistent levels of debt service in each year.

# ORDEN PARA CONVOCAR UNA ELECCIÓN DE BONOS Y AVISO DE ELECCIÓN

**EL ESTADO DE TEXAS  
CONDADOS DE PARKER Y DE WISE  
DISTRITO ESCOLAR INDEPENDIENTE DE SPRINGTOWN**

EN VISTA DE QUE la Junta de Síndicos del Distrito Escolar Independiente de Springtown (el "Distrito") considera aconsejable convocar la elección de bonos que se ordena más adelante en la presente (la "Elección"); y

EN VISTA DE QUE el referéndum de bonos está sujeto a las disposiciones de la Sección 45.003 del Código de Educación de Texas, y el Distrito está celebrando un contrato con el Condado de Parker, Texas, para la administración de la Elección para el territorio del Distrito en el Condado de Parker y en el Condado de Wise en virtud de un convenio interlocal con el Condado de Parker (el "Contrato Electoral"); y

EN VISTA DE QUE el Condado de Parker, actuando a través del Administrador de Elecciones del Condado de Parker de acuerdo con el Contrato Electoral estará a cargo de administrar la Elección en el territorio del Distrito en el Condado de Parker y el Condado de Wise; y

EN VISTA DE QUE por la presente se halla y determina oficialmente que la asamblea en la cual esta Orden fue adoptada estuvo abierta al público, y que se dio aviso público de la hora, el lugar y el propósito de la asamblea, todo según lo exige el Capítulo 551 del Código de Gobierno de Texas.

**POR LO TANTO, LA JUNTA DE SÍNDICOS DEL DISTRITO ESCOLAR INDEPENDIENTE DE SPRINGTOWN ORDENA:**

**Sección 1.** Las declaraciones contenidas en el preámbulo de esta Orden son verdaderas y correctas y se adoptan como determinaciones de hechos y como disposiciones operativas de la presente.

**Sección 2.** Elección ordenada; lugares de votación. La Elección se llevará a cabo en el Distrito en el horario de 7:00 a.m. a 7:00 p.m. el 1 de mayo de 2021 (el "Día de Elección"). El Condado de Parker organizará y administrará la Elección según lo dispuesto en el Capítulo 271 y el Subcapítulo D del Capítulo 31 del Código Electoral de Texas (el "Código") y el Contrato Electoral. La votación del Día de Elección y durante la Votación Anticipada se llevará a cabo en las fechas y horarios y en los lugares de votación designados de la forma indicada en el Anexo "A" adjunto a este documento, el cual, por la presente se incorpora a esta Orden para toda intención y propósito. El Anexo "A" será modificado para incluir lugares de votación adicionales o diferentes para el Día de Elección requeridos para cumplir con el Contrato Electoral y el Código.

**Sección 3.** Votación anticipada. La votación anticipada será administrada por el Condado de Parker. La votación anticipada en persona comenzará el 19 de abril de 2021 y terminará el 27 de abril de 2021, y se llevará a cabo en los lugares de votación anticipada en las fechas y los horarios especificados en el Anexo "A" adjunto a este documento. Los lugares de votación anticipada se mantendrán abiertos durante dichos horarios para la votación anticipada en persona para cualquier votante registrado del Distrito en dicho lugar de votación. El Anexo "A" podrá modificarse para incluir lugares de votación adicionales o diferentes para la elección anticipada requeridos para cumplir con el Contrato Electoral y el Código.

**Sección 4.** Funcionarios Electorales. La designación de los Jueces Electorales Presidentes, Jueces Alternos, Oficiales de Votación Anticipada, el Juez Presidente del consejo de boletas de votación anticipada y demás funcionarios electorales de la Elección la hará el Administrador de Elecciones del Condado de Parker.

**Sección 5.** Votación por correo. Las solicitudes de votación por correo para todos los residentes del Distrito deben entregarse en persona o deben enviarse por correo postal a la siguiente dirección antes de la fecha límite indicada por la ley:

**Correo postal**

Parker County Elections  
Elections Administrator  
1112 Santa Fe Drive  
Weatherford, TX 76086

**Servicio de correo privado/ Entrega en persona**

Parker County Elections  
Elections Administrator  
1112 Santa Fe Drive  
Weatherford, TX 76086  
Telefono (817)598-6185  
Fax (817)598-6183  
Correo electrónico: elections@parkercountytx.com

**Sección 6.** Boletas de votación anticipada. Se creará un Consejo de Boletas de Votación Anticipada para procesar los resultados de la votación anticipada de la Elección, y el Administrador de Elecciones del Condado de Parker designará al Juez Presidente de dicho Consejo. El Juez Presidente del Consejo de Boletas de Votación Anticipada nombrará a dos o más miembros adicionales para formar el Consejo de Boletas de Votación Anticipada y, de ser necesario, a los miembros del Comité de Verificación de Firmas requeridos para procesar de forma eficiente las boletas de votación anticipada.

**Sección 7.** Votantes habilitados. Todos los votantes habilitados y residentes en el Distrito tendrán derecho a votar en la elección.

**Sección 8.** Proposición. En la Elección se presentará la siguiente PROPOSICIÓN en conformidad con la ley:

**ELECCIÓN ESPECIAL DEL DISTRITO ESCOLAR INDEPENDIENTE DE SPRINGTOWN  
PROPOSICIÓN A DEL DISTRITO ESCOLAR INDEPENDIENTE DE SPRINGTOWN**

¿Se deberá autorizar a la Junta de Síndicos del Distrito Escolar Independiente de Springtown a emitir los bonos del Distrito, en una o más series, en la cantidad total de capital de \$38,500,000, para el propósito de adquirir, construir, renovar y equipar instalaciones escolares en el Distrito, con los bonos venciendo, devengando interés y siendo emitidos y vendidos en conformidad con la ley al momento de emisión; y se deberá autorizar a la Junta de Síndicos a imponer y comprometer y hacer tasar y recaudar impuestos anuales ad valorem sobre toda propiedad gravable en el Distrito, suficientes, sin límite en cuanto a tasa o cantidad, para pagar el capital y el interés de los bonos y el costo de cualquier acuerdo de crédito firmado en conexión con los bonos?

**Sección 9.** Boletas de votación. Las boletas de votación oficiales para la Elección se prepararán en conformidad con el Código Electoral de Texas para permitir a los electores votar "A FAVOR" o "EN CONTRA" de la PROPOSICIÓN antedicha, y de manera que contengan dichas disposiciones, marcas y lenguaje conforme a lo que exige la ley, y con dicha PROPOSICIÓN expresada básicamente de la siguiente manera:

		ELECCIÓN ESPECIAL DEL DISTRITO ESCOLAR INDEPENDIENTE DE SPRINGTOWN PROPOSICIÓN A DEL DISTRITO ESCOLAR INDEPENDIENTE DE SPRINGTOWN	
	)		
A FAVOR	)		
_____	)	LA EMISIÓN DE \$38,500,000 EN BONOS POR PARTE DEL DISTRITO ESCOLAR	
	)	INDEPENDIENTE DE SPRINGTOWN PARA INSTALACIONES ESCOLARES Y	
	)	LA IMPOSICIÓN DEL IMPUESTO PARA EL PAGO DE LOS BONOS. ESTO ES UN	
EN CONTRA	)	AUMENTO AL IMPUESTO PREDIAL.	
_____	)		
	)		

**Sección 10.** Conformidad con las leyes federales. En todos sus aspectos, la Elección se llevará a cabo de acuerdo con el Código. En virtud de la Ley federal Ayude a América a Votar ("HAVA") y el Código, cada lugar de votación dispondrá como mínimo de un sistema de votación equipado para personas con discapacidad, y cada uno de los sistemas de votación de ese tipo será un sistema que cuente con la certificación de cumplimiento de HAVA y el Código emitida por el Secretario de Estado de Texas. Por la presente, el Distrito halla que el sistema de votación que será utilizado por el Administrador de Elecciones del Condado de Parker para administrar la Elección es uno de dichos sistemas, y ordena que el Distrito, en sus elecciones, utilice tal equipo de votación o algún otro equipo certificado por el Secretario de Estado de Texas.

**Sección 11.** Por la presente, la Junta de Síndicos autoriza al Superintendente, Presidente, Vicepresidente o Secretario de la Junta de Síndicos a celebrar o atestiguar en nombre del Distrito el Contrato Electoral con el Condado.

**Sección 12.** De acuerdo con las disposiciones de la Sección 3.009(b) del Código Electoral de Texas, se provee la siguiente información:

- (a) El lenguaje de la proposición que aparecerá en la boleta de votación se establece en la Sección 9 de este documento.
- (b) El propósito por el cual se han de autorizar los bonos se establece en la Sección 8 de este documento.
- (c) La cantidad del capital de las obligaciones de deuda que se ha de autorizar es de \$38,500,000 para la Proposición A.
- (d) Si los votantes aprueban los bonos, la Junta de Síndicos estará autorizada a imponer impuestos anuales ad valorem sobre toda propiedad gravable del Distrito, suficientes, sin límite en cuanto a tasa o cantidad, para pagar el capital y el interés de los bonos y el costo de cualquier convenio crediticio celebrado en relación con los bonos.
- (e) Según las condiciones del mercado de bonos en la fecha de adopción de esta Orden, la tasa de interés máxima para cualquier serie de bonos se estima en 3.25 %. Dicho estimado considera diversos factores, incluidos el programa de emisión, el programa de vencimiento y las clasificaciones de bonos esperadas de los bonos propuestos. Dicha tasa de interés máxima estimada se provee a título informativo, pero no es un límite a la tasa de interés a la que podrían venderse los bonos o pagarés, o cualquier serie de estos.
- (f) Si se aprueban los bonos, se podrán emitir en una serie o más, para vencer en serie en un periodo que no exceda los treinta años a partir de la fecha de emisión de cada serie de bonos.
- (g) La cantidad total de capital pendiente de las obligaciones de deuda del Distrito a la fecha de esta Orden es de \$49,915,000.
- (h) La cantidad total de interés pendiente de las obligaciones de deuda del Distrito a la fecha de esta Orden es de \$21,265,725.
- (i) La tasa del impuesto ad valorem para el servicio de la deuda para el Distrito a la fecha de esta Orden es de \$0.207 por cada \$100 de tasación fiscal gravable.

**ANEXO A**  
**Lugar, fechas y horarios de votación anticipada**

Los lugares y horarios de votacion anticipada para l presentacion personal de voatcion para las elecciones generals y especiales CIUDADES Y ESCUELAS DEL CONDADO DE PARKER que se llevaran a cabo el 1 de mayo de 2021 segun lo realizado por el condado de Parker, Texas son los siguientes.

**Sitio principal de votacion**

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Weatherford, 76086  
Annex Kitchen

**Sitios de votacion de sucursales**

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**Horas y días regulares de votacion anticipada**

Lunes 19 de abril de 2021  
8:00AM-5:00PM

Martes 20 de abril de 2021  
7:00AM-7:00PM

Miercoles 21 de abril de 2021  
8:00AM-5:00PM

Jueves 22 de abril de 2021  
7:00AM-7:00PM

Viernes 23 de abril de 2021  
8:00AM-5:00PM

Sabado 24 de abril de 2021  
CERRADO

Domingo 25 de abril de 2021  
CERRADO

Lunes 26 de abril de 2021  
8:00AM-5:00PM

Martes 27 de abril de 2021  
8:00AM-5:00PM

Las solicitudes de boletas por correo deben ser recibidas por el Secretario de Voatcion Anticipada. **No mas tarde** que el cierre del día habil el jueves 20 de abril de 2021 Las solicitudes de bolete electoral por correo se enviaran por correo a

**Early Voting Clerk**  
**1112 Santa Fe Dr, Weatherford 76086**  
**Email: elections@parkercountytx.com Fax: (817) 598-6183**

**Sitios del dia de las elecciones**

7:00 AM-7:00 PM

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**Documento de Información para los Votantes – Elección Especial del Distrito Escolar Independiente de Springtown**

**Proposición A**

La siguiente información se prepara para cumplir con el proyecto de ley 477 de la Cámara de Representantes de Tex. en la 86.ta Leg., R.S. (2019) y es solo para propósitos ilustrativos. La información no forma parte de la proposición sometida a votación ni crea un contrato con los votantes.

En la Elección, aparecerá el siguiente lenguaje en la boleta:

ELECCIÓN ESPECIAL DEL DISTRITO ESCOLAR INDEPENDIENTE DE SPRINGTOWN PROPOSICIÓN A DEL DISTRITO ESCOLAR INDEPENDIENTE DE SPRINGTOWN	
A FAVOR	) LA EMISIÓN DE \$38,500,000 EN BONOS POR PARTE DEL DISTRITO ESCOLAR INDEPENDIENTE DE SPRINGTOWN PARA INSTALACIONES ESCOLARES Y LA IMPOSICIÓN DEL IMPUESTO PARA EL PAGO DE LOS BONOS. ESTO ES UN AUMENTO AL IMPUESTO PREDIAL.
_____	
EN CONTRA	)
_____	)

El siguiente cuadro indica la cantidad de capital estimada y de interés adeudado para el vencimiento de los bonos a ser emitidos en caso de aprobarse la Proposición A y todas las obligaciones pendientes del Distrito garantizadas y pagaderas de los impuestos ad valorem.

Cantidad de capital de los bonos a autorizar	Interés estimado de los bonos a autorizar <sup>(1)</sup>	Estimado de la combinación de capital e interés requerido para pagar en su totalidad y a tiempo los bonos a autorizar <sup>(1)</sup>	Capital de la deuda pendiente existente del Distrito  (al 2/11/21)	Interés restante sobre la deuda pendiente existente del Distrito  (al 2/11/21)	Capital e interés combinados para pagar oportunamente la deuda pendiente del Distrito  (al 2/11/21)
\$38,500,000	\$21,939,450	\$60,439,450	\$49,915,000	\$21,265,725	\$71,180,725

(1) El interés sobre los bonos propuestos fue estimado con una tasa del 3.25% según las condiciones del mercado al 11 de febrero de 2021 y, en consecuencia, el interés pagadero sobre los bonos propuestos puede ser inferior o superior a las cantidades indicadas antes en función de las condiciones del mercado en el momento de venta de los bonos propuestos.

En base a la información y las suposiciones provistas en el cuadro anterior, el aumento anual máximo estimado en la cantidad de impuestos que gravarían una residencia principal en el Distrito con una tasación fiscal gravable de \$100,000 para devolver los bonos propuestos, en caso de su aprobación, es de \$118.00. Este estimado supone un crecimiento anual de la tasación fiscal gravable del Distrito en la cantidad en dólares de \$52,961,643 hasta el año fiscal 2025 (es decir, 5 años) y mantiene la tasación fiscal gravable del Distrito constante a partir de entonces y supone que los bonos propuestos serán emitidos con una amortización que producirá niveles relativamente constantes de servicio de la deuda cada año.

# Six arrested during fugitive investigation

## Drugs, stolen stimulus checks found

Parker County Sheriff's Special Crimes Unit (SCU) arrested six people for illegal narcotics following a fugitive investigation Thursday, April 1.

SCU members learned that two individuals with felony warrants were living in a residence in the 3100-block of North Cardinal Road in Azle. This investigation led to another residence on the same street.

After a search of both homes, investigators discovered a collective total

of 11 grams of suspected methamphetamine believed to belong to five individuals located inside the residences.

SCU investigators also located blank checkbooks, several business-issued checks and government stimulus checks not belonging to the suspects valued at several thousand dollars. Investigators believe the suspects stole the checks from mailboxes of various addresses located in Parker and Tarrant counties. The

cases are currently under investigation, pending charges.

Those arrested include: Matthew Jerod Scott, 31, of Weatherford, arrested on a state jail felony charge of possession of a controlled substance Penalty Group 1, under one gram; and an outstanding warrant for possession of a controlled substance bond insufficient. His bond is set at \$10,000.

Randy Andrew Griffin, 36, of Azle, arrested for a state jail felony charge of

possession of a controlled substance Penalty Group 1, under one gram, and a prior warrant for possession of a controlled substance bond insufficient. His bond was set at \$10,000.

Jensen Mariah McCormick, 19, of Azle, arrested on a second-degree felony charge of possession of a controlled substance Penalty Group 1, 4 to 200 grams. Her bond is set at \$40,000.

Brittany Leann Beck, 26, of Azle, arrested on a state jail felony charge of pos-

session of a controlled substance Penalty Group 1, under one gram. Her bond is set at \$8,000.

Madison Shea Aaron, 17, of Fort Worth, arrested on a third-degree felony charge of possession of a controlled substance Penalty Group 1, 1 to 4 grams. She was released on a \$10,000 bond.

Another woman was arrested at the scene for an unrelated warrant.

SCU investigators added ID theft charges to Scott and McCormick, with bonds for

those charges not set as of April 6.

Parker County Sheriff Russ Authier said he was pleased with the arrests made by SCU investigators.

"Once again, our Special Crimes Unit has made great strides through their investigations in making our community a safer place," Authier said. "We are working with Tarrant County law enforcement agencies to locate the owners of the stolen checks."

# April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

BY JESSICA MCKINNEY  
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Child abuse is one of the country's most serious public health problems. Last year in Tarrant County alone, 6,203 children were victims of child abuse or neglect.

"April 2021 is designated as National Child Abuse Prevention Month with the hope that our community will be empowered in the fight against child abuse, become more aware of statistics and feel equipped with knowledge to help create an environment where children

can thrive," states Alliance for Children.

Alliance for Children is "the only non-profit directly involved in the investigation of child abuse through teamed investigations, healing services and community education."

When a child is the victim of abuse, local law enforcement officers partner with Alliance for Children to help them and their family get the resources they need. Investigations, forensic interviews, and counseling are all conducted at their campuses.

The Northwest Center lo-

cation in Lakeside serves the residents of Azle. It opened in 2017 and has served hundreds of families since that time.

The center saw a spike in cases during the months of March and April last year, which follows the reported trend of an increase in child abuses cases at the start of the pandemic.

The most prevalent type of abuse experienced by children in the area served by the Northwest Center was sexual abuse, with 142 reported cases in Fiscal Year 2019-2020. A breakdown of the perpetrator's relation-

ship to victims shows 28% known non-relatives, 21% biological parents, 19% other relatives, 16% step or adoptive parent, 13% sibling or stepsibling, and 3% unknown.

Sergeant Rachel DeHoyos heads the Crimes Against Children Unit located within the Alliance for Children's Fort Worth Office. She urges people to remember that perpetrators of violence, especially sexual violence against children, are not typically strangers, but the people closest to your family.

Alliance for Children is


offering free virtual education sessions for anyone who would like to know more about how to keep children safe.

The next virtual session, "Let's Talk: Talking with Your child About Personal Body Safety," is 12 to 12:45 p.m. on Wednesday, April 14. The final virtual education session for the month is 2 to 3 p.m. on Friday, April 23, and focuses on "Protecting Children in the Digital World."

Anyone wanting to sign up for these virtual education sessions can visit [www.allianceforchildren.org/communityeducation](http://www.allianceforchildren.org/communityeducation).

In the state of Texas, all adults are mandated reporters. According to the Department of Family and Protective Services website, "Texas law says anyone who thinks a child, or person 65 years or older, or an adult with disabilities is being abused, neglected, or exploited must report it to DFPS."

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18 green chili peppers on nachos
21 TXism: "that's Greek to \_\_\_\_\_" (confusing)
22 TX George H.W. alma mater
23 "Santa \_\_\_\_\_ National Wildlife Refuge"
24 plant-covered alcoves
30 necessary items to drill oil wells
34 1970s TV series with TX Lynda Day George (abbr.)
35 Lindsay Wagner: "The \_\_\_\_\_ Woman"
36 TX Willie & Waylon sang "Mammas Don't Let Your Babies Grow \_\_\_\_\_ Be Cowboys"
37 filmed in Houston: "\_\_\_\_\_ Cowboy"
39 TX Gary Morris tune: "\_\_\_\_\_ it Takes"
43 TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ the town" (celebrate)
44 city of Fort Hood
45 org. of states in Europe
46 gear wheels
47 TX Ginger's co-star, Francis, in 1935 film "Romance in Manhattan"
49 "I boot \_\_\_\_\_ a different drummer"
52 19th governor: \_\_\_\_\_ Ross
53 "without further \_\_\_\_\_"
54 TXism: "he'll kick you \_\_\_\_\_ funeral home" (mean horse)
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58 country duo of Loretta's daughters
59 TXism: "he can't \_\_\_\_\_ through a barbed wire fence"
60 TX Willie album to pay tax debt: "The \_\_\_\_\_ Tapes" (1992)
61 road curve
DOWN
1 TX city hit hard by Hurricane Rita in 2005
2 TXism: "jump bail!"
3 frightening
4 Troy Aikman is in Pro Football Hall of \_\_\_\_\_
9 legendary TX car racer: \_\_\_\_\_ Foyt
10 these are danced around on May Day
11 this Jack was in "4 for Texas" in 1963
12 TX Strait was CMA \_\_\_\_\_ Vocalist of the Year" five times
13 Gov. Abbott began to \_\_\_\_\_ Texas in March of 2021
14 "that is" abbr.
15 a nucleic acid
17 like a rhinestone cowboy?
19 Chicano novel: "The House \_\_\_\_\_ Street"
20 pro team of TX QB Drew Brees
24 first two letters
25 \_\_\_\_\_ Grande
26 to hit someone
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## Lady 'Pines go 2-1 in recent games

BY QUINTON LILLEY  
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The Springtown softball team continued their district and non-district slate with three more games over the past week.

The team went 2-1 in those games losing to Alvarado last Tuesday night, beating Sanger at home on Thursday (April 1) and, then overwhelming Fort Worth Castleberry on Tuesday night this week.

The team's record is now up to 16-7 overall and 3-4 in District 7-4A.

At Alvarado last week, the Lady Porcupines got off to a blistering start but couldn't hold on to the lead losing 7-6.

The game opened in Springtown's favor as they scored three runs in the first inning.

The offensive output came on a home run from Sarah Crews that also brought in Karley Haynes.

Then after a scoreless inning by Alvarado, SHS added two more runs as Camryn Slocum homered to centerfield and Angelina Ray scored as well.

Those two home runs put SHS up 5-0.

However, Alvarado would fight back over the next three innings scoring a run in the third and another two runs in the fifth.

Springtown was able to add another run to their lead in the top of the seventh inning on a single from Cheyanne Atchley that brought in Shaylee Mann.

That run gave SHS a 6-3 lead but that was the last

time they held an advantage.

Alvarado found a way to score four runs in the final frame and won the game on a game-winning triple.

Slocum led SHS' batters with three hits, three RBIs, and two runs scored. Five other batters from Springtown had a hit in the game but the team's five fielding errors proved to be the difference.

Crews pitched all seven innings allowing seven runs, 11 hits, and struck out seven batters.

The game Thursday night against Sanger went completely the opposite of the Alvarado game.

SHS fell behind immediately 6-0 in the first inning.

Sanger added another run in the second inning and the home team found themselves down 7-0 before the game had even begun.

In the third inning, Springtown finally got on the board with a run after Katrina Ray tripled bringing in Lauren Brandt.

Then in the fourth inning, Sanger added another run putting the score at 8-1.

But SHS got their hitting in gear as they scored five runs in the bottom of the fourth.

The inning began with back-to-back walks from Jayden Grubis and Mann.

Then Angelina Ray singled to load the bases.

Katrina Ray then walked as Haylee Sanborn scored. Later in the inning, Haynes singled to left field, and both Sanborn and Angelina Ray scored.

Crews capped off the SHS scoring with a double as Katrina Ray and Haynes scored.



Springtown High pitcher Sarah Crews threw a ball toward home plate during the Lady 'Pines dominant win over Fort Worth Castleberry Tuesday night.  
Photo by Quinton Lilley

After that effort, SHS trailed 8-6.

SHS added another run in the fifth inning and held Sanger scoreless the remainder of the night.

Then in the bottom of the seventh, Atchley doubled helping Sanborn score and Haynes came up with the biggest play of the night as she had the game-winning single bringing in two runs.

SHS went on to win the game 10-8.

In total SHS had 14 hits as a team led by Haynes who

had three hits, a run scored, and four RBIs.

Crews added two hits and two RBIs and Sanborn had three hits and two runs scored.

On Tuesday night against Castleberry, Springtown's offense got off to a slow start as they went scoreless in the first two innings leaving baserunners stranded in the first inning.

However, SHS turned things around at the plate in the third inning as they scored two runs thanks to

a double from Grubis that scored Haynes and a single from Mann that brought in Grubis.

The in the fourth SHS extended the lead with three more runs on a triple from Slocum that brought in three runners.

With the lead up to 5-0, Sanborn added an insurance run on a homer to left field to begin the fifth inning and Katrina Ray's double helped Angelina Ray and Summer Conway both score.

SHS went on to score six

runs in the frame effectively ending the game.

Slocum had a huge performance with two hits, and five RBIs, Haynes added two hits, two RBIs, and three runs scored.

SHS will look to continue their strong play this Friday night as they'll travel to face Castleberry. First pitch is set for 6:45 p.m.

The team has just four games left in the regular season over the next two weeks before the playoffs begin at the end of the month.

## Springtown baseball hitting its stride in district play

BY QUINTON LILLEY  
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The Springtown baseball team continued its strong play this season as they went 3-0 in their last three contests.

The team is now 17-6 overall and holds a 4-1 record in District 7-4A.

The team's last three wins came Tuesday (March 30) at Alvarado, Thursday at Liberty Christian, and Tuesday at home over Fort Worth Castleberry.

On Tuesday night against Alvarado, the Porcupines stormed back in the final inning to take a 3-1 victory.

The game began slowly for both teams as they each went scoreless in the first two innings. But in the third, Alvarado took a 1-0 lead.

There wasn't much of-

fensive action in the next three innings as both teams entered another scoring drought.

But Springtown came up big when they needed to.

In the final inning of the night down 1-0, Landon Foster got on base after singling to center field.

Seth Lopez followed suit as he walked to reach base. Then after a strikeout by Scout Richards Tristian Pressley came up big as he reached first base on a defensive error from Alvarado.

The error proved crucial as Foster scored to tie the game and Seth Lopez gave SHS the lead 2-1.

Matt Lockard then stepped to the plate and singled as well bringing Pressley home and SHS took a 3-1 lead.

In the bottom of the seventh inning, Alvarado load-

ed the bases, but Pressley struck out the final batter of the night ending the game and giving SHS a big road victory by two.

The Porcupines have just two-four hits in the game as Lockard had two of them, while Aiden Vickers and Foster had the other two.

Pressley had two RBIs and a run scored, and he got the final two outs of the night in relief duty.

Cristian Hernandez earned the win, pitching four innings to start the game as he allowed just two hits, a walk, and struck out four batters.

On Thursday night at Argyle Liberty Christian, SHS again fell behind early as they trailed 2-0 at the end of the first inning.

Springtown responded nicely in the third inning as they scored three runs in the frame.

Lockard began the scoring effort with a single bringing in Richards, then William Gleason got in on the action, as he doubled to left and Lockard scored from second.

By the end of the frame, SHS led 3-2.

Both teams continued to trade the lead in the fifth inning as Liberty Christian scored two more runs and led 4-3.

And Springtown had the final say in the game as Aiden Vickers walked while the bases were loaded and Pressley scored. Then Lock-



Springtown High's Tristian Pressley celebrates a scored run with Cristian Hernandez during the first inning of SHS' District 7-4A game Tuesday evening.  
Photo by Quinton Lilley

ard scored on a wild pitch as the Porcupines went on to win 6-4.

Lockard again led the way in the hitting department with two hits and two runs scored. Gleason added a hit and an RBI, and Pressley had a hit and two runs scored.

The 'Pines were impressive on the base pads, as Pressley, Lockard, and Richards combined for six stolen bases.

Then on Tuesday night this week, SHS overwhelmed Castleberry from the opening pitch.

The first inning was a

crucial one in the victory as Springtown scored nine runs in the frame.

The first run came on a ground ball by Lockard that forced an error by the Lions, and Pressley scored.

A similar play happened two batters later when Gleason hit a ground ball forcing an error and Lockard scored.

Landon Foster and Seth Lopez both singled bringing in runs back-to-back.

By the end of the frame SHS led by nine. While Castleberry answered back with a run in the second inning that's all they were able to muster on

the night. In the third inning, SHS added four more runs and then scored two insurance runs in the fourth inning before the mercy rule was enforced at the end of the fifth.

Gleason led the way with two hits, three RBIs, and two runs scored.

Aiden Vickers also had a nice game with two hits, two runs scored, and an RBI.

Landon Foster also had a good game with two hits, three RBIs, and a run scored.

The Porcupines return to the diamond this Friday night when they'll travel to play Castleberry at 7:30 p.m.



Springtown High's Cristian Hernandez throws a ball toward home plate during SHS' District 7-4A game Tuesday evening.  
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# Yes Day

## Nope on a rope, but for a kid it's the best day ever

"Yes Day" is written for the screen by Justin Malen and is based on the book by Amy Krouse Rosenthal and Tom Lichtenheld. Miguel Arteta directs this family-friendly film, starring Jennifer Garner ("Love, Simon"), Edgar Ramirez ("Wasp Network"), and Jenna Ortega ("Elena of Avalor").

### THE PLOT

Allison (Garner) is tired of being seen as the mean mom. After a little awkwardly-delivered advice from the school guidance counselor, Allison and Car-

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### WHAT WORKED

The chemistry between



all of the actors was great, from Garner all the way down to newcomer Everly Caganilla.

### WHAT DIDN'T WORK

The whole movie feels a

bit rushed, cramming all of this family's crazy day into just under an hour and a half.

### SUMMING IT UP

This is a great one to

watch with your kids, but just be warned that a "Yes Day" is pretty much nightmare fuel for parents, and a dream-come-true for kids.

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