

Thursday, April 15, 2021

# The Springtown Epigraph

## Sheriff promotes Jackson to patrol sergeant



Sgt. James Jackson (L) and Parker County Sheriff Russ Authier  
Photo courtesy Parker County Sheriff's Office

BY SUSAN McFARLAND  
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Jackson has been with the Parker County Sheriff's Office for nine years. He attended Fort Scott Kansas Community College, and began his law enforcement ca-

Parker County Sheriff Russ Authier announced the promotion of Investigator James Jackson to patrol sergeant.

SEE PROMOTION, PAGE 4A.

## Home sales surge in 2021, demand outpacing supplies

BY SUSAN McFARLAND  
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Texas housing sales are at an all-time high, a trend expected to continue as Covid-19 vaccines continue and people receive a third stimulus package.

Despite those aids to the economic recovery process, another challenge is facing home buyers - inventory.

On the supply side, inventory levels are critically low and home price growth is up by double digits, according to a Texas Real Estate Research Center report published March 18.

In 2011, the median price of a new home in Texas hovered just over \$190,000. Today, new home prices average \$290,000. Existing home prices are also increasing, climbing from an average of \$140,000 in 2011 to \$270,000 in 2021.

With demand up and supplies down, coupled with favorable mortgage rates, more people are making offers with many far above the asking price, something frustrating potential home buyers.

Once a home hits the market, it will not be there long. In January, Texas' average days on market (DOM) reached an all-time low of 43 days, according to the report. The Fort Worth DOM inched down to 30 days.

In 2011, new homes were on the market about 110 days, with existing homes selling in about 90 days.

In Springtown, city officials expect annual growth between 8-9% over the next five years.



A new development near Porcupine Stadium in Springtown will add 115 homes to the community.  
Photo by Susan McFarland

As Springtown experiences rapid growth, schools are seeing a surge of enrollments, with all campuses except for the high school nearing 100% capacity.

To prepare for this growth, Springtown Independent School District Board of Trustees approved calling for a \$38.5 million bond election to be held May 1.

Here, we take a look at some of the housing developments in Springtown, Reno and Parker County. Other developments (not listed) are plating or in the works.

### SPRINGTOWN

On the east side of the city off of Spring Branch Trail North, Inheritance Estates will include 178 homes on minimum 7,500 square foot lots, most averaging 8,000. Average floor plans are 1,500 to 1,600 square feet with prices about \$250,000, according to a city official.

On the west side of the city south of the football stadium,

Holbrook Farm will have 115 homes built in four phases. Minimum lot size is 9,100 square feet, with most averaging 10,000 to 11,000 square feet. Floor plans in this development average 2,200 to 2,500 square feet with prices about \$325,000.

### RENO

Rocky Top Ranch sits on 131 acres of land on North Cardinal Road near Scenic Wood and will consist of 98 homes on 1 acre lots. Reno City Council approved a final plat for this development in January.

### PARKER COUNTY

Most new homes in Parker County will average about 2,500 square foot and be priced from \$340,000 to \$500,000. Here is a list of developments provided by county officials that include estimates of how many acres and how

SEE HOME SALES, PAGE 2A.

## Early voting begins for May 1 election

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Early voting begins Monday, April 19 and runs through Tuesday, April 27 for the May 1 general election.

On the ballot, a bond proposal for Springtown Independent School District, the mayor's position in Reno, and proposition by Parker County Emergency Services District No. 1.

### SISD

SISD Board of Trustees approved calling for a \$38.5 million bond election to handle growth in the area. Proposed projects include a new elementary school, additional classrooms at the middle and intermediate schools, and an expanded welding shop at the high school.

SEE EARLY VOTING, PAGE 4A.

# A legacy of bluebonnets

BY JESSICA MCKINNEY  
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In 1930, Anna Gilley gazed out at her field of bluebonnets and knew that it was something special. For the last 91 years, that same field in Parker County blooms every spring with a riot of blue blossoms, and the legacy of the Gilley bluebonnets carries on.

After 30 years, in 1960, Grover and Anna Gilley sold their farm and home to Norvin and Clara Wright. Gilley instructed the Wrights in the care and keeping of the bluebonnet field. They were told that the flowers must be allowed to go to seed before the field could be mowed. The field would look unkempt for a time, but the Wrights agreed to follow Gilley's instructions.

The request to maintain the bluebonnet field was honored and continues to this day with the present owners, Norlene and Mike Carter, of what is now called Carter Wright Farm.

The Wrights and the Gilleys were descendants of early Parker County families, and the Gilleys' granddaughter Renee Ball visits



Anna Gilley's field of bluebonnets at Carter Wright Farm has been blooming every spring for the last 91 years.  
Photo courtesy of Renee Ball

the farm every spring to see her grandmother's bluebonnets in all of their glory.

"I am very proud and honored that my grandchildren, who are now the fifth generation of the Gil-

ley family, get to witness and run in the beautiful bluebonnets while blooming each year," said Ball.

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Early Voting April 19-April 27

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# SHS theater students perform this week

Springtown High School theatre department will give a special performance of their University Interscholastic League one-act play Thursday, April 15 and Friday, April 16.

Performances for "Ugly Lies the Bone" by Lindsey Ferrentino begin at 6:30 p.m. at Springtown High School, located at 915 West SH 199. The theater opens at 6 p.m. for the show, which lasts 40 minutes.

Tickets are available through theater students and through Rebecca Phillips, SHS theater director.

There are a limited number of tickets being sold, all are presale and no one will be admitted into a performance without a ticket.

Thursday's performance features a junior varsity cast of freshman and sophomores who are directed by seniors Brock Haugen and Joshua Allen. Assisting in design for this production are varsity theater students Nolan Roark and Layla Bryson. Performing in this production are freshman Carolina Williams and Luke Holtman and sophomores Hailey Hughes and

Rox Macal.

Friday's performance features the varsity cast who competed in the UIL OAP contest and is directed by SHS Theater Director Rebecca Phillips, assisted by Josh Sexton and Cindy Haugen. Performing in this production are juniors Gentry Phillips, Layla Bryson, Nolan Roark, and Kat Trimble and senior Brock Haugen.

Adult tickets are \$5 presale and student tickets are \$2 presale. For more information, email Phillips at [rphillips@springtownisd.net](mailto:rphillips@springtownisd.net).



Springtown High School theater students

Photo courtesy Springtown High School

## HOME SALES, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1A.



A new home in Springtown's Holbrook Farm community, a development with average floor plans of 2,200 to 2,500 square feet and priced about \$325,000. Photo by Susan McFarland

many lots for each, as well as contact information for the developers.

Deer Glade is located off Church Road and is a 182 acre development with roughly 140 lots. Developer Jim Dunaway, Dunaway Associates, can be reached at 817-335-1121.

Rocky Ridge is located off Veal Station Road and will include about 60 lots, 1 acre each. Developer Tim Fleet, Riverside Homebuilders, can be reached at 817-601-6230.

Silver Sage is located across from Imperial Mammoth Valley Lane and will include roughly 20 lots, each 1 to 2 acres. Developer is McBee Homes and can be reached at 817-626-2600.

Vintage Oaks is located off Finney Drive and Veal Station Road and will include about 30 lots, each 1 acre. Contact Hank Lopez Development at 817-887-9405.

Lost Horizon is located at the end of Jennings Lane and New Hope Road and will include about 100 lots, each 1 to 2 acres. Developer Lee Thurman, Thurman Homes, can be reached at 817-441-9399.

New Hope Heights is located off New Hope Road and will include about 20 lots on 1 acre. Developer Ryan Pafford can be reached at 817-822-3111 or 817-717-6036.

Skyview Ranch is located off of SH 51 and Carter Road and will include roughly 20 lots, about 2 acres each. The developer Wes Cottongame, Maximum Design Ventures, can be reached at 817-913-1689.

Altom Addition - Ashlyn Homes, will be located off Hutcheson Road and is being developed by Jackie Mauldin. For more information, call Toni Mauldin at 817-944-8826.

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- **Positive Impact Ministries**  
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- **Blessing Boxes**  
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  - One Azle Building at 412 Commerce Street, Azle
  - First Baptist Church of Castle Hills at 401 Beverly Road, Azle
  - Neal Legal at 1005 SE Parkway, Azle
  - Brace Chiropractic at 237 W. Main Street, Azle
  - Azle Christian Church at 117 Church Street, Azle
  - The Church at Azle 1801 S. Stewart Street, Azle
  - Café 10:31 404 Main Street, Azle
  - La Junta Fire Department 4480 E. Highway 199, Springtown
  - Positive Impact Ministries 1300 Liberty School Road, Pelican Bay
  - Community Ministry at Nine Mile 7240 Nine Mile Bridge Road, Fort Worth
  - Dan's Smokehouse 2521 Harwell Road, Weatherford
  - Alvin Ord's Sandwich Shop at 400A E. Hwy 199, Springtown
  - Rayl Park 3402 Pueblo Trail, Lake Worth

## UPCOMING FOOD PANTRIES

- **Wednesday, April 14**  
Neighbor to Neighbors  
413 S. Main Street, Springtown  
8 a.m. to noon
- **Thursday, April 15**  
First Baptist Church Castle Hills  
401 Beverly Rd., Azle  
8 a.m. to noon

# Prop A on ballot for Parker County ESD1

Parker County Emergency Services District No. 1 called for a proposition on the May 1 ballot.

If voters approve the proposition, it would allow Parker County ESD No. 1 to increase the district's sales and use tax from ½ percent to 1 ½ percent where the rate is not already at the state maximum sales tax rate of 8.25%.

Funds generated from the increase would be used for additional firefighter positions, addition and relocation of fire stations, replacement of aging fleet and equipment, wildland fire response equipment, advanced life support equipment and training, special operations training and equipment (swift water, high angle, confined space rescue), and sharing the burden of funding public safety with all who receive service including visitors and non-property tax paying residents, while transitioning to a more consumption based funding model.

This sales tax allocation would apply only to unincorporated areas of the dis-

trict where the total sales and use tax rate is not already 8.25%.

"Therefore, residents in Aledo, the Annettas, Springtown, and Peaster can vote on the proposition but if approved will not see any increase in sales tax," said Parker County ESD 1 Chief Stephen Watson.

Parker County ESD No. 1 provides structural and wildland fire suppression, rescue, and emergency medical response, operating out of seven fire stations across 311 square miles of Parker County and protecting more than 65,000 residents.

Responding to more than 5,000 emergency calls for service annually, the district proudly serves Aledo, Springtown, Peaster, Poolville, LaJunta, Silver Creek, the Annettas, and the Morning Star Municipal Utility District.

Parker County ESD 1 also provides life and fire safety education to area schools, fire prevention and safety inspections for local businesses, and assists with



community risk assessment and reduction efforts in cooperation with communities within the district area.

Voters can learn more about the District's proposition, including the ballot language, long-range plan, newsletter and FAQst by visiting [www.pcesd1.com](http://www.pcesd1.com) sales tax page, and by the district Facebook page.

## VOTING INFORMATION

Early voting begins weekdays Monday, April 19 and runs through Tuesday,

April 27 at Springtown Senior Center, Parker County Courthouse Annex and Azle City Hall.

Election Day is Saturday, May 1 with voting held from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Springtown Senior Center, Parker County Courthouse Annex, Azle City Hall and Reno City Hall.

More information and other voting locations can be found on Parker County's website at [www.parkercountytexas.com/118/Elections](http://www.parkercountytexas.com/118/Elections).

## COVID-19 UPDATES

	04/08/21			04/15/21		
	Active Cases	Deaths	Recovered	Active Cases	Deaths	Recovered
<b>Parker County</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>15,249</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>15,302</b>
<b>Wise County</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>7,149</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>7,172</b>
<b>State of Texas</b>	<b>69,241</b>			<b>64,307</b>		

\*Information as of Wednesday, April 14 at 10:00 am.

### NOTICE OF GENERAL CITY OF RENO, TEXAS

AVISO DE ELECCION GENERAL CIUDAD DE RENO

SATURDAY, MAY 1, 2021  
7:00 A.M TO 7:00 P.M.  
Sabado, 1de mayo de 2021

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(A los votantes registrados del Ciudad de Reno, Tejas:)

Notice is given that a General Election will be held to elect a Mayor and two (2) Council Members to Place 2 and 4 for a two (2) year term.

Se advierte que se celebrarán elecciones generales para elegir a un alcalde y dos (2) miembros del Consejo para colocar 2 y 4 por un Periodo de dos (2) años)

### POLLING SITE FOR ELECTION DAY:

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**City of Reno**  
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### POLLING SITE FOR EARLY VOTING:

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**Parker County Courthouse Annex**  
1112 Santa Fe Drive  
Weatherford, TX  
Annex Kitchen

### EARLY VOTING DATES:

Fechas de votación anticipada

### Early Voting Hours and Days for The Main Voting Site:

Horas y días de votación para el sitio principal de votación:

April (abril) 19 - 21	8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
April (abril) 20 - 22)	7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
April (abril) 23	8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
April (abril) 24 - 25	Closed
April (abril) 26 - 27	8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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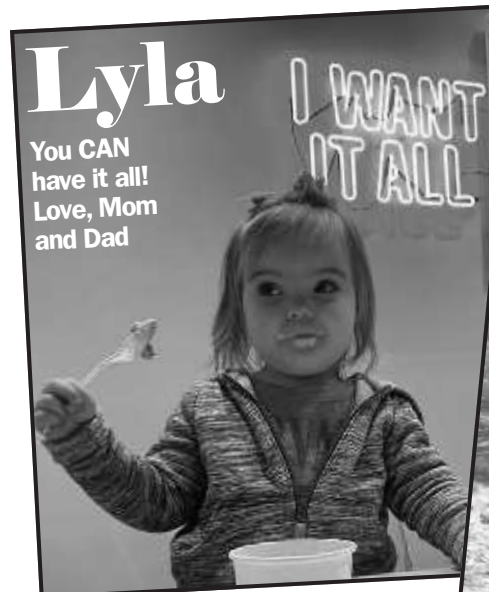
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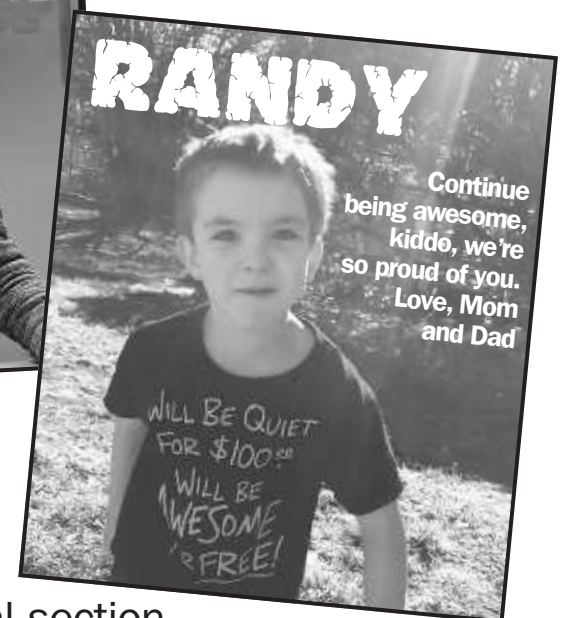
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# Registration begins for SISD kindergarten

Kindergarten and pre-kindergarten "round up" for the 2021-2022 Springtown Independent School District school year begins April 19.

The four-day event will be held from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday, April, 19 through Wednesday April 21 and from noon to 7 p.m. Thursday, April 22 at the student's home campus. Representatives will be at each campus to help parents determine which campus their student will attend based on physical address.

A pre-qualification packet should be submitted in order to establish eligibility for Springtown ISD's pre-kindergarten program; eligible students will then be asked to complete an enrollment packet. Kindergarten students will complete either a new student or a returning student packet.

For kindergarten, students must be 5 years old by Sept. 1 of the current school year.

To enroll for pre-kindergarten, students must be 4 years old by Sept. 1 and meet certain requirements such as family income, foster care or homelessness, limited English proficiency, or a child

of the armed forces or emergency first responder. Due to space limitations, some but not all pre-kindergarten classes are full-day programs.

Superintendent Mike Kelley said students for the full-day students will be selected via a lottery; it is not first-come, first-served.

Required documentation includes a birth certificate, social security card, current shot/immunization records, parent/guardian driver's license and proof of residency.

Registration packets can be found on the district's web site at <https://www.springtownisd.net/Page/10670>.

For more information, contact one of the following:

Springtown Elementary: Marie Hughes, 817-220-2498, [sespeims@springtownisd.net](mailto:sespeims@springtownisd.net); Reno Elementary: JoAnn Reyna, 817-221-5001 [renopeims@springtownisd.net](mailto:renopeims@springtownisd.net); Goshen Creek Elementary: Carla Cannon, 817-220-0272, [gcespeims@springtownisd.net](mailto:gcespeims@springtownisd.net); District PEIMS Coordinator: Jean Caponi, 817-523-2577, [jcaponi@springtownisd.net](mailto:jcaponi@springtownisd.net)

## PROMOTION, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1A.

reer in 1999, as a dispatch telecommunicator with the Lyon County Sheriff's Office in Kansas. He moved to Leavenworth County Sheriff's Office in 2001, taking a position as a correctional officer.

Jackson attended the police academy in 2004, earning his peace officer's license, and transferred to a position as a patrol deputy in 2005 at the Leavenworth County Sheriff's Office, until 2012, when he and his family relocated to Texas. Once Jackson settled his family in Parker County, he

took a position as a patrol deputy for the Parker County Sheriff's Office.

During his tenure with Parker County, Jackson was also assigned to the Aledo patrol unit and served as a SWAT tactical and entry team member. Jackson earned his investigator status with the PCSO in 2013.

Jackson spent the next eight years working in the Sheriff's Criminal Investigations Division, investigating crimes against persons, theft reports, property crimes, family violence incidents, animal cruelty and

murder cases.

Jackson is married with four children and has volunteered in the community as a Little League baseball coach.

Authier congratulated Jackson Friday, April 9, swearing him in and presenting him with his new sergeant's badge.

"We are happy to have James as our newest patrol sergeant," Authier said. "He brings an exemplary work ethic and the highest level of professionalism with his law enforcement experi-

ence to the sheriff's office. We are looking forward to having him lead our patrol while passing along his experience to future ranks."

Jackson also said he is looking forward to his new patrol position.

"Our agency is growing," Jackson said. "I'm excited to see where our patrol unit is going as new technology and law enforcement practices are adapted and integrated. It is an honor to serve Parker County as the sheriff's office grows with our community."

## EARLY VOTING, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1A.

Information about the proposed projects can be found at [springtownisdbond.com](http://springtownisdbond.com), a new website created to give voters a more in-depth look at each project. The website also has a tool that will calculate the amount, if any, that taxes will increase for homeowners.

SISD Superintendent Mike Kelley will hold a question and answer session from 7 to 8 p.m. Sunday, April 18 at the district's administration building, 301 E. Fifth Street.

### CITY OF RENO

In Reno, voters will decide on a new mayor with four candidates vying for the spot as current Mayor

Eric Hunter is retiring his position. In the race, Randy Martin, Roen Cox, Sam White and Gilbert Morrow. Incumbents for two of the council seats go unopposed - Place 2 Hernando Herrera and Place 4 Katie Tucker.

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# March Young Texan and Texanne honored, essay winner selected

BY SUSAN McFARLAND  
sptreporter@azlenews.net

The Springtown Optimist Club honored the March Young Texan and Texanne during the April 13 meeting. Once a month, the club honors two local students, giving them recognition for maintaining a high level of scholastic performance, participating in civic and church activities, community involvement and extra

curricular activities. Young Texanne Kylee Northrup plans to attend Texas A&M University at Galveston and major in marine biology and science writing. Young Texan Landon Stephens is undecided on where he will attend college but plans to major in archeology, paleontology and biology. Both students spoke during the meeting, answering a few questions about themselves.

**What is your favorite class? Why?**

Northrup: My favorite class was biology, because I was fascinated with how nature functions all the way down to the cellular level.

Stephens: Biology, I enjoy science and we have a great honor bio teacher.

**Which teacher has made the greatest impact on your life thus far? Why?**

Northrup: Mrs. Palmerchuck had the biggest impact on my life because she taught me that learning doesn't have to be conventional through her out of the box lesson plans and creative activities.

Stephens: Mr. Northrup ... his style of teaching I really enjoy and understand really well.

**A great moment that has happened to you at Springtown High School:**

Northrup: A great moment that I have experienced at Springtown High School is going on the field at the Alamo Dome for the state marching competition.

Stephens: Celebrating state marching contest twice and celebrating state semifinals with football.

**Where will you be in 10 years and what will you be doing?**

Northrup: I will be on a coast somewhere researching marine life and possibly writing a novel or two.



Chandler King, a SHS sophomore, shows his certificate for being this year's essay winner, which earned him a \$350 scholarship.

Photo by Susan McFarland



Landon Stephens (l) and Kylee Northrup were selected as the March Young Texan and Texanne. Photo by Susan McFarland

Stephens: I hope I will have a steady job and that I will enjoy what I do for a living.

**After graduation how do you want people to remember your time at SHS?**

Northrup: I want people to look back on their time in high school and remember me as a compassionate per-

son who was open to new friends and experiences.

Stephens: I want to be remembered as a hard worker and a good student and friend, and someone that is willing to help.

Also during the meeting, essay winner Chandler King was recognized and presented with a \$350 scholarship.

“Reaching your dreams by choosing optimism” was this year's writing prompt.

During the meeting, King, a sophomore, read his essay which was centered on how optimism helps people through difficult times and helps people reach goals.

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**April 22, 2021**  
12:00 PM - 7:00 PM

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- Proof of Residency
- Current Shot Record

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# LOCAL ARRESTS

The following individuals were arrested by Springtown Police Department or list addresses in Springtown and were arrested by various law enforcement agencies on felony and/or DWI charges March 12-April 4.

**Cody Lynn Quails**, 35, was arrested March 12 for possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram in Penalty Group 1, a state-jail felony.

**Edwin Osvaldo Marin**, 27, was arrested March 14 for driving while intoxicated.

**Sean Allen Davis**, 32, was arrested March 15 for aggravated assault of a date or family member in the household, a first-degree felony.

**Shawn Tay Butler**, 43, was arrested March 23 for obstruction or retaliation, a third-degree felony.

**Kayla Ann Gail Shores**, 33, was arrested March 30 for tampering/fabricating physical evidence

with intent to impair, a third-degree felony; possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram in Penalty Group 1, a state-jail felony; and theft of mail less than 10 addresses.

**Michael Adam Garcia**, 32, was arrested April 1 for possession of a controlled substance between 1 and 4 grams in Penalty Group 1, a second-degree felony.

**Aaron Edward Syma**, 40, was arrested April 3 for assault of a household family member impeding breath or circulation, a third-degree felony.

**Chelle Lacy Briggs**, 37, was arrested April 3 for possession of a controlled substance less than 28 grams in Penalty Group 3, a state-jail felony.

**Aubry John Bivins**, 35, was arrested April 4 for manufacturing/delivering a controlled substance between 4 and 200 grams in Penalty Group 1, a first-degree felony.

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An election has been ordered to be held on May 1, 2021 from 7:00AM-7:00PM; in Parker County, Texas

*Se ha ordenado que se celebren elecciones el 1 de mayo de 2021 de 7:00AM-7:00PM; en el condado de Parker, Texas*

**The following political subdivisions will be holding a General Election:**

**Las siguientes subdivisiones politicas celebraran elecciones generales:**

City of Aledo, Aledo Independent School District, Town of Annetta, City of Azle, City of Fort Worth, Peaster Independent School District, City of Reno, City of Weatherford

**The following political subdivisions will be holding a Special Election:**

**Las siguientes subdivisiones politicas celebraran una eleccion especial:**

City of Azle, Azle Independent School District, Town of Brock, Emergency Services District No. 1, Garner Independent School District, Peaster Independent School District, Springtown Independent School District

**Early Voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at:**

**La votacion anticipada en persona se llevara a cabo todos dias de la semana en:**

**Main Voting Site**

**Sitio principal de votacion**

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

**Branch Voting Sites**

**Sitios de votacion de sucursales**

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Regular Early Voting Hours and Days**

**Horas y dias regulares de votacion anticipada**

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

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SITIOS DEL DIA DE LAS ELECCIONES:**

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**Branch Voting Sites**

**Springtown Senior Center**  
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**Aledo ISD Admin Building**  
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1008 Bailey Ranch Rd  
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Applications for Ballot by Mail may be obtained by calling (817) 598-6185  
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# Abbott: No government mandated vaccine passports in Texas

Gov. Greg Abbott issued an executive order last week banning state agencies, cities or counties from creating a "vaccine passport" requirement.

In addition, organizations that receive public funds are prohibited from requiring consumers to prove they have received the COVID-19 vaccine. That includes businesses that receive money from the state in return for providing goods and services.

However, nursing homes and other long-term care facilities can still require that their residents are vaccinated under his order.

"Every day, Texans are returning to normal life as more people get the safe and effective COVID-19 vaccine. But, as I've said all along, these vaccines are always voluntary and never forced," Abbott said.

## VACCINES CONTINUE STEADY RISE ACROSS STATE

As of Sunday, just more than 9 million Texans have received at least one dose



## STATE CAPITOL HIGHLIGHTS

By Gary Borders

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of a COVID-19 vaccine, and 5.46 million are fully vaccinated, according to the Texas Department of State Health Services. DSHS urges those who have not been vaccinated to go to the state's Texas Public Health Vaccine Scheduler, which can be found at [getthevaccine.dshs.texas.gov](http://getthevaccine.dshs.texas.gov).

Meanwhile, the state's weekly shipment of COVID-19 vaccines dropped this week after a manufacturing error in a Baltimore plant ruined a 15-million batch of the single-dose Johnson & Johnson vaccine.

Last week, the state received 2.5 million doses from the three manufacturers, an amount that dropped to 1.9 million this week, as J&J plays catchup. The company has pledged to deliver 100 million doses nationwide by the end of May, according to an NPR report. J&J reduced its Texas allocation this week by about 350,000.

The number of new COVID-19 cases in Texas rose to 24,333 last week, up more than 2,500 from the previous week, according to the Johns Hopkins Coronavirus Resource Center.

## COVID-19 CASES RISE, BUT DEATHS DROP

The number of deaths decreased to 512, down nearly 20 percent from the previous week.

At its peak in January, the state recorded more than four-fold the number of

deaths with 2,311 recorded in a single week. At this point, nearly 50,000 Texans have died from COVID-19.

The number of lab-confirmed COVID-19 patients hospitalized stayed steady at 2,804, according to DSHS.

## CONTEMPT ORDER AGAINST SALON OWNER TOSSED OUT

The Texas State Supreme Court on Friday threw out a contempt order against a Dallas salon owner who refused to close last year when all non-essential businesses were ordered.

Shelley Luther tore up a cease-and-desist order from Dallas County and was fined \$7,000 and sentenced to a week in jail. The high court ruled unanimously that the restraining order was too vague, and that the contempt of court decree issued by a district judge should be voided as well.

Luther's defiance sparked national coverage, prompting Abbott to reverse part of his order that called for jail time for business owners who did not shut down

last year after the pandemic outbreak.

Luther ran as a Republican for state Senate last year, losing in a December runoff to Drew Springer, R-Muenster.

## PAXTON DRAWING POTENTIAL HIGH-PROFILE OPPONENTS

Two candidates with famous surnames are planning to run against Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton in 2022, according to several media outlets.

Paxton, under indictment since 2015 on securities fraud charges, is also battling a whistleblower lawsuit filed by former employees accusing him of bribery and improper dealings with an Austin investor. He denies wrongdoing in both cases.

Democrat Joe Jaworski, a former Galveston mayor and a grandson of Watergate prosecutor Leon Jaworski, announced his plans to run last summer. And last week, George P. Bush, state land commissioner and grandson of President George H.W. Bush, told a talk-radio host

that he is considering challenging Paxton next year in the Republican primary.

Paxton has indicated he will run for a third term.

## SOON, MORE TEXANS WILL HAVE TO DIAL 10 DIGITS TO MAKE LOCAL CALLS

Folks living in the Panhandle, El Paso area, South Texas, and Deep East Texas will soon have to join the majority of Texans and use all 10 digits when making local calls.

Last summer, the Federal Communications Commission approved "988" as the abbreviated dialing number for the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline. In Texas, the 254, 361, 409, 806, 830, 915 and 940 area codes all contain the 988 prefix.

A "permissive dialing period" begins April 24, during which seven-digit calls will still go through. But after Oct. 24, in those area codes, only calls dialed with 10 digits will be connected.

## Free ham radio class in Springtown

BY SUSAN McFARLAND  
sptreporter@azlenews.net

When cell phones and internet service is down, and the power is out preventing land lines from working, amateur radio (ham radio) is the way to go.

No server or cell tower is needed to operate a ham radio, just battery backups to keep going when the grids

quit. Those wanting to learn more about ham radio can attend a free introductory class offered by the Amateur Radio Club of Parker County.

The class will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., April 24, at Cornerstone Community Church, 2233 E. SH 199 in Springtown.

Topics include costs, equipment and using ham radio during emergencies.

The class also covers Federal Communications Commission test information and equipment demonstrations.

The class is just on the heels of World Amateur Radio Day April 18, a day celebrated worldwide by radio amateurs and their national associations.

The Amateur Radio Club of Parker County (ARCPC) is a non-profit educational

and service organization, and is affiliated with the American Radio Relay League, a national association of Amateur Radio clubs.

Those planning to attend are asked to email Daryl Pate at [patecq@yahoo.com](mailto:patecq@yahoo.com). Reservations are not required but helpful for organizers. More information about the ARCPC can be found at <http://w5pc.org>.

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SAMPLE BALLOTS: JOINT GENERAL AND SPECIAL ELECTIONS FOR PARKER COUNTY

# Parker County ESD/Springtown Independent School District

Sample Ballot

Precinct 100-BS14  
Precinto 100-BS14

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GENERAL AND SPECIAL ELECTION  
May 1, 2021  
PARKER COUNTY, TEXAS  
ELECCIÓN GENERAL Y ESPECIAL  
01 de mayo de 2021  
CONDADO DE PARKER, TEXAS

Please use a black or blue ink pen to mark your ballot. To vote for your choice in each contest, completely fill in the box next to your choice.  
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**SPECIAL ELECTION - PARKER COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 1**  
*Elección Especial - Distrito Num. 1 de los Servicios de Emergencia del Condado de Parker*

**PARKER COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 1 PROPOSITION A**  
*Distrito Num. 1 de los Servicios de Emergencia del Condado de Parker Proposición A*

**INCREASE IN THE LOCAL SALES AND USE TAX**  
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.  
*El aumento del impuesto local de ventas y uso en el Distrito Número 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.*

FOR A Favor  
 AGAINST En Contra

**SPRINGTOWN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT SPECIAL ELECTION**  
**SPRINGTOWN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPOSITION A**  
*ELECCIÓN ESPECIAL DEL DISTRITO ESCOLAR INDEPENDIENTE DE SPRINGTOWN PROPOSICIÓN A DEL DISTRITO ESCOLAR INDEPENDIENTE DE SPRINGTOWN*

**SPRINGTOWN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPOSITION A**  
*DISTRITO ESCOLAR INDEPENDIENTE DE SPRINGTOWN PROPOSICIÓN A*

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.  
*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 estos. Esto es un aumento al impuesto predial.*

FOR A Favor  
 AGAINST En Contra

Sample Ballot

Precinct 100-BS14  
Precinto 100-BS14

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GENERAL AND SPECIAL ELECTION  
May 1, 2021  
PARKER COUNTY, TEXAS  
ELECCIÓN GENERAL Y ESPECIAL  
01 de mayo de 2021  
CONDADO DE PARKER, TEXAS

**SPRINGTOWN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT UNOPPOSED CANDIDATES DECLARED ELECTED**

**Board of Trustees, Place 6**  
Mark Bryant

**Board of Trustees, Place 7**  
Elizabeth "Tootie" Hall

*DISTRITO ESCOLAR INDEPENDIENTE DE SPRINGTOWN CANDIDATOS NO OPUESTOS DECLARADOS ELEGIDOS*

*Junta Directiva, Lugar 6*  
Mark Bryant

*Junta Directiva, Lugar 7*  
Elizabeth "Tootie" Hall

SAMPLE BALLOTS: JOINT GENERAL AND SPECIAL ELECTIONS FOR PARKER COUNTY

# City of Reno/Azle Independent School District

Sample Ballot

Precinct 110-BS18  
Precinto 110-BS18

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GENERAL AND SPECIAL ELECTION  
May 1, 2021  
PARKER COUNTY, TEXAS  
ELECCIÓN GENERAL Y ESPECIAL  
01 de mayo de 2021  
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*CIUDAD DE RENO*

**CITY OF RENO MAYOR**  
*CIUDAD DE RENO ALCALDE*

Vote for none or one  
*Vote por ninguno o uno*

Gilbert Morrow  
 Sam White  
 Roen Cox  
 Granville (Randy) Martin III

**CITY OF RENO Council Member - Place 2**  
*CIUDAD DE RENO Miembro del Concilio de Ciudad - Lugar 2*

Vote for none or one  
*Vote por ninguno o uno*

Hernando (Hern) Herrera

**CITY OF RENO Council Member - Place 4**  
*CIUDAD DE RENO Miembro del Concilio de Ciudad - Lugar 4*

Vote for none or one  
*Vote por ninguno o uno*

Kathleen (Katie) Tucker

**AZLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT SPECIAL ELECTION**  
*ELECCIÓN ESPECIAL DEL DISTRITO ESCOLAR INDEPENDIENTE DE AZLE*

**Azle Independent School District Proposition A**  
*Proposición A del distrito escolar independiente de azle*

The issuance of \$46,833,000 of bonds by the Azle Independent School District for a new elementary campus and renovations and improvements to Eagle Heights Elementary, Liberty Elementary and Hoover Elementary and levying the tax in payment thereof. This is a property tax increase.  
*La emisión de \$46,833,000 en bonos por parte del distrito escolar independiente de azle para un nuevo campus de primaria y renovaciones y mejoras a eagle heights elementary, liberty elementary y hoover elementary y la imposición del impuesto para el pago de los bonos. Esto es un aumento al impuesto predial.*

For A favor  
 Against En Contra

**Azle Independent School District Proposition B**  
*Proposición B del distrito escolar independiente de azle*

The issuance of \$41,852,000 of bonds by the Azle Independent School District for improvements to Azle High School consisting of science classrooms and labs, kitchen, cafeteria, fine arts department and co-educational fieldhouse and levying the tax in payment thereof. This is a property tax increase.  
*La emisión de \$41,852,000 en bonos por parte del distrito escolar independiente de azle para mejoras para azle high school que constan de salones de clase y laboratorios de ciencias, cocina, cafetería y departamento de bellas artes y un complejo deportivo mixto y la imposición del impuesto para el pago de los bonos. Esto es un aumento al impuesto predial.*

For A favor  
 Against En Contra

Sample Ballot

Precinct 110-BS18  
Precinto 110-BS18

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May 1, 2021  
PARKER COUNTY, TEXAS  
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01 de mayo de 2021  
CONDADO DE PARKER, TEXAS

**Azle Independent School District Proposition C**  
*Proposición C del distrito escolar independiente de azle*

The issuance of \$16,918,000 of bonds by the Azle Independent School District for improvements to Homet Stadium and levying the tax in payment thereof. This is a property tax increase.  
*La emisión de \$16,918,000 en bonos por parte del distrito escolar independiente de azle para mejoras al estadio homet y la imposición del impuesto para el pago de los bonos. Esto es un aumento al impuesto predial.*

For A favor  
 Against En Contra



**SAMPLE BALLOTS: JOINT GENERAL AND SPECIAL ELECTIONS FOR PARKER COUNTY**

# City of Reno/Springtown Independent School District

**Sample Ballot**

Precinct 105-BS19  
Precinto 105-BS19

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Sam White

Roen Cox

Granville (Randy) Martin III

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Council Member - Place 2  
CIUDAD DE RENO  
Miembro del Concilio de Ciudad - Lugar 2

Vote for none or one  
*Vote por ninguno o uno*

Hernando (Hern) Herrera

**CITY OF RENO**  
Council Member - Place 4  
CIUDAD DE RENO  
Miembro del Concilio de Ciudad - Lugar 4

Vote for none or one  
*Vote por ninguno o uno*

Kathleen (Katie) Tucker

**SPRINGTOWN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT SPECIAL ELECTION**  
SPRINGTOWN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPOSITION A  
ELECCIÓN ESPECIAL DEL DISTRITO ESCOLAR INDEPENDIENTE DE SPRINGTOWN PROPOSICIÓN A DEL DISTRITO ESCOLAR INDEPENDIENTE DE SPRINGTOWN

**SPRINGTOWN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPOSITION A**  
DISTRITO ESCOLAR INDEPENDIENTE DE SPRINGTOWN PROPOSICIÓN A

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.  
*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 estos. Esto es un aumento al impuesto predial.*

FOR A Favor

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**Sample Ballot**

Precinct 105-BS19  
Precinto 105-BS19

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UNOPPOSED CANDIDATES DECLARED ELECTED

**Board of Trustees, Place 6**  
Mark Bryant

**Board of Trustees, Place 7**  
Elizabeth "Tootie" Hall

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## Stop squirming!

**M**y baby boy turned 30 last December. Whenever I look at all 6' 5" of him, my mind's eye sees the little dude that used to meet me at the door every day when I came home at the end of the day.

"Dad, can we wrestle tonight?"

Usually the answer was yes and usually it got rough and there were tears—mine!

On rare occasions—typically early mornings—I could convince him to sit in my lap and snuggle for a few minutes. Sometimes he even requested snuggles.

On one such occa-



**BE AMAZING**  
By Gerry Lewis

*Azle resident Dr. Gerry Lewis guides explorers to discover their AMAZING. He is an author, musician, and speaker, and a coach-sultant for individuals, churches, and organizations. More at [www.discoveryouramazing.com](http://www.discoveryouramazing.com).*

sion—he was about four, I think—he requested some snuggles. After a few sec-

onds, the squirming began. He didn't want down and he wasn't wrestling (yet), he just couldn't keep still.

Finally, in exasperation, I told him, "I thought you wanted to snuggle, you dadgum monkey!"

He immediately stopped what he was doing, turned toward me, put one of his little hands on each side of my face, looked me in the eyes, and said, "Dad! Don't call me gum!"

I guess "monkey" was not offensive.

I remember that story every time I read Psalm 46:10.

"Be still and know that I am God."

Be still. Stop squirming.

My favorite translation of that verse is the New American Standard Bible, which says, "Cease striving."

I am a "striver." (I'm not even sure that's a word, but it is accurate).

Even when I am still and quiet on the outside, I'm striving internally. I'm strategizing and visualizing and planning and ... on it goes.

Even in times of prayer and contemplation, I'm making plans and visualizing upcoming meetings.

I'm acting like the world depends on me while absent-mindedly going through the motions of what could be the greatest source of strength, inspira-

tion, joy, and peace—being in the presence of the God who really knows what is best.

Psalm 46:10 is not simply a command to be still and stop squirming. It is to stop squirming purposefully.

"Be still, and know that I am God! I will be honored by every nation. I will be honored throughout the world."

It is about knowing in the stillness who God is.

The word translated "know" in the original language of the Old Testament means to know by up-close experience, not simply intellect.

It is to know deeply from the depths of your soul.

It is to know that you

are known by the One who is in control and is to be honored in all places at all times.

It is to know Him and trust that He knows best.

When my children were small, there were things they wanted to know—things that caused them fear and anxiety—that were beyond their ability to comprehend.

The best thing I could do as their dad was to hold them close until they stopped squirming and were able to rest in my lap in complete trust that Dad had them.

Our Father has a big amazing lap for His children.

Stop squirming and be amazing today, my friend.

## Telling the story of Agriculture

**F**airly often I will make mention that if you are involved in Agriculture, which we all are in some way, it is important that you support our way of life and the importance that it plays in everyone's life. So, how do we do this?

Well, first off you need to be knowledgeable on the subject, you don't have to be an expert, but possess basic factual information acquired from personal experience, facts gained from knowledgeable persons in the field and/or other reliable sources. Secondly, get involved in telling the story of Agriculture, which can be as simple as teaching your children about the essentials of life (food, clothing, shelter and fuel) which are provided for us by Agriculturalists.

Remember there's less than 2% of the U.S.A. population involved in the production of these products, so there's a lot of opportunities for the story to be told. Another way of helping to spread the word is by getting involved with organizations.

The Texas Farm Bureau, known as "The Voice of



**AG 101**  
By Jack DeShazo

*Jack DeShazo has decades of experience in the agriculture field.*

Texas Agriculture" is probably the most prominent among all of the Agricultural organizations. With a statewide membership of over 530,000 members, there is strength in numbers. In doing a little extra fact checking online I found that the Texas Farm Bureau's parent organization, the American Farm Bureau Federation reports a total nationwide membership of more than 6 million members. The writer of the online American Farm Bureau information seemed a little perplexed that there would be over 6 million members with only 2 million farmers in the U.S.A.

That proves my point right there, you don't have to be a farmer or rancher to benefit from Farm Bureau membership or for Agriculture to benefit from your membership, you just need to have an interest and/or appreciation for Agriculture and those who do the work. There IS strength in numbers!! Dan Reeves, Area 4 Coordinator for the Texas Farm Bureau informed me that when dues are paid for the county level membership, state and national memberships are also a part of the package.

For those of y'all whose first thought was insurance when I mentioned Farm Bureau, that's understandable. Farm Bureau does sell several types of good insurance, but they were supporting and serving Agriculture many years before the insurance business was started.

The organization also offers several youth activities including a statewide summertime leadership conference, speaking contests, and opportunities for college scholarships. Summertime workshops are held also for public school teachers giving them information con-

cerning the importance of Agriculture which can be incorporated into their curriculum. Leadership enhancement programs are also offered for Farm Bureau leaders.

And, many of you have probably seen the educational exhibits at major stock shows that are set up and run by the Farm Bureau, telling our story. Lobbying on behalf of Agriculture with state and national political leaders is also a very important action taken by the organization.

Mr. Reeves mentioned several of the important issues facing Texas and U.S.A. Agriculture currently that the Farm Bureau organization is working with legislators to solve. Those issues include land owner rights, eminent domain, defining easement terms, water rights, rural broadband, and major problems that federal hogs are causing. Other general issues that Farm Bureau concerns itself with are taxation, natural resources, trade, food safety and quality and many other items that affect Agriculture.

A couple of weeks ago

the Parker County Farm Bureau Board had the opportunity to visit with U.S. Congresswoman Kay Granger in a farm setting. Every time we have been able to meet with the congresswoman it has always been a very comfortable question and answer visit. We the constituents ask questions and she the legislator answers and vice versa she asks questions and we answer from our point of view.

Most of our topics of discussion are Agriculturally related, but there does not seem to be untouchable areas of discussion with the congresswoman. She asks us questions because she represents us, she is interested in what we know and think and she can't do her job if she doesn't understand life from our point of view.

Folks, that's the way it's supposed to work. Officeholders are elected by the voters, they work for us, and their job is to make government run as smoothly as possible while serving the people. They cannot do their job properly if they don't know what we think and what our problems are.

They can't call all of their constituents to find these things out.

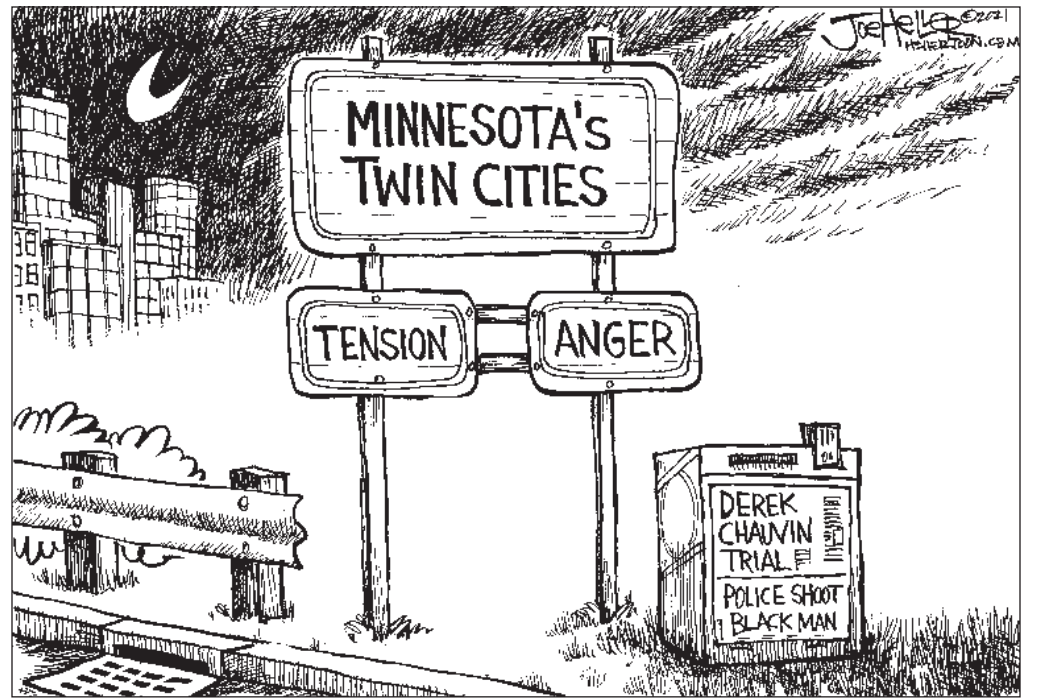
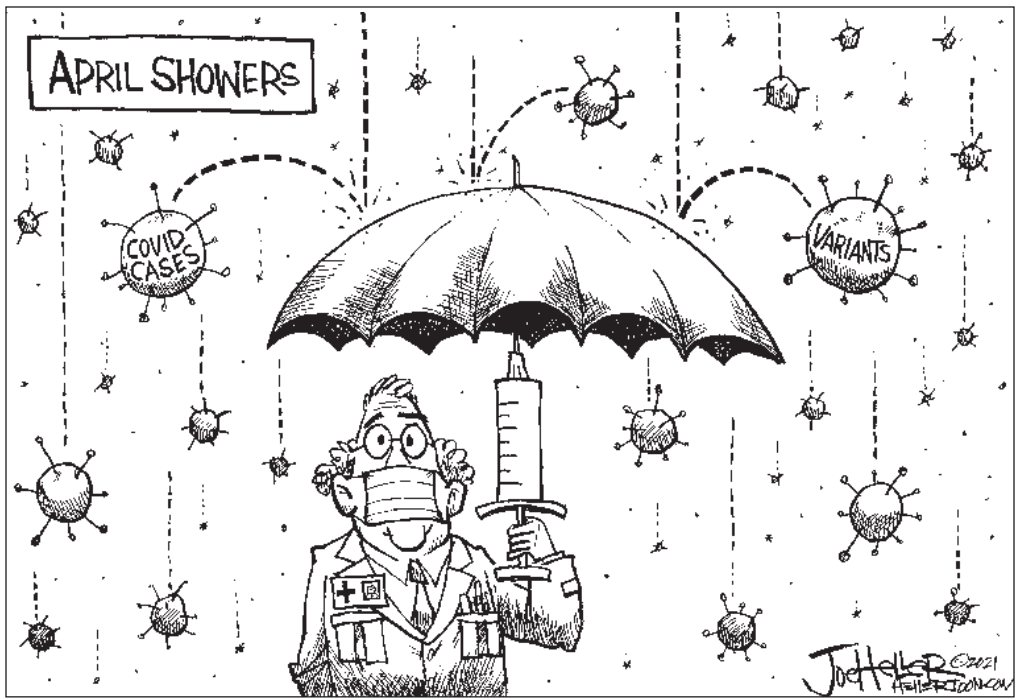
So, it's up to us to call, write, email, text, etc. them so they will at least know what we are thinking and how they can help. Otherwise, they are just guessing!!

I know it sounds like I am very naïve, but that's how our brilliant Founding Fathers designed our republic to work with "we the people" being involved. Get involved with our political processes locally and on the state and national levels.

Let your legislators know our needs and also pat them on the back when they do a good job. Listed below are our state and national representatives and senators, let them know that you are out here.

U.S. Congresswoman 12<sup>th</sup> District Kay Granger, U.S. Senators Ted Cruz and John Cornyn. Texas Congressman 61<sup>st</sup> District Phil King, Texas Congressman 99<sup>th</sup> District Charlie Geren, Texas Senator 12<sup>th</sup> District Jane Nelson, and Texas Senator 30<sup>th</sup> District Drew Springer.

'til next time !



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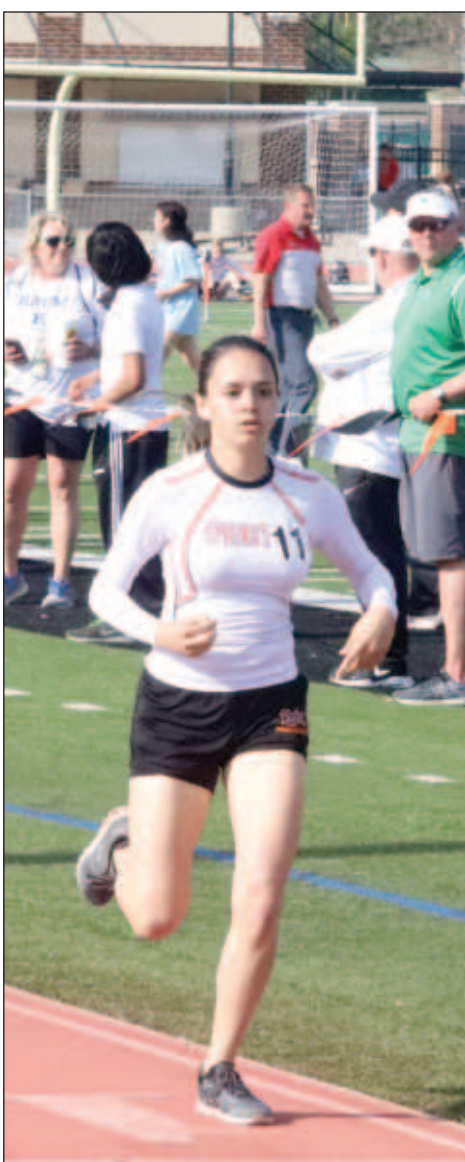
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The Springtown High track & field team earned spots in 13 events at this year's UIL 7&8-4A Area meet. Congrats to all those athletes as they compete for a chance to go to regionals in Lubbock.

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## Porcupines qualify for 13 events in UIL Area Track & Field Championships

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Last week was a positive note for multiple Springtown track & field athletes as the boys' and girls' teams combined to qualify for 13 events at the upcoming UIL Area Championships.

Of the 13 events that SHS qualified for, three of them came on the boys' side while 10 of them came in the girls' events.

The qualifying meet where athletes from District 7-4A competed for a spot in the area meet was held this past week on Wednesday and Thursday in Springtown.

SHS' top finishers were led by Brinklee Dauenhauer, who had a busy but successful meet.

Dauenhauer won the district title in the girls' long

jump with a leap of 16-09.75, in addition to that event she also won the district title in the triple jump as well with a leap of 35-05.25.

Dauenhauer also came in fourth place in the girls' high jump with her highest jump measuring out at 5-02.

In addition to her individual events, she also helped both the 4x400-meter relay team that finished fourth (4:21.31) and the 4x100-meter relay team that finished second (4:21.31) qualify as well.

The 4x100 relay team included Britney Tyree, Dauenhauer, Skyler Tyree, and Madysen Fry, while the 4x400 relay team was Peyton Reynolds, Sara Crews, Britney Tyree, and Daunahauer.

Teagan Burdick also had an impressive performance in the girls' high jump as she came in second place with a



Springtown High's Brinklee Dauenhauer had a stellar District 7-4A meet as she won the title in long jump and triple jump. She also qualified to compete in high jump as pictured here. The district meet was held last week on Wednesday and Thursday. Photo by Quinton Lilley



leap of 5-04.

Fry, who also competed in the long jump, came in third place with a leap of 16-02.

Fry's success was also felt in individual running events as she finished fourth in the girls' 200-meter dash with a time of 27.48.

Skyler Tyree came in fourth place in the triple jump with a leap of 34-04.

In the girls' running events, Alayna Vasquez had a solid day as she came in fourth place in the girls' 800-meter run with a time of 2:33.70.

On the boys' side, SHS' only individual area qualifier was William Gleason.

Gleason competed in high

jump and came in third place with a leap of 6-00.

The other two events SHS' boys' team qualified for were the 4x100-meter relay and the 4x200-meter relay.

Both teams included Matt Lockard, Colin Tidwell, Josef Yosten, and Corey Weathered.

The 4x100 team came in third with a time of 44.06, while the 4x200 team came in fourth with a time of 1:33.15.

All of the athletes mentioned in this article are slated to compete in the UIL Class 4A area meet this Wednesday (April 14).

Events will be held throughout the day and the top four finishers in each event will

move on to the regional championship that will take place April 23-24 in Lubbock.

The area meet this week will see the all qualifiers from District 7-4A compete against athletes who qualified from District 8-4A.

Schools in that district include Fort Worth Benbrook, Carter-Riverside, Dunbar, Eastern Hills, Western Hills, Diamond Hill-Jarvis, Young Men's Leadership, and Young Women's Leadership Academies.

The area meet is slated to begin just after 9 a.m. at Porcupine Stadium in Springtown.

Springtown High's Matt Lockard (left) sprints out of the starting blocks during the Porcupines' 4x100-meter relay race last Thursday afternoon. Lockard will also compete in the 4x200 relay race this week in Springtown at the area championships.

Photos by Quinton Lilley

## Springtown baseball on a five-game winning streak

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The Springtown baseball team is in the midst of a strong 2021 campaign as the team is currently on a season-long five-game winning streak, with three of those games in District 7-4A play.

On Friday, the Porcupines continued their doubleheader of the week against Fort Worth Castleberry and did so in dominant fashion.

After earning a road win at Castleberry, they completed their week of games with a win at Bridgeport thanks to some strong at-bats.

On Friday, SHS quickly took a 3-0 lead thanks to a fielding error, then a single by William Gleason that brought in Cristian Hernandez, and the inning was capped off by a Landon Foster single as Aiden Vickers scored.

In the second inning, SHS added to their lead as the Porcupines produced eight runs in the frame.

Tristian Pressley got the action started with a single to left field that brought in Scout Richards.

Things continued from there in the second inning as SHS grabbed an 11-0 lead

by the end of their scoring run.

Landon Foster continued his solid play in the bottom of the second inning closing out the side without a run scoring.

In the third inning, Vickers hit a ball to deep center field as Hernandez scored and then SHS' aggressive base running caused a balk by Castleberry's pitcher and another run scored, putting Springtown up 13-0.

SHS went on to hold the Lions scoreless and won by 13.

Hernandez led the way with three hits and three runs scored. Vickers also



Springtown High third basemen Aaron Tidwell throws a ball to first base after fielding a ground ball at a recent District 7-4A home game. Photo by Quinton Lilley



Springtown High shortstop William Gleason (right) receives instruction from Coach Josh Ward during a recent District 7-4A home game. Photos by Quinton Lilley

had three hits and three runs scored in addition to three RBIs. Lockard rounded out the team's offensive firepower on the night with a hit, two runs scored, and two RBIs.

In total, SHS racked up 12 hits and 10 RBIs as a team while never striking out and committing just one fielding error.

On Tuesday, the scoring got started quickly for Springtown as Cristian Hernandez singled to left field bringing in Lockard to score.

Vickers added to that effort as he reached base on a fielding error as both Dalton Eustace and Gleason scored.

But BHS responded with two runs of their own in the bottom of the frame making it

a 3-2 lead for the Porcupines.

SHS went on to add another run in the second inning thanks to a single from Pressley, and Seth Lopez scored.

SHS added another run in the fourth inning after Foster reached base on the fielding error and Vickers scored.

That effort gave SHS a 5-2 lead but the Bulls answered back with three runs of their own in the bottom of the fifth and SHS led 6-5.

Gleason helped Springtown add an insurance run in the seventh inning and Bridgeport was unable to score again the rest of the night.

SHS took the 7-5 win and are still in a race for the Dis-

trict 7-4A title as they are tied at 6-1 with Argyle.

Four Springtown batters had two hits each including Pressley, Lockard, Hernandez, and Vickers.

Hernandez and Pressley also both contributed on the mound as they combined for 10 strikeouts.

Springtown returns to the diamond on Friday night when they'll host Bridgeport and hope to keep pace of their own in the bottom of the fifth and SHS led 6-5. The first pitch is slated for 7:30 p.m.

Playoffs are also fast approaching as playoffs begin May 3.

SHS has just four home games left in the regular season.

# Lady 'Pines dominate Castleberry but lose at Bridgeport

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The Springtown softball team knew they would be in a tough district race for a playoff spot when the 2021 season began.

But now after nine District 7-4A games have been played the team is in a fight for their playoff lives.

SHS split their last two district contests as they overwhelmed Castleberry 11-1 on Friday, but lost 3-1 at Bridgeport on Tuesday.

On Friday, Springtown faced some adversity on its way to another district win.

The opening two innings were a slow one for SHS as they went scoreless to open the game.

During that same two innings, Castleberry had

scored and run and held their first lead in the team's two games this season.

But SHS responded nicely with a run in the third inning to tie the game thanks to some heads-up baserunning by Summer Conway as she stole home base.

Then Springtown's offense kicked into high gear in the fourth inning.

While Sarah Crews held Castleberry scoreless in the second, third, and fourth innings, the SHS offense produced five runs in the fourth inning.

Those scores came on a double by Cheyanne Atchley bringing in Katrina Ray, a double by Angelina Ray that brought in Atchley, a triple by Karley Haynes that brought in Angelina Ray, and an infield single by Sara Crews that



Springtown High shortstop Camryn Slocum discusses some strategy during a pitchers mound visit at a recent District 7-4A home game. Photo by Quinton Lilley



Springtown High pitcher Sara Crews winds up for a pitch during a recent District 7-4A home game.

Photo by Quinton Lilley

brought home Haynes.

By the end of the frame, SHS was up 6-1 and the Lady 'Pines never looked back.

The team went on to score five more runs in the fifth inning with strong at-bats and Castleberry had no answer in return.

SHS went on to win 11-1 enforcing the mercy rule at the end of the fifth inning.

Three Springtown batters had two hits apiece including Haynes who also had two runs scored and three RBIs, Katrina Ray who added two scored runs and an RBI, and Angelina Ray who also had two RBIs and two runs scored.

In Tuesday night's game, both teams were locked in a defensive battle.

Neither team was able to score a run for the first three innings. But in the fourth frame, Springtown took a 1-0 lead thanks to a sacrifice fly out by Katrina Ray that brought in Haylee Sanborn.

After a scoreless fifth inning for both teams, Bridgeport grabbed the momentum in the sixth inning, scoring three runs to take a 3-1 lead.

SHS was never able to regain the advantage as they

ultimately lost by two.

SHS had six hits in the game led by Sanborn who had three.

While Bridgeport did commit four errors in the contest, SHS wasn't able to turn those opportunities into scores. Katrina Ray had her team's only RBI of the night.

With the split this past week, SHS is in the fourth and final playoff spot from District 7-4A with a record of 4-5.

That record gives them just a one-game lead over Bridgeport as of Wednesday (April 14) morning

SHS returns to the field this Friday as they'll host Bridgeport in a must-win situation. For SHS to keep their playoff hopes alive they'll need to pull off the home victory. First pitch is slated for 6:45 p.m.

The top four seeds from each district move on to the playoffs and SHS has just three games left in the regular season that concludes April 23 at Argyle.

If SHS holds on to the fourth place position in 7-4A, they'll likely face top-seeded Benbrook from District 8-4A.

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It's no surprise that The Movie Lady loves a movie featuring strong female leads, and "Thunder Force" is no exception. While this movie is not a comedic masterpiece, it was good for a laugh on a Monday night and for that I am happy to say you should add it to your watch list.

"Thunder Force" is written and directed by Ben Falcone ("Life of the Party") and stars Melissa McCarthy ("Bridesmaids"), Octavia Spencer ("Hidden Figures"), Jason Bateman ("Ozark"), and Taylor Mosby ("The Last O.G.").

### THE PLOT

The world has been impacted by a cosmic event that has given special pow-

ers to those most likely to abuse them. The so-called Miscreants have turned the city of Chicago into a low-budget Gotham.

Lydia (McCarthy) and Emily (Spencer) are unlikely childhood friends who drift apart as they approach adulthood and go their separate ways.

Lydia grows up to become a working class gal who ends her shifts with a cold brewsky, and Emily fulfills her promise to become a geneticist to finish her parents' work to create superpowers for those who would use them for good instead of evil.

When Lydia visits Emily at her headquarters, she inadvertently injects herself with the super-serum that



Emily spent her life perfecting, forcing the two to share a set of super powers that will turn them into the crime-fighting duo the city needs.

Will the two be able to find a way to make their very different personalities work together to save Chicago?

### WHAT WORKED

Melissa McCarthy is one of the greatest female comedic talents out there today, and having Octavia Spencer play the straight-man to McCarthy's gruff and funny character works well.

### WHAT DIDN'T WORK

The script could definitely use some work as it feels a bit chopped together, and I could definitely have done without all of the raw chicken scenes ...

### SUMMING IT UP

This is a good one to watch for the buddy-cop feel of it. Melissa McCarthy always brings her talents when it comes to comedy and she brings it with this movie.

## Thunder Force

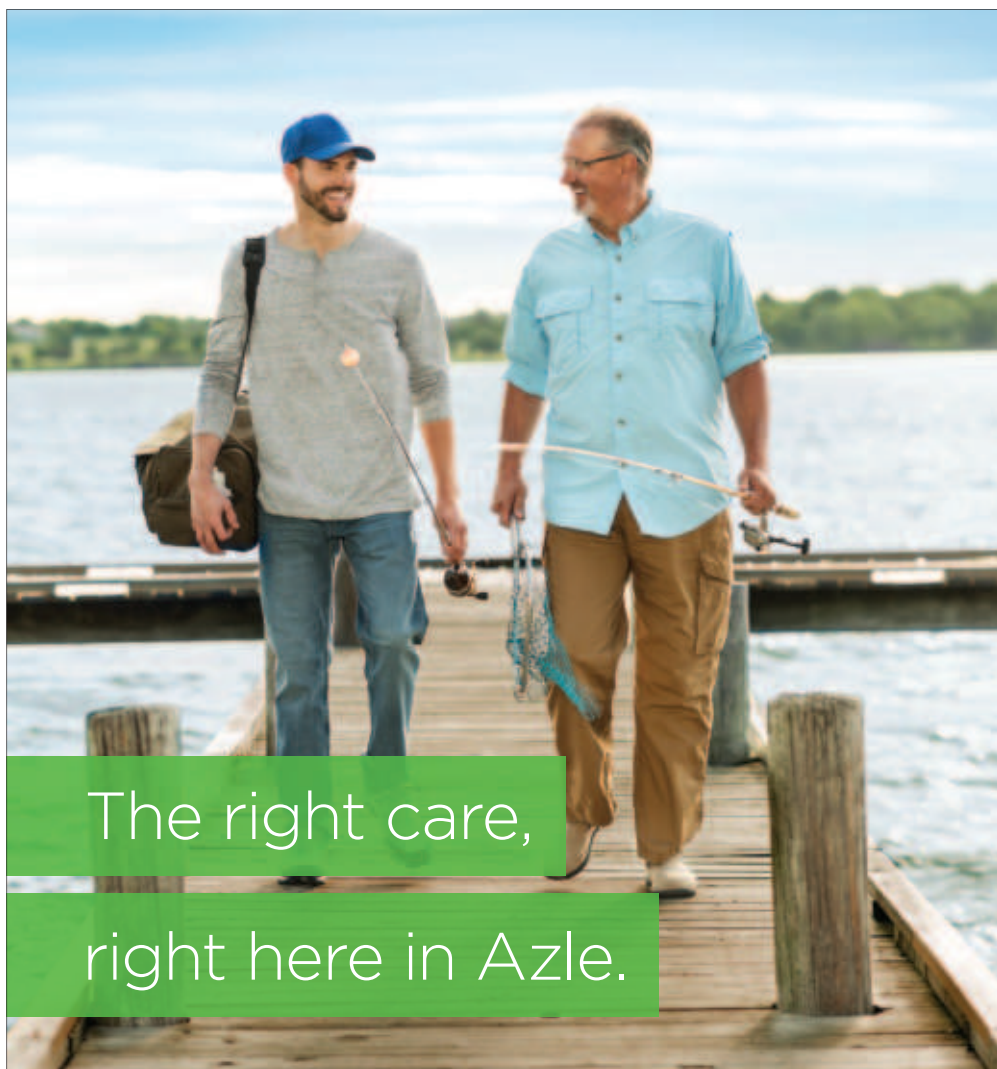
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**Monday** Tangerine Chicken, Broccoli, Cucumber & Tomato Cup, Fruit, Rice    **Tuesday** Cheeseburger, Tater Gems, Green Beans, Fruit    **Wednesday** Chicken Nuggets, Chili Style Beans, Fresh Broccoli Florets, Fruit, Roll    **Thursday** Pepperoni Pizza, Fresh Baby Carrots, Green Peas, Fruit, Roll    **Friday** No School

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

**Monday** Chicken Nuggets, Rotini w/Meat Sauce, Broccoli, Fresh Baby Carrots, Fruit, Roll    **Tuesday** Cheeseburger, Hamburger, Tater Gems, Green Beans, Fruit    **Wednesday** Chicken Fried Steak Sandwich, Popcorn Chicken, Fresh Broccoli Florets, Chili Style Beans, Roll, Fruit    **Thursday** Pepperoni Pizza, Pulled Pork Sandwich, Glazed Baby Carrots, Cucumber & Tomato Cup, Fruit, Roll    **Friday** No school

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