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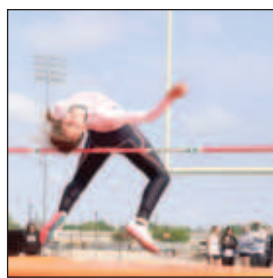
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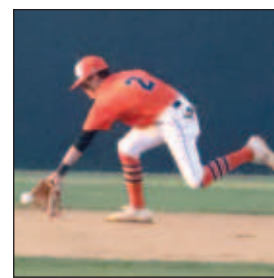
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Thursday, April 22, 2021

# The Springtown Epigraph

## SISD teacher arrested

**Admits to sexually abusing student for years**

BY SUSAN McFARLAND  
sptreporter@azlenews.net

A Springtown Intermediate School math teacher was arrested Friday, April 16, on charges of having an improper relationship with a student.

Misty Lorene Cato, 43, admitted to investigators she sexually abused the student for years, ac-

ording to the Parker County Sheriff's Office.

Cato was booked into the Parker County Jail on a second-degree charge of improper relationship between educator and student. Her bond was set at \$100,000.

On March 19, investigators contacted the



Misty Cato

18-year-old male, who said the abuse began when he was a 15-year-old student at Azle Independent School District, and continued for several years at various addresses in Parker and Tarrant counties, according to a probable cause affidavit. The student surrendered a voice

recording from April 8, in which Cato could be heard describing him as "the guy that [she has] been in love with for four [expletive] years" and saying that seeing him again makes her want to be with him again.

Cato admitted to investigators she had sex with the victim on

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## Brazeal promoted to patrol corporal

Parker County Sheriff Russ Authier announced the promotion of Sheriff's Deputy Caleb Brazeal as the newest patrol corporal.

Brazeal has been with the Parker County Sheriff's Office for three years. He graduated from Weatherford College Police Academy in April 2013, and was hired by Palo Pinto County Sheriff's Office later that same year.

Brazeal has one daughter, and they reside in the county where he serves. He trains in Brazilian Jiu Jitsu and is currently a brown belt. He enjoys carpentry as a hobby and enjoys spend-

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## SHS jazz band performs

BY SUSAN McFARLAND  
sptreporter@azlenews.net

The rain on Saturday let up just in time for the Springtown jazz band to perform at Newby Pavilion in Springtown Park, giving the students a chance to show off skills learned during a challenging year.

During "A Concert in the Park," the 23-member ensemble performed eight tunes in a variety of styles including, swing, rock, and Latin, said Scot McPhetridge Springtown Independent School District band teacher.

"Due to Covid-19 restrictions, performance opportunities and venues have been limited this year," McPhetridge said. "In order to showcase the hard work of these students it was decided that an outdoor performance would be the best option."

McPhetridge said the next concert will be held May 4, with bands district-wide performing an outdoor concert at Porcupine Stadium, with more details on this performance coming soon.



SHS jazz band performs April 17 at Newby Pavilion in Springtown Park

Photo courtesy Brenda Johnson



Parker County Sheriff Russ Authier (r) presents Cpl. Caleb Brazeal with his new badge. Photo courtesy of PCSO

## Man dies in heavy equipment accident on Eagle Mountain Lake

BY JESSICA McKINNEY  
azlereporter@azlenews.net

At approximately 4:15 on Wednesday, April 14, Tarrant Regional Water District (TRWD) police officers responded to a call of a heavy equipment accident at the Resort on Eagle Mountain Lake.

Construction crews were working on a newly formed lake canal addition for residential homes between Indian Creek and Bechtel sloughs. The initial reports were that a skid steer loader was submerged in the water of the canal.

Witnesses at the scene reported that the operator, later identified as 26-year-old Luis Ernesto Fuentes Ventura of Houston, was last seen maneuvering the skid steer loaded near an embankment when it overturned into the canal. The witnesses also reported that they attempted to rescue Ventura but were unable



Photo courtesy of TRWD

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# SHS students earn welding certificate

## A new welding shop is part of bond election

BY SUSAN McFARLAND  
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Eleven students at Springtown High School received their American Welding Society D1.1 Tack Welder Certification, which covers structural steel welding.

The certification, created by the American Welding Society, covers all the necessary skills needed to become a well-equipped welder and lets employers know the welder has the experience, training, and work efficiency necessary for the job.

Springtown High School Principal Melissa Hutchison said the welding program is a growing part of the

school's Career and Technical Education program.

Currently, there are 123 students in the welding course with about 135 students expected in next year's course.

"Students are recognizing the demand for welders in various industries in our area and the wages that they can make right out of high school," Hutchison said. "Many of our students are not college-bound and recognize the value and experience that they can gain from this program to be successful after high school."

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, median pay for welders in 2020

was \$21.25 per hour.

"Our goal is to provide students with industry-standard experiences and prepare them for careers after high school," Hutchison said.

Hutchison said currently there are three welding instructors for the students, who strategically schedule so that one class can use the shop while the other is in the classroom to prevent overcrowding and maintain student safety during hands-on training experiences.

To help with the needs of this program, the district has included a new welding shop as part of \$38.5 million bond election to be held May 1. If

the bond is approved by voters, the new welding shop will include a classroom, welding booths, teacher office, materials storage, and tool storage.

The Springtown Independent School District Board of Trustees called for the bond election to relieve overcrowding, as the district is growing faster than anticipated. All campuses, except for the high school, are nearing 100% capacity.

Along with the welding shop, the proposed projects include a new elementary campus and adding classrooms to the Intermediate and Junior High campuses.



Students at Springtown High School who received their American Welding Society D1.1 Tack Welder Certification. Congratulations to Garret Bugg, Brock Martin, Lane Smith, Peyton Grubis, Tommy Mohler, William Jennings, Cody Duncan, Juan Meraz, Angel Sanchez, Seth Appell and Jonathan Hoselton. Photos courtesy SISD



Wesley Payne works on a project in a welding class at SHS.



Diego Soto works on a project in a welding class at SHS.



Wade Padgett works on a project in a welding class at SHS.

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**April 22, 2021**  
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- **Positive Impact Ministries**  
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  - Neal Legal at 1005 SE Parkway, Azle
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  - Azle Christian Church at 117 Church Street, Azle
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  - Café 10:31 404 Main Street, Azle
  - La Junta Fire Department 4480 E. Hwy 199, Springtown
  - Positive Impact Ministries 1300 Liberty School Road, Pelican Bay
  - Community Ministry at Nine Mile 7240 Nine Mile Bridge Road, Fort Worth
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  - Alvin Ord's Sandwich Shop at 400A E. Hwy 199, Springtown
  - Rayl Park 3402 Pueblo Trail, Lake Worth

## UPCOMING FOOD PANTRIES

- **Saturday, April 24**  
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- **Tuesday, April 27**  
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Springtown Area Mobile  
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3 to 5 p.m.
- **Tuesday, April 27**  
Tarrant Area Food Bank  
Azle Mobile  
133 E. Main St.  
4 to 6 p.m.

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to locate him in the water. TRWD officers conducted a search of the area with the assistance of a sonar-equipped patrol boat. At approximately 6:45 p.m., officers located an adult male matching the physical description of the equipment operator in roughly seven feet of water. The water conditions at the time were "highly turbid" from the construction and the surface temperature of

the water was about 71 degrees. The victim was identified by his state-issued driver's license. The initial investigation and rescue efforts were assisted by Tarrant County Sheriff's Office and Eagle Mountain Fire Department. The Tarrant County Medical Examiner determined the cause and manner of death was accidental drowning. "Thanks to the assistance of the

Tarrant County Sheriff's Office and the Eagle Mountain Volunteer Fire Department, TRWD police officers were able to make a timely recovery," said Chief David Geary of TRWD Law Enforcement Division. "The incident is still under investigation but appears to be a tragic accident. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the victim's family, friends, and co-workers."

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ing his spare time with his daughter and family. He has been a breacher on the Parker County Regional Special Weapons and Tactics Team for more than two years. He was awarded the Medal of Valor for his actions on a SWAT callout of a barricaded murder suspect case in July 2020. He is also a patrol field training officer. Authier congratulated Brazeal

Friday, April 16, swearing him in and presenting him with his new corporal's badge. "We are happy to have Caleb as our newest patrol corporal," Authier said. "He brings integrity and great law enforcement experience to the sheriff's office. He has a strong desire to teach others. We are looking forward to having him lead our patrol ranks to new directions while implementing his work

ethic to younger deputies." Brazeal said he is looking forward to his new patrol corporal position. "I am grateful for the opportunity to be in a leadership position," Brazeal said. "I have a passion for teaching others, and I am pleased to be given the opportunity to lead by example. With that opportunity, I am hoping to mold better deputies, as my former ranking officers did for me."

## COVID-19 UPDATES

	04/15/21			04/22/21		
	Active Cases	Deaths	Recovered	Active Cases	Deaths	Recovered
<b>Parker County</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>15,302</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>15,360</b>
<b>Wise County</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>7,172</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>7,190</b>
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Scott Passmore, City Administrator

# 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 27-April 9.

**Jeremiah Lee Kontour**, 42, was arrested March 27 for driving while intoxicated, second offense.

**Christopher Dorail Sheppard**, 32, was arrested March 27 for assault of household family member with previous conviction, a third-degree felony.

**Matthew Scott Henry**, 39, was arrested April 1 for possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram in Penalty Group 1, a state-jail felony.

**Michael Scott Heusser**, 36, was arrested April 1 for aggravated assault of a date or family member in the household, a first-degree felony; and for harassment of a public servant, a third-

degree felony.

**Dylan Jacob Thomas Dutton**, 23, was arrested April 2 for possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram in Penalty Group 1, a state-jail felony.

**Brooke Nicole Hill**, 27, was arrested April 2 for manufacture or delivery of a controlled substance between 1 and 4 grams in Penalty Group 1, a second-degree felony.

**Holden Ryan Ernesti**, 22, was arrested April 2 for manufacture or delivery of a controlled substance between 1 and 4 grams in Penalty Group 1, a second-degree felony.

**Constance Marie Green**, 56, was arrested April 3 for assaulting a public servant, a third-degree felony.

**Heather Anne Marie Skidmore**, 41, was arrested April 9 for driving while intoxicated.

# Mandi Thomas Memorial barrel race

The Mandi Thomas Memorial Benefit, a fundraiser barrel race and silent auction to benefit the Springtown Education Foundation, will be held Saturday, April 24 beginning at 9:30 a.m. at the Northcrest Equestrian Training Complex, 3900 CR 805B in Cleburne. Thomas, a teacher for the Springtown Independent School District, passed away in December.

# PARKER COUNTY INDICTMENTS

Six locals indicted by Parker County jury

On charges of driving while intoxicated, aggravated assault, possession of drugs

Parker County Grand Jury indicted the following residents on April 9.

**Susan Dingle Thorson**, 61, was indicted April 9 on charges of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, a second-degree felony.

**Christopher Shawn Rowland**, 44, was indicted April 9 on charges of possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram in Penalty Group 1, a state-jail felony.

**Jordan Augustine Sosa**, 27, was indicted April 9 on charges of manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance between 4 and 400

grams in Penalty Group 2, a first-degree felony.

**Lisa Diane Littrell**, 48, was indicted April 9 on charges of driving while intoxicated with a child younger than 15 years of age, a state-jail felony.

**Douglas Michael Morgan**, 40, was indicted April 9 on charges of possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram in Penalty Group 1, a state-jail felony.

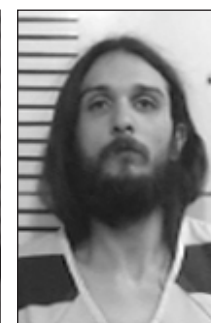
**Richard Dean Gaston**, 58, was indicted April 9 on charges of manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance between 1 and 4 grams in Penalty Group 1, a second-degree felony; and on charges of possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram in Penalty Group 1, a state-jail felony.



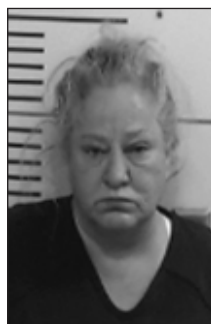
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# House passes bill to allow handgun carry without a license

Early voting began Monday for May 1 elections in county, city and school district elections.

Secretary of State Ruth R. Hughs encourages all eligible voters to take advantage of the early voting period, which runs through Tuesday, April 27. Texas voters can contact their respective county elections office to view a sample ballot, locate their appropriate polling place, and plan their trip to the polls. Additional information is available at [Vote-Texas.gov](http://Vote-Texas.gov).

## NEW PUC COMMISSIONER CONFIRMED

Will McAdams, nominated by Gov. Greg Abbott to a slot on the Public Utilities Commission, was unanimously confirmed by the Texas Senate last week.

McAdams formerly served as president of the Associated Builders and Contractors of Texas and worked for legislators for more than a decade in various senior staff positions.

Abbott has also nominated Peter Lake to be the new chair of the PUC, which regulates the state's power



## STATE CAPITOL HIGHLIGHTS

By Gary Borders

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grid operations. Lake now serves as chair of the Texas Water Development Board.

All three previous PUC members resigned after February's winter storm led to massive power outages across the state.

## HOUSE PASSES BILL TO ALLOW HANDGUN CARRY WITHOUT A LICENSE

The Texas House voted

87-58 last week to allow handguns to be carried without a permit. Under current law, a permit is required to carry handguns either concealed or openly. If the bill becomes law, any Texas resident not already prohibited by state or federal law from owning a gun could legally carry a handgun.

According to the Texas Tribune, Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, who presides over the Texas Senate, previously expressed qualms about easing handgun laws. Numerous law enforcement officials and concealed handgun license instructors opposed the measure, citing concerns over safety. A number of El Paso-area lawmakers opposed the measure, recalling the mass shooting that left 23 dead at a Walmart there in August 2019.

## STATE HALTS DISTRIBUTION OF J&J VACCINES

Use of the single-shot Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccines has been temporarily halted in Texas following a recommendation last week from the Centers for Disease Control and

the Food and Drug Administration.

The Texas Department of State Health Services issued the notice following extremely isolated reports of blood clots in a half-dozen recipients of the J&J vaccine — all in women between the ages of 18 and 48, according to the CDC.

As of April 12, more than 6.8 million doses of the J&J vaccine have been administered in the United States. There is no word of when the vaccine might be used again.

## NUMBER OF TEXANS VACCINATED EDGING TOWARD 50%; CASES STEADY

Even with the halt in distribution of the J&J vaccine, the number of Texans who have received at least one dose of the Pfizer or Moderna two-shot vaccines hit 44.5% as of Sunday, according to DSHS.

A total of 6.37 million Texans are fully vaccinated — roughly 20% of the state's population. Texas is receiving more than 1.9 million doses of COVID-19 vaccine this week.

The number of new COVID-19 cases in Texas last week dropped slightly from the previous week at 23,521, while deaths dropped to 374, a decrease of 27%, according to the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University.

The number of lab-confirmed COVID-19 patients currently in Texas hospitals increased slightly to 2,929. That number is down nearly 80% from the high mark in mid-January, when more than 14,000 Texans were hospitalized with COVID-19.

## JOBLESS RATE UNCHANGED AT 6.9%

The state's unemployment in March remained steady at 6.9%, with the state adding 99,000 total nonagricultural jobs, according to the Texas Workforce Commission.

"Positive job numbers for March continue to show Texas is on track for continued growth," TWC Chairman Bryan Daniel said. "TWC will continue to provide flexible and innovative training programs to help provide all Texans with skills they can use for work-

force success."

The 6.9% rate is more than double the state's record low of 3.4% in May 2019. Jobless claims have risen since the mid-February storm, and the state has lost more than 400,000 jobs since the pandemic began early last year, according to the federal Bureau of Labor Statistics.

## FEMA EXTENDS REGISTRATION FOR STORM DAMAGE CLAIMS

The Federal Emergency Management Agency has extended the registration period for individuals whose property was damaged in the winter storm until May 20 in the 126 qualifying Texas counties. The state's emergency management agency made the extension request.

Individuals can apply online at [www.disasterassistance.gov](http://www.disasterassistance.gov) or by calling 800-621-3362. The toll-free line is operated from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. seven days a week.

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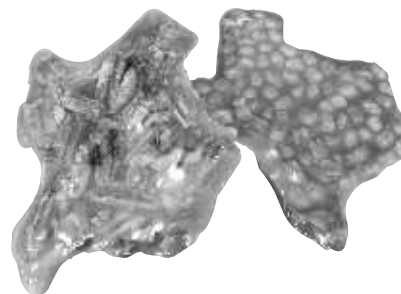
Owners Lloyd and Karna Cooper have been making nut brittles from a 70-year-old recipe that they do not dare to change, and they make it in three-pound batches each time.

The candies are cooked and packaged from their home base in Weatherford, where they also distribute their online orders. Now, they are expanding their product line with popcorn and fudge for their local customers who visit the storefront in Springtown.

In addition to the homemade treats of popcorn, fudge, and a variety of nut brittles, Lloyd's Candies offers customers a variety of sweets, from the most current candies to nostalgic confectionery favorites from your childhood.

With Crystal Bird managing the business, Lloyd and Karna get to focus on the process of creating those sweet treats that their customers seek out day after day.

"We appreciate our newfound customer base and hope to continue serving them for a long time to come."



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## SEXUAL ABUSE, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1A.

numerous occasions, with the most recent being in January, and that she knew he was a juvenile student. She said the times she had sex with him when he was younger than 17 occurred in Azle, in Tarrant County, according to the affidavit.

The student told investigators one of the places they had sex was "off Knob Hill Road" at a Parker County residence Cato lived for a few months. He also said Cato gave him rides to Azle High School several times.

According to the affidavit, the student dropped out of school and began home-schooling during his junior year.

Azle ISD officials confirmed the student withdrew March 4, 2020.

Azle ISD Superintendent Todd Smith said Cato was employed from 2010 to 2017 as a teacher at Azle Elementary School.

Shane Strickland, Springtown ISD deputy superintendent, said Cato was hired Aug. 14, 2017. She was placed on administrative leave once the district became aware of the allegations.

Springtown ISD Superintendent Mike Kelley said, "It is with deep disappointment we acknowledge the arrest of an employee previously entrusted to teach our students."

Kelley said the district has not received any information about current or former

students being connected to the case in any way.

"The district has tremendous confidence the Parker County Sheriff's Office conducted a fair and thorough investigation, but we encourage anyone with additional concerns or information to contact Sheriff Authier's office, my office, or the StayALERT school safety reporting program," Kelley said.

The StayALERT school safety reporting program is linked through <https://www.springtownisd.net/Page/6134>.

"Many of our parents and students are aware of the fact the teacher has been on administrative leave since prior to our return from spring break. Some stakeholders have expressed disappointment that the district did not immediately notify parents of the accusations warranting we place the employee on administrative leave," Kelley said. "I hope our community will understand that our first steps were to share information with appropriate law enforcement agencies; publicly sharing what were (at the time) unproven accusations was not an option, and certainly the district would not want to do anything that might interfere with an open investigation. Once notified of the arrest and apparent confession, we sent voice, text, and email messages to parent and staff accounts through

our automated calling system."

Parker County Sheriff Russ Authier said Parker County Sheriff's Crimes Against Children investigators will forward all case information to Tarrant County investigators regarding crimes which were reportedly committed in their jurisdiction.

Authier said the Parker County case is still under active investigation and will be submitted to the Parker County District Attorney's Office, seeking prosecution.

"It is a shame any time we have to investigate these types of cases," said Authier. "It is imperative that our children attend school in a safe environment. Educators play a vital role in that safe environment and have a duty to protect our children. The student in this case has been offered counseling at the Parker County Children's Advocacy Center where his healing can begin.

"The Parker County Sheriff's Office has two Crimes Against Children investigators permanently assigned to the Children's Advocacy Center of Parker County. By partnering with the CAC, our investigators are able to assist in providing services to Parker County child victims in a more expedient manner. This reduces the burden on the victim by not having to repeatedly tell their story." (Reporter Jessica McKinney contributed to this report).

# Tarleton, Weatherford College agreement benefits transfer students

Tarleton State University and Weatherford College are teaming up to participate in a national prototype to boost educational opportunities for transfer students who graduate from two-year schools.

As part of its Distinguished College Partnership, Tarleton will provide annual scholarships, \$500-\$2,000, to Weatherford College transfer students with a minimum 3.0 GPA. Awards will be divided between fall and spring semesters based on enrollment and will be renewable up to three years with satisfactory academic progress.

The visionary investment aligns with the 122-year dream of Tarleton's founder to provide a high-quality university education to students who otherwise might not have the chance.

"John Tarleton dreamed of an institution of opportunity — a comprehensive regional university," said

Tarleton State University President James Hurley. "It's important that we continue to deepen our historic commitment to educational attainment and affordability. Many of the Weatherford College students who transfer will be the first in their family to earn a bachelor's degree. They're forging a path for generations to come."

Weatherford College serves more than 5,700 students at its campus in Parker County and at learning centers in Granbury, Mineral Wells and Wise County.

"As a graduate of both Weatherford College and Tarleton State University, today is a very special day for me," Weatherford College President Tod Farmer said. "This agreement between our two noble institutions will further strengthen our historical ties by providing tens of thousands of dollars in transfer student scholarships in the short run and hundreds of thousands of

dollars in student scholarships in the long run."

Degree-related pathways make it easy for Weatherford students to transfer to Tarleton, saving dollars and class hours.

"Weatherford College matters to us," Hurley said. "Helping students in our own backyard is the right thing to do. They are destined to be our leaders, and we have a social and economic responsibility to invest in their future."

Tarleton is developing similar agreements with other two-year colleges in the region, in concert with the President's Transfer Guaranteed Award Program. T-GAP assures scholarships ranging from \$250 to \$1,500 per year for students admitted from two-year colleges. Award amounts are enhanced for students graduating from one of Tarleton's Distinguished College Partners.

For more information on T-GAP, go to <https://www.tarleton.edu/becomeatexan/Transfer-GAP.html>.

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## NOTICIA PÚBLICA CIUDAD DE SPRINGTOWN

### PROGRAMA DE SUBVENCIONES EN BLOQUES PARA EL DESARROLLO COMUNITARIO DE TEXAS

La Ciudad de Springtown está notificando la intención de la Ciudad de presentar una solicitud de subvención del Programa de Subvenciones en Bloque de Desarrollo Comunitario de Texas para una solicitud de subvención del Fondo de Desarrollo Comunitario de \$350,000 para mejoras de calles, alcantarillado y agua en la Ciudad. La solicitud está disponible para su revisión en el Ayuntamiento, 102 E. 2nd Street, durante el horario comercial habitual. Para obtener más información, comuníquese con Christina Derr al 817-220-4834.

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**PK - 12th GRADE** BREAKFAST: **Everyday** - Various Juices & Cereals, Toast, Milk Variety, Fruit, Jelly Assortment, Buttermilk Biscuit, Variety of milk is offered every day for breakfast and lunch.

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**Wednesday** Toast, Variety of Cereal, Scrambled Eggs, Fruit  
**Thursday** Toast, Variety of Cereal, Dutch Waffle, Fruit **Friday** Toast, Variety of Cereal, Breakfast Stick, Fruit

**PK - 8th 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** Macaroni & Cheese, Mixed Vegetables, Cucumber & Tomato Cup, Fruit **Tuesday** Crispy Chicken Sandwich, Green Beans, Tater Gems, Fruit **Wednesday** Stuffed Breadsticks, Broccoli, **Thursday** Chicken Fried Steak Sandwich, Chili Style Beans, Green Peas, Fruit **Friday** Cheese Pizza, Fresh Broccoli Florets, Glazed Baby Carrots, Fruit, Roll

**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 Enchiladas, Hamburger, Refried Beans, Cucumber & Tomato Cup Fruit **Tuesday** Crispy Chicken Sandwich, Chili Tots, Fresh Baby Carrots, Tater Gems, Fruit, Roll **Wednesday** Stuffed Breadsticks, Chicken Fried Steak Sandwich, Broccoli, Mixed Vegetables, Fruit **Thursday** Macaroni & Cheese, Chicken Nuggets, Green Beans, Glazed Baby Carrots, Fruit, Roll **Friday** Cheese Pizza, Pulled Pork Sandwich, Coleslaw, Fresh Broccoli Florets, Fruit, Roll

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# SHS student qualifies for national FCCLA competition

BY SUSAN McFARLAND  
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Springtown High School student Erin Hall qualified for the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) national competition during the state leadership conference held earlier this month in Dallas.

Hall received a first-place award for her Repurpose and Redesign STAR event project, which she used an old casket stand and a tire to make a table, said Richelle McMillion, SHS Culinary Arts teacher and FCCLA advisor.

Hall was one of three SHS FCCLA students who competed at state. Joining her was Jonah Nadeau and Payton Neighbors. The trio qualified for state at the regional conference held in February.

SHS student Amie White

was elected as the state parliamentarian for FCCLA during the 2021-2022 year.

McMillion said White, pending board approval, will represent SHS at nationals by participating on the nomination committee for national officers.

"It is very exciting for Amie," McMillion said. "These are great experiences for our FCCLA members."

The national conference will be held from June 27 to July 2 in Memphis, Tennessee. This year the national conference will be hybrid with all STAR events held virtually, and workshops and professional development held in person.

"Things are different again this year due to Covid," McMillion said.

Last year the group had three regional officers and one state officer.



Erin Hall's winning project and presentation board for the Repurpose and Redesign STAR event.



Erin Hall with her event sign at the FCCLA state leadership conference in Dallas. Photos courtesy SISD

# SMS student wins national spot at the FCCLA conference



Springtown Middle School students at the state FCCLA conference.

Photo courtesy SISD

BY SUSAN McFARLAND  
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Two teams of Springtown Middle School students competed at the FCCLA state conference in Dallas.

Rose Poe and Kendall Penneston's presentation called "Stop the Cycle" and Angel Benitez and Jackson Berlin's presentation called "Sports Effects" both placed in the top five.

Poe, who competed alone during the state competition, finished in second-place, which landed her a spot in at the FCCLA National Leadership Conference in Nashville this sum-

mer. Benitez and Berlin finished in fourth-place.

After Poe returned from regional conference, she decided to begin a campaign to raise money to help in the effort to "Stop the Cycle," said Natalie Hill, SMS career education teacher and FCCLA advisor.

"We began as chapter hosting a Hat Day on Fridays, where students could wear a hat or hoodie in class all day for \$1 and all proceeds would then be given to Freedom House in Weatherford, Texas," Hill said.

Freedom House is a non-

profit agency that provides free services to survivors of violence and provides shelter, advocacy, and counseling.

"After just four days our students contributed more than \$750 ... We look forward to being able to take Freedom House a large donation," Hill said.

Six who took the Family and Consumer Sciences Assessments (FCSA) at the state level were Poe, Benitez, Berlin, Jacqueline Aranda, Molly Frank and Kenadi Cleveland.

"These students brought home four gold medals and one bronze," Hill said.



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# Obituaries

## Helen Mathena

1930- 2021

Helen Mathena, of Irving, Texas, went to join her Lord and Savior in heaven on April 14, 2021.

Visitation will be held from 6 – 8 p.m. on Friday, April 23, at Bluebonnet Hills Funeral Home in Colleyville.

A celebration of Helen's life and home-going will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, April 24, at MacArthur Boulevard Baptist Church in Irving. Interment at Bluebonnet Hills will follow.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the book project of the IRSPA, 804 S. Story Rd, Irving, TX, 75060.

Online condolences may be made by visiting [www.bluebonnethills.com](http://www.bluebonnethills.com).

She will always be remembered as a faithful servant of Jesus Christ, a loving and devoted mother and wife, a prayer warrior, the chronicler of family history and a prolific letter-writer. She was born on July 6, 1930 in St. Louis, Missouri, to James Allen and Esther Whitehead.

Helen grew up in the Festus/Crystal City area outside of St. Louis, spending part of her childhood in town and part in the country on the family farm and homestead. Her schooling included attending a one-room school house, graduating from Crystal City High School before her 16th birthday and getting her associate's degree in education and a two-year teaching certificate from Hannibal-LaGrange College in 1949. After teaching third grade for two years in Herculaneum, Missouri, she obtained her BS degree in education at Mississippi College in Jackson, Mississippi by 1953.

Following God's direction her next teaching assignment was in Anchorage, Alaska where she met an



Air Force aircraft mechanic from Texas named Troy Mathena. Married on July 5, 1954 they had five daughters between 1956 and 1967. Her gift of teaching took her to elementary schools in Montgomery, Alabama, Grand Prairie ISD, and finally 25 years in Irving ISD until her retirement in 1990.

She was an active member of MacArthur Boulevard Baptist Church in Irving and also at First Baptist Church Springtown during the nineteen years that she and her husband lived there until health issues brought them back to Irving. Helen was also involved with the Irving Retired School Personnel Association (IRSPA).

She was preceded in death by her parents, her brother, James McDonald Whitehead, her husband of 64 years, Troy Marvin Mathena, daughter Laura Holmes and grandchildren James, Jodie and Jady Davis.

Helen is survived by four of her daughters: Eva Chance of Irving, Debbie Scarborough of Red Oak, Marla Gallemore and husband, Myles, of Irving, Julie Davis and husband, Jerry, of Irving, "daughter" Carleen "Charlie" Brake of Rock Springs, Wyoming, 11 grandchildren and their partners, five great-grandsons, her sister-in-law, Jean Brooks, of Flower Mound, and nieces and nephews.

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## Frank Ellis Woody

1948- 2021

Frank Ellis Woody passed away Saturday, April 10, 2021.

Funeral was held at 1 p.m. Monday, April 19, 2021 at White's Funeral Home in Weatherford. Interment: Veal Station Cemetery. Visitation was 5 to 7 p.m. Sunday, April 18, 2021 at White's Funeral Home in Weatherford.

Frank Ellis Woody was born Sept. 10, 1948 to James "Scott" and Rena Mae Woody in Weatherford, Texas. He graduated from Weatherford High School and proceeded to attend University of Texas at Arlington where he earned his bachelor's degree in business. He began his career in the manufactured housing industry in 1972 and eventually opened his own business (General Manufactured Housing Corporation) in March 1982. Later the company changed names to Republic Manufactured Housing and is currently still operating and run by his wife, Marina Woody.

Frank's first marriage to Sue Copher (Foster) was on May 11, 1968 and they had three daughters (Lisa Woody, Jamie Schneider, Amy Davis).

Frank's second marriage to Marina Woody (Johnston) was on Aug. 20, 1987 and they had a daughter and son (Maegan Woody, Samuel "Logan" Woody).

Frank has two grandchildren (Dylan Woody Vaughn, Taylor Joy Schneider)

Frank was always a kid at heart and found great joy in living life to the fullest. He held a true love of the outdoors and shared that with his family. He taught his children and grandkids how to fish and made sure they all knew how to set up a tent and make camp. His sense of adventure had no bounds. He loved to travel and took his



family with him on countless trips to see national parks, lakes, oceans and mountains across the U.S., Mexico and Canada. He traveled abroad with family and friends and enjoyed many cruises in his lifetime.

Frank had a real knack for cooking, appreciated flavor and spice, and enjoyed all types of food. Frank had the best sense of humor and could make an entire room laugh out loud. He loved watching the great comedians of our time like Steve Martin and Chevy Chase.

He passed along that fun loving, hilarious take on the world to all who knew him. However, what he loved more than anything was being a Dad to his five children and fulfilling his honored role as "Grandpa" to Dylan and Taylor.

Frank was preceded in death by his father, James "Scott" Woody; and brother, Dwayne Woody.

Frank is survived by his beloved wife, Marina Woody; mother, Rena Mae Woody; children, Lisa Woody, Jamie Schneider, Amy Davis, Maegan Woody, and Samuel "Logan" Woody; grandchildren, Dylan Woody Vaughn and Taylor Schneider; siblings, Sally Woody and Kenneth Woody; and many treasured friends.

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## Agnes Huddleston

1924- 2021

Agnes Louise Huddleston, 96, passed away on Monday March 22, 2021 in Jacksonville Florida.

Services will be Sunday, April 25, 2021 at 11:30 a.m. at the Springtown Methodist Church.

Agnes was a member of the Springtown Methodist Church and a member of the Eastern Star Chapter 498.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Springtown Museum, 813 N. Main St. or to the Springtown Methodist Church, 109 W. 3 St., Springtown Texas 76082.

She was predeceased by her husband, Aldon Huddleston; daughter Janna Huddleston Chance; grandson Ben Hamman IV.

Agnes is survived by son, David Huddleston, Huntsville, Texas; granddaughters, Lynn Brown of Ft. Worth, Texas, Shirley Hamman of



Rome, Georgia and Anna Huddleston; great grandchildren, Janna Hamman and Benjamin Hamman V of Rome Georgia, and Krysta Bailey and Aliyah Hamman of Ft. Worth, Texas and Saf-ronia Stiles of Dunn, North Carolina and three sisters Pat, Barbara and Cynthia (Bob) of Jacksonville, Florida; and great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

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## How many of you are label readers?

Let's celebrate, Wednesday, April 21st is/was San Jacinto Day. Happy birthday Texas, nine years as a republic plus 176 years of statehood.

I have a question, how many of you are label readers? Labels on human food products, livestock and pet feeds, plant fertilizers, livestock and human nutritional supplements, livestock & pet biologicals and even pesticides. I have been known to hold up progress in the dairy section at the grocery store reading and comparing label information between two brands of milk.

I've also been found in the feed store and/or feed mill warehouses reading and comparing information on feed sack tags. Of course, any self-respecting livestock feeder, before making a decision on a new or different brand or type of feed is going to want a sample of the feed in his/her hand to feel, study and smell. And



**AG 101**  
By Jack DeShazo

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then with the additional feed tag information being considered, hopefully a good decision is made on which feed to purchase.

Uh oh, I caught myself just in time, I was about to chase a couple of rabbits. So, let's get back on the original topic of labelling. Why is it important to spend a little time reading and studying product labels before making the purchase?

Well, there is a lot of useful and valuable information contained on that label, some of which pertains to

the law and your adherence to it. So, let's visit a little about the information that should be found on the product packaging or label. General facts that should be expected on all products include of course the name/description of the product, quantity which is usually expressed as either dry weight or liquid volume, and origin of the product. Human food products should have a nutrition facts label that describes serving size, number of servings per container and number of calories per serving, amount and type of fat, amounts of cholesterol, sodium, total carbohydrates, fiber, total sugars, added sugars, protein, Vitamin A, Vitamin D, B vitamins plus other vitamins & minerals.

Also, listed should be the % daily value of each of the previously mentioned substances based on a 2000 calorie daily diet. Perishable foods will have a use by or expiration date whereby if the product is stored properly, it should be good at least until that date. Teaching

students about this date was always a little humorous because many of them would think that on the expiration date the product would magically turn bad. It's an approximate date, don't be surprised if the product is good beyond this date.

Now for livestock and pet feeds, if you know what you are looking for, normally you can determine the production date which is important when trying to buy the freshest feed. All feeds should at least have protein, fat, fiber and additives listed along with feeding instructions and storage suggestions on the label. Many feeds will also list amino acids, minerals and vitamins that show up in the feed analysis.

One of my pet peeves with dog and cat food is the % moisture found in the canned version. You are paying good money for at least 20% or more water in your pet's food.

How about livestock and pet antibiotics, vaccines and nutritional supplements? Basic information found on

these labels should be the expiration date, care and storage instructions, dosage directions, methods of administration and withdrawal periods.

Cautions, warnings and precautions will also be listed on the label. Plant fertilizers will also have label information listing ingredients and their percentages in the product. Application rates, the best time for application and target plants should also be found on the label.

Obviously, pesticides have label listings that must be adhered to very closely by the user including application rates, active ingredients, inert ingredients, target plants and insects and of course cautions, warnings, and precautions.

Now here's my caution to the readers, the labelling formation provided above is basic, there can be and usually is more specific information provided. My original reason for the choice of this topic for this week's article was to draw attention to the abundance

of information provided by labels on the products that we buy and use. But honestly the main message that I wanted to convey was to read and observe the directions on labels. Folks not doing this are one of the reasons that several "over the counter" products are no longer available over the counter. The directions, cautions, warnings and precautions are listed on the label for very good reasons; the safety and well being of our livestock, pets, ourselves, our neighbors, and even people that we don't know who are affected by what we do!

One additional item, the Texas Senate has recently sent SB Bill 152 to the Texas House of Representatives for their approval. If you have an interest in groundwater you may want to check this out. Texas Farm Bureau suggests that this bill, if approved should strengthen groundwater rights for the "everyday citizen". Let your voices be heard!! 'til next week.

## Death, Taxes, and Stuff

There are certain things in life that are inevitable. One of those is a trip to the bathroom during the night for men of a certain age. And for the men of a certain age that live at my house (that would be only one of us, by the way), that trip may include ideas that turn into pondering that delay the return to slumberland.

Last night's trip turned into pondering on the origin of the phrase that the only certainties in life are death and taxes.

Yes, my friend, I thought about death and taxes at 1:35 a.m. while returning from the bathroom. My brain works in mysterious



**BE AMAZING**  
By Gerry Lewis

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ways. Therefore at about 6:45 this morning, I was

googling. The quote is most often attributed to Benjamin Franklin: "In this world nothing can be said to be certain, except death and taxes."

That's actually a partial quote from a letter Franklin wrote in 1789 to Jean-Baptiste Le Roy, a French physicist. The full quote says, "Our new Constitution is now established, and has an appearance that promises permanency; but in this world nothing can be said to be certain, except death and taxes."

But the phrase did not originate with Ben. It actually appears the first time 73 years earlier (1716) in "The Cobbler of Pres-

ton" by British dramatist Christopher Bullock: "'Tis impossible to be sure of any thing but Death and Taxes."

Of course there is this quote attributed to Will Rogers (1879-1935): "The only difference between death and taxes is that death doesn't get worse every time Congress meets."

The fact that I am thinking about death and taxes should make a little more sense to you when I tell you that I have been—finally, for the past week—working on my 2020 tax information. (Thank you, Snowpocalypse, for the few weeks' deadline extension).

As I have been plowing through my file folders of

receipts and adding up all the numbers to send to my CPA, I've been reminded of some "stuff" that goes along with taxes.

I've been reminded of the things I purchased that seemed urgent at the time, but I have yet to put to full use.

I've been reminded of a few business meals with people who have become precious to me.

I've been reminded of the miles I drove (certainly down from previous years) that took me to important connections.

I've been reminded of things that I inherited last year through the death of my dad. I'd give them back in a heartbeat for another

conversation with him. I've been reminded that in the midst of the craziest year in my lifetime, life continued.

Maybe that's the most important lesson of all.

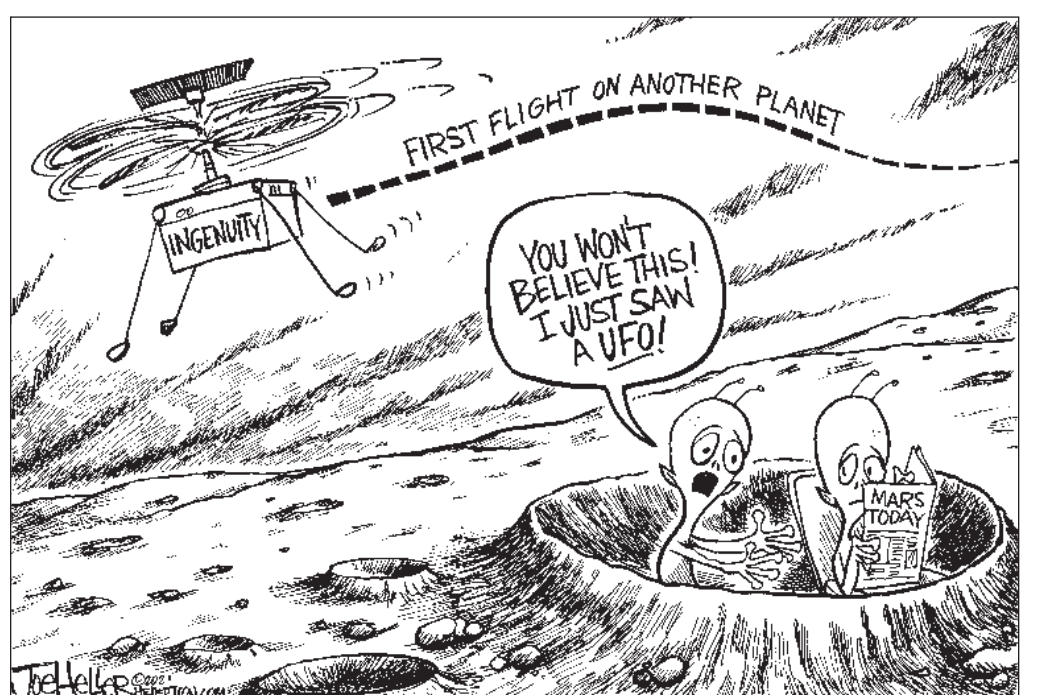
By the grace of God, we have been able to go on with the stuff of living.

By the grace of God, there have still been good days filled with blessing.

By the grace of God, we have known His presence and provision through the hard days.

By the grace of God, we have found amazingness in the midst of chaos and confusion.

That's some good stuff. Be amazing today, my friend.



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- TX George W. gave 189 of these
- this TX Garrison was a former top 5 pro tennis player
- Killeen High mascot
- TXism: "he's wound tighter than ... -day clock"
- George W.'s wife
- this tea is thought to be medicinal
- "One ... one Ranger"
- LBJ near quote: "If nominated, ... run."
- historic "Farm & Ranch" in South Texas
- "... Ranch" near Bandera is a hunters' destination
- Texas is about 251 times bigger than this state (abbr.)
- rock shooter
- self-images
- TXism: "he's ... to a rattler" (mean)
- reflecting item (2 wds.)
- warm by the fire (2 wds.)

**DOWN**

- Texans do it on lakes and snow
- TX Cassidy who was Lurch on "The Addams Family"
- Taylor County seat former " ... Base" in Lubbock
- what TX Willie does
- TXism: "turn over all the cow ... everywhere)
- TXism: "frisky as ... unsaddled horse"
- Baylor star QB in 2011: "... 3"
- Sam Snead won this in 1945 (2 wds.)
- spoken, not written
- person, place, or thing
- Greek organization for women at UT
- author of 1915 book "The Lone Star Ranger" (2 wds.)
- Laredo FM
- smooth, shiny
- cover thinly with gold leaf
- a TX Lois Chiles co-star in "Creepshow 2," Kennedy (init.)
- this Haing was in 1990 film "Vietnam, Texas"
- member of a h.s. graduating class
- subdivision org.
- apt Seminole FM
- TXism: "mad as ... -eyed cow"
- this Lukas was in 1992 TX-filmed "Leap of Faith"
- behind in paying
- Santa Anna laid ... to the Alamo
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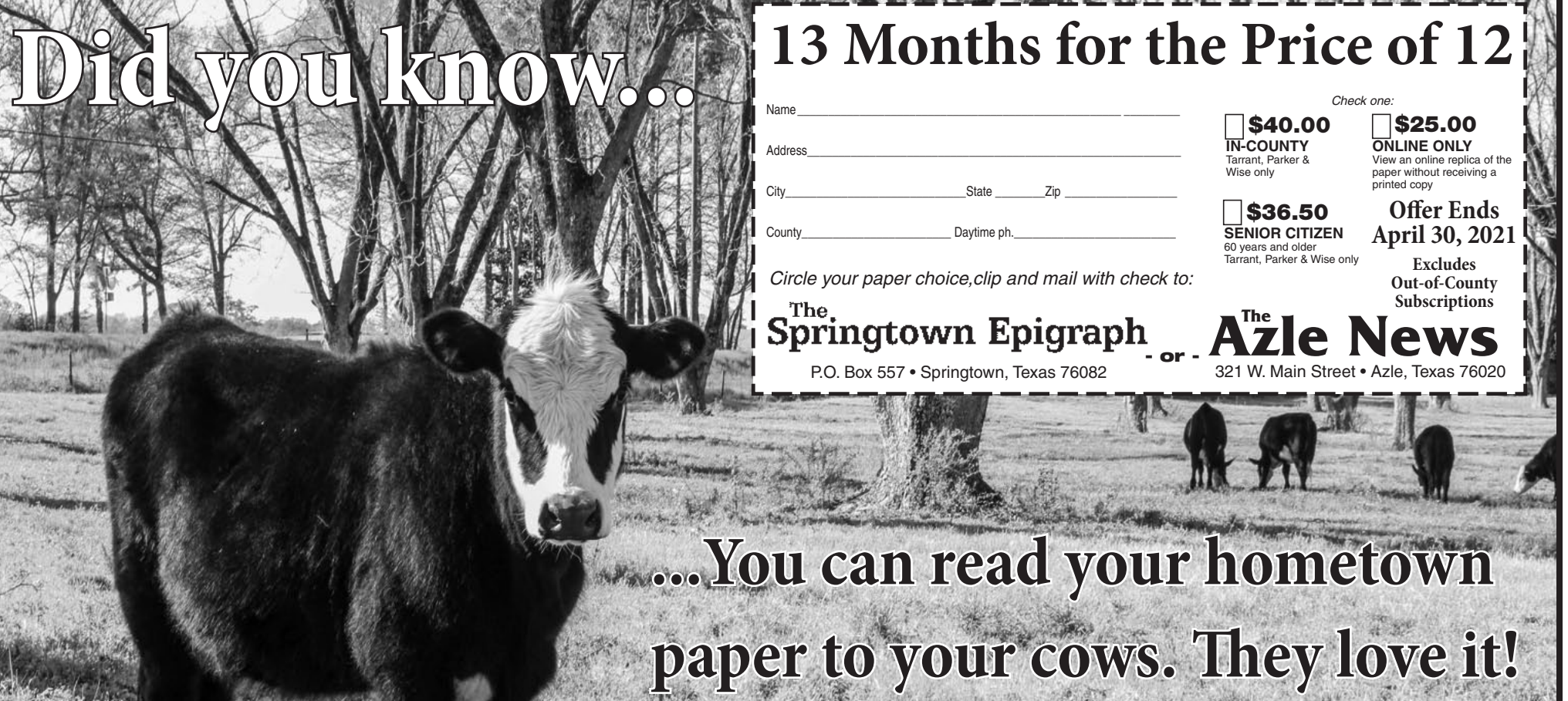
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# SPORTS

## Porcupines fall into 2nd place after loss in first battle of top 7-4A teams

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Going in to last weekend's slate of games, the Springtown baseball team was sitting in a two-way tie for first place with No. 14 Argyle.

SHS was successful in earning a season sweep over Bridgeport on Saturday afternoon, but couldn't keep their six-game winning streak going on Tuesday against Argyle as they lost handily at home.

On Saturday, Springtown faced Bridgeport for what was meant to be a home game, but the game location was switched to Boyd High School because of rain.

The game began heavily in Bridgeport's favor as they took a 2-0 lead in the first

frame, then added to it in the second inning with two more runs.

SHS finally got on the board in the third when Cristian Hernandez singled to left as Matt Lockard scored.

The score cut BHS' lead to 4-1 but the Bulls weren't done yet as they added another run in the top of the fifth frame.

From that point on it was all Porcupines as they scored three runs in the bottom of the fifth thanks to an infield RBI by Hernandez, and two infield RBIs from William Gleason cutting the lead to 5-4.

Bridgeport was able to add to their lead in the sixth inning with another run but that's the last score of the contest from the Bulls.

In the final frame, SHS made crucial plays at the plate



Springtown High shortstop Tristian Pressley fields a ground ball during the first inning of the Porcupines' district home game against No. 14 Argyle on Tuesday night. Photo by Quinton Lilley



Springtown High pitcher Cristian Hernandez attempts to pick off a base runner during the first inning of the Porcupines' district home game against No. 14 Argyle on Tuesday night. Photo by Quinton Lilley

to score three runs and secure a huge victory.

Those three scores came from a triple by Tristian Pressley that brought home Landon Foster and Scout Richards, then a single by Lockard as Pressley scored.

SHS then closed things out on the mound in the ensuing frame as Pressley pitched in relief.

SHS had just five hits in the game but made the most of them as they also had seven RBIs.

Both Lockard and Hernandez had a team-high two hits apiece.

On Tuesday night, both SHS and No. 14 Argyle came in to the game on winning streaks and has proved to be the two best teams in District 7-4 with both having a 7-1 record.

While SHS has shown the ability to make comeback efforts late in games previously, the Eagles didn't allow Springtown to come back after grabbing an early lead.

The Eagles scored four runs in the first inning and three in the second inning to grab a 7-1 lead.

Their offensive output was aided by Porcupine miscues as SHS went on to commit seven fielding errors on the night.

Argyle went on to add three insurance runs in the seventh inning and SHS was never able to score again after the first inning.

With the loss, SHS drops to second place in District 7-4A at 7-2, but will have a chance to redeem themselves this Friday night.

The Porcupines will re-

match Argyle on the road Friday night at 7:30 p.m.

If SHS wins that game, they'll return to a two-way tie for first place with just two games left.

If Springtown can't win at Argyle on Friday the team will have two must-win games against Decatur next week if they intend on hanging on to the second seed in District 7-4A.

Looking ahead to the playoff picture, if SHS holds on to one of the top two spots in district they'll likely face either Forth Worth Carter Riverside, Western Hills, or Eastern Hills in the first round of the playoffs.

SHS has not played any of those teams this year.

Playoffs begin May 3.

## SHS track & field qualifies for 10 events at UIL 4A Regionals

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Last week was another solid performance for the Springtown High track & field team as they earned 10 qualifying bids to this weekend's upcoming regional meet.

The Porcupines hosted the UIL District 7&8 4A Area meet on Wednesday (April 14) as 15 different 4A high schools competed for a chance to go to the regional championships in Lubbock.

Of Springtown's 10 regional qualifying events, Brinklee Dauenhauer had by far the best day of any Porcupine athlete as she won both the girls' triple jump area title with a leap of 35-04 and the area long jump title with a leap of 16-07.

Dauenhauer also qualified to compete in the high jump at regionals after coming in third place with her highest

leap measuring at 5-00.

In that same high jump event, Teagan Burdick came in second as she had a leap measuring 5-02.

In the long jump event, Madysen Fry also qualified for regionals after she came in third with a leap measuring 15-09.50. Fry also will run in the girls' 200-meter dash at regionals after she came in fourth place with a time of 26.91 and Alayna Vasquez will compete in the 800-meter run this weekend after finishing fourth with a time of 2:32.99.

On the boys' side, the only regional qualifier was William Gleason as he came in fourth in the high jump event with his highest leap measuring 5-10.

SHS also earned spots in the girls' 4x100-meter relay with a time of 50.54, and the girls' 4x400-meter relay with a time of 4:14.08 as both relay teams came in

second at last week's area meet.

The athletes mentioned previously will now be heading out to West Texas as they'll compete in the UIL Class 4A Region 1 Championships Friday and Saturday, April 23-24.

The events will be hosted by Lubbock ISD at Lowery Field.

In order for Springtown High athletes to make it to the state championships they'll need to place in the top two of their event this weekend or have the best third-place time or measurement in the state as each state event will have nine contestants.

Three other regional meets are being held throughout the state for class 4A this weekend to determine the other qualifiers.

The UIL State Track & Field Championships will be held at the University of Texas in Austin May 7-8.



Springtown High's Brinklee Dauenhauer (above) qualified for Regionals in both jumping events and sprinting events last week, while both Teagan Burdick (bottom left) and William Gleason (below) qualified in the high jump. Photos by Quinton Lilley



# Springtown softball fighting for their playoff lives with post-season coming

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District 7-4A has arguably been one of the best 4A districts in Region I this season and the evidence is easy to find.

The Springtown softball team entered district play with a strong record but has since been mostly hit-and-miss when it comes to beating the top teams.

District 7-4A has three top-25 teams like No. 10 Argyle, No. 15 Decatur, and No. 24 Krum that are all considered among the best statewide.

With three state title contenders all in the same district as the Lady 'Pines, they've now found themselves fighting for the fourth and final playoff spot.

In the team's two most recent games they earned

a much-needed win over Bridgeport on Monday 8-7 before losing in blowout fashion 17-1 to Argyle on Tuesday night.

On Monday against Bridgeport, things started slowly for the Lady 'Pines as they fell behind 3-0 in the opening frame.

Things continued to go in Bridgeport's favor in the second as they added another run, taking a 4-0 lead.

SHS was finally able to get back into the game in the third inning thanks to a homer by Sarah Crews, then a single by Jayden Grubis that brought in Camryn Slocum.

Later in the frame, Haylee Sanborn got a sacrifice fly out that drove in Katrina Ray.

By the end of the frame, SHS trailed 4-3.

In the fourth inning, Bridgeport added another two

runs taking a 6-3 lead but SHS exploded for four runs in the bottom of the fourth inning to take their first lead of the night.

The scores in the fourth came on a Crews single, a Slocum double, and Slocum stole home on a wild pitch giving SHS a 7-6 lead.

Bridgeport scored again to tie things back up at 7-7 in the fifth inning.

Then in the final two innings, SHS took over at the plate Grubis homered, and Sara Crews stole home as SHS went on to win 9-7.

Crews, Slocum, and Grubis each had two hits and two RBIs while Slocum had two runs scored and both Grubis and Crews homered in the contest.

In Tuesday night's game mistakes proved to be the difference in the match-up as



Springtown High center fielder Katrina Ray reels in a ball during the Lady 'Pines District 7-4A home game against No. 10 Argyle Tuesday evening.  
 Photo by Quinton Lilley



Springtown High pitcher Haylee Sanborn throws a pitch towards home plate during the first inning of the Lady 'Pines District 7-4A home game against No. 10 Argyle Tuesday evening.  
 Photo by Quinton Lilley

Springtown committed nine fielding errors while earning just five hits at the plate.

The miscues were something SHS simply couldn't overcome as they scored just one run on the night and ultimately lost by 16.

The game began with Argyle taking a 3-0 lead in the first frame. Then the Lady Eagles added three more runs in the second frame.

After being down 8-0 heading into the sixth inning, SHS gave up a nine-run inning to Argyle ending the game with league-leading Argyle taking the victory.

Looking forward, Springtown has a tough task ahead of them as they try to hold on to the final playoff spot from

District 7-4A. The team has to play Argyle again on the road Friday night to end their regular season.

SHS is currently a game ahead of Bridgeport as the Porcupines are 5-6, while the Bulls are 4-7.

However, BHS will face Fort Worth Castleberry in a game they're expected to win, while SHS will face No. 10 Argyle again.

If SHS loses and Bridgeport wins on Friday both teams will have a tied record at 5-7 and have to play a tied break series to determine who will get the fourth and final playoff spot from the district.

SHS' regular-season finale on Friday is slated to start at 6:45 p.m.

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**THE PLOT**

Crystal was a 24-year-old single mother who was trying to make a good life for her

kids in what was known as the "poorer" part of the town of Riverside, California. One night when she was heading out with her brother, shots rang out on the street near her home, one bullet striking her in the head. Her mother, Belinda, saw the shooter but her initial identification caused a setback in the investigation. Crystal's family devised a plan to use the social media platform Myspace to create a fake account with Crystal's picture to gather information on the 5150 gang, who they suspected of being involved. Will the trap the family sets help track down Crystal's killers, or will they only

cause more trouble for police?

**WHAT WORKED**

The story is one of senseless violence that many families experience every day, but in the end the Theobald family gets what it seeks: justice, not revenge.

**WHAT DIDN'T WORK**

Belinda went through so many changes in appearance throughout the film that it was hard to know you were listening to the same person. It

made the timeline of the storytelling feel a bit mixed up. **SUMMING IT UP**

If you are a true crime junkie too, this one is worth

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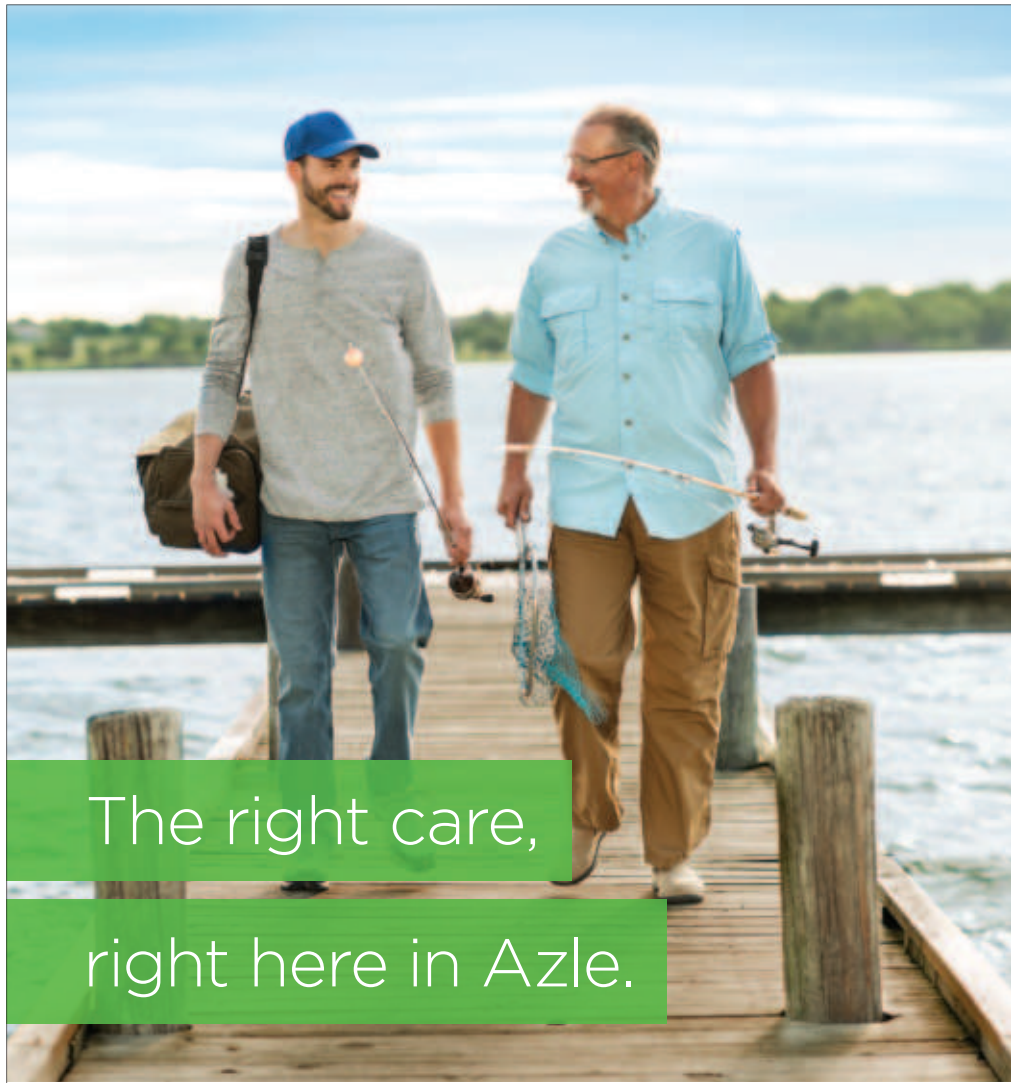
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