

# SOFTBALL TO FACE **BENBROOK IN 1ST ROUND**

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# Springtown man killed by intoxicated driver

BY JESSICA McKINNEY azlereporter@azlenews.net

Brandi Kay Love, 33, was arrested Friday, April 23 by Tarrant County Sheriff's Office for intoxiaccident that caused the death of another driver.

Thursday night, Tarrant County sheriff's deputies responded to a involved a Chevrolet pickup truck She was treated for her injuries and a Toyota passenger car.

It is believed that Love was traveling northbound on FM 730 when she drove into oncoming traffic in an apparent attempt to pass an-

other vehicle. The truck struck the Toyota head-on in the southbound

Both drivers had to be extricated from the vehicles by emergency personnel. The driver of the Toycation manslaughter following an ota, identified as Douglas Trotter, a 68-year-old Springtown man, was transported by air ambulance At approximately 9:22 p.m. on to Harris Hospital, where he later died from his injuries.

Love was transported to John vehicle crash on FM 730 North at Peter Smith Hospital after she Reed Rd., north of Azle. The crash was extracted from the pickup. and released into the custody of Tarrant County Sheriff's Office. She was charged with intoxication manslaughter and bail was set at \$15,000.



Brandi Kay Love Photo courtesy of TCSO

Love has a previous conviction for possession of a controlled substance in Parker County.

# **Springtown Area Chamber** of Commerce luncheon



Parker County Sheriff Russ Authier interacts with guests at the Springtown Area Chamber of Commerce luncheon April 22. Authier was appointed as the new Parker County Sheriff March 12, taking the role after the loss of Sheriff Larry Fowler. During the luncheon, he shared information about his department and himself (including how to pronounce his name). Photo by Susan McFarland

# Reno residents concerned about Cardinal Road development

BY SUSAN McFARLAND sptreporter@azlenews.net

Several Reno residents voiced concerns during the Reno City Council meeting April 19 about the preliminary plat for Donna's Place, a development to be located on 78.6 acres at 625 N. Cardinal Road. The development would consist of 41 minimum 1-acre lots.

Resident concerns included potential water issues, flooding, to execute the North Central Texas mercial properties with residential, drainage, erosion, traffic conges- Public Works Mutual Aid Agree- something he said most homeowntion and roadway integrity. Resiment. Parker County Fire Marshal ers would not appreciate. dents who own livestock voiced Sean Hughes explained details of Council directed the city adconcerns about new people moving the program, which would allow ministrator to send the item to the to the area who might not appreci- Reno to receive free resources for Planning and Zoning Commission ate the noise of goats and cows.

Other issues voiced by speakers included the need for more fire and police personnel if more people move into the city, the new residents could be Californians, there could be vandalism and property taxes could increase.

Council members agreed with the developer's engineer to meet and discuss the water issues before the item comes back to council.

Council also approved the mayor

boards and barricades during the first 36 hours of an emergency situation. After the 36 hours, items could be negotiated for a longer period.

Other business included a discussion about rezoning FM 1542 from commercial to residential. One speaker told council that most people who live on that road do not realize they are living on property zoned commercial multi-use, which could lead to mixing com-

things such as dump trucks, message to start the rezoning process.

# Early voting numbers show low turnout for local elections

BY JESSICA McKINNEY azlereporter@azlenews.net

Voter turnout for early voting shows a marked lack of enthusiasm for the electoral process in comparison to the November 3 elec-

For Parker County voters, 492 had cast their ballots at Azle city hall during the first week of early voting. By Monday, that number had jumped to 639.

There are a total of 81,503 registered voters in Parker County. voting locations can be found Only 3,662 had cast their votes on the Parker County Elections during the early voting period website at www.parkercountytx. April 19-27. Of that number, 622 com/118/elections.

voted in the Springtown Independent School District bond election, and 115 in the city of Reno.

The final chance to vote is on

Election Day, May 1. The Springtown Senior Center will be open for voters from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. The Azle City Hall will also be open for Parker County vot-

ers from 7 a.m. to 7

p.m. Voters may cast their ballots at any polling residence.

More information and other

# Mandi Thomas Memorial Benefit a success

BY SUSAN McFARLAND sptreporter@azlenews.net

More than \$15,000 was raised April 24 during the Mandi Thomas Memorial Benefit, with proceeds going to the Springtown Education Foundation (SEF).

Thomas, originally from Pennsylvania, was a Springtown resident and much loved Spanish teacher at Springtown High School. She was also an accomplished horse trainer and barrel racer and taught riding to many local students.

Thomas passed away unexpectedly in December from an undiagnosed brain aneurysm. She was 32.

A memorial scholarship in her name was created to honor her legacy as a teacher who loved her stu-

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Ellie Hunter on Classic Sunray during the Mandi Thomas Memorial Benefit.

Photos captured by Springtown resident and barrel racing photographer Whitney Shoop of Shoop Shots Photography

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#### MANDI THOMAS, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1A.

dents - both in and out of the saddle. The scholarship will be awarded to a Springtown Independent School District student through the SEF.

Organizer Suzanne Hunter said the benefit will become an annual event with a recurring scholarship.

Hunter met Thomas when her daughter Ellie Hunter started taking lessons with Thomas in 2014.

Since then, Hunter said Thomas became more than just a trainer and was "a very close friend to our family."

"We decided to host a memorial barrel race, doing what she loved best - to raise funds. My goal was to have 100 riders and hoped to raise \$5,000," Hunter said.

That goal was surpassed by thousands.

Hunter said there were 240 entries, including Thomas' mom Laura Lee Thomas, who came down from Pennherself.

"Mandi's youngest riding students had a leadline students entered the main from Wild West Promotions present many awards, inrace," Hunter said. "We had produced the race. We had cluding buckles and trophy a silent auction, a raffle and a silent auction with over halters. A family friend proa bake sale. We raised over 70 items, many donated vided a memorial buckle to \$15,000, bringing the to- from local families and busi- be presented to her mom," tal scholarship fund to over nesses," Hunter said. "From Hunter said. \$20,000."

held at Thomas' favorite lo- from one of the event spon- dents. She rode under her "One of her favorite sayings cal arena, Salt Creek, the sors, Smile Doctors. The tuition for more than six to her students was "canta inclement weather.

Equestrian Center in Cleburne opened their doors



sylvania to enter the race Mandi Thomas' mom Laura Lee Thomas competes at her daughter's memorial benefit. Photos captured by Springtown resident and barrel racing photographer Whitney Shoop of Shoop Shots Photography

gift cards and gift baskets to

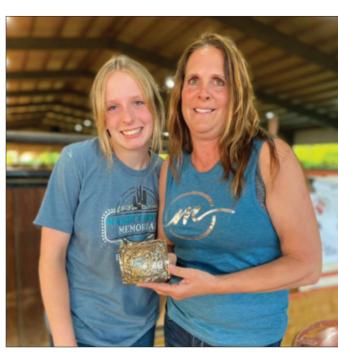
"Thanks to many local Thomas' mom had given to memory!"

class, and some of her other for us and Tammy Kidd sponsors we were able to her and placed second in the Youth 2D class, winning a trophy halter on her horse Dozer, Hunter said.

"We are hoping to make this an annual race to continue supporting local stu-Ellie Hunter was one of dents, and doing what Man-Originally planned to be a full orthodontic treatment Thomas' original riding stu- di loved best," Hunter said. event was moved because of high School Ag mechanics years since she was a be- y no llores" from a song by students donated an amazing ginner rider at age 8. The Cielto Lindo, which means "Thankfully Northcrest fire pit/grill amongst other 14-year-old raced in one 'sing and do not cry.' We of Thomas' saddles that will continue to sing in her



Mandi Thomas with her dog Reggie. Thomas, a teacher at Springtown High School, passed away unexpectedly in December from an undiagnosed brain aneurysm at age 32.

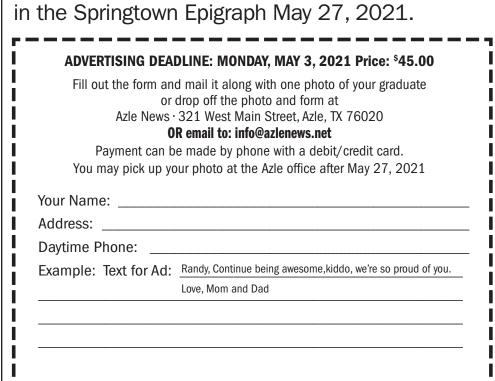


Ellie Hunter (I) with Mandi Thomas' mom Laura Lee Thomas, showing the memorial buckle that was presented to Laura Lee Thomas.

Photo courtesy Suzanne Hunter

M-F, 12-3PM







LOCAL

ARRESTS

town Police Department or

DWI charges April 12-26.

14, a first-degree felony.

Marco Antonio Ro-

18 for resisting arrest,

second-degree felony; and

for possession of a con-

3, a state-jail felony.

second offense.

intoxicated.

intoxicated.

# State Capitol Highlights

BY GARY BORDERS qborders@texaspress.com

## **HEALTH-CARE EXPANSION DEFEATED**

IN HOUSE

A bid to expand health coverage for low-income Texans failed in the Texas House last week, 80-68.

State leaders have long opposed expanding the Medicaid program, which is largely funded by the federal government. The measure that failed last week would have allowed the Texas Health and Human Services Commission to negotiate a funding agreement with the feds, called a 1115 demonstration waiver, that would cover more uninsured Texans without technically expanding Medicaid, according to various media sources, including the Texas Tribune.

Just over a week ago, the Biden administration rescinded a federal 1115 waiver approved in the final days of the Trump administration, which would have provided the state billions of dollars over the next decade to cover emergency care for uninsured Texans. The state was exempted from the normal public notice process, according to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. Gov. Greg Abbott blasted that decision, saying it "obstructed healthcare access for vulnerable Texans."

Backers of health-care expansion are pinning their waning hopes on House Bill 3871, sponsored by Rep. Julie Johnson, D-Carrollton. Her bill also uses an 1115 waiver to attract federal

funding to expand Medic- in December 2020 was store normalcy."

begin renegotiating with the to riders. Biden administration to reemployer-sponsored insur-Texas has the highest numof uninsured residents in report. the nation, according to the Texas Comptroller's Office.

#### **MASS TRANSIT LOSES EVEN MORE RIDERSHIP DURING PANDEMIC**

Mass transit in Texas has been experiencing a decline Texas Department of State in ridership the last few Health Services to encouryears, according to a Fiscal age Texans to be vaccinated Notes report by the comptroller's office. The outlook in both English and Spanish, has worsened during the feature several doctors urg-COVID-19 pandemic, with ing folks to get the vaccine, steep drops in ridership, rev- as the pace of shot adminisenue and service.

According to census data, share, Blacks and Hispanics professionals are the most are overrepresented among trusted voices for people public transit riders, as are deciding whether to get vacthose with relatively low in- cinated," said DSHS Comcomes. Comparatively large missioner Dr. John Hellshares of those with jobs in erstedt. "Over the coming education, health care, rec- weeks we will continue to reation and food services the workers most affected by various communities to get the pandemic — use public vaccinated. We are also relytransit to get to work," the ing on trusted voices within

has taken its toll on mass know that the available COservice, particularly in ur- VID-19 vaccines are safe, ban areas. Houston Metro effective and the best way reported its total ridership to end the pandemic and re-

aid eligibility as well as 53.6 percent lower than in increased in Medicaid re- December 2019. Research imbursements to doctors, ac-scientists, such as Michael cording to the Tribune. But Walk with the Texas A&M time is running out with the Transportation Institute, say bill still stuck in committee. the use of multiple modes If that bill fails to pass, of transportation can make Texas officials will have to mass transit more appealing

With the state experiencstore the funding. More than ing explosive population 650,000 Texans lost their growth, transportation officials hope to keep public ance during the pandemic. transit a viable option both in urban and rural areas, acber and highest percentage cording to the comptroller's

#### MEDIA AD CAMPAIGN TO BOOST VACCINES **BEGINS**

A \$1.5 million television and radio ad campaign was launched last week by the against COVID-19. The ads, tered has slowed.

"Our research shows 'in terms of population that individual health care share messages encouraging those communities to speak However, the pandemic up and let their neighbors

### **VACCINE DOSES NOW OVER 10 MILLION** MARK; COVID-19 **CASES STEADY**

The number of Texans who have received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine reached 10.56 million as of Sunday, according to DSHS. The number of folks who are fully vaccinated hit 7.11 million, which is about 24% of the state's population.

The number of new CO-VID-19 cases in Texas rose slightly last week compared to the previous week, to 23,684, with new deaths dropping slightly at 359, according to the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University. Similarly, lab-confirmed COV-ID-19 patients in Texas hospitals was at 2,793 for the same period, down slightly from the previous week, according to DSHS.

### **TEXAS LIFTS PAUSE ON** J&J VACCINE

Vaccine providers in Texas can resume using the Johnson & Johnson vaccine, DSHS announced.

The Centers for Disease Control paused use of the one-dose vaccine in mid-April after 15 cases of blood clots were identified, primarily in women between 18 and 49. That's out of more than 7 million shots administered nationally.

Boosters of the vaccine point to the simplicity of a single-dose vaccine and the ease of storage, according to Hellerstedt, the DSHS commissioner.

The following individu- or transport and for public

als were arrested by Spring- intoxication. Jorge A. Saldivar, 39, list addresses in Spring- was arrested April 22 for town and were arrested by driving while intoxicated various law enforcement and unlawful carrying of a agencies on felony and/or weapon.

Michael Terrell Hooks, Leland Darrell Speck, 22, was arrested April 23 62, was arrested April 12 for driving while intoxifor sexual abuse of a child cated; unlawful carrying continuous, victim under of a weapon; manufacture or delivery of a con-Jacob Daniel Doty, 21, trolled substance between was arrested April 14 for 4 and 200 grams in Penalty driving while intoxicated, Group 1, a first-degree felony; and delivery of a con-Margaret Austin Kim- trolled substance between berly, 41, was arrested 4 and 200 grams in Pen-April 15 for driving while alty Group 2, a first-degree felony.

Samuel Louis Hodge, driguez, 23, was arrested 35, was arrested April 23 April 17 for driving while for possession of a controlled substance less than **Dominik** Cole Craw- 1 gram in Penalty Group 1, ford, 25, was arrested April a state-jail felony.

Leonardo Angel Jayme, search or transport; two 40, was arrested April 24 counts of assault with bodi- for driving while intoxicatly injury family violence, a ed third or more offense, a third-degree felony.

**Christopher Daniel Ca**trolled substance less than bell, 43, was arrested April 28 grams in Penalty Group 26 for unauthorized use of a vehicle and evading ar-Danelle Sarae Branson, rest or detention with pre-

### 26, was arrested April 22 vious conviction, state-jail for resisting arrest, search felonies.

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**Monday** Toast, Variety of Cereal, Chicken Biscuit **Tuesday** Toast, Variety of Cereal, Breakfast Sandwich **Wednesday** Toast, Variety of Cereal, Scrambled Eggs, Fruit Thursday Toast, Variety of Cereal, Breakfast Pizza, Fruit Friday Toast, Variety of Cereal, Cinnamon Roll, 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 Stuffed Breadsticks, Cucumber & Tomato Cup, Mixed Vegetables, Fruit Tuesday Munchable, Pizza, Fresh Broccoli Florets, Glazed Baby Carrots, Fruit Wednesday Popcorn Chicken, Broccoli, Chili Style Beans, Fruit Thursday Cheeseburger, Fresh Baby Carrots, Tater Gems, Fruit Friday Pepperoni Pizza, Green Beans, Corn, Fruit, Variety of Milk

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 Pojo Sandwich, Stuffed Breadsticks, Broccoli, Glazed Baby Carrots, Fruit Tuesday Popcorn Chicken, Pork Tamales, Bean and Cheese Burrito, Refried Beans and Green Beans, Fresh Baby Carrots, Roll, Fruit Wednesday Steakfingers, Spicy Chicken Strips, Mashed Potatoes, Green Peas, Fruit, Roll Thursday Hamburger, Cheeseburger, Chili Dog, Tater Gems, Cucumber & Tomato Cup, Fruit Friday Pepperoni Pizza, Pulled Pork Sandwich, Fresh Broccoli Florets, Glazed Baby Carrots, Fruit

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# **Attention: Neck Pain Sufferers: Don't Do Anything Until You Read This**

Are you Living With, Or Worried About Someone With <u>Headaches and Neck Pain?!</u>

**How To Resolve Your Neck Pain Before It Ruins Your Life** By Local Health Expert Dr. Robert Moss PT, ScD, OCS, FAAOMPT



been told that you have wife was trying to do. read this.

Do you have pain with: Simple neck move- having pain for a long period of time. ments? Turning your head to drive? Trying to My name is Dr. Robert Moss, physical theraget a good night's sleep? Worse, have you on end, because nothing else can be done?

a couple of days in sunny Orlando, Florida. 1st, 10AM at MOSS Rehabilitation Center When I returned my wife picked me up at the called **Declare Your Own Personal Vic**airport and I noticed she couldn't move her tory Over Headaches and Neck Pain! head very well.

tention to what I am about to tell you.

When I asked what was going on, she said, "I don't know, but you're gonna have to work Here's some of the things you'll learn: on my neck because it's really bad". I knew • The ONE Thing Neck Pain and Headache it must be hurting because she normally Sufferers are Doing WRONG which Blocks tries to "wait it out". She said the pain initially Healing and Actually Makes Their Pain was very minor but became so bad that she WORSE... couldn't turn her head. **This is very com-**• The 3 Most Common Causes of Neck Pain **mon**, a lot of people we treat don't remember any specific injury and think it will just go away on its own.

Today, I want to address the single biggest mistake people with neck pain and headaches make. It's a shame that so many So if you or someone you know is sufferpeople think their only option is to "rest" or ing with neck pain and or headaches then do take dangerous medications and "wait" for it yourself a favor and register today as we only to get better hoping it just goes away...

Most people procrastinate, and that's fairly Call 817-859-6112 or go online to common. Most think, okay, this is gonna get **register www.springtownphysical**better, and for the most part, a lot of our aches **therapy.com/neckworkshop** and pains do start to go away over time. The All participants will also receive my FREE question is, how much time are you going to allow to pass before it starts to get better or before you start to do something about it?

A lot of people try to ignore the pain and they instantly at www.moss.springtownphysicalessentially just pretend or think, it's gonna go therapy.com/neckpain

Whether you have or away on its own, and that's really what my

a bulging disc or arthritis This is what I call the biggest mistake, in your neck, YOU need to ignoring your pain. You're potentially setting yourself up for larger and more costly Do you suffer with neck problems in the long run. Whether it's a finanpain and or headaches? cial cost or just the frustration and anguish of

pist who specializes in helping people aged been told by your doctor that you "have to 40+ find quick, natural and long lasting relief accept it", take medication, or rest for weeks from neck pain. I want to help you by simply showing you all of the different options that If you're aged 40+ and answered yes to any are currently available to you-some of which of these questions then you need to pay at- are new, most are free, and all are 100% natural.

Most recently, I was on a business trip for This is why I am hosting a seminar on May The good news is that this seminar is 100% Free. All you have to do is register.

- The #1 thing you can do to avoid surgery
- Natural treatment options for your condition How to get back to the life you want to live
- have <del>10</del> 5 seats available.

Report **Top 10 Burning Questions For** Neck Pain. Or if you want the report but are not able to attend you can download it

# SMS choir sweeps UIL competition



Springtown Middle School treble choir.

Photos courtesy Springtown Middle School



Springtown Middle School tenor bass choir.

Photos courtesy Springtown Middle School

# **Social Distanc-Sing!**

BY SUSAN McFARLAND sptreporter@azlenews.net

The Springtown Middle School treble and tenor-bass choirs earned a sweepstakes earlier this month during the University Interscholastic League competition.

To earn the sweep, the choirs received Superior ratings in Concert said.

and Sight-Reading performances. SMS Choir Director Aubyn Wood said each group submitted a digital program of three pieces and sightread an entire song.

"This has been a very challenging year and we are so proud of all the hard work you have done to overcome our obstacles," Wood

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# Vintage Vaquera

A passion for fashion

Chelsea Wagner has pursued her passion for the fashion retail industry, and now she is the owner of Vintage Vaquera, a new boutique shop for Texas fashion and home décor in Springtown.

"We specialize in bringing the latest trends in fashion to our small town boutique."

From purses and jewelry, shirts, dresses, and jeans, furniture and home décor, you are sure to find the perfect fit for your wardrobe and your home.

They carry women's clothing sizes small to 3X. Jewelry starts at just \$5.99.

Chelsea worked in the retail industry for 10 years, and she uses her knowledge and experience to provide quality westerninspired clothing with a modern touch to her shop.

"I handpick everything we sell to ensure that we provide quality and stylish clothing and accessories."

Whether you're looking for stylish casual tops that can transition from work to date night, or funky graphic tees, Vintage Vaquera offers the variety you can only find at a small boutique shop.

Find the perfect accessories to complete your outfits! Here you will find unique necklaces, bracelets and earrings that will sass and class up any outfit.

Vintage Vaquera is located at 426 E Hwy. 199 in Springtown, in the same shopping center as Higginbotham's. They are open Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

If you have any questions, give them a call at 682-615-7832. You can also shop online at <a href="https://shopvintagevaquera.com/">https://shopvintagevaquera.com/</a>.



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# Traffic stop by PCSO deputy leads to conviction of drug traffickers

# Case led investigators to men with ties to the Cartel Del Noreste in Mexico

(Oo'-sah), and a member of Mexico. the North Texas Criminal to investigate illegal narcotics, dangerous drugs and huaround North Texas.

NTXCIU team members patrol assigned areas gations. throughout North Texas, home-based law enforcenarcotics interdiction and investigate major crime cases.

1600 block of North Central Expressway in Plano, Seabring, Florida.

in the initial traffic stop New York.

Authier said the deputy of Deltona, Florida; and Ste-Ganjei on April 16. who conducted the stop is ven Thomas Mathis, 34, of

That evidence was prebeyond the borders of their sented in federal court dur-slated to be scheduled after ing the trial and proved the completion of a presenment agency to conduct Garcia-Agostoa and Mathis tence investigation by the were involved in the drug U.S. Probation Office. The trafficking operation, and defendants face a minimum The Parker County deputy responsible for distributing of 10-years and up to life in assigned to the unit made an hundreds of kilograms of co-federal prison. initial investigative traffic caine throughout the United

was turned over to the U.S. ing conspiracy to possess diction Unit. Drug Enforcement Admin- with intent to distribute co-

ida men in a case which case against two additional U.S. District Judge Sean NTXCIU. stemmed from a Parker suspects identified as Omar Jordan, according to Acting County deputy's traffic stop. Daniel Garcia-Agostoa, 46, U.S. Attorney Nicholas J.

"Today's guilty verdict the Parker County Sheriff's Orlando, Florida, with ties sends a clear message to Office K-9 handler of Ussa to the Cartel Del Noreste in drug traffickers," said Acting U.S. Attorney Nicholas Evidence seized from J. Ganjei in the press release Interdiction Unit, (NTX- more than 30 separate cas- from his office April 16. CIU) comprised of law es beginning in Jan. 2019, "The Eastern District is dedenforcement officers from through Dec. 2019, led to icated to dismantling their eight North Texas sheriff's the arrests of Mathis and organizations-from top to offices which joined forces Garcia-Agostoa. In total, bottom--and disrupting the the investigations seized ap- flow of illegal drugs through proximately 30 kilograms the State of Texas. We apman trafficking cases in and of cocaine and more than preciate the hard work of the \$300,000 in U.S. currency DEA as well as our state and from the combined investi- local partners in putting this case together."

A sentencing hearing is

This effort is part of an stop June 29, 2019, in the States, including the North Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Forces (OC-A press release from the DETF) operation, which of a 2013 beige Nissan van U.S. Attorney's Office stated identifies, disrupts, and diswhich resulted in the arrest members of the Cartel Del mantles the highest-level of Daniel Martinez, 55, of Noreste in Mexico supplied criminal organizations that cocaine to the suspects and threaten the United States The deputy also seized other members of the ille- using a prosecutor-led, \$150,000 in U.S. currency gal distribution operation. intelligence-driven, multibelieved to be proceeds from Cocaine was further distrib- agency approach. Agencies the sale and distribution of uted to Laredo, Dallas, and also involved in the case inillegal narcotics during the Houston, Texas. Couriers clude the U.S. DEA, Parker stop. Sheriff Authier said then transported the multi- County Sheriff's Office, Parker County will receive kilogram shipments by car Rockwall Police Departa portion of the funds seized to Florida and locations in ment, Mesquite Police Department, Lewisville Police A Plano jury convicted Department, Collin County both men of various drug Sheriff's Office and the The case against Martinez trafficking violations includ- North Texas Criminal Inter-

Authier said the case is

Parker County Sheriff istration (DEA). The case caine in the Eastern District just one of numerous cases tine," said Authier. "We are or federal agencies to aid in Russ Authier announced involving Martinez led DEA of Texas following a week- resulting from the collabora- pleased with the convictions the investigation of drug or the conviction of two Flor- investigators to a conspiracy long trial under presiding tion of agencies such as the and the collaboration of this human trafficking cases, we "No traffic stop is rou- a deputy to help local, state so."

unit. Anytime we can lend will always choose to do

### **Notices - Civil Rights**

For City of Springtown

Notice - Policy of Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability

The City of Springtown does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the admission or access to, or employment in, its federally assisted programs or activities. David Miller, City Administrator has been designated to coordinate compliance with the nondiscrimination requirements contained in the Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) regulations implementing Section 504 (24 CFR Part 8).

#### **Notice - Citizen Participation & Grievance Procedures Notice**

The **City of Springtown** has adopted complaint and grievance procedures regarding its Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). Citizens may obtain a copy of these written procedures at City Hall, 102 E. 2nd Street, Springtown, Texas 76082 during regular business hours. Citizens may also request the procedures be mailed to them by calling David Miller, City Administrator at 817-220-4834. These procedures outline the steps for a citizen to follow if s/he wishes to file a complaint or grievance about CDBG activities.

A person who has a complaint or grievance about any services or activities with respect to the TxCDBG project, may during regular business hours submit such complaint or grievance, in writing to the **City of Springtown**, at 102 E. 2nd Street, Springtown, Texas 76082 or may call 817-220-4834. The City of Springtown will make every effort to respond fully to such complaints within fifteen (15) working days where practicable.

### **Equal Employment Opportunity Statement**

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## **Fair Housing Public Service Announcement**

## Public Service Announcement: Fair Housing, It's the Law

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Para la Ciudad de Springtown:

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# Hituaries

# **Michael Starkey**

1953-2021

Michael Anthony Starkey passed away Monday, April

Visitation is from 5 to 7 p.m. Saturday at Biggers Funeral Home.

Michael was born June 17, 1953 in Fort Worth to William and Gertrude Starkey. He proudly served his country in the US Navy. Michael married his wife, Marieta on August 4, 1986 in Springtown. He enjoyed fishing, reading western books, and watching western movies. He was a diehard Rangers fan and loves his Cowboys. Michael also loved spending time with his family, espe- ers, William Starkey and cially his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Survivors include his Starkey. wife, Marieta Dake Starkey; children; Miechell Short and husband, Wendell, Trac-



ey Humphries, Margaret Guldbransen and husband, Shane, Michael Smith, and Jeffrey Starkey and wife, Tay; 12 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren; brothwife, Caren, David Starkey

# **Kevin Campbell**

1977-2021

Kevin Dwayne Campbell, 43, of Weatherford, Texas, promoted to be with Jesus on April 23, 2021. Kevin loved his family dearly, loved life and loved hunting. A heart condition may have taken him from this earth, but his heart of gold and smile leave a legacy like none other.

Kevin was born August 15, 1977, the son of Dan and Diann Campbell. He grew up in Springtown, Texas, where he first met his soulmate, Amanda LeeAnn Lawyer, in the 6th grade. Amanda moved away, but they met again and started dating at age 19. Kevin and Amanda were married Auand wife, Luann, and Jack gust 26, 2000. To this union, they were blessed with a son, Dylan Kaine Camp-The Springtown Epigraph bell on January 20, 2002 April 29, 2021 Edition and a daughter, Chloe Raine Campbell, December 12, 2006. Kevin was a devoted husband, father and son; a true family man.

> Kevin followed in the 25 years. He was a Journeyman Electrician and worked as a Job Foremen death by his maternal grandwith MSF Electric. If he was not at work, or with family, you would likely find him his paternal grandmother dressed in camo in a deer Margaret (Campbell) Pistand. He loved to hunt and land; and brother-in-law, shared this passion with his wife, son, daughter and ture was Genesis 27:3, Now then, get your equipment – hunt wild game for me.

see him again in Heaven.

Kevin is survived by his wife. Amanda Campbell, been established to assist the son, Dylan Campbell and daughter, Chloe Campbell, of Weatherford, Texas; his



parents, Daniel and Rebecca Diann (Eubanks) Campbell of Bryson, Texas; his brother, Kenneth (and spouse, Alexa) Campbell of Florence, Alabama; his sister, Kristina (and spouse Clinton) Lawyer of Bryson, Texas; father-in-law, Buck Herron of Weatherford, Texas: mother-in-law, Kathy Lawyer of Weatherford, Texas; sisterin-law, Amy (and spouse, Dennis) Stapleton of Fort Worth, Texas; sister-in-law, Shawna Lawyer of Coppell, Texas; brother in-law, Tony (and spouse, Penni) Lawyer family trade, working in of Weatherford, Texas; and the electrical field for over numerous other family and friends.

> Kevin was preceded in parents, Reverend Donald and Cleta (Smith) Eubanks; Cody Lawyer.

The family visitation will friends. His favorite scrip- be Friday, April 30, 2021, from 5 to 7 pm at Cool Assembly of God Church, loyour quiver and bow - and cated at US Hwy 180 and go out to the open country to FM 113 in Cool, Texas. The funeral service will also be In true Campbell fashion at Cool Assembly of God he loved deeply, never met Church, Saturday, May 1, a stranger, had a magnetic at 1 pm with graveside serpersonality and was full of vices following at Tin Top life and energy. Although his Cemetery on Old Tin Top time on this earth was not Road, Weatherford, Texas, near long enough, we find under the direction of Wiley comfort in knowing we can Funeral Home of Granbury,

> A GoFundMe Account has family.

> > The Springtown Epigraph April 29, 2021 Edition

# **Local Food Pantries**

#### **FOOD PANTRIES OPEN DAILY:**

Community Caring Center

317 Commerce St. Mon, Tues, Weds and Fri 9-11:30 a.m. and Thurs 4 - 6:30 p.m.

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• Positive Impact Ministries

1300 Liberty School Rd., Pelican Bay meals and food boxes Weds and Sat 4 p.m.

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- Positive Impact Ministries
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- Rayl Park 3402 Pueblo Trail, Lake Worth

#### **UPCOMING FOOD PANTRIES**

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• Tuesday, May 4

Neighbor to Neighbors 413 S. Main Street, Springtown 8 a.m. to noon

# PARKER COUNTY

**INDICTMENTS** 

Five locals indicted by

and possession of drugs. Tarrant County Grand felony. Jury indicted the following residents April 9-19.

sessing a counterfeit inspec- Group 1, a state-jail felony. tion or insurance document, Roy Anthony Karl a third-degree felony.

less than 1 gram in Penalty felony. Group 1, a state-jail felony.

Desmend Leon Sage, 42, Tarrant County jury on was indicted April 12 on counterfeit charges, theft charges of theft of property \$2,500-\$30,000, a state-jail

Jordan Augustine Sosa, 27, was indicted April 13 Justin Hasserodt, 43, on charges of possession was indicted April 9 on of a controlled substance charges of making or pos- less than 1 gram in Penalty

Black Jr., 30, was indicted Pamela Diane Farris, April 19 on charges of pos-52, was indicted April 12 session of a controlled subon charges of possession stance less than 1 gram in of a controlled substance Penalty Group 1, a state-jail





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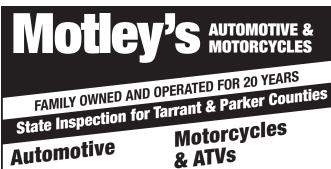
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# **UPINION**

# Help is not a four-letter word.

the English language to say out loud?

"I need help."

I'm not talking about seeking information or recommendations. I see those requests all the time.

"Hey, anybody know a good, pany?"

I'm talking about admitting that I am over my head. I'm lonely. I'm hurting. I'm at my wit's end. I is more than I can handle.

A friend recently polled his Facebook connections with this query:

True confessions. Which is harder for you to say?

I'm sorry.

I need help.

I love you.

o you know what responded to his poll. Of those three-word phrase is responses, one hundred forty (inone of the hardest in cluding yours truly) responded B.

That's a whopping 83 percent!

Now, I understand that this is not scientific research, but even anecdotal research at 83 percent is significant and we can draw some informed conclusions.

I would like to be able to say that reliable, cheap A/C repair com- I'm surprised by those results, but I'm not.

> What I am is saddened that my suspicions were confirmed.

I think we have culturally credon't know if I can continue. This ated people who know how to be independently polite while resisting the necessary vulnerability that is required to create authentic expressions of community.

> We value independence above in- this!" terdependence because we are afraid of being perceived as dependent.

Another unscientific observation is that the most common answer to One hundred sixty-eight people an expressed need is "You've got



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are—in general—much more comfortable telling people "I'm sorry you are struggling" and "I love you" than we are affirming their courage to admit that they are

comfortable truth is that our in- are physically and relationally dedependence and neglect of a

"community" ethic means that we reinforce the idea that admitting our need is a sign of weakness or neediness.

Therefore, in times of legitimate need of mutually beneficial connections, our fear of being seen as weak or needy can lead us to selfisolate and go deeper into the pit of quiet, lonely, desperation.

There is a huge difference between an intentional season of purposeful solitude with God and an extended season of lonely isola-

One is life giving; the other steals our vitality.

Author and counselor Neil Anderson says, "Temptation is greatest when hunger, fatigue, and loneliness are acute."

In other words, we are more

drowning and offer them a lifeline. likely to engage in activities that And the inconvenient and un- are personally harmful when we

> Genesis 2:18 says, "Then the LORD God said, 'It is not good for the man to be alone."

> This is not simply a description of the creation account, but it is a statement of an eternal principle: We are hard-wired for relationship.

> In the New Testament, the phrase "one another" appears more than 140 times. Sometimes it is descriptive—this is what happened. Sometimes it is prescriptive—this is what should happen.

> One way to live into the amazing life that God intends for us is to realize that the word "help" has four letters, but it is not a "four-letter" word (that's a slang term for cus-

We need each other—not just in times of crisis, but every day.

Be amazing today, my friend.

# Two-legged and four-legged pardners

having pardners is surely not mandatory and not even essential, but real helpful. experienced this, there are two sen-Many people are probably thinking financial partner, but that is if you have livestock. They are (1) not what I'm really talking about, albeit they are a very important cows have gotten through the fence partner.

And no, I didn't misspell partner/pardner. Various dictionaries define partner as a business associate or friendship with pardner being defined more along the line of are my topic today.

with you until the job was done, the one who would wade the mud with you getting your truck pulled out of a mudhole and the ones who call and say "hey we had a cow get 25 miles late at night; thanks Rod and Clinton.

The lifetime pardner who advises on life and tractor problems; thanks Donald. The lifelong friend who, when you have cows on a

e all have pard- place nine miles from your house ners in life. Be- calls you on a Sunday evening ing involved in from 120 miles away to tell you Agriculture and he's heard through the grapevine that you have cows out.

For those of you who have not tences that will put a knot in your gut "you have cows out" meaning your and are on somebody else's place, and (2) you have cows out and they are on the road. The latter of those two will put a double knot in your gut. That's a pardner; thanks Bill!

Another is a newer friend who friend, chum, buddy, etc. Pardners calls and says I've got your cows hemmed up in my hay patch, I'll In my semi backwoods upbring- keep them there until you get here. and usually in cycles, that's just part four-legged pardners, the dog. An ing a pardner was more about loy- He helps in getting your cows back alty, the friend who would be there in and then stays and helps you fix fence late on a Sunday night. This is a pardner; thanks Richard!

And another set of pardners who would help you haul full beehives in with your cows, we got her out and fixed the fence" or "hey you had a couple of cows get onto our place, we put them back in and fixed the fence". These are pardners; thanks Ted and Ginger!

Now I know it sounds like we have



**AG 101** By Jack DeShazo

Jack DeShazo has decades of experience in the agriculture field.

cows constantly out, but if you're going to have livestock it happens of it. These pardners can be lifelong friends who you have been together with through thick and thin on many occasions for many years along with their relatives, friends who you have known only for a few years or someone who just stopped to help you out; thanks! I can't leave out the pardners who feed and take care of tant pardners, our spouses, kids and Curs, Catahoulas, etc. All dogs

other family members; thanks y'all! have a job to do. Let's visit about a different

four-legged ones. Let's first mention horses, now I'm not a cowboy, but my Dad was and I do know several who make a living horseback. Without a good horse they couldn't get their jobs done. They use horses for gathering and working cattle, checking cattle, checking fences, riding the pens at sale barns and feedlots, and of course the rodeo event horses, makes me realize what great pardhorse shows and just plain recre-

horseback. Let's now consider our other ship! they have made us happy along we have messed up. The icing on the cake with "man's best friend" is they'll work for and with us.

Our hunting pardners, the Pointour livestock and pets while we are ers, Brittneys, Labs, etc. Our liveon the road. And of course I'm not stock working pardners, the Heelgoing to leave out our most impor- ers, Shepherds, Border Collies,

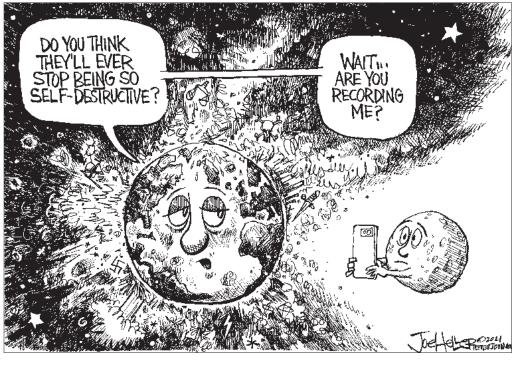
We had a big red dog, Tom John group of Agricultural pardners, the who was a mutt, but when the kids were practicing baseball he was ready, he tried to protect us from ignited fireworks and more especially wherever the kids were, whether roaming the pasture, woods, or wherever, he was with them; that was his job.

Thinking back and calling the names of all the horses and dogs that we've had over the years ners they were. All of the way from ational horses. I am envious of Bob, Gurl, Nick, Babe, and Snoop the people who make their living up through Pudge, Gust, Pink and Mae; thanks y'all for your pardner-

My Mom used to say that if you amazing creature that God has pre- make it through life with at least sented us with. Always trying to as many good solid friends as you please us, they are happiest when have fingers on your hand you've done well. I think the same is true plus their forgiveness for us when for good horses and good dogs, I've been blessed!!

> Also, I can't mention our fourlegged pardners without expressing thanks to Dr. Fields, Dr. Averhoff, and Dr. Hunter for pardnering up with us in taking care of them over the years.

'til next week!













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# SHS softball clinches final playoff spot with huge win at No. 10 Argyle

BY QUINTON LILLEY editor@azlenews.net

There's a familiar saying that goes "what a difference a game makes" and that phrase couldn't have been more true to the Springtown softball team this past week.

After being overwhelmed by No. 10 Argyle last Tuesday night losing 17-1, the Lady Porcupines quickly regrouped and earned their biggest win of the season on Saturday. Using some strong defense and timely hitting SHS handed the Lady Eagles just their second loss of the District 7-4A season and are now firmly in the playoffs this coming weekend.

Springtown coach Scott Mann said he's been impressed by his team's resolve and their ability to overcome challenges.

"This team has overcome so much and I couldn't be more proud of how we played at 0-0.

in our season finale at Argyle. After what we went through in district and especially Saturday vs Argyle, I know these girls earned a spot in the playoffs and are prepared for what comes next.'

SHS beat Argyle in a grueling defensive game 1-0. While earning a win over Argyle who is now 19-5-2 overall is impressive, the way the Lady 'Pines defense held them scoreless was the key to

Argyle earned just two hits on the day thanks mostly to some quality pitching from Sara Crews and good fielding behind her.

Springtown did have seven hits in the contest but the one that mattered most came from senior shortstop Camryn Slocum as she had arguably the biggest hit of the year in the top of the sixth inning when she homered to center field



when the game was still tied Springtown High shortstop Camryn Slocum (left) extends for a ball as Jayden Grubis looks on at a recent District 7-4A home game.

Photo by Quinton Lilley



Springtown High softball coach Scott Mann (right) gives instruction between innings at a recent Districy 7-4A home game.

Photo by Quinton Lilley

nings to work with but was they fell in a surprise upset.

Argyle did win the district title but a win of that magnitude should help SHS as they move their focus toward the post-season.

With the win, SHS locked up the fourth and final playoff spot from District 7-4A.

When asked what his team has to do to be successful in the first round of the playoffs Mann said, "For us, we just have to focus on what we do. We are a much better team when we just trust ourselves and our abilities. We will continue focusing on our hitting and fielding moving forward."

of up and down moments this Ponder High School. year, but Mann said he's not overly concerned that those between press time and first issues will show up again.

"I feel like we had some ups and downs along the way but for game time changes bethis district wasn't a slouch by any means. You had to bring

Argyle had two more in- it each time out. We struggled for a little bit with that unable to get a rally going as but started to find it towards the back end of district. That alone gives us confidence that we're improving and playing better."

> SHS will now face another tall task as they face Benbrook High in a best-of-three game series this weekend.

> The Lady Cougars come into the series on a 10-game winning streak after dominating District 8-4A.

Benbrook went 16-12-1 overall but had a 10-0 mark in district play.

Games are currently slated to be held Friday (April 30) at 6:30 p.m. and Saturday at noon. If a third game is needed it will take place at 2 p.m. All three games will be held at

Games times may change pitch, please check Springtown softball's social pages cause of rain.

# Lady Porcupines' track & field season ends at UIL Regional Finals

BY QUINTON LILLEY editor@azlenews.net

The 2021 season was a strong one for the Springtown High track & field team as they qualified for eight events at the UIL Region I Track and Field Championships.

However, none of SHS' athletes were able to advance ler Tyree, and Fry ran in the to the state championship meet as their top placement in 11 in the prelims with a time a single event was third place. of 51.46.

Teagan Burdick who has this year qualified for the girls' high jump regionals after coming in second place at the Area meet two weeks ago.

Burdick was unable to repeat that performance this third with her best jump measuring 5-00.

In that same event, Brinklee Dauenhauer finished 12th with her best jump measuring 4-08.

Dauenhauer also competed in the long jump placing 10th with her best leap measuring 15-07.75.

Madysen Fry came in 12th with her best jump measuring 15-01.75. Dauenhauer was

also in the triple jump finals as she came in 12th with her best leap measuring 33-03.50.

In the running events, SHS was led by Alyna Vasquez as she came in 14th in the girls' 800-meter run.

SHS had two relay teams qualify for regionals as Britney Tyree, Dauenhauer, Sky-4x100-meter relay finishing

The relay team of Megan been stellar in jump events Hutchison, Sara Crews, Britney Tyree, and Gabby Reynolds competed in the 4x400meter relay and finished in 10th with a time of 4:18.99.

Fry also ran in the 200-mepast weekend and came in ter dash coming in 15th in the prelims with a time of 28.43.

> While boys high jumper William Gleason did qualify to compete, he was unavailable last weekend as he also plays on the SHS baseball

> With the final results of the regional meet, SHS' season comes to an end and the Porcupines will now look forward to next year as they again try to make it to state.



Springtown High's Brinklee Dauenhauer qualified for four events at this year's UIL Region I Track & Field Championships. Here she's pictured during one of her triple jump attempts during the Area meet. Photo by Quinton Lilley

# Porcupines drop to 3rd in 7-4A after narrow losses to No. 10 Argyle and Decatur

BY QUINTON LILLEY editor@azlenews.net

been a difficult pill to swallow for the Springtown base-District 7-4A to third place.

After a blowout loss last unfortunately, SHS came up ards. short losing 3-0.

field Monday for senior night but was unable to give the fans a win in their final regular-season home, game losing 6-5 to Decatur.

mostly a defensive battle, but them a 5-2 advantage. the Porcupines were unable to needed to.

Argyle scored two runs in

able to threaten the lead in the final three innings.

Collectively SHS had just The last three games have two hits on the night and committed four fielding errors.

Springtown then played ball team as the team dropped Decatur at home on Monday from a tie for first place in night in what turned out to be a fairly even matchup.

SHS struck first in the sec-Tuesday (April 20) against ond inning with two runs No. 10 Argyle, SHS had a thanks to a single from Trischance to get their revenge tian Pressley that brought in on the road Friday night but Seth Lopez and Scout Rich-

However, Decatur respond-Springtown returned to the ed quickly with two runs of their own in the top of the third frame to tie things back up at 2-2.

Decatur then stole the game's momentum with a On Friday, the game was three-run fourth inning giving

SHS added a run in the botget their bats going when they tom of the fourth after Richards stole home plate.

Both teams went scoreless fourth inning as SHS was un- before Decatur added another



the third and another in the in the fifth and sixth innings Springtown High shortstop William Gleason (left) reels in a throw from catcher Cade Jordan as Tristian Pressley (right) looks on.

Photo by Quinton Lilley



Springtown High first baseman Aiden Vickers (right) fields a ground ball during a recent district home game last week.

6-3 deficit.

Springtown mounted a place. comeback in the bottom of the seventh thanks to a scored run by Lockard and Pressley on a Gleason groundout.

But that's as close as they would get losing 6-5.

Pressley led the way with three hits and two RBIs, Christian Hernandez added face either Fort Worth Diatwo hits and Gleason had two

Hernandez also pitched six playoffs. full innings, allowing four hits, five runs, and five walks while striking out seven bat-

With the loss, SHS is now in third place in District 7-4A and Argyle (11-1).

SHS won't have a chance at the second seed from their ticle.

SHS will need to win this that SHS' playoff series will coming Friday night in Deca- be at a neutral site

run in the seventh making it a tur to do so, and if successful they'll be in a tie for second

> At that point, both the Decatur coach, and Springtown coach Josh Ward will negotiate whether to play a onegame tie breaker, or simply flip a coin for the second and third seeds.

> Springtown will now likely mond Hill-Jarvis or Western Hills in the first round of the The Porcupines have not

> played either Diamond Hill-Jarvis or Western Hills this season. Diamond Hill-Jarvis Each round is a best-of-

three game series. The first at 7-4 behind Decatur (8-3) round is expected to be completed by May 7. Game times, opponent,

to win the district title any- and game location will be more but they still have a shot announced in next week's ar-There's a strong likelihood

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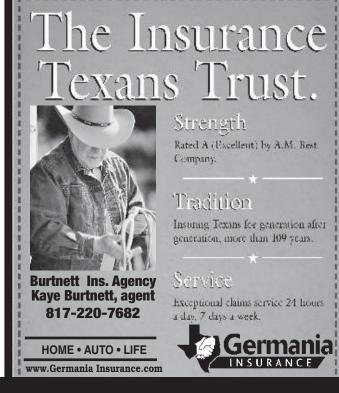
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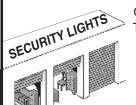
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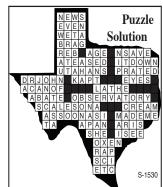
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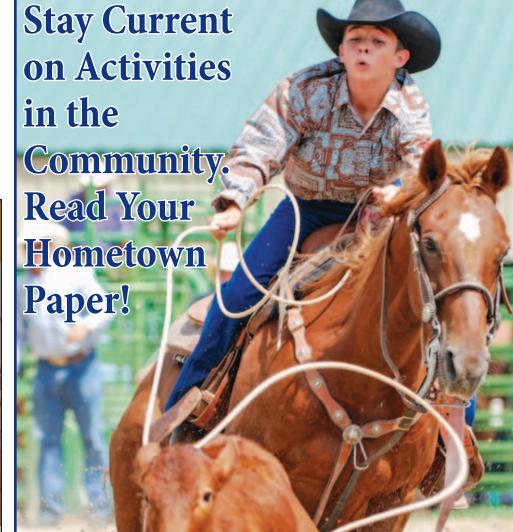
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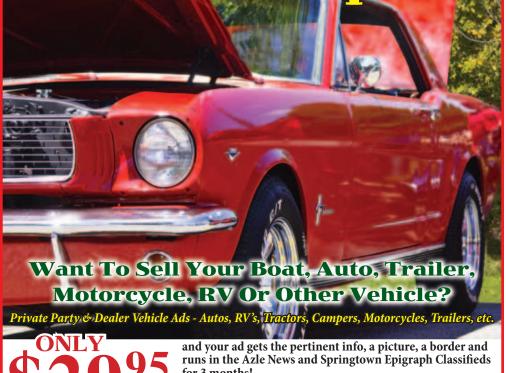
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#### WHAT WORKED

The cast works together for a research mission to the so well. The story is told through expression and through the character inter-Shortly after docking at minimal dialog. The tension the space station, a surprise is built quietly, but you will drops out of the ceiling, feel it from hopeful start to of action, but the slowly

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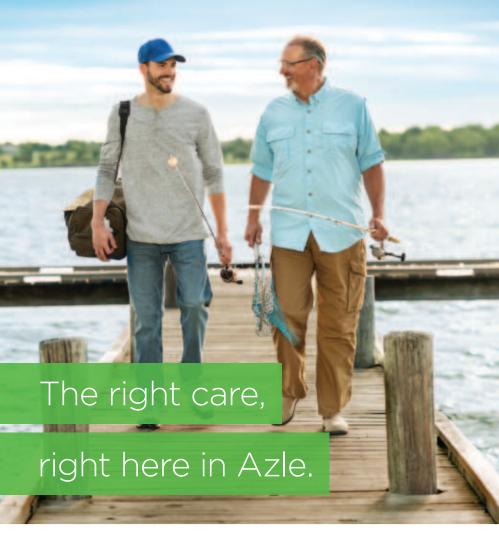
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