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# The Springtown Epigraph

## Mayor Hood delivers annual city address



Springtown Mayor Greg Hood speaks to a packed Chamber luncheon at Corn Fed Catering May 27 during his State of the City address. Photo by Susan McFarland

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Updates about economic development, infrastructure, parks and construction were given by Mayor Greg Hood during the May 27 Chamber of Commerce luncheon.

Economic developments include two residential subdivisions under construction. On the east side of the city off of Spring Branch Trail North, Inheritance Estates will include 178 homes on minimum 7,500 square foot lots. Average floor plans are 1,500 to 1,600 square feet.

On the west side of the city south of the football stadium, Holbrook Farm will have 115 homes with minimum lot size 9,100 square feet, most averaging 10,000 to 11,000 square feet. Floor plans in this development average 2,200 to 2,500 square feet.

A third development is in the works. Springtown City Council on May 27 approved a develop-

ment agreement with Springtown Cottages, LLC. The development will include 149 homes plus a house for onsite management on a 13.58-acre tract of land at the northeast corner of Highway 199 and Pojo Road.

"We as a city try to manage and maintain the growth, we can't stop it," Hood said.

Hood said he was disappointed the school bond did not pass with so many people moving to the area.

"We need classrooms and space for them," he said.

Other developments include the opening of the city's first skilled nursing center, Springtown Park Rehabilitation and Care Center at 201 Williams-Ward Road.

"I can safely say, I will never move away from Springtown," Hood said with a chuckle.

This care center offers everything from short term rehabilitation and home programs to long

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## Summer Sizzle this Saturday

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Live music, sand volleyball and cornhole tournaments, water slides and lots of food await attendees at the city's first Summer Sizzle June 12.

Bring your chairs and enjoy a day of fun, music, and food at this family-friendly event, which will be held from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Springtown Park behind Brookshire's grocery store.

Parking will be available at Springtown Elementary School, 416 E. Third Street. Handicapped-accessible parking is located next

to the sand volleyball courts off Martin Avenue.

Registration for the sand volleyball and cornhole tournaments begin at 9 a.m. Both tournaments begin at 10 a.m. Registration forms are on the city's website at cityofspringtown.com.

Food trucks at the event include Buff's BBQ, Kona Pizza, Chilly Penguin Snow cones, Sweedee Sweets Ice Cream and Auntie AM's Sweet Shop.

Entertainment includes Texas BackRoads from 10 a.m. to noon, Hippies Gone Silver from noon to 2 p.m., Skip Pullig from 2 to 4 p.m. and the George Strait tribute band - King George from 4 to 6 p.m.

## Peaster FFA student given first Melton Harms award

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Preston Casey, a Peaster senior in the National FFA Organization, was awarded the first Melton Harms Memorial Elite Swine Showman on June 7 at the Parker County Youth Livestock Show.

Other nominees for this prestigious award included Ty Gore, Springtown FFA; Rachel Speegle, Weatherford FFA; Hallie Thomas, 4-H; Sadie Harrell, Brock FFA.

The award, presented by Alicia Ellis and Mary Harms, goes to a very dedicated, hardworking student in Parker County.

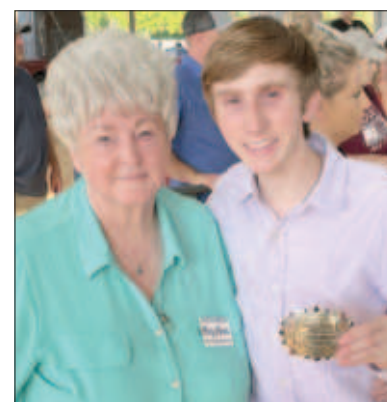
"Melton would be so proud of

this award and the whole group of nominees," the Parker County Livestock Improvement Association posted on its Facebook page.

Melton Harms passed away May 10. He was the fourth generation in his family to make a living from agriculture. He is described as "a passionate agriculturist, an advocate of livestock production, and farming as a whole and satisfying way of life."

Harms contributed his time and talent to 4-H and FFA programs for many years. Most recently, he saw a need to have more water available at the Parker County

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Mary Harms with Preston Casey, the first recipient of her late husband's memorial award: the Melton Harms Memorial Elite Swine Showman.

Photos courtesy Parker County Livestock Improvement Association:

## SHS FFA wraps up season at Parker County show

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With rain pounding the event center and kiddos screaming with each thunderclap, the pigs didn't seem to mind; many napped through the noise.

Wrapped up in blankets and hoodies, students also dozed while waiting their turn to show swine during the Parker County Youth Livestock Show Monday at the Parker County Sheriff's Posse Rodeo Grounds & Event Center in Weatherford.

"It's just another day; you grab your mud boots and go," said Sha Conway, referring to the torrential downpour.

The Springtown mother has two daughters, Kallie and Summer, who participate in the National FFA Organization.

The Parker County Youth Live-



Phoebe, a 5-month-old Yorkshire, naps before the big show. Phoebe is owned by Hallie Thomas (in the background), a Peaster graduate in the Spring Creek 4-H program. Photos by Susan McFarland

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Addyson Norris, freshman at Springtown High School, shows her lamb during the Parker County Youth Livestock Show at the Parker County Sheriff's Posse Rodeo Grounds & Event Center in Weatherford.



Peyton Norris, a recent Springtown High School graduate, shows her lamb during the Parker County Youth Livestock Show at the Parker County Sheriff's Posse Rodeo Grounds & Event Center in Weatherford.

Photos courtesy Shane Norris

stock Show, sponsored by the Parker County Livestock Improvement Association, is host to more than 500 FFA and 4H members from across the county who compete against their peers in divisions such as cattle, crops, goats, poultry, rabbits, sheep, swine, and ag mechanics, in hopes of making the youth auction, which this year will be held Saturday, June 12.

The livestock show is the last big event of the season for Springtown High School FFA students, who normally start their year showing at the State Fair of Texas in September and October (the 2020 fair was cancelled due to COVID-19).

In February, students show at the Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo and also hit the road for San Angelo and San Antonio events. On spring break, they show in Houston and the week after in Austin.

For the Conway family, and other FFA members, the fun doesn't stop during the summer.

"In-between we do jackpot shows," Conway said.

Also called prospect shows, these one-day or weekend events help prepare animals for county and state events while helping students gain experience showing.

"It's a lot of work but they enjoy it," Conway said.

Keeping the swine fit and

pretty until the big event takes effort.

Kallie Conway said along with feeding, watering and cleaning out bedding areas, the swine are walked daily. Dark pigs get to tan daily; lying in the sun makes their skin darker and more polished in the ring.

"We also wash and condition them, so their skin is smooth and hydrated," she said.

Peyton Norris, a recent SHS graduate, was at the swine event showing a 6-month-old Chester White. She also showed a lamb on Saturday and a heifer on Sunday. Her plan as a graduate is to pursue a pre-vet program, starting her studies at

Weatherford College, so she will be around to help her sister Addyson Norris.

"My sister is a freshman now, I'll still be involved," she said.

Ron Norris, Peyton's dad, said helping each other is what makes the program so successful.

"The families are very helpful as well," he said. "When they see newcomers, they extend a helping hand and help them learn the tricks of the trade."

Ron Norris said the program is not just for families with land and barns, any student who desires to participate can do so.

"The teachers are real helpful," he said.

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The Melton Harms memorial stone and rainwater educational display at the Parker County Sheriff's Posse Rodeo Grounds & Event Center. Photos courtesy Parker County Livestock Improvement Association

Livestock Show because a new barn had been built at the Parker County Sheriff's Posse Rodeo Grounds & Event Center.

His solution, to collect rainwater, was brought to the Upper Trinity Groundwater Conservation District.

That meeting led to a new 65,000 gallon water tank, a project was ultimately recognized by the Texas Water Development Board and received a 2020 Texas Rain Catcher Award.

"This is nothing new," Harms told the Epigraph in April 2020. "It's a new procedure for what has been around a long time. We can get all the water we need from rainfall for the tank."

The tank collects rainfall from the existing downspouts on the new building and includes a storage tank, filtration and UV sanitation for potable use, a pressurized one-inch line for final connection and a fire hose connection that allows local fire departments to take advantage of the system to fill trucks during times when the water is not needed at facility.

The presentation of the showman award was emotional for Harms' family and friends but with the torrential rain that morning, his presence was felt. The announcer got a chuckle out of the crowd as she mentioned the connection to him and the downpour.



Friends and family of Melton Harms gather at a special presentation to award the first Melton Harms Memorial Elite Swine Showman at the Parker County Youth Livestock Show.

Photos courtesy Parker County Livestock Improvement Association

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# Grant brings free services to Springtown residents

Access to transportation, healthy food, counseling, job coaching, emergency financial assistance, and publicly funded social service programs are available free for ages 18 and older living in the 76082 zip code, thanks to an expanded grant from Texas Health Resources.

Texas Health Resources will work through two project coordinators: Center of Hope and the North Central Texas Council of Governments who will coordinate the following services:

**Transportation:** Volunteers with Cornerstone Community Church will provide transportation within a 25-mile radius, under a contract with the North Central Texas Area Agency on Aging.

**Healthy Food:** Center of Hope will provide emergency food to those in crisis. Parker County Committee on Aging will deliver meals

to those who are homebound. Benefits specialists with the North Central Texas Aging and Disability Resource Center will help residents with low incomes apply for SNAP benefits. Cornerstone Community Church will provide transportation to Gardens on the Go. The North Central Texas Area Agency on Aging will pay for meals at the Azle Senior Center for people age 60 and over.

**Counseling:** The Center of Hope will provide classes and arrange for professional counseling to help people who are dealing with anxiety or sadness. The North Central Texas Area Agency on Aging will provide counseling to those who are dealing with sadness or loss.

**Job Coaching:** The Center of Hope will help Springtown residents find work.

**Emergency Financial**

**Assistance:** The Center of Hope and North Central Texas Area Agency on Aging will help local residents who are experiencing financial crisis to meet their basic needs.

**Connections to Health and Social Service Programs:** Benefits specialists with the North Central Texas Area Agency on Aging will screen residents to determine if they qualify for state-funded services such as Medicaid, respite care, and home health.

In support of the project, the Center of Hope has established a satellite clinic, located at 350 Agnes North in Springtown. The clinic is open Monday through Thursday from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. For more information about the clinic or any Center of Hope services, call 817-594-0266, extension 310.

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term skilled nursing. Therapy services include speech, occupational and physical, as well as an orthopedic consulting doctor, intravenous antibiotic therapy and wound care.

Several water and wastewater projects are in the works that will help the city remain compliant with regulations while planning for future growth. On May 27, City Council authorized publication of a notice of intent to issue certificates of obligation for \$5.1 million in water and wastewater improvements.

Hood said the reason for the upgrades is because of the age of the equipment, not because of more people moving to the area.

"It's the age of the plants," Hood said, as he explained the difficulty city crews faced during the winter storm in February.

The projects will increase

capacity at the treatment plants and better prepare facilities for severe weather.

Also in the works, the development of a Parks Master Plan to help planners decide on the best use of the city's park as well as aid in applying for grant funding.

"Our steering committee held its first meeting, hopefully we will have a game plan this fall," Hood said. "This will enhance our 33-acre park, which is one of the largest parks for a town of this size."

Hood also gave an update about progress on the Texas Department of Transportation project, which includes reconstruction of the Main Street bridge, reconstruction of Main Street from Highway 199 to Pojo Road, the addition of a continuous left-turn lane, reconstruction of the FM 51 and Highway 199 intersection and significant drainage im-

provements.

Hood said included in the plan is raising the elevation of the FM 51 and Highway 199 intersection by 5 feet.

"So the worst is yet to come," he said, followed by a few moans from the crowd. "It's going to be a mess."

Hood said there is a bonus for crews if they can get that project finished in 115 days.

The mayor said FM 51 paving from 2nd Street to Pojo Road is scheduled to be complete by the end of July and Phase 3 (FM 51/ Highway 199 intersection) is scheduled to begin later this summer. The project completion is expected in the spring of 2022.

"It's going to be really nice when they get done with it," he said. "It will be something we all will be proud of."

# Pregnancy center to open on the Square

BY SUSAN McFARLAND  
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Grace House Pregnancy Center will open a new Springtown location June 11 on the Square at 121 E. First Street.

Grace House Pregnancy Center provides support from pregnancy through the toddler years by offering classes about pregnancy, parenting and life skills. The center provides a safe, supportive environment for moms and dads desiring to be the best parents possible.

Grace House Pregnancy Center is also located in

Weatherford at 919 E. Eureka Street.

The Springtown location will be open Fridays from noon to 3 p.m. The center is in need of diapers, wipes, formula and baby food.

For more information, text or call 817-599-4700, go to [www.gracehouseministries.net](http://www.gracehouseministries.net) or send an email to [molly@gracehouseministries.net](mailto:molly@gracehouseministries.net).

Grace House Pregnancy Center joins Freedom House and the Children's Advocacy Center of Parker County, sharing the Springtown location.

Freedom House will see

its clients, survivors of domestic violence and sexual abuse, on Mondays and Tuesdays. The CACPC will use Wednesdays and Thursdays at the facility to counsel with its clients, child victims of physical and sexual abuse.

Both organizations provide counseling for family members of victims of violent crime whose lives have also been impacted.

For more information or to make a donation for either organization, go to [www.cacparkercounty.org](http://www.cacparkercounty.org) or [www.freedom-housepc.org](http://www.freedom-housepc.org).

## LEGAL PUBLIC NOTICES

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### SECTION X.

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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The City of Springtown will conduct a public hearing on June 24, 2021 at 7 p.m. Springtown Courthouse Annex Building, located at 200 North Main Street, Springtown, Texas, 76082, to consider the annexation of the following real property into the corporate limits of the City, at the request of the property owner:

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# Population gains, losses in state detailed, emergency food benefits extended

The U.S. Census Bureau has released its sub-county population estimates from April 2010 to July 2020. That includes population estimates for the 1,200 incorporated places in Texas.

Nine additional Texas towns were incorporated in the past decade, while 13 additional cities surpassed a population of 50,000.

The Texas Demographic Center reported that of the 71 Texas cities with populations of more than 50,000, only two lost population — continuing the trend of smaller towns and areas in the state losing population to larger cities. More than 55% of the state's population growth has been in cities with more than 50,000 residents.

Small and mid-sized cities surrounding major metropolitan areas, such as Dallas-Fort Worth, Austin and Houston, saw the fastest growth rates, while many of the cities in West Texas and the Panhandle were among the 372 Texas cities that lost population, according to TDC.

## EMERGENCY FOOD BENEFITS EXTENDED

Benefits for families under a federal nutrition plan have been increased through September, the Texas Health and Human Services Commission announced last week.

Under the American Rescue Plan signed by President Biden in March, states can provide eligible families up to \$35 per month to purchase fresh fruits and vegetables. Clients of the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) program are eligible.

"Texas WIC provides foods that have great nutritional value — providing key nutrients at key stages of development," Texas WIC Director Edgar Curtis said. "This nutritional support early in life builds stronger, smarter, healthier and happier children and Texans. Fresh fruits and vegetables, which are loaded with vitamins and other plant-based nutrients, are at the forefront of that strategy."

The HHSC also announced it is providing roughly \$208 million in emergency food benefits under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, extending the maximum SNAP



## STATE CAPITOL HIGHLIGHTS

By Gary Borders

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benefits allowable through June. All SNAP recipients will get a minimum of \$95 in emergency allotment, in addition to the 15% increase that continues through September.

The program is funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and administered by HHSC.

## STATE TO RELEASE \$5 BILLION IN SCHOOL FEDERAL AID

Months after congressional action on a coronavirus relief package, the Texas Ed-

ucation Agency announced Friday that school districts may begin applying for their portion of \$5 billion in aid.

According to the Austin American-Statesman, how much each district will receive varies. Districts that saw large enrollment declines because of the pandemic will likely not receive as much money, because TEA will divert some of the funds to make up for funding provided at pre-pandemic levels.

Much of public-school funding in Texas is based on average daily attendance. However, during the 2020-2021 school year, districts were not penalized when students stayed home.

## EXPERTS: WEATHERIZATION BILL FALLS SHORT

The Texas Legislature passed Senate Bill 3 in response to February's deadly storm and widespread failure of power plants. The package addresses the problems that threaten electric reliability, but public radio's Texas Standard reports that many electric grid experts and policy analysts say not enough has been done to prevent another blackout disaster.

One section of SB3 allows regulators to determine what portions of the natural gas supply must be weatherized. Since it only applies to equipment that directly connects to power plants, experts say it might not be enough.

Dan Cohan, civil engineering professor at Rice University, told the Standard that "whoever has those direct lines into the power plants and winterizes those is going to point upstream and say 'well those upstream people couldn't get us enough gas.' So yeah, it's hard to see how this is going to provide us full coverage."

In addition, critics say the penalties of \$5,000 a day for not doing the required weatherization amount to little more than a rounding error for non-complying oil and gas companies.

## COVID-19 CASES DROPPING; 36% FULLY VACCINATED

The number of new COVID-19 cases in Texas continues to drop, with 9,534 reported as of Sunday for the previous week — a small fraction of mid-January's record high of nearly 159,000. In the past week, 210

deaths from COVID-19 in Texas were reported, according to the Johns Hopkins University Coronavirus Resource Center. That is also a decrease.

The number of Texans fully vaccinated stands at 10.5 million, according to the Texas Department of State Health Services, or about 36% of the state's population. The number of lab-confirmed COVID-19 patients who are hospitalized dropped nearly a fifth from the previous week, to 1,504, according to DSHS.

## GOP CHAIRMAN RESIGNATION SPARKS SPECULATION

Texas Republican Party chairman Allen West resigned Friday, sparking speculation he is considering a statewide race.

The Republican party issued a statement that West "will take this opportunity to prayerfully reflect on a new chapter in his already distinguished career." West has not ruled out challenging Gov. Greg Abbott, who last week touted a re-election endorsement from former President Trump.

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The Lube Center, locally owned and operated, has served Springtown since 1995. Back row (l-r): Lee, Joe and Dean, front row (l-r): Aaron and Crystal.

## Vehicle professionals are big Porcupine fans

The Lube Center, locally owned and operated, has served Springtown — and Porcupine fans — since 1995. SHS grad Brandon Conway bought the business in 2004 and continues to offer top notch professional services to all makes of vehicles.

"Growing up in Springtown has been one of the most rewarding things that has happened to me and my family."

That's how The Lube Center's owner Brandon Conway feels. Moving here from Rendon, Conway was just nine years old in 1985, when his family settled in Springtown.

"I have met and become friends with so many people that are a vital part of my business and personal life. We will continue to be a business that gives its customers a great product at a fair price," he said.

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# Obituaries

## Tyler Johnston

1992- 2021

Tyler Ross Johnston was born on April 27, 1992, in Denver, Colorado to proud parents James B and Stacey L Johnston. At the age of four months, they moved to Oregon for two years and then in 1995 moved to Texas. Tyler was a 2010 graduate of Saginaw high school where he lettered in golf for four years.

On October 14, 2017, he married Brianna Mechelle Pate and 11 months later, on September 14, 2018, they welcomed their son Cambridge Watson Dean Johnston. Tyler was a member of Corner Stone Community Church in Springtown Texas, a Northwest Tarrant Leadership graduate of 2016, and employed at Ball Corporation in Ft Worth, Texas. He is a beloved husband, father, son, grandson, family member and friend.

He is survived by wife, Brianna Johnston; son, Cambridge; parents, James and Stacey Johnston of Springtown, Texas; brother, Matthew Johnston; in-laws, Daryl and Suzie Pate of Ft Worth, Texas; grandmothers, and countless other family and friends.

A visitation was held from 5-7 p.m., Tuesday, June 8, 2021, at Galbreath Pickard Funeral Chapel. A celebration of Tyler's life was at 10 a.m., Wednesday at Hid-



den Gardens Venue 8229 Jacksboro Highway, Lakeside, Texas 76135, with a graveside service following at 3 pm, in Griffin-Hillcrest Memorial Park in Ardmore, Oklahoma.

In lieu of flowers, the family has asked to please send donations to the Wells Fargo college fund set up for Cambridge Johnston (routing number 900659, 8100222259) or the Go Fund Me Hawk Security link <https://www.gofundme.com/f/support-for-tyler-johnstons-family?qid=58e3ac3beca4ddade1e652c0dc433ea&fbclid=IwAR18pieNbfPSHkon23LSiLN4zpxwONk31LYYCdOtOsD-Bjh7AXJB0yObxzz2Y> For those who wish to donate directly to the family to forego the fees GoFundMe collects, you can donate to Bri's Venmo at [BriannaJohnston19](https://www.venmo.com/BriannaJohnston19).

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## Alta Jean Harris

1934- 2021

Alta Jean Harris passed from this earth on May 28, 2021.

Visitation was held on Friday, June 4, 2021 at Walnut Creek Baptist Church in Reno from 1 until 2 p.m. Funeral service was at 2 p.m. at the church following the visitation. Graveside Committal Service was held at Nelson Cemetery following the service.

Alta Jean Kent Harris was our Matriarch although she was affectionately called Mother, Granny or Jean to all who knew her. She was born in Winona, Mississippi on September 3, 1934 and her southern drawl was as big as her heart. That heart belonged to her husband Dwyane Harris for more than 66 years.

Jean actually met Dwyane on January 5, 1955 and they were married just 10 days later. When asked by so many what was the "secret sauce" to such a long and happy marriage, my Granny would reply, "Be sweet to each and never go to bed angry."

Jean loved ceramics, cooking and crocheting. She often reminisced about the traveling she and Dwyane did in their RV, visiting 43 different states in the U.S.

Jean was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers and one sister.

She is survived by her



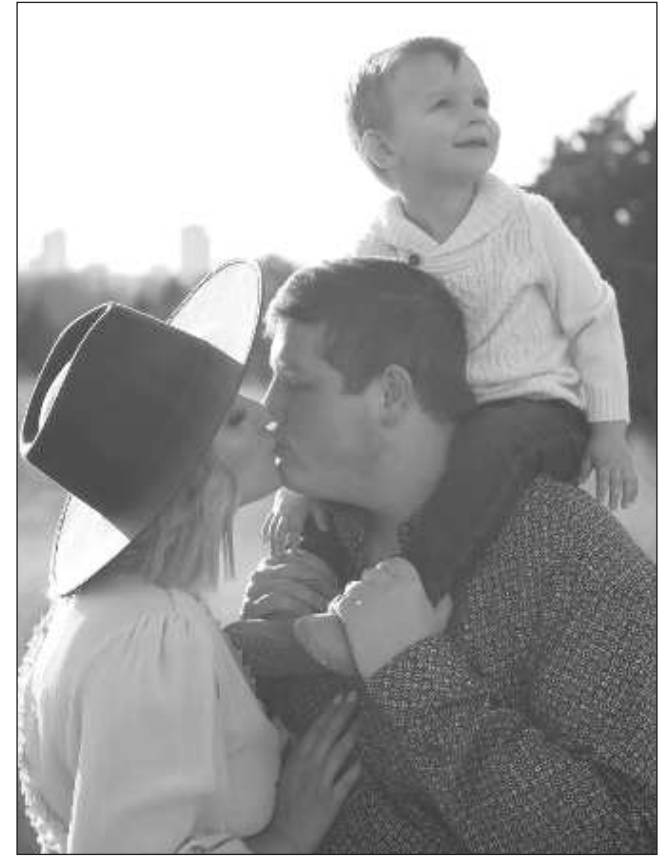
daughter Linda Cone and husband Emmette of Fort Worth; step-daughter Sheila Pierce and husband AW of Azle; son Dwyane (Sparky) Harris Jr. and wife Pam of Azle; granddaughters: Jami Irons of Keller and Brandi Irons Williams and husband Donnie of Fort Worth; grandsons: John, Joseph and James Harris of Azle; great grandchildren: Taylor, Jami-lyn, Luke and Kiera; numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and dear friends.

Granny loved the Lord and didn't put much stock in getting angry. If you found yourself angry, she would tell you, "You've got the same shoes to get glad in!" So many lessons and pray we remember them all!

Jean, Mother, Granny, You were loved beyond measure and you will be missed by all.

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## Springtown man dies in Parker County crash



Tyler Johnston, shown with his wife Brianna Mechelle Pate and their son Cambridge Watson Dean Johnston. Courtesy photo

A 29-year-old Springtown man died June 3 in a car crash on FM 920 south of Poolville in Parker County.

Richard Hunter, spokesperson with Texas Department of Public Safety, said Tyler Johnston died at the scene of the crash, which happened about 8 a.m.

Hunter said a preliminary investigation indicates Johnston, who was driving

a 2007 Chevrolet pickup, was heading north on FM 920 and for an unknown reason crossed into the southbound lane and was struck head-on by a southbound 2010 Freightliner, which was towing a trailer. Driver of the Freightliner, Hermenegildo DeLeon, 49, of Lewisville, was not injured.

Hunter said the investigation is ongoing.

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Memorial service will be held on June 19, 2021, at 11 a.m. at Knob Hill Tabernacle, 2081 Knob Hill Rd. Azle, Texas.

Justin was preceded in death by his parents, Billy Norman Kirk and Pearl McKnight Kirk.

Justin is survived by his only child, Joshua Kirk; two grandchildren, Charlie and Cate Kirk; the love of his life of 42 years, Marion Smith Kirk; siblings, Wayne Kirk, Rhonda Lanier, and Tracy



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## A Few of Our Local Challenges

I know that I am pointing out the obvious when I make this statement, but just in case anyone hasn't noticed our Eastern Parker, Western Tarrant and Southern Wise County pieces of heaven are changing.

This could be a good thing or maybe a bad thing based on your perspective. If you have arrived in the area from the crowded neighborhoods and busy city streets of Ft. Worth, Dallas or even Chicago I can see where you are probably very happy with the change. And if your family roots grow deep in the area and you now are having to deal with waiting for the traffic to clear before you can get onto the Boyd Highway or being honked at because you aren't driving fast enough you might not be so happy with the changes.

But rest assured the changes are happening and some folks will be happy while others unhappy about them based on where they are observing. Some folks are "getting" to adjust to what they see as living in a small, rural community while others see it as "hav-

ing" to adjust to living in a crowded, faster paced suburban area. Either way, adjustments will be made as our corner of the world grows and changes.

Having an Agricultural background, fairly deep roots in the area (1880s) and the opportunity to be a portrayer of the importance and necessity of a strong Agricultural base obviously, I tend to see things from one slant more so than the other. But also, getting to write a newspaper column and being the extremely open-minded person that all of my family and friends know me to be I do try to see these changes from both sides. However, I had a college instructor who once told our class that there was no such thing as an unbiased person, that everyone's opinions were affected by their own personal life experiences. I believe he was right, we all see things based on what we know to be true from our experiences. So as a person who gets to write about Agriculture my opinions will naturally be slanted from an Agricultural angle.

Please allow me to share



**AG 101**  
By Jack DeShazo

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

three examples of how our local Agricultural base is being affected by the changes in our area. I know of a man and his family who lived in the area and raised swine which was ultimately processed into pork for consumers. The area around his place began to grow with folks moving in around him; after making the move the new neighbors began to complain about the aesthetics of the man's swine farm along with the aroma. The discontent of the new neighbors eventually got to the point that the Agriculturalist

and his family moved out.

The beginnings of a second similar occurrence are currently happening right under our noses. The owners of an equine rehab facility within our area are having to deal with a complaint lodged with our state's air quality enforcers by a part time neighbor. The neighbor's house is approximately 250 yards from a lot (pen) where 5 foals were being kept for weaning purposes. The foals were provided with more than adequate, clean, quality hay and fresh water in the 6400 square foot lot. When investigated by the authorities the owners were informed that technically they were operating a feeding operation and that there was a hint of cow manure in the air and they would have to make changes.

And then finally, more on a personal note, I was informed by a Parker County Sheriff's deputy a couple of years ago that a neighbor had reported something sinister must be happening nearby. There were strange animal-like noises coming from that place to the North of him. Well, that place to the North

is our place and we were in the process of weaning some calves from their mothers which involves about 3 to 4 days, maybe even a week of cows and calves bawling.

There is a disconnect here between some Agriculturalists and some non-Agriculturalists. Or to quote "The Captain" from the 1967 Paul Neuman movie Cool Hand Luke, "What we've got here is a failure to communicate." It's only natural, we understand what we are raised around, that's easy but we have to learn what we don't know about the other side of the coin. Learning takes effort, understanding and an open mind. That learning and understanding needs to take place on both sides along with teaching and informing from both sides.

And, the main reason that I write this column is to help inform folks about Agriculture. So, here's a little Agricultural information, some of which has previously appeared in this column. Farming and ranching cannot take place just anywhere, so if it's already happening here, it's happening on a selected place where Agriculture

can be productively pursued. Weaning calves from their mothers will be noisy for 3-7 days, that's a part of the livestock production cycle. Livestock production may produce some type of aroma, that also can be a part of the process; but you may also be exposed to the sweet smell of hay curing in the Summertime and/or fruit tree blossoms in the Spring. Also, the rolling or baling of hay may be a little noisy. The burning off of hay fields in the Winter will be smoky and maybe smelly.

The farmer moving equipment down the road can slow traffic down but also remember in your haste to go around him this may be the most dangerous part of that farmer's job. These are just a few of the necessary sights, sounds, smells, etc. of food and other Agricultural products being produced for not only consumers in our area, but also Texas, the U.S.A. and the world. Let's try to remember that we're all in this together and things work smoother when we are more understanding of each other.

'til next week.

## If you see a turtle on a fence post...

Behind every good man ... there is a surprised mother-in-law!

Ok, I know that's not the way that saying goes, but I have heard it said that way.

I think the point of the "good man" saying is the same as the "turtle on a fence post" saying. Are you familiar with that one?

"If you see a turtle on a fence post, you know he didn't get there by himself."

The point is that there are no self-made men, women, leaders, successful people. There is always someone (often many someones)

The only thing we can really manage to do completely

unassisted is mess stuff up.

I have, on more than one occasion, been a self-made mess!

But anything I've ever really accomplished has been largely a result of great support, encouragement, feedback, and assistance.

This brings me to the heart of today's post—another in my "Say it Now" series celebrating and affirming people who are still around to hear those affirmations.

It seems like almost everyone I am mentioning in these posts is someone I met in 2008 when I transitioned into my current ministry position.

When I moved into the director's office at Harvest



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By Gerry Lewis

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Baptist Association on June 1, 2008, there was a desk in the reception area that

was occupied by my friend, Elaine.

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She told me later how nervous she was that I would want to replace her with "my" person (someone who I would hire myself).

From my perspective, it was an incredible gift to have someone already in place who knew where to find things, who to call when something broke, how the

various processes worked, and where all the bodies were buried. (Just kidding about that last one).

There was definitely a learning curve for me in figuring out new processes, procedures, and unwritten rules. There was also the issue of my being able to actually let go of things that I could do for myself but didn't really need to do personally.

Elaine was patient with my learning process, respectful and helpful when I had a new idea (because that's the way I'm wired), gave really great feedback when I asked, attempted everything I ever asked her to do, and became (and remains to this day) a trusted friend.

Best of all, she called me "your highness" in the office.

That's actually a very loose paraphrase of what she said. What she actually said was, "I need your tallness for a minute" because she couldn't reach something.

When she retired at the end of 2019, she made sure that I wan't left floundering about. She spent her last month training the next occupant of her desk.

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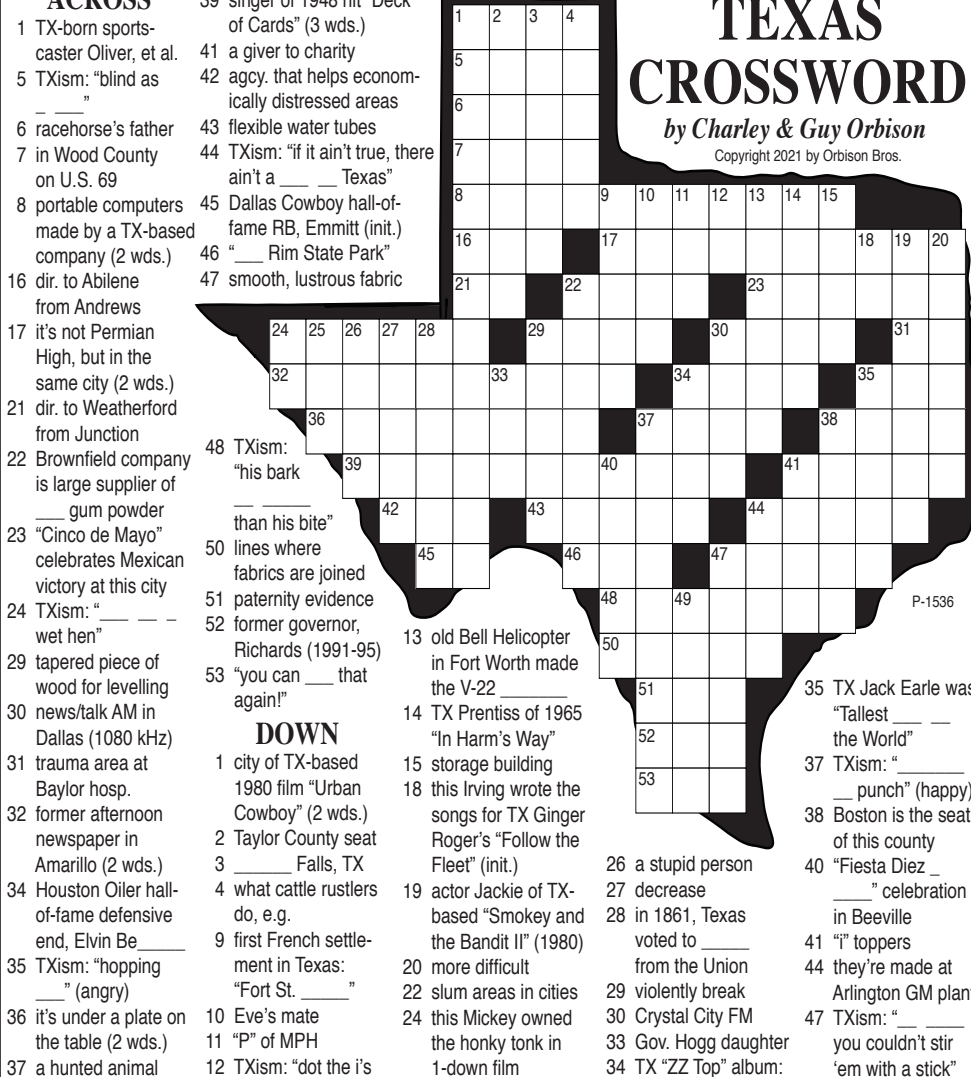
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- 1 TX-born sports-caster Oliver, et al.
- 5 TXism: "blind as \_\_\_"
- 6 racehorse's father
- 7 in Wood County on U.S. 69
- 8 portable computers made by a TX-based company (2 wds.)
- 16 dir. to Abilene from Andrews
- 17 it's not Permian High, but in the same city (2 wds.)
- 21 dir. to Weatherford from Junction
- 22 Brownfield company is large supplier of \_\_\_ gum powder
- 23 "Cinco de Mayo" celebrates Mexican victory at this city
- 24 TXism: "\_\_\_ wet hen"
- 29 tapered piece of wood for levelling
- 30 news/talk AM in Dallas (1080 kHz)
- 31 trauma area at Baylor hosp.
- 32 former afternoon newspaper in Amarillo (2 wds.)
- 34 Houston Oiler hall-of-fame defensive end, Elvin Be \_\_\_
- 35 TXism: "hopping \_\_\_" (angry)
- 36 it's under a plate on the table (2 wds.)
- 37 a hunted animal
- 38 Dyess Air Force \_\_\_

**DOWN**

- 1 singer of 1948 hit "Deck of Cards" (3 wds.)
- 41 a giver to charity
- 42 agcy. that helps economically distressed areas
- 43 flexible water tubes
- 44 TXism: "if it ain't true, there ain't a \_\_\_ Texas"
- 45 Dallas Cowboy hall-of-fame RB, Emmitt (init.)
- 46 "\_\_\_ Rim State Park"
- 47 smooth, lustrous fabric
- 48 TXism: "his bark \_\_\_ than his bite"
- 50 lines where fabrics are joined
- 51 paternity evidence
- 52 former governor, Richards (1991-95)
- 53 "you can \_\_\_ that again!"

**DOWN**

- 1 city of TX-based 1980 film "Urban Cowboy" (2 wds.)
- 2 Taylor County seat
- 3 \_\_\_ Falls, TX
- 4 what cattle rustlers do, e.g.
- 9 first French settlement in Texas: "Fort St. \_\_\_"
- 10 Eve's mate
- 11 "P" of MPH
- 12 TXism: "dot the i's and cross the \_\_\_"
- 13 old Bell Helicopter in Fort Worth made the V-22
- 14 TX Prentiss of 1965 "In Harm's Way"
- 15 storage building
- 18 this Irving wrote the songs for TX Ginger Roger's "Follow the Fleet" (init.)
- 19 actor Jackie of TX-based "Smokey and the Bandit II" (1980)
- 20 more difficult
- 22 slum areas in cities
- 24 this Mickey owned the honky tonk in 1-down film
- 25 high mountain
- 26 a stupid person decrease
- 27 in 1861, Texas voted to \_\_\_ from the Union
- 29 violently break
- 30 Crystal City FM
- 33 Gov. Hogg daughter
- 34 TX "ZZ Top" album: "\_\_\_ Hombres"
- 35 TX Jack Earle was "Tallest \_\_\_ the World"
- 37 TXism: "\_\_\_ punch" (happy)
- 38 Boston is the seat of this county
- 40 "Fiesta Diez \_\_\_" celebration in Beeville
- 41 "T" toppers
- 44 they're made at Arlington GM plant
- 47 TXism: "\_\_\_ you couldn't stir 'em with a stick"
- 49 "want to," lazily

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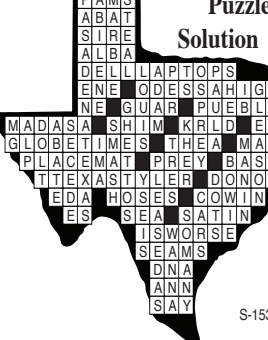
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Frances McDormand ("Fargo") and David Strathairn ("A League of Their Own") are the only two known actors in the film, with the rest of the cast filled with real-life people met along the way on this journey.

### THE PLOT

Fern (McDormand) is a widow. In addition to los-

ing her husband, she lost her town of Empire, Nevada when the gypsum plant closed.

Within six months of closing, the town was vacant. Fern sold her home, put her belongings into storage, and hit the road in her van, named Vanguard, trying to find something, though she doesn't really know what that is.

Along her journey, Fern meets many characters, people who share the same nomad lifestyle, trying to find their way in a world that no longer feels like where they belong.

### WHAT WORKED

The scenery, the characters, and the quiet way that McDormand brings a character to life all work to bring this story of independence and resiliency to life.



### WHAT DIDN'T WORK

There is nothing to speed this story along, so if you are not up for just sitting and watching someone on their path to self-discovery, this isn't for you.

### SUMMING IT UP

This is a beautifully done movie with quirky, real-life people living a life that is foreign to so many of us, a life that is more about experience and less about material consumption. "Nomadland" is currently streaming on Hulu.

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