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Portable classrooms to help with school overcrowding, for now

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Springtown schools are tackling overcrowding head-on by buying two portable buildings.

The \$250,000 project is a stop-gap plan as the Springtown Independent School District continues

to see growth in its enrollment. A bond measure that was defeated earlier in the year would have helped alleviate the problem.

“Had the bond passed, we might have found ourselves in a position to rent one building and modify

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Where’s the beef?

Meat Skillathon teaches students how to find it



Forty-six students ages 6 to 18 participated in the Parker County Meat Science Skillathon. Photo by Susan McFarland

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“Is it beef, lamb or pork? What grade is it—prime, select or choice? What cut is it?” were some of the questions heard

among the chatter June 9 at the Parker County Sheriff’s Posse clubhouse.

“It’s a center slice because the bone is in the center,” a little girl

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Kiddos keep cool at one of the water features during the city’s first Summer Sizzle.

Photos by Susan McFarland

Hot, spicy, sweet Summer Sizzle did not disappoint

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With the heat index hovering just below 100 degrees, attendees felt the sizzle June 12 at Springtown Park.

While most sought refuge from the sun under the shade, kiddos didn’t seem to mind the heat as waterslides made a big splash during the city’s first Summer Sizzle.

“Water features are the hit of the day,” said Denise Taylor, Springtown city secretary.

Taylor said as one dad hurled his

son down the slip-and-slide, laughter could be heard across the field.

“The kids were giggling and the dad was laughing as hard as they were,” she said.

There was something for everyone. Four teams tossed bags in a corn hole tournament as musicians entertained from the pavilion. Food trucks satiated appetites and quenched thirsty souls.

Jared Clark, owner of Kono Pizza, said the day’s best seller, the Spicy Pig, matched the weather—sizzling hot.

Kono Pizza, known for its in-

novative way of serving pizza in a cone, did all it could to keep up with the demand of their delicacy. Clark makes the Spicy Pig with Tabasco marinara, hot Italian sausage, bacon, spicy pepperoni and topping the cone with jalapeno peppers.

To cool things off, Buff’s BBQ & Grill was offering fresh homemade lemonade to go along with one of their best-sellers—brisket mac and cheese, which Sarah Griggs said was delicious.

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Could this be the sweetest shop in Springtown?

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If you have a sweet tooth, Sweedee Sweets in Springtown may just be the right kind of heaven.

Blackberry ice cream in between gooey butter cookies, or cookies and cream ice cream surrounded by snickerdoodle cookies and sprinkled with Oreo dust are a few of the wonderful things served up in this local ice cream shop.

Sweedee Sweets also makes fresh, in-house baked cookies daily to enjoy with a cup of coffee or to create-your-own ice cream sandwich.

On Saturday, Sweedee Sweets will celebrate one year of serving icy treats in Springtown by giving away free ice cream sandwiches all day, with the purchase of one.

They are located on the Square inside Pojo Coffee Shoppe at 124 S. Main Street, which was opened September 2015 by the Herrin family. Like so many

other businesses when the pandemic hit, the coffee shop was forced to temporarily shut down.

Turning a sour situation sweet is how the business got its start.

“During the shop’s closing, we started considering how to make the best possible situation out of a bad situation,” said Christopher Herrin. “We then decided to take the time to renovate and expand our store, as we created Sweedee Sweets to partner with Pojo Coffee Shoppe.”

Herrin said they were fortunate to keep the entire coffee and latte selection, while adding delicious cookies and ice

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Above: Dee Herrin shows the menu at Sweedee Sweets. Top left: A Sweedee Sweets ice cream sandwich made with cookies and cream ice cream surrounded by snickerdoodle cookies and sprinkled with Oreo dust. Bottom left: Goopy butter cookies, a favorite at Sweedee Sweets in Springtown. Photos courtesy Christopher Herrin

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Griggs, who moved to Springtown from Utah about a week ago, braved the heat to see “what this town is all about.”

“They are nice in Utah, but here, it’s very genuine,” Griggs said.

For dessert, Auntie AM’s

Sweet Stop served “cup” cakes — a portable version of the sweet treat that is served in a cup with a lid.

Owner AnnMarie Taliaferro said her best seller is peaches and cream.

Organizers were pleased with the turnout. The day

started strong with a line around the water features.

Although the crowd dissipated by the afternoon, Taylor was not disappointed: “It was our first event. We’ll build on it. We’ll continue to add features and it will continue to grow.”



Sarah Griggs enjoys a hearty helping of brisket mac and cheese from Buff’s BBQ & Grill.



Above: Springtown City Secretary Denise Taylor with her great niece and nephew during Summer Sizzle. Rex and Elle, 2-year-old twins, enjoyed spraying water bottles to keep cool.



Right: Skip Pullig entertains under the pavilion during the city’s first Summer Sizzle at Springtown Park. Pullig performed his newest release, Texas Radio, at the event. Photos by Susan McFarland

Meet the Springtown High School 2021-2022 Showstoppers



The SHS Showstoppers are staying busy this summer working hard to prepare for the new school year. This week, the officers and their coaches spent time at the Showtime International Summer Camp in Mesquite, earning several awards.

Top: Pictured left to right is Melody Wood, vice president; Kate Mitchell, president; Bijou Cates, captain; Regan Burdick, co-captain; and coaches Karen Cox and Jammie Horton. Bottom: The Springtown High School 2021-2022 Showstoppers

Photos courtesy Jammie Horton

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TXDOT Update

Bridge closure on Gilliland Road at Walnut Creek, traffic to be rerouted

Gilliland Road will be closed at Walnut Creek for bridge replacement beginning June 21.

The project is scheduled for completion in the spring of 2022, said Bethany Kurtz, Texas Department of Transportation public information

officer.

Traffic will be detoured on Halbrook Road to Allison Road, then to Peel Road.

TxDOT encourages drivers to pay attention to all warning signs within the work zone as crews complete this project as quickly

and safely as possible.

Kurtz said in 2020, 186 workers and road users were killed in work zones.

“The leading causes – speeding and driver inattention – are entirely preventable,” Kurtz said.

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use of other facilities in the district for the short term,” said SISD Superintendent Mike Kelley. “Unfortunately, these two buildings will be the first of many portable buildings we will likely need to add in the near future if we are unable to build a new campus through a successful bond program.”

The district’s \$38.5 million bond proposal included a new elementary school, additional classrooms at the middle and intermediate schools, and an expanded welding shop at the high school. Out of the 1,276 people who voted, 60% said no to the bond.

School trustees approved the contract with Ramtech Building Systems for the

two buildings June 7, with the possibility of buying more when the need arrives.

“Sadly, construction costs for major projects such as schools are rising at a very rapid pace. The cost of the same projects proposed in the recently defeated bond will only be higher as time goes on ... and it appears that interest rates may be climbing as well,” Kelley said.

In January, district enrollment was 3,674, the highest January enrollment since 2007. In April, participation in the district’s Kindergarten Round-up early enrollment drive was significantly higher than in prior years.

Kelley said kindergarten may be one of the grade levels that spikes the most

based on demographers’ projections.

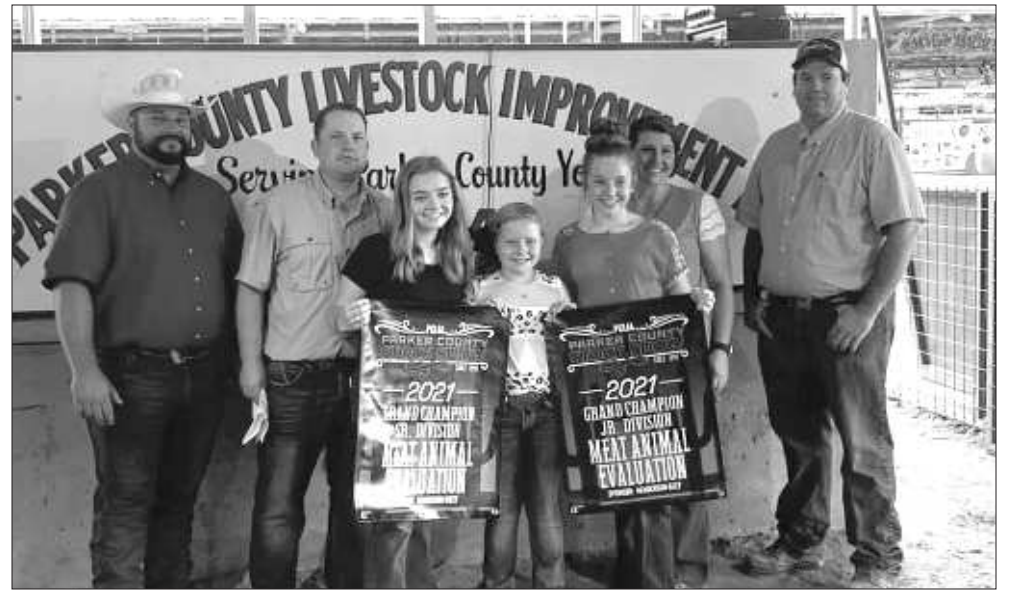
The buildings will be assigned to Goshen Creek Elementary and should arrive by late July.

“We hope to have six teachers in each grade in order to accommodate the immediate needs at the campus,” he said.

Kelley said he looks forward to opportunities to visit with community members and district stakeholders in the coming weeks to discuss the logistical challenges.

“We have a terrific group of teachers who are excited about providing solid instruction to our students ... we need to have appropriate places to do so,” he said.

MEAT, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1A.



Winners of the first Parker County Meat Science Skillathon (l-r): Grace Bales, Peaster FFA; Avery Mabry, Brock 4-H; and Katie Sears Peaster 4-H. Photo courtesy Deidrea Mabry

tells her dad during the quick study-session before a test during the county’s first Meat Science Skillathon.

Practicing with photos on their cell phones, the children prepped for the hands-on, interactive contest, which challenges participants about their knowledge of meat science.

The Parker County Meat Science Skillathon, an event during the Parker County Youth Livestock Show, was started by Casey Mabry, risk management advisor with Blue Reef Agri-Marketing, his wife Deidrea Mabry, chief operating officer with American Meat Science Association and Dave Marcath Brock FFA ag teacher.

The 20 cuts of meat for the event were provided by Drew Cassens and Lean

Ann Kinman from Tarleton State University’s meat science program. Henderson Beef in Springtown sponsored the event with a donation to purchase buckles and banners.

Casey Mabry told the 46 participants that unlike showing animals, this competition is solely “up to you,” and not about how the animal does, how you look showing, or how much money you have to buy livestock. He also spoke about career opportunities in the field.

“It’s how well you study, focus and think under pressure,” he said. “When you win a contest it’s a very rewarding experience.”

He also reminded the group to just have fun and relax, as they were divided into three groups for rota-

tions in retail identification, skills station and a written test.

Deidrea Mabry said in preparing for an event like this, students study a variety of concepts from food safety, animal welfare, meat fabrication and cookery.

“We hope that when students walk away from this event they have a better understanding of how meat is produced, where those cuts of meat came from, and how they made it to the grocery store,” Deidrea Mabry said. “Students that really enjoy this event have the opportunity to attend college and train on a meat judging team, which opens up endless opportunities for career paths in the meat industry.”

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City planning for park amenities

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Does Springtown need an amphitheater, community garden, or a dog park? Perhaps adding public art, a food truck court, additional playground equipment or sports fields? What about the splash pad, should it stay or go?

These are questions being considered by a steering committee formed by the city of Springtown to explore and discuss the community's goals, values, desires and concerns as they form a Parks Master Plan.

The committee met last month and will continue to have meetings throughout the year. A future steering committee meeting will include public input.

In March, the city selected Pacheco Koch Consulting Engineers, Inc. for consulting services related to the Parks Master Plan.

Representatives from Pacheco Koch attended the March 18 meeting and shared with council members their scope of services, a potential timeline, and discussed what is needed to get grants from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

ment.

Phase 1 includes a conceptual master plan for the city's existing 33-acre park; Phase 2 includes citywide parks and trails.

During the first steering committee meeting, consultants encouraged attendees to have an open mind as they consider amenities that would provide quality of life, bring the community together and encourage social connections.

The committee is researching ideas that they will bring to the next meeting, set for July 1.

Two arrested at Springtown home where Fentanyl overdose occurred

A search warrant at a Springtown home stemming from a Fentanyl overdose case in April resulted in two arrests and multiple drugs seized.

Parker County Sheriff's Special Crimes Unit (SCU), Fugitive Apprehension Strike Team (FAST) and patrol deputies executed the search warrant June 14 in the 200-Block of Spring Valley Court, where the overdose occurred.

Parker County Sheriff Russ Authier said sheriff's investigators discovered a plastic baggie containing

suspected Methamphetamine inside the home along with multiple digital scales, commonly used in the distribution of illegal narcotics.

Sheriff's investigators seized a total of 12.5 grams of suspected Methamphetamine from the residence along with 16 pills that resembled "Percocet."

"Often times these pills are counterfeit and contain various levels of Fentanyl in them," said Danie Huffman, public information officer.

In addition, 30 milliliters

of Gamma-Hydroxybutyric Acid (GHB), Xanax and other illegal pills were also seized from the residence.

Deborah Denise Gannon, 51, and Matthew Dean Gannon, 25, were arrested and charged with delivery of a controlled substance. Their bonds were set at \$20,000 each.

Authier said the case is currently under active investigation and additional charges are pending. The cases will be filed with the Parker County District Attorney's Office, seeking prosecution.

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Storefront at Sweedee Sweets ice cream shop, which is inside Pojo Coffee Shoppe on the Square in Springtown. Photo courtesy Christopher Herrin

cream.

"By pairing it all together, there's something delicious for everyone," he said.

Sweedee Sweets was named after Dee Herrin, the wife of Curry Herrin, who is founder of the coffee shop: Sweet + Dee = Sweedee Sweets.

"She is literally the sweetest lady that you could ever meet," Christopher Herrin said. "Dee always had such a passion for baking and bakes the very best cookies, so we decided to introduce her secret recipes into the

business.

"Also, our family is absolutely addicted to ice cream—what better combination than to pair our two favorite things together: cookies and ice cream. Between all of our cookie, ice cream, and topping options, we've determined that there are endless custom combinations you can create. We wanted to bring big-city gourmet desserts to a small town."

Along with fresh-baked cookies, hand-crafted coffees and specialty drinks,

the ice cream shop has another element: Elevate Disc Golf, a business promoting the sport that has top brands for sale for disc golfers of all skill levels.

Christopher Herrin said considering all the challenges faced during the pandemic and due to road construction on the Square, the family is very blessed.

"We've been so fortunate to have so much local support," he said. "We couldn't do what we do without our amazing customers."

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INSIDE HUNTING

A frigid introduction to hunting ducks

It was a relatively frigid morning duck hunt on Jan. 6, while my brother Zach and I headed to our usual hunting spot sitting in a large acreage of public hunting land.

While waking up at 3:45 in the morning to beat any competition for “The Spot” was normal to us, it was a very abnormal and an absurd idea for my future wife.

This was one of the first times she had come home from college with me to visit my family and somehow, I convinced her to go duck hunting with us. While she had been introduced to the outdoors by her father (primarily fishing down in Southeast Texas), she had never quite experienced a public land duck hunt.

The hunting spot we chose to introduce Ashley to duck hunting with was a hit or miss. You either limited out on green-wing teal and gadwall, or you were sitting at home eating Mom’s biscuits and gravy oh too soon.

The morning however was filled with excitement as the whistling wings of a future meal flew by. Flock after flock of birds would torment us as they cupped their wings only to bail out at the last second. The occasional flock

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William Burkhead recently moved to Granbury and is a wildlife biologist for a conservation organization called Quail Forever. He works with Texas Parks and Wildlife promoting a program that increases public hunting land by leasing privately-owned properties.

would actually commit after a 10-minute serenade we composed with our Rich-N-Tone calls.

While we ended the morning only bagging two beautiful pintail drakes and roughed up green-wing teal drake, my future bride and I had found something else we can do together.

Since that hunt, Ashley has expanded her skills pursuing more and more various game and fish throughout the years. We even went fly fishing and turkey hunting on our honeymoon in Montana.

Suffice to say, public hunting, while it may have its obstacles, provides many people, myself included, the opportunity to introduce loved ones into new experiences in the great outdoors.

With Texas being 97% privately owned, the need for more public

hunting land is a key concern to Texas Parks and Wildlife. To help grow the space where the public can hunt, the state agency runs a program that solves the dwindling acreage of public land — the Voluntary Public Access and Habitat Incentive Program (VPA-HIP). This program works by paying private landowners for allowing public hunting on their properties. In the 2020 season, the program opened 41,000 acres of public hunting land.

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IN THE ZONE: Jim Lillis takes aim while out hunting for morning doves.



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Abbott vows to expand border 'barrier', New COVID-19 cases rise week-to-week

Gov. Greg Abbott vowed last week at a border security summit to build a barrier to slow the flow of migrants through the state's southern border.

Abbott said details would be forthcoming for the wall, which would be part of a new enforcement plan administered by several state agencies, ranging from the governor's office to the Texas Department of Public Safety. He said he intends to sign legislation appropriating more than \$1 billion for enhanced border security.

"While securing the border is the federal government's responsibility, Texas will not sit idly by as this crisis grows," Abbott said. "The state is working collaboratively with communities impacted by the crisis to arrest and detain individuals coming into Texas illegally."

The president of the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) blasted Abbott's actions.

"Governor Abbott stated that he intends to use Texas state budget dollars not for education, improving our electric grid or for Texas roads and highways," said Domingo Garcia, LULAC president. "Instead, he says he will continue to build a wall and other barriers along the border with Mexico.

This is a huge waste of taxpayer money, and very likely illegal."

LULAC plans to take legal action on grounds that the federal government has authority over immigration and borders, not individual states.

NEW COVID-19 CASES RISE WEEK-TO-WEEK

The number of new COVID-19 cases in Texas in the past week rose to 17,724, up 46% from the previous week, while deaths stayed steady at 213, according to the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University.

The Texas Department of State Health Services reported 1,600 hospitalizations of lab-confirmed cases, up about 100 from the previous week. Vaccinations continue to rise, with 10.85 million Texans fully vaccinated — 37.2% of the state's population.

A WET MAY INCREASES RESERVOIR STORAGE

May is historically the state's wettest month. This year was no exception, with above-average rain in much of the state, according to Dr. Mark Wentzel, a hydrologist with the Texas Water Development Board.

By the end of May,

drought conditions covered 25% of the state — down 45 percentage points from the end of April. The La Niña conditions, which are key factors in droughts in Texas, have dissipated and won't return this summer, Wentzel said.

"If you were trying to reduce drought in Texas, you couldn't pick a better month to have above-average rainfall," Wentzel wrote in a press release.

He added that besides greening up the landscape, May's rain increased reservoir storage to 84.6% of capacity, about normal for this time of year.

PUC LIFTS MORATORIUM ON UTILITY DISCONNECTIONS

The moratorium on utility disconnections for non-payment will be lifted June 18. Last Friday the Texas Public Utility Commission cited a proliferation of financial support and the need for electricity, water and sewer providers to resume normal business operations.

"This is not an easy decision, and it was not taken lightly," PUC Chairman Peter Lake said. "But by acting now, customers will be able to take advantage of



STATE CAPITOL HIGHLIGHTS

By Gary Borders

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deferred payment plans or federal assistance ahead of the summer season."

There are numerous options for ratepayers having difficulties paying their utility bills. The PUC has created a one-page fact sheet that can be accessed at: <https://tinyurl.com/4fdch5dt>.

LUMBER PRICE SURGE NOT AFFECTING TIMBER PRICES

One economic consequence of the pandemic lockdown has been a surge in lumber prices of more than 300%, according to the

Texas A&M Forest Service. However, landowners who grow and harvest timber are still facing stagnant prices, as they have since the housing crash of 2008. At \$30 a ton in Texas, the price has remained about the same for the past decade.

The challenge for timber owners is an abundance of ready-to-harvest timber, according to TFS.

"Landowners have been struggling to get their timber harvested for a while," said Rob Hughes, executive director of the Texas Forestry Association. "The mills are producing more wood than they have before, but it's still not to the capacity of how much timber is being grown in their areas."

A consolidation of sawmills is partly to blame. In 1997 Texas had 168 active

sawmills, a number that has dwindled today to about 50. Some landowners have opted to supplement their forest income through carbon markets, which are bought by companies or governments to offset greenhouse gas emissions. One drawback is that the credits can only go to timberland owners if the forest is at risk of being harvested.

"There are a few contracts now that are just a one-year deal," said Hughes. "These seem more tolerable to the production-minded forest landowners that we've talked with. You defer your harvest, and you get paid for that amount of carbon as you sequester it."

Landowners can contact a consulting forester or a Texas A&M Forest Service office for more information.

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Obituaries

Jerry Deweese

1941- 2021

Jerry Deweese 79, of Boyd, died Wednesday, June 9, 2021 in Decatur.

Funeral service was held Monday, June 14 at Hilltop Family Church. Burial at Goshen Cemetery.

Jerry Deweese was born November 7, 1941 to Roy and Velma Justice Deweese.

Jerry married his wife, Lorene Elliott Deweese June 9, 1978 in Fort Worth. He was a welder, and heavy equipment operator. He honorably served in U.S. Navy during the Vietnam War.

He was preceded in death by his wife Lorene Deweese; daughter Sheri D. Rucker; three brothers and one sister.

Survivors include his two sons, Doug and wife Mi-



chelle Deweese of Boyd, Robert and wife Stacey Beauchamp of Boyd, daughter Lori Pinson and husband Ken of Willow Park; 11 grandchildren; 14 great grandchildren and three great great grandchildren.

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Tre' Jordan Steen

1999- 2021

Tre' Jordan Steen passed away tragically on Monday, June 7, 2021 in Cancun, Mexico. Tre' was born January 1, 1999 in Fort Worth, son of Jimmy and Lacey (Carter) Steen. Tre' was a special person and the joy that he brought to everyone's life is immeasurable.

Visitation is from 8-10 p.m. Thursday, June 17, 2021 in Springtown Porcupine Stadium. Funeral service is at 10 a.m. Friday, June 18, 2021 at First Baptist Church, Springtown. Interment: Springtown Cemetery.

Tre' graduated with honors from Springtown High School in 2017, and went on to graduate from Texas A&M University with a Bachelor's degree in Finance from Mays Business School, and a member of the Delta Tau Delta fraternity.

Tre' loved being with friends and fraternity brothers, he loved to make everyone laugh and took it upon himself to insure everyone was having a good time. He loved to travel and spend time with his fiancé, Trinity, and their dog, Nala, which were his whole world. He cherished all the memories they shared and was excited to make so many more, He loved Trinity Marie!

Tre' will be remembered for many things, his ability



to make friends; a smile that could light up a room; and his unique ability to give everyone nicknames and do impersonations. Tre' was known for his dance moves, quick wit, and remarkable memory. He was genuine, smart, loved music and playing video games with his friends and brothers.

He will be remembered as a loving son, fiancé; and as the most amazing big brother.

Tre' is survived by his parents, Jimmy and Lacey Steen; fiancé, Trinity Kusak; brothers, Caden Steen and Rhett Steen; grandparents, Jimmy and Rene Carter, and James and Mary Steen; and a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, and many friends.

Tre' lived life to its fullest; he will always be loved, never forgotten, and forever missed.

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June is National Dairy Month

KATHY SMITH
Kathy Smith is the extension agent with Parker County Family and Community Health.

June is National Dairy month. I have been around long enough to remember the many dairies and the local dairy shows that we had throughout Parker County. While there are no more dairies in Parker County, we don't have to drive too far to find some. And we can find milk and dairy products everywhere.

Dairy foods are essential to strong healthy bones. Although milk from the cow is processed, it is not an engineered or fabricated food. It is about 87 % water and 13 % solids. The fat portion of the milk contains fat soluble vitamins. The solids other than fat include proteins, carbohydrates, water soluble vitamins, and minerals. These nutrients in milk help make it nature's most nearly-perfect food.

Milk products contain high quality proteins. The whey proteins constitute about 18% of the protein content of milk. Casein, a protein found only in milk, contains all the essential amino acids. It accounts for 82 % of the total proteins in milk and is used as a standard for evaluating protein of other foods. Protein is needed to build and repair body tissues and to form antibodies which circulate in the blood and help fight infection.

Milk also contains the

following nutrients: calcium, phosphorus, magnesium, and potassium. The calcium found in milk is readily absorbed by the body. Phosphorus plays a role in calcium absorption and utilization. Phosphorus is needed in the proper ratio to calcium to form bone. Milk provides these two minerals in approximately the same ratio as found in bone. Milk is also a significant source of riboflavin (vitamin B2) which helps promote healthy skin and eyes, as well as vitamins A and D.

In adults, a calcium deficiency, along with other factors, may result in bone deterioration called osteoporosis. The recommendations for calcium are 1,000 milligrams for adults, 1,300 milligrams per day for adolescents, 500-800 milligrams per day for young children and 1,200 milligrams per day for adults over 51 years of age. One serving of milk has about 250 milligrams of calcium. It is difficult to obtain adequate calcium without milk and milk products in the diet. About 73 % of the calcium available in the food supply is provided by milk and milk products. The following daily consumption of milk group foods is suggested by the government's U.S. Dietary Guidelines:

Children 1-8 years old, 2 servings
Children 9 years and older, 3 servings
Adults, 3 servings

Justin Kirk

1955- 2021

Justin Kirk, 66, of Springtown, passed suddenly on May 30, 2021.

He was a gentle giant who was much loved, and will be greatly missed.

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



Smith, as well as many extended family members. He also leaves behind his sidekick and constant companion, his beloved boxer, Butch.

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Agriculture and the Environment

Alrigh, who remembers back in the 80s when leading meteorologists, after many years of study decided to put all of their discovered facts and theories together to explain and name the weather pattern we now know as “El Nino?”



AG 101
By Jack DeShazo

Jack DeShazo has decades of experience in the agriculture field.

Named thusly after the Baby Jesus because the El Nino weather pattern usually arrived near Christmas time. El Nino has a worldwide effect on the weather, in our region it usually causes higher than normal rainfall. There is also an opposite acting weather pattern known as La Nina which tends to produce warmer and dryer weather conditions for our part of

the world. For those of you who were around during the years when El Nino was first made famous you might also remember that for several years afterward every odd-ball weather occurrence was

undeservedly blamed on the El Nino weather pattern.

Now, when you finish reading this week’s column you will probably be saying why is he talking about El Nino and La Nina weather patterns when his apparent topic ends up being Greenhouse Gases? Well, if you will stick with me and keep reading I’ll try to make my point.

So let’s switch gears and talk about Greenhouse Gases, what they are and why they are known as such? But first let’s recognize a fact, greenhouse gas, climate change and global warming are catchphrases just like El Nino was in the 80s that we are constantly bombarded with. Last week I quoted one of my college instruc-

tors who told us there was no such thing as an unbiased person.

So, try hard as I can to be unbiased you are still getting an Agricultural slant from this column. But that’s the point, it’s important for the other 98% of the citizens of the U.S.A., the non-Agriculturalists to understand Agriculture from our vantage point. Agriculturalists are fairly often beaten over the head with greenhouse gas, climate change and global warming phrases as if we were the sole producers of greenhouse gases and the number one “bad guys” when it comes to climate change and global warming. And why would that be? Again, we are less than 2% of the U.S.A. population, we

are easy targets.

Now pay close attention because here’s my unbiased part; we as a whole have not been good caretakers of the green earth that God provided us with, including the Agricultural sector.

At this point I will step down from my soapbox and try to present the unbiased facts from a news column writer’s point of view. Greenhouse gases that we are concerned with are carbon dioxide, methane, nitrous oxide, ozone and fluorocarbons. Why are they called greenhouse gases? Just like a greenhouse traps heat from the sun’s rays to keep the plants inside warm, greenhouse gases trap heat here on the earth increasing the earth’s temperature.

Following are the five main categories of greenhouse gas producers along with the percentages of their contributions: Transportation 29%, Electricity Generation 25%, Industry 23%, Commercial & Residential 13% and Agriculture 10%. Notice where Agriculture ranks and also keep in mind the percentage numbers for each of these.

Ok, we’re close to using up our space allotment for this week’s column so next week we will conclude our greenhouse gas discussion, more specifically Agriculture’s portion and what we can do to help out.

‘til next week.

That’s my story and I’m sticking to it!

Absolutely spectacular!” That’s my most common answer when I’m met with the common greeting that is presented as a question: “How you doin’?”

Most people who ask that question are really not interested in the answer, it’s just an extended form of “Hello.”

By the way, the previous sentence is not intended as a criticism—as if the world is filled with uncaring people who have no concern for anyone else.

It’s simply an observation of a fact of normal human interaction.

But I love the reactions



BE AMAZING
By Gerry Lewis

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

that I get when I don’t respond with a customary “Fine” or “ok.”

There’s something about the word “spectacular” or my alternate choices, “scrumptious” or “splendiferous,” that opens the door for a serendipitous moment of human interaction.

The unexpected word tends to create a curious pause where the other person either comments on my state of existence or hurries to get away from the crazy person.

And when my next phrase is, “How about you?” I almost always get a more honest answer—one that either allows me to celebrate with the person or show some interest and compassion for their struggles.

Now would be a good

time to confess that I’m not always feeling absolutely spectacular. That is to say that it is not truly my current reality.

It is my chosen story.

By “story” I don’t mean something that is intentionally deceptive. I mean that I have chosen a narrative for my life that does not exist “under the circumstances.”

My heart’s desire is to bring a greater story TO the circumstances, to be aware of God’s presence IN the circumstances, and to live THROUGH the circumstances.

It’s a chosen perspective that requires intentional nurturing.

So, when I tell someone

that they can truly discover and live the amazing life for which they were created, I’m not just blowing smoke. I know it’s possible because I’m on the journey myself.

As I write this, Father’s Day is less than a week away. Two years ago, I had a dad, a stepdad, and a father-in-law to call, wish them “Happy Father’s Day, ‘ and thank them for their love and wisdom.

One year ago, both my stepdad and my dad had relocated to heaven.

This year, there’s no one left to call. Between July 2019 and September 2020, we lost all of them.

This year I will remember them, I’ll be glad for the op-

portunity God has given me to be a father and grandfather, and I’ll celebrate my boys (son and son-in-law) as the wonderful fathers they have become.

I am going to live the amazing life for which God put me on this planet no matter what the circumstances may be because that’s my chosen story and I’m sticking to it.

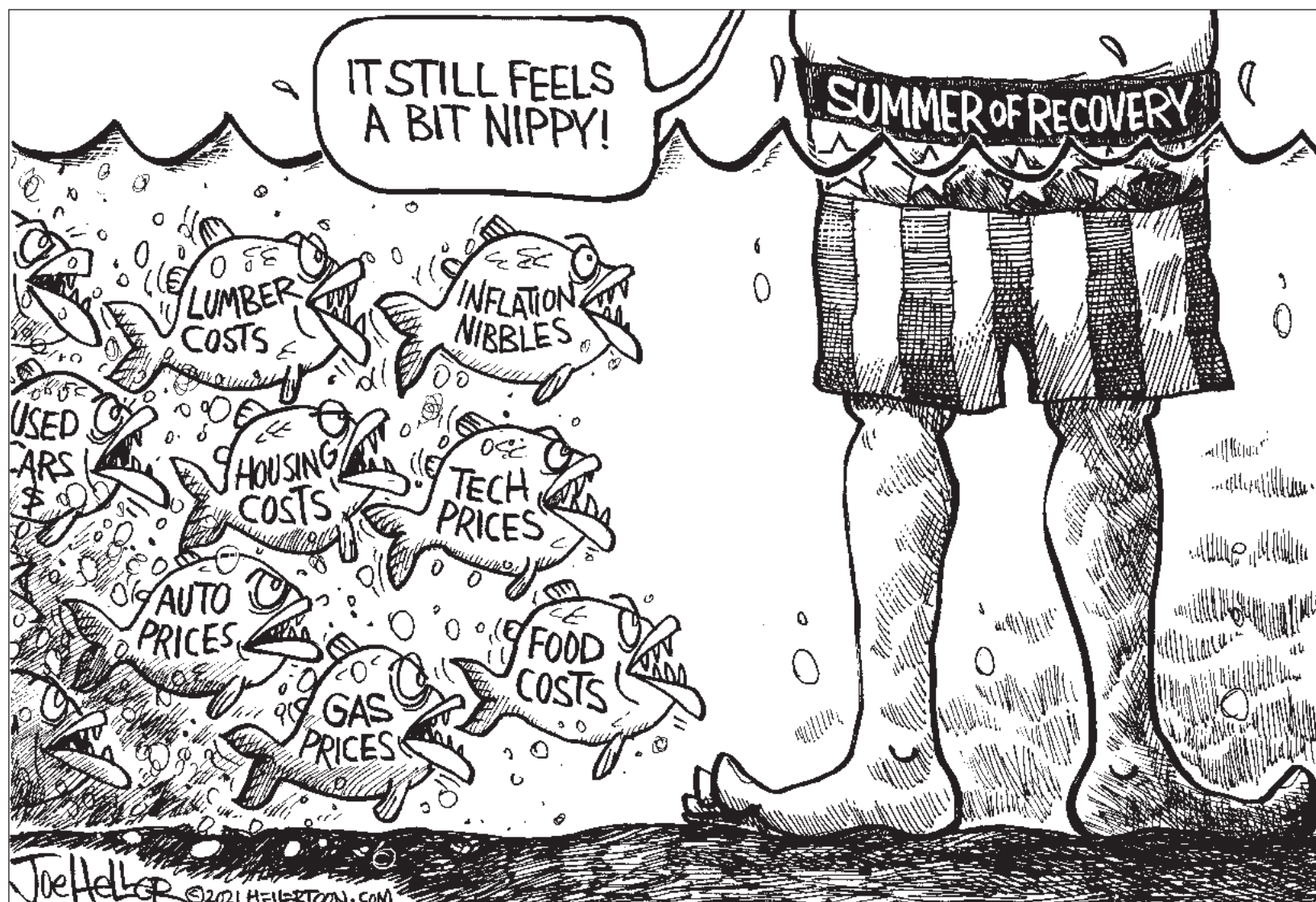
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Are you attempting to survive or endure UNDER the circumstances?

What would it take for you to bring a greater story TO the circumstances?

How can I help?

Be amazing today, my friend.



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- TXism: "he sneezes through silk"
- pecan is the Texas state ___
- SMU Raymond who was a great receiver for Baltimore (init.)
- TXism: "I'll ___ monkey's uncle"
- TXism: "useless as panty hose ___"
- ___ in the neck"
- dangerous Texas funnels
- Texans rely on local television for weather ___
- Texans know how to ___ tale
- Russian cavalry
- prepare to publish
- Texas troopers use ___ gun
- use a key
- this Matt lost his seat in the Texas House in 2018
- Gov. ___ Ferguson
- Texas pronghorn, e.g.
- TX Joe Don was in "Cape Fear" with Robert de ___
- this Mary Kay was TX cosmetics queen
- fancy way to say woman's bedroom
- periods between sunrise and sunset
- TXism: "I'll ___ teeth!" (threat)
- "Beware the ___ of March!"
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- "___ of the tongue"
- bro's sib
- what lies under Grand Saline, TX (2 wds.)
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- love of country
- TXism "neon light ___" (inspiration)
- TX Hayley Orrantia TV show: "The ___ bergs"
- TXism: "___ the rafters" (crowded)
- two San Jacinto battle cannon: "The ___ Sisters"
- slips away
- "Roe v. Wade" Weddington, et al.
- this Adams starred with TX Lynda Day George in "Racquet"
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- "Texas Tea"
- TXism: "___ of" (a lot)
- TX Tanya Tucker song: "Texas When ___"
- tejano band: "Little Joe ___ Familia"
- "Permian Basin International ___" (Odessa)
- pub missiles
- TXism: "six of ___ half a dozen of the other" (same)

DOWN

- TXism: "fits like hide ___ a horse"
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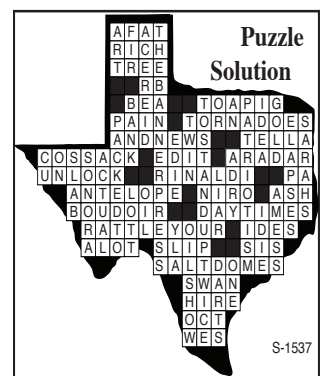
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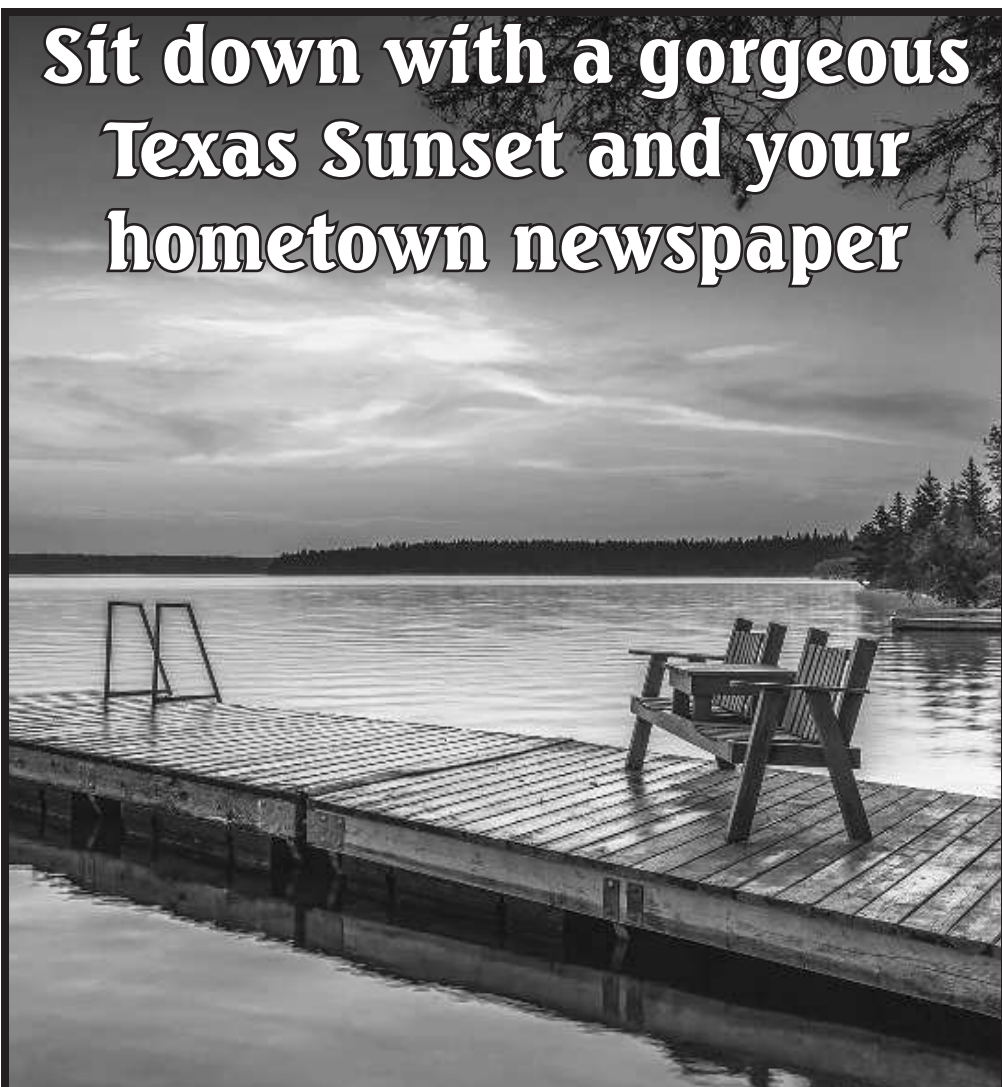
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Baseball and softball camps beat the heat at Pine Stadium

With a heat index reaching nearly triple digits, the Springtown High School Baseball and Softball programs held summer camps for future baseball and softball players on June 14-16. Each camp was open to 3rd through 9th grades from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Porcupine

Stadium. Lady Pine Softball published on Twitter a pre-camp checklist on June 14. It encouraged campers to remember to bring plenty of water and their camp gear like cleats, bats, gloves, and helmets.

Head Baseball Coach Josh Ward directed the baseball

with help from Assistant Coaches Colin Crawford and Max Boe, as well as current Springtown HS baseball players. The boys learned pitching techniques like keeping balance on one's back foot and following through a pitch as well as batting and throwing techniques.

Head Softball Coach Scott

Mann with Assistant Coaches Andrew Endsley and Kelly Miles taught the softball camp in which the girls learned pitching and throwing techniques among other softball basics.

Future camps include Girls Basketball Camp from June 16-18, Football Camp from July 13-15, Volleyball

Camp from July 26-28, and Elite Volleyball from July 29-31.

For more information on Springtown High School summer camps, visit the General Information / Summer Camps 2021 page at springtownisd.net or contact the Springtown Athletics office at 817-220-3040.



Springtown High School held baseball and softball summer camps on June 14-16. Though the heat index neared triple digits, the future Porcupine players were ready to learn baseball and softball basics from SHS Coaches.

Photos by Kaylee Pippins

Skater Girl

“The only way to conquer fear is to go through it.”

“Skater Girl” is written by Manjari Makijany and Vinati Makijany, and directed by Manjari Makijany, a debut film for both.

As a child of the ‘90s who grew up watching the X Games in wide-eyed wonder, but never had the nerve to step onto a skateboard, this film is fun to sit back and watch as the story unfolds.

The film stars Amrit Maghera, Jonathan Readwin, and newcomer Rachel Saanchita Gupta.

THE PLOT

Perna (Gupta) is a teen girl living with her family in rural India who is mindful of her family’s poverty and status as “lower caste.” She spends more time working than going to school, and

when she finally returns for class, she discovers that she has outgrown her uniform.

Jessica (Maghera) is a London executive returning to the birthplace of her father, the same village where Perna lives.

After a run-in with Perna’s mud-slinging brother, Jessica begins to make a connection with the children of the village after offering to draw their unique “inventions,” including one that looks similar to a skateboard.

Jessica receives a visit from an old friend, Erick (Readwin) who brings along his own skateboard, something that enchants the children immediately as they watch him ride it around.

It soon sparks a passion among all the children to

learn, including the shy Perna. Will this newfound passion be the first step in breaking Perna out of her shell and the bleak life that looms ahead of her?

WHAT WORKED

Hindi is spoken for the majority of the film, making it feel more genuine than some films that insist on having the actors speak English the whole time when it doesn’t make sense (except to appease an audience).

WHAT DIDN'T WORK

There is not a lot that I would say doesn’t work in this film. It isn’t action packed and the adult actors can seem a little stilted at times, but the children are all genuine and it really sets the tone of the whole film.



SUMMING IT UP

It’ll be hard to keep from smiling as you watch the delight on each child’s face as they take hold of something so foreign and new.

“Skater Girl” is currently streaming on Netflix.

Skater Girl

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