



Children line up outside Goshen Creek Elementary for the bus ride home.

Photo by Madelyn Edwards

Driver shortage felt in Springtown schools, homes

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Mary Clark Zigelhofer starts up her school bus at 5:45 a.m. to begin her routes.

The former Springtown ISD bus driver, who now works in Decatur, tells the students on the bus – who she affectionately refers to as “her kids” – “good morning” when they board the

bus, and she says “have a good day” when they get off.

“It’s one-on-one. Even though there’s 50 of them, they’re getting that one-on-one,” Clark Zigelhofer said. “I address them by their name and tell them to have a great day at school. I think it makes a difference.”

A school bus driver is the first school employee student-riders see in the morning and the last

one they see after their day ends.

As of last week, the Springtown school district is short six drivers to be fully staffed, Superintendent Mike Kelley said. What Kelley told the board Monday underscores the problem school districts have: As he hired a driver another tendered a resignation. “We have had to ‘double-route’ on multiple occasions and send a substitute driver back out a sec-

ond time after finishing a morning route,” Kelley said. “The office staff in our Transportation Department (including our student services director), our technology department, and even some of our teachers and coaches have also had to drive buses in several instances due to the shortage of drivers.”

“It has been very rare for students to arrive late to school due

to the driver shortage, but the number is certainly greater than zero,” he added.

At Goshen Creek Elementary, campus enrollment has increased by more than 100 kids between last spring and today, Assistant Principal Wendy Ashley said. This has led to more students needing a ride — nearly 50% of

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Reno finalizes separation with police chief

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The Reno City Council officially approved the separation agreement with Police Chief Tony Simmons in a 3-1 decision last week.

The vote follows increasing tensions between Simmons and the council. Simmons received two letters from the council demanding he respond to allegations he was not doing his job to the council’s expectations, including promoting and increasing pay for employees without council approval.

Reno’s attorney, Dottie Palumbo, discussed the agreement with the council at their meeting. The agreement detailed payments to Simmons of \$70,000, and he would be

entitled to a salary through Nov. 10 because of stipulations in the Older Workers Benefit Protection Act.

“He would be on paid leave through Nov. 10,” Palumbo said, adding that Nov. 10 would be Simmons’ last day of employment. “The agreement also provides that if the city needs to consult with him ... that he would be paid his hourly rate plus reasonable travel expenses. This would be at the city’s request.”

The agreement also includes a non-disparagement clause, which means Simmons is barred from making “any disparaging remarks or statements to anyone regarding the city, its elected officials or any of the releasees, and these are your elected, appointed, your

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Family’s legacy tied to Springtown school bond

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Springtown resident Don Springfield has a message for voters who haven’t yet decided on the bond election: vote yes.

One of the items on Springtown ISD’s bond proposal is construction of a new elementary school near Williams-Ward Road and State Highway 199. The proposed site for the school is on farm land that has been in the Springfield family for 100 years.

The 17-acre property was sold to SISD by Springfield’s daughter Nancy Springfield Bayouth, who was given the land. For some time, she rejected offers to use the space for various developments.

“After thinking about it and praying about it and dad and my



Don Springfield stands near his garden at home.

Photo by Madelyn Edwards

brother and I discussing it, we decided that it would be a good

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Springtown to celebrate Veterans Day next week

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Springtown will honor those who have served in the armed forces in the annual Veterans Day ceremony on Saturday, Nov. 6.

The event will begin at 10 a.m. in the Springtown Tabernacle on the square. Chaplain Luis “Lou” Nestor Anda will give the keynote address, and Springtown High School freshman Audrey Haugen will sing the National Anthem at the ceremony.

Springtown Mayor Greg Hood and Parker County Commissioner George Conley are also expected to be in attendance.

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Winning artwork a nod to Springtown teachers



Springtown High School senior Rachel Farnsworth (right) presents her artwork "A Light Within the Dark" to the Springtown ISD board of trustees on Monday at the administration building. Photo by Madelyn Edwards

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Springtown High School senior Rachel Farnsworth etched into black paper what she thought of her teachers.

"A Light Within the Dark" won the budding artist the Texas Art Education Association's World Teachers' Day Student Art Contest in Region 11. The win placed \$1,000 in her pockets as well.

It was Farnsworth's fitting tribute to teachers' influence on her life.

"I know that it can sometimes be hard to know what you want to do, and throughout it all, using the light teachers help guide you and help illuminate what you want to do with your life and help you find your place in

the world," she said. Springtown ISD board of trustees recognized Farnsworth for her accomplishment at a recent meeting. Schools Superintendent Mike Kelley complimented Farnsworth's description of her artwork which describes how important teachers have been for her. Farnsworth said she would like to one day become a teacher.

Farnsworth wrote her name into her piece to symbolize how teachers have encouraged her to leave her mark on the world, a heart to represent how teachers taught her to put her heart into her work and the skull and paintbrushes represent her learning new things, especially in art.

"This is my first time ever doing something

like this. It's on black paper so you kind of have to think backwards on it because normally you draw on white paper you're putting the black on it," she said. "It's also backwards because I scratched off the drawing on it."

Lastly, the blank space on the paper represents that there is always room for improvement and more learning, Farnsworth said.

Before leaving the board meeting, Farnsworth thanked her teacher, Paige Hopkins.

"I never would have done it if Ms. Hopkins hadn't pushed me to do it," she said. "She's the one who pushed me to use this medium and stuff since I've never done it. A lot of it goes to Ms. Hopkins."

SHS Thespians will join food drive in costume

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Springtown High School Thespians Troupe 1494 will participate in the Trick or Treat so Kids Can Eat (TOTS Eat) food drive in partnership with the high school's National Honor Society.

Theater and honor society students will be in costume to collect food donations on Sunday from 6-8 p.m. throughout Springtown, near Bonnie Bell Lane to Bonnie Lane, the

square and downtown Avenues A-E. There will also be a drop-off location at the high school in the band parking lot at the same time.

Donations will benefit the Neighbors To Neighbors food pantry in Springtown.

The TOTS Eat food drive is a national community service program for International Thespians Society-member schools to collect canned and dry goods for local charities and food banks. Since the campaign began in 2003, Thespians troupes have col-

lected and distributed more than 4 million pounds of food to help their neighbors in need.

"We are happy to help the students of Troupe 1494 for allowing us to help combat hunger in Springtown and we are grateful to all those who donate non-perishable items," said Cindy Haugen, the sponsor of Springtown National Honor Society. "We agree with the TOTS Eat motto, 'because hunger is a very scary thing.'"



Springtown Thespians Officers prepare boxes for the Trick or Treat so Kids Can Eat food drive. Left to right: Nolan Roark, Kat Trimble, Layla Bryson, Jason Patterson. Courtesy of Rebecca Phillips

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Phone lines fixed at Springtown Police Department

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After being down for 11 days, the phone lines at the Springtown Police Department are working again. Springtown Administrative Specialist Christina Derr said the police phones were fixed on Friday of last week. The police department first announced, on Oct. 12 on Facebook, that phone lines were down and listed an alternate phone number for residents to contact them.

“The interruption was caused by a hardware failure on the server that operated our old phone system,” Derr said. “The server was aged to a point that it could not be repaired as parts are no longer manufactured for it.” The city decided to use a new service provider, which Derr said allowed the city to change over to voice over internet protocol. That allows voice calls to be made using broadband internet connection instead of an analog phone line. “With the change we were

able to get new, up-to-date phones for the department at no cost and our monthly service costs were reduced to a point that we will see about \$6,700 in savings annually,” Derr said. “To do this, we had to port our phones over to the new provider, which was the delay.” When asked what the force thinks of the new phones, Springtown Police Chief Cres Salazar said, “We’re still getting used to them, but the fact that we didn’t have phones for like a week and a half, we love them.”

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agents and employees,” Palumbo said. This clause also applies to the city, elected officials, releasees and Simmons’ spouse who won’t be allowed to make disparaging statements. Palumbo also said the agreement does not include any admission of wrongdoing or liability from either party. Answering a question

from council member Shelli Swift, Palumbo said that after the agreement is signed, Simmons will still have the right to sue the city in the future. “Anything that happens in the future, he’s like any other person with the right to sue based on whatever may happen in the future,” Palumbo said.

“You can’t bind his right to sue in the future. That doesn’t mean that he can bring up a lawsuit in the future based on something that happened in the past.” Swift ended up voting against the agreement but wouldn’t comment on why based on a press release policy change the council made at a previous meeting.

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use of that land to be able to sell it to school to leave a legacy for children for years to come,” Springfield Bayouth said. Her father, now 91, was born in the Reno area near Walnut Creek, and he attended Springtown public schools. In fact, he said Springfield descendants have been going to Springtown public schools for at least a century. After spending four years in the Air Force following high school graduation, Springfield came back to Springtown to stay. “It’s my home place, it’s where I grew up,” Springfield said when asked what made him return to Springtown. “I knew everybody, and everybody knew me.” Springfield recognized the growth happening in Springtown and knows the children who will move into new housing subdivisions will

need school space. “Those kiddos need buildings to go to school in,” he said. “You can’t educate without buildings.” A recent growth spurt in enrollment for Springtown schools preceded the presentation of the bond measure. According to the district’s website, the SISD welcomed 3,911 students in August, which is more than 10% higher than August enrollment in 2020 and significantly higher than other August enrollment totals in the past 10 years. “That (land) was a very special gift given to me from my parents, and I wanted to make sure that whatever it was used for in the future would be something good for the community, and we felt like selling that to the school district would be good for the community. It would be good for families for years to come,” Springfield Bayouth said.

Springfield recalled the district making plans to expand previously when he served as a Springtown school board trustee in the late 1990s. “We bought property when I was on the board, west of (Farm-to-Market Road 51), north of Springtown. And that land that I bought while I was on the board has two schools on it now,” Springfield said. “We saw the need of the growth, and we thought we got ahead of it by buying property.” Springfield spoke highly of the work that Superintendent Mike Kelley and the district has done to educate students. Election day for the SISD bond is on Nov. 2. More information about the \$41 million bond proposal is available at <https://www.springtownisd.net/Domain/2342>

Potholes in Reno: ‘There are bad spots’

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The Reno City Council took on a hot topic in the city – potholes. “I’m not gonna lie, I know there are bad spots,” said Water/Street Supervisor Jeremy Steele. Steele said last week that pothole filling material has been ordered, and for bigger spots, an 18-wheeler load filling mix has been ordered. He also said the department is trying to do a better job of keeping track of potholes by creating a spreadsheet and having workers fill them when they are nearby. “The plan is to get them more under control, and then we actually have some 50-pound bags that we’re gonna keep in the truck, so if they’re driving down Quail Run and there’s a pothole in the middle of Quail Run, (they’ll) stop, grab your bag, put it in there, go on,” Steele said. If residents want to report a pothole, they can fill out a complaint sheet, which is available on the city’s website, City Administrator

Scott Passmore said. Mayor Sam White said the city is in talks with Parker County Commissioner George Conley to get blacktop paving in the future after some potholes are corrected. “They have some limited resources. There’s some streets we’re gonna start looking at now,” White said. “The budget is being reworked and allows us to start addressing some of the worst streets first.” Resident Meredith Hull told the council that some potholes and road destruction happens because of construction trucks driving over roads like the one-lane bridge on North Cardinal Road. “It’s these construction trucks that are causing the majority of our potholes,” Hull said. “When they drive off the side of the road, there goes crumbling, it’s gone. When you have a loaded cement truck – I don’t know how many tons that is when it’s loaded – but as (the truck driver) bounced across that bridge, gravel bounced up with him. There went another part of

the road. What’s it going to take to keep them from coming through where it’s already posted that they’re not supposed to be coming across?” White said he is working on bettering enforcement, particularly with the interlocal agreement for police services with Pelican Bay that hasn’t been finalized yet. Enforcement of the rule not to drive construction equipment trucks over certain roads will help this issue, Hull said. White directed Steele to give presentations about potholes at council meetings so residents can stay updated on pothole progress. The council also discussed establishing an event committee to be involved with organizing and promoting citywide events. White directed council member Hernando Herrera to get the committee started. The council talked about taking applications to appoint a chairperson and getting the local churches involved.

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WCSO hosting fundraiser 5K

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The Wise County Sheriff's Office is holding a 5K Santa Dash to benefit Wise Santa's Deputies. The race is going to raise money that will help first responders make Christmas special for kids and their families in Wise County. The race, which will feature both a 5K and a one-mile fun run, will be at 9 a.m. on Nov. 6 at NRS, 4650 US 287 in Decatur.

The money raised will be used to buy food and presents for families in need this holiday season.

"When I first came on as sheriff, the Santa's Deputies program had just been started by the previous sheriff," said WCSO Sheriff Lane Akin. "Back then, we were taking care of maybe 15-20 families. Now, we're up to around 250. It's an amazing operation."

Akin recalled a time when he was making a run to a family's home to deliver presents, food and clothing.

"The father was in the yard, he saw us pull up



and his first words were, 'I haven't done anything wrong.' It was clear he'd had dealings with law enforcement in the past." Akin laughed.

"I told him, 'We aren't here for you. We're here to bring presents to your kids.' And he cried. This big, tattooed guy. It was one of the most emotional moments for me."

Families do not apply to be included in the Santa's Deputies program. Many



names come from inmates at the Wise County Jail, hoping to give their families a good Christmas. Others come from School Resource Officers or other people in the community.

"This program is an opportunity for our citizens to see us, not just the gun and the

badge, but to see the hearts of our deputies," said Akin. "They see that we don't just serve the public but that we are public servants. I am so proud and so glad to be a part of this."

This is the first time the department will be hosting a run to raise the money for this important community program, but Santa's Deputies is a long-held tradition of the Wise County Sheriff's Office.

Registration is \$30 per

person and racers can sign up the day of the race.

Not much of a runner but want to help another way? They will also be accepting donations of new toys, non-perishable food items, and money at the race, all of which will be handed out by Santa's Deputies.

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Aledo Mayor Kit Marshall to run for Texas House District 60

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Eight-term Aledo Mayor Kit Marshall announced last week that she is running for State Representative of the newly redrawn House District 60 of the Texas House of Representatives.

Texas representative elections are scheduled for November 2022, with primaries in March.

House District 60 includes Parker, Palo Pinto and Stephens counties.

The seat is currently held by Rep. Phil King, who recently announced his candidacy for a seat in the Texas

Senate.

Marshall first became Mayor of Aledo in 2006 after serving four years on the Aledo City Council beginning in 2002. For almost two decades, she has been an outspoken leader and advocate for rural jurisdictions and economic development. While leading the East Parker County community of Aledo as its Mayor, she has also served on regional committees with the North Central Texas Council of Governments, where she has won awards for her emergency preparedness leadership, and the North Central Texas Trauma Regional Ad-

visory Council.

Marshall is a long-time resident of Parker County. She graduated from Aledo High School and began her collegiate studies at Weatherford College. She went on to receive undergraduate degree in social work from Oral Roberts University. At ORU, she competed as an intercollegiate athlete in basketball and was later an assistant coach in girl's basketball.

Marshall has served Parker County in Emergency Management for over 16 years and is the county's current emergency management officer. She developed

and managed the federal grant-funded, state-managed program (DSHS), Strategic National Stockpile, specific to Parker County and its residents. She also developed and managed Parker County's Community Emergency Response Team. She works with the county's emergency management coordinator, coordinates and/or prepares plans for all operational emergency support functions for Parker County's Emergency Response Plan.

Her grant-writing experience has benefitted Parker County with numerous awarded grants. She is the only elected official in Texas with a Texas Emergency Management Certification.

Marshall has served as the president of the Aledo Economic Development Corporation since 2008, served six years as a board member of the Weatherford Regional Hospital, a founding member and former board member of the East Parker County Chamber of Commerce, four years as a district chairperson of the Brazos Valley Boy Scouts, a three-term board member of the Parker County Republican Women organization, a member of the Aledo Lion's Club, and a founding member of Ro-

tary of Aledo. She is also a member of the ORU Alumni Board of Directors. She has received numerous awards and recognitions for her volunteer activities throughout Parker County, including the United States Presidential Award for Volunteerism.

"I have been fortunate to serve a dynamic, growing community as the mayor of Aledo for more than a decade and have seen rapid, positive growth come to a city that could have been run over," she said. "But, as a community, we have come together, prevailed, and maintained our values, our identity and our sense of place. We are partners with the Aledo Independent School District, who are recognized statewide for academics, athletics and a student experience that is widely known."

She continued, "As a state Representative, the success that our community has facilitated can be brought to all of District 60. I have been on the ground here, have fought in the trenches, have built teams and motivated groups to a common goal, and can do that across one of the most dynamic and rapidly growing house districts in Texas."

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Obituaries

Joyce Peters

1948- 2021

Joyce Marie Bishop Peters, 73, a loving wife, mother, sister and nana, went home to be with her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, Wednesday, October 20, 2021 in Decatur.

Funeral is at 11 a.m. Saturday, October 30, 2021 at Alexander's Midway, Springtown. Visitation from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., Saturday, prior to the service.

Joyce was born September 7, 1948 in Stephenville to LeeRoy Bishop and Fayne (Rhodes) Smith. They both preceded her in death, along with her sisters, Brenda, Exa and Debbie. Joyce loved the Lord and had a huge giving heart, always putting others before herself.

Left to cherish fond memories are her loving and devoted husband of 54 years, Allen Peters; daughter,



Sonja Crocker and husband, Erin; sisters, Virginia Mader and husband, Allen and Allie Johnson and husband, Duane; brother, Bobby Bishop and wife, Sharon; granddaughters, Meaghan; grandson, Iain Crocker; numerous nieces, nephews; extended family and friends.

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Donald Sanders

1941- 2021

Donald Ray Sanders, 79, of Springtown, went home to be with his Lord and Savior, Monday, October 18, 2021.

He was born on October 24, 1941 in Breckenridge to Alex Reuben & Lela Mae Sanders. They both preceded in death along with his brother, James Reuben Sanders and sister, Etta Pauline Thompson (who passed October 23, 2021).

He served in the US Navy and was a machinist by profession. Don was a loving husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather, brother, and friend to many. He loved and served the Lord during his lifetime. His sense of humor, and kindness of



heart will never be forgotten by those who knew him.

Survivors include his wife of 57 years, Carol Anne; four children; 10 grandchildren; 10 great grandchildren; and two sisters.

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James Shafer

1941- 2021

James Wilson Shafer, 80, passed away peacefully, surrounded by family, on Saturday, October 23, 2021, at his home in Springtown.

Funeral Service is at 10 a.m. Friday, October 29, 2021 at Faith Baptist Fellowship, 1411 Carter Rd., Springtown. Interment: Springtown Cemetery. Visitation is from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, October 28, 2021 at White's Funeral Home, 401 N. Main St., Springtown.

James was born August 29, 1941 in Shattuck, Oklahoma, son of Loris and Luella Shafer. He was a long-time faithful member of Faith Baptist Fellowship, which he also helped build. Woodworking was his joy, he also enjoyed camping but his first loves were God and his family. Service was his gift to God.

James was preceded in death by his parents.

Survivors include his beloved wife, Glenda Shafer; daughters, Carla Laska and



husband, James, and Jennifer Elliott and husband, William; son, Richard Shafer and wife, Kelli; grandchildren, Kyle Laska and wife, Annika, Kelsey Hackl and husband, Luke, Garrett Gibson, Presley Gibson, and Samantha Shafer; great-grandchildren, Jensen, Cade, and Blakely; sister, Delores Emerson; and a host of extended family and friends.

His legacy of being a Christ follower is reflected in his children and grandchildren.

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Sunshine Willett

1930- 2021

Sunshine Rice Willett, 91, of Springtown, passed away Saturday, October 16, 2021.

Funeral Services are at 2:30 p.m. Thursday, October 28, 2021 at Greenwood Chapel, 3100 White Settlement Road, Fort Worth, Texas. Following graveside service at Greenwood Memorial Park.

Sunshine Collene Rice Willett was born April 15, 1930 in Brown County, Texas. She graduated from May High School in May, Texas in 1947. She married Eugene Willett in June of 1947. They had two daughters and made a home in Fort Worth for over 50 years. She loved children and spent 35 years working with them in Sunday school as a member of the Baptist Church, Bluebirds, Campfire Girls, Sunbeams, GA's and choir. She was also active in the PTA.

In 1992, Sunshine and her husband moved to Springtown where they enjoyed living in the country. She loved to sew and bake bread. She was a member of the Lighthouse Country Cowboy Church in Azle. Sunshine and Eugene traveled extensively and enjoyed ballroom dancing. She was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star for over 50



years. Sunshine was a dedicated loving wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, and friend.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 66 years, Eugene Willett; sisters, Earlene Dodd, Ann Wade, and Estelle Bullard; brothers, William Rice and Virgil Rice.

Survivors include her daughters, Reena Hill and husband, Steve; Tammy Hays and husband, James; grandson, Kyle Hays and wife, Tiffany; granddaughters, Rebecca Hill Salazar and husband, Damek; and Britni Hays; great-granddaughters, Kyla and Raylen Hays; sister, Gaytha Faircloth; and many nieces, nephews, and friends she loved so much.

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Lawyer to run for Parker County court judge seat

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Parker County attorney Zach Pettigrew is running in the 2022 Republican primary election for Parker County Court at Law 1 position, which has jurisdiction in civil, criminal and family law.

The incumbent, Judge Jerry Buckner, is not running for re-election.

Filing has not yet begun for this election, but Pettigrew along with Brian Eppes and Allison Bedore have filed treasurer appointment paperwork.

"Folks live in and move to Parker County because it is a safe place to live, work, and raise a family. It's the responsibility of our judges to protect us by strictly following the law and Constitution, dispensing justice fairly, and operating an efficient court," Pettigrew said. "This is the kind of judge I will be."

Pettigrew is a partner in M&P Law Offices of Aledo and previously practiced law with Mayo Mendiola & Vice, L.L.P. His law practice focuses primarily on general civil litigation, family and custody disputes and criminal cases all requiring extensive courtroom litigation experience.

Upon graduating from Aledo High School in 2001, he attended and earned his undergraduate degree in finance from Henderson State University in Arkansas. At Henderson, Pettigrew lettered all four years with the Reddie football team. After returning home, he earned his law degree from Texas Wesleyan University School of Law, now called Texas A&M University School of Law.

In addition to being active in conservative and Republican politics, Pettigrew is a member of the Federalist Society.

His community service includes serving as a volunteer board member for the Aledo Education Foundation, the Hurt and Fallen Foundation and a member of the Business Development Group of Aledo. He is also a member of the Weatherford Chamber of Commerce, East Parker County Chamber of Commerce and Springtown Chamber of Commerce.

Pettigrew is married to Tricia Pettigrew, a pre-school teacher, and they have a son and a daughter. He is an avid husband, father and outdoorsman. They attend New River Fellowship Church and live in Willow Park.

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How far back can you trace your family history?

I know some people who are really into that and have spent a lot of time on genealogical research. And they actually enjoy it!

I think genealogy is cool, but I'm glad that I have family members who enjoy the research part. My eyes glaze over pretty quickly with too many details.

The only history that I can share by memory with certainty only extends to the the birth dates of my grandparents.

My person history began December 24, 1961 at Hendricks Hospital in Abilene, Texas. My memories about that day are vague (ok, non-existent), but I know that's the day I showed up.

I have no idea about the day my earthly sojourn will end, but I do know that it is inevitable. No matter how many precautions, vitamin supplements, medications, and essential oils I take, I'm terminal.

So are you. (Sorry to bring that up).

Here's what I know: God existed before I did and will still exist when I'm done.

In fact, His eternal nature means that He—unlike us—has no beginning and end.

I read again this morning in Revelation these words God spoke: "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "the one who is, who was, and who is to come, the Almighty." (Revelation 1:8)

A few verses later, Jesus shows up: "He laid his right hand on me and said, 'Don't



BE AMAZING

By Gerry Lewis

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be afraid. I am the First and the Last, and the Living One. I was dead, but look — I am alive forever and ever ...” (Revelation 1:17)

Here's how The Message renders those two verses:

“The Master declares, ‘I’m A to Z. I’m THE GOD WHO IS, THE GOD WHO WAS, AND THE GOD ABOUT TO ARRIVE. I’m the Sovereign-Strong.’ ... His right hand pulled me upright, his voice reassured me: ‘Don’t fear: I am First, I am Last, I’m Alive. I died, but I came to life, and my life is now forever.’”

I had an imaginary conversation with the Lord this morning:

Jesus: “Don’t fear.”

Gerry: “Yeah, right.”

Jesus: “No, seriously.”

Gerry: “Why?”

Jesus: “I am.”

I know He was there with me in that hospital room almost 60 years ago and I know He will be with me whenever I draw my final breath.

And he's right here in the messy middle (however long it is).

I spent most of last week in the beautiful mountains of North Carolina attending a conference.

He was with me there.

Early this morning my two-year-old grandson had exploratory surgery to determine what caused a lump below his left eye.

God was with Sweetie and me as we awaited the updates at home. He was with our son and daughter-in-law as they sat in the waiting room. He was with our little dude in the OR.

We got a good result (the one we prayed for), but the outcome was not evidence of God's presence. He was with us. That reality would not have been diminished if we had gotten bad news.

Sweetie and I got our COVID booster shots this morning. If our bodies respond the same way as the previous shot, I'm going to be feeling crummy in a little while and she's going to feel fine.

We don't know how we'll feel, but we know He's with us either way.

Our stories—both in the past and in the future—are full of highs and lows, blind corners and breath-taking vistas.

The messy middle. He always has been and always will be with us.

Be amazing today, my friend.

How many cookies would you take?

I live near the lake and was told recently of a couple who tried to get their boat out of the water at the marina but could not get access to the dock to unload their passengers. Another boater had tied their vessel on the dock and then decided to go and watch the nearby beach volleyball. This act basically made the dock unusable for others. The people waited patiently for the offending boat owner to return. Finally, someone on shore tracked down the person who had monopolized the use of the dock. When the offender returned to the dock they jumped in their boat and yelled to the people who he had inconvenienced, “shove it up your #\$\$@\$\$”, before speeding off.

What has happened to common courtesy? It is simply not that common anymore.

There are lots of theories and rationales about why the behavior of many has become so toxic. I say toxic because it appears some folks believe that whatever they want to say and however they want to say it is “their right”, and the rest of the world must simply live with their choice.

Some attribute this rise in “bad behavior” to being locked down during Covid. Still others believe it is because we have become such a tribal society where folks are either in your “tribe” or they are the enemy, and if they are the enemy, they deserve no consideration whatsoever. Heavens to Betsy that people might simply disagree or see things a little differently! Why do any of our neighbors have to become the “enemy”?

Would anyone ever imagined we would have open



MY FRONT PORCH

By Sam Houston

Sam Houston is a newspaper executive, a columnist, author, actor and entertainment promoter.

fistfights on airplanes because people will not follow the rules which the airlines set for their customers? I never thought a flight attendant's job would involve as much physical contact as a mixed martial arts exhibition! What is going on in people's minds? Yes, I support free speech, and I understand freedom of choice, but the wonderful characteristic of our society is while each person has “rights”, they must also not infringe on the rights of others as they exercise those rights. What has happened to make people believe it is only “their rights” which must be respected, especially when it comes to the detriment of others?

Recently I attended a reception. While commonly there is not a huge turnout for this type of event, this meeting drew an unexpected crowd. Clearly the generous number of attendees exceeded the hosts' estimate. After an introductory welcoming statement, the audience was dismissed to have coffee and cookies.

As attendees lined up at the refreshment table, I overheard several conversations. All agreed the turnout was much bigger than expected and as such, the refreshments might be stretched thin to accommodate the extra attendees. As she placed a single cookie on her plate, I heard one woman exclaim, “goodness I hope they do not run out before everyone gets through the line”. Within just a few seconds I saw

two other people grab three cookies each and one commented to the other, “they are going to run short; we better get what we want because we probably won't be able to go back”, and the friend responded, “glad we were here first!”. I am not sure why those two brief comments hit me so hard, but then I realized it was a microcosm of our society. Some are concerned for others and want to be kind and considerate. Others, only have concerns about their own needs and wants. It never dawns on them their actions might negatively affect someone else.

I love cookies and have the body to prove it. I also hope to be respectful of others and understand their needs and wants, and not listen solely to the desires which I have for myself. Life is full of cookies, and we have choices to make. I wish more people would remember there are lots of people standing in line. They are not our enemy and no matter how long we have been in quarantine or restricted, it doesn't give us the right, to forget the rights and needs of others. The more we respect others, the more likely they are to respect us back. Heck, it might even lead to some genuine civility towards each other!

How many cookies do you want?

Thought for the day: Respect is like a boomerang. It must be sent out before it will come back to you. Until next time..



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Gas prices topping \$3 across state

The price of a gallon of gasoline tops \$3 across much of the state, which is up more than \$1.20 from a year ago, according to AAA. The average price for regular gas in Texas stood at \$3.03 per gallon on Sunday as crude oil prices continue to creep up, closing above \$80 per barrel. Crude oil price is one of a quartet of factors that influence the cost of gasoline, reported The Dallas Morning News. The cost of refining, distribution expenses and taxes also affect the price at the pump.

“Things have really picked up steam in terms of national gas prices in the last two-and-a-half to three weeks,” Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum at fuel savings app GasBuddy, told the newspaper. “The national average had been stable for a long period of time, but suddenly the price of oil surged, and the price of gasoline followed along with it.”

Cheaper prices can be found, although it takes some searching. Gasbuddy.com reported prices hovering around \$2.45 per gallon at locations in Dallas, Houston and Round Rock, but these appear to be exceptions to the prevailing price increases.

SCOTT APPOINTED TEXAS SECRETARY OF STATE.

John Scott has been appointed Texas Secretary of State, in which he serves as the state’s chief election officer. The veteran Fort Worth attorney served previously as a deputy attorney general for civil litigation when Abbott was attorney general. He subsequently served as the chief operating officer of the state Health and Human Services Commission, with a \$50 billion biennial budget and 56,000 employees. Scott briefly represented former President Donald Trump in a lawsuit challenging the 2020 election results in Pennsylvania, along with state Sen. Bryan Hughes. Both withdrew from the case a few days later, reported the Texas Tribune.

The secretary of state slot has been vacant since May, when Rita Hughes resigned after the state senate declined to consider her confirmation. Since the Legislature isn’t scheduled to meet again until 2023, Scott



CAPITOL HIGHLIGHTS

By Gary Borders

Gary Borders is a veteran award-winning Texas journalist. He published a number of community newspapers in Texas during a 30-year span, including in Longview, Fort Stockton, Nacogdoches and Cedar Park. gborders@texaspress.com.

will serve in an interim capacity until then.

DSHS LAUNCHES COVID-19 VACCINATION PUSH

The Texas Department of State Health Services has launched a new statewide COVID-19 media campaign to encourage Texans aged 12 and over to get vaccinated against COVID-19. The campaign features Texans describing in their own words why they were initially hesitant to get the vaccine and later changed their minds.

“Any Texan who has not been vaccinated against COVID-19 because of safety or other concerns can be assured that the authorized vaccines are safe and effective,” said Dr. John Hellerstedt, DSHS commissioner. “The data gathered shows the benefits of vaccination far outweigh the risks of rare side effects. Most importantly, vaccination is proven to greatly increase our protection against severe COVID-19 illness, hospitalization and even death.”

One ad features a woman who contracted a moderate to severe case of COVID-19. That experience led her to change her mind and get vaccinated following her illness to try and prevent a reinfection that could make her sick again or threaten those around her, according to a DSHS press release.

Another ad features a man who resisted vaccination because of his distrust in the safety of the vaccines and of those who encouraged their use. But as millions across the state, nation and globe have become fully vaccinated and adverse events remain very rare, he reviewed the data and has since been vaccinated.

Meanwhile, the number of new COVID-19 cases in Texas continues to drop, with 30,276 reported by the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University in the past week. That is down nearly 75% from about a month ago. New deaths also dropped

to 1,267 in the past week, reflecting national trends as the delta variant wave appears to be finally waning. State hospitalizations of lab-confirmed COVID-19 patients dropped to 4,382 as of Sunday, down two-thirds from a month ago.

Texans who are fully vaccinated topped 15.3 million, according to DSHS, with more than a million having also received an additional dose.

TPWD PREDICTS A PRODUCTIVE HUNTING SEASON

It could be a fruitful season for Texas waterfowl hunters with millions of ducks in the Central Flyway.

“Duck production in prairie potholes of North Dakota, South Dakota, Saskatchewan and Alberta were reported to be below average due to extensive drought this summer,” said Kevin Kraai, TPWD Waterfowl Program Leader. “With that said, there are still millions of ducks in the Central Flyway, and we are on the heels of multiple excellent breeding seasons for ducks over the last few years.”

Wetter-than-average conditions during the first half of the year are leading to more surface water for ducks and geese. Hunters should purchase their 2021-2022 hunting license before hitting the field.

In addition, TPWD biologists says deer hunters can expect an excellent 2021-2022 white-tailed deer season. Late spring rains alleviated drought conditions at the end of 2020, leading to accelerated growth of weeds and flowering plants attractive to deer. The Edwards Plateau, at the crossroads of Central, South and West Texas, has the highest deer population in the state.

The general season runs from Nov. 6 through Jan. 2, 2022, in the North Zone and Jan. 16, 2022, in the South Zone. A special youth-only gun deer season is set for Oct. 30-31 and Jan. 3-16, 2022. Go to tpwd.gov for more information.

Our Texas, What a State!



AG 101

By Jack DeShazo

Jack DeShazo has decades of experience in the agriculture field.

Just a note for you who are Coastal Bermudagrass raisers, either for hay production or for grazing purposes. We all know that the end of the Coastal growing season is almost here, but what are the specifics besides it being Fall for this to happen?

Well, here they are; when the nighttime air temperatures begin to drop below 50 degrees Fahrenheit for several consecutive nights the soil temperature in like fashion begins to drop.

When the soil temperature reaches 65 degrees or less Coastal’s growing season days are numbered; until the reverse of the temperature changes begin to happen in the Spring.

As a side note here, when the nighttime air temperature starts reaching the 50s but the daytime temperatures are still in the 70s or higher the ground temperatures will maintain and the Coastal’s cool season dormancy will be temporarily postponed. But again, when the ground temperatures reach 65 or less, we are finished with Coastal growth for the year.

Of course, you can still bale and/or graze after dormancy, but the protein level begins to drop rapidly and then all that your livestock are consuming is mostly fiber to just fill their guts. Those of y’all who are growing and using one of the Tifton Bermudagrasses for ducks over the last few weeks after the Coastal has quit for the season.

Now this is where you are going to think that I’m a “geek”, but I have been checking the soil temperature at our place and it has been in the low 70s. So, it’s time to be getting that last cutting of Coastal hay if you have enough top growth or the last grazing before you put your field to bed for the year. But try to not go into the cool season with little or no top growth left, this causes a greater chance for root kill during the cold weather.

So now is the time to be getting prepared for next year’s hay and grazing production with soil testing, February and/or March chiseling if needed and plans for next year’s weed control and fertilization. So, it may be time for your Coastal Bermudagrass to get a Winter’s rest, but not you, there’s still work to be

done. Let’s pick back up where we left off a couple of weeks ago. Looking at maps of Texas you can find our state divided into regions in many ways. From an Agricultural point of view I like to use Gould’s Ecoregions maps. I mentioned earlier in this article that you may think that I’m a “geek”, well when it comes to maps you would be correct there also. You would have to partially blame Mrs. Weddle, my Walnut Creek Elementary fourth grade teacher for that, she encouraged my love of maps through her interesting geography lessons.

Now let’s get back to Gould’s ecoregion map, it divides Texas into ten distinctly different ecological or vegetational regions. Each of the regions have different climate traits and soil types; with each of these being different, various plants with differing requirements for growth are found in each region. Let’s start with the Piney Woods which is the Eastern most part of Texas and shares our border with Arkansas and Louisiana. As the name implies the Piney Woods is predominantly covered with pine and hardwood trees, parts of 29 East Texas counties are included in this ecoregion, the soil in this area tends to have a lower pH meaning it is more acidic; this region receives more precipitation than any other area of Texas.

A few of the larger towns/cities in this region are Texarkana, Longview, Huntsville and Lufkin. South of the Piney Woods the Coastal Prairies region is found and it contains parts of twenty-two gulf coast counties. Houston, Victoria, Beaumont, and Corpus Christi are the larger cities found in the Coastal Prairies. Moving West, we find the Post Oak Savannah region consisting of thirty-five counties.

The larger cities/towns in this region are College Station, Gonzales, Seguin, and Tyler. Moving West again

we find a narrow strip of land reaching from the Red River to the edge of South Texas; this is the Blackland Prairies which includes 30 counties and the cities and towns of Sulphur Springs, Greenville, Paris, McKinney, Dallas and Athens.

Moving West again we venture to the Cross Timbers region which contains parts of 34 North Central to central counties; cities/towns found in this region are Henrietta, Jacksboro, Weatherford, Mineral Wells, Stephenville, Waco and of course Azle and Springtown. South and Southwest of the Cross Timbers the Edwards Plateau is found. It contains parts of 37 central Texas counties, is also known as the “Hill Country” and the cities/towns of Austin, San Antonio and Kerrville are found in this region.

The South Texas Plains joins the Edwards Plateau on the South, is made up of portions of Texas’ thirty-one Southernmost counties and contains Uvalde, Laredo, McAllen and Brownsville.

Now going back to the West the Trans Pecos region is found West of or across the Pecos River and is made up of twelve extreme West Texas counties which contain the cities/towns of Alpine, El Paso, Ft. Davis, Ft. Stockton, Marfa and Pecos. Going to the North we find the remaining two regions; the Rolling Plains made up of fifty counties which includes the cities/towns of Vernon, Abilene, Brownwood, San Angelo and Sweetwater then West to the High Plains region which is made up of parts of 41 counties including major cities of Amarillo and Lubbock.

Now that I’m out of space and time I probably need to apologize for giving you a lot more information than you wanted. Next week we’ll visit about the types of Agriculture found in these ten regions and more specifically our Cross Timbers ecoregion.

‘til next time.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

The 2021 Texas Legislative Session was a success on many fronts! The Heartbeat Bill is reducing the number of abortions in Texas, and the Trigger Bill will eliminate all abortions in Texas if Roe v. Wade is repealed. A State Budget was passed that is below all

Constitutional limits while funding more than \$3 billion in help on the Texas border which is of course challenging for our State because border security is a federal responsibility. The budget also provides for Phase 2 of School Finance Reform which includes a 5.6% increase in State funding

which may reduce property tax burden. The Legislature provided post-pandemic recovery protections to Texas workers and businesses. The Texas Legislature passed reinforced protection for our religious freedoms, and we have an opportunity to vote on a Constitutional Amendment on the November bal-

lot that includes a ban on local officials closing houses of worship. Access to health care services was expanded with clearer pricing guidelines. CONSTITUTIONAL CARRY was passed while making Texas a 2nd Amendment Sanctuary State! Election Integrity was passed that makes it easier for Tex-

ans to vote and harder for folks to cheat!

While no Legislative Session provides the “fix” for all issues, 2021 was a GREAT success! Thank you to all that fought for Texans, stayed in Austin and represented our interests! Thank you Governor Abbott, State Senator Drew Springer,

State Representative Phil King, and State Representative Glenn Rogers along with all in the Texas Delegation that stood firm for Texas values! Thank you SBOE Pat Hardy for fighting to protect our school children from CRT! May God continue to bless the Great State of Texas! *Zan S. Prince*



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BUS DRIVER SHORTAGE, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1A.

students at Goshen Creek ride the bus, a percentage that has increased in the last three years.

TOUGH JOB

The shortage has forced campuses to find ways to continue transporting kids with less drivers, Ashley said.

“We have to share a bus driver with another campus,” Ashley said. “So, it’s extending the time that the kids are having to spend on the bus as well as the bus driver, the workload, because not only is she serving one campus, she’s serving two campuses with double the children.”

The shortage of drivers could be attributed to many factors, Kelley said.

“The vast majority of our stakeholders give the district a great deal of support, but occasionally someone has a bad experience and immediately vents on social media,” Kelley said. “Cumulatively, these things make our jobs less attractive and are likely impactful to anyone who might be considering pitching in to help.”

According to Kelley, many potential workers may have been discouraged to apply for the work because of federal incentives.

Springtown bus driver pay starts at \$16 per hour with the most-experienced drivers making \$22 per hour, Kelley said. Bus drivers work part-time for at least four hours per day.

According to the job seeking website ZipRecruiter, school bus drivers make \$16 per hour and \$33,891 yearly on average in the U.S.

The hourly rate might sound like good pay, but Clark Zigelhofer said because of the few hours split between the morning and

afternoon, drivers are not making much each month and can’t always get another job in between the times they are driving buses.

“When you think about the wacky hours that we work, the amount of students that we have that we’re responsible for solo, on our own, and whenever it comes down to it, we’re making \$1,000 a month,” she said. “It’s not very appealing.”

Also being a bus driver might not be the best option for the average job seeker because the job requires training. In Texas, drivers are required to complete 20 hours of certification training, and then drivers must complete eight hours of additional training for recertification every three years, according to the Education Service Center Region 11 website, which includes Springtown.

School bus drivers also need to have a Class B commercial driver’s license with passenger and school bus endorsements, must pass an annual mental and physical exam, have an acceptable driving record in accordance with the Texas school bus driving record evaluation and not have any felonies or misdemeanor convictions for a crime involving moral turpitude.

“There’s a lot of extras that bus drivers have to have that nobody realizes that bus drivers actually have,” Clark Zigelhofer said. “A lot of people are like, ‘Oh, you’re just a bus driver.’ Most of us are retired professionals, and this is what we’re doing to continue just being active.”

Also, drivers transport 45-60 kids to and from school, and not everyone can deal with that many students, Clark Zigelhofer said.

“Just navigating local con-

“They’re people that want to make a difference in the lives of young ones...It’s basically a service. It’s a very important job.”

– WENDY ASHLEY, GOSHEN CREEK ELEMENTARY ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL



Goshen Creek Elementary students board the bus.

Photo by Madelyn Edwards

struction areas in a pickup is tough sometimes ... given the logistical challenges of moving almost 1,500 students to/from school each day and the fact that some buses have 70 different personalities on board, I think what our bus drivers are able to accomplish each day is exceptional,” Kelley said.

VENTING ON FACEBOOK

Earlier this month, Amber Harvey vented on Facebook about the problems with the buses that pick up her children.

“I have lost 3 jobs due to the bus causing me to be late or having to wait in the long line to drop them off. Bus transportation is essential for some parents,” Harvey said. “Because I live within

a mile of the school my kids are expected to walk but we live on a road that is not safe for my kids to walk. Therefore, I have to drive them to the shuttle bus at the high school. But when the bus doesn’t show up on time then I am late.”

Her post garnered 209 comments, some of them chastising Harvey for complaining and others relating to her experience.

The school superintendent explained that the shuttle bus is a service for students who live too close to schools to qualify for a traditional bus route, and admits there is inconsistency as to who rides the shuttle buses.

“Because the shuttle loops among several campuses and stops in neighborhoods close to our schools, there is

a lot of inconsistency regarding who rides, and when,” Kelley said. “Whereas students will typically sit in the same general area (or even an assigned seat), the purpose of the shuttle does create some unique challenges. If the weather is nice, some students will choose to walk home rather than ride.”

Other parents on social media agreed with Harvey.

“If we had more bus drivers, they wouldn’t be so crammed in the seats and sitting on the floors,” Krystal Rayanne Shoff said. “One of my kids can’t even bring her instrument home on the bus because it’s overcrowded and I’m not able to pick her up because I’m at work.”

Another issue with overcrowding is not being able to know which kids are acting

up, Shoff said.

“Last year when they were overcrowded I did speak to (the transportation department) because I was getting calls nearly every single day that my girls were acting up, and when we reviewed footage it was actually somebody next to them or behind them, and I guess they’re just not being able to see because they’re so overcrowded,” Shoff said.

Casey Bullard, parent of three kids, said the district is managing bus traffic the best they can, and the only thing that could be improved is bus driver job advertising. She also noted that her kids like their bus driver.

“It really made their day

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Reuse Materials to Make Your Halloween Costume!

IT CAME FROM THE RECYCLE BIN!

Replace the missing words.

CUPS TROUBLE SAD SMILE RECYCLE COSTUMES CARDBOARD

One Halloween day, the students in Ms. Lively’s class showed up in their costumes. Well, all but one student.

David didn’t have a costume. But he wasn’t _____. He had a secretive _____ on his face. What was he up to, wondered the other students?

At lunchtime, Ms. Lively said, “David, please stay in at lunch.” The other kids wondered if David was in some kind of _____.

But a little later, David came out to the playground in a cool robot costume — one Ms. Lively and he had put together with _____.

David beamed as he told his friends, “I asked Ms. Lively to help me make my Reuse Robot costume from things heading to the _____ bin! I wanted _____ to show how _____ can be made from reusable things. And after Halloween, I’ll recycle all the parts of my costume!”

aluminum foil scrap
paper cup
cardboard boxes
garden gloves
construction paper scraps, cardboard, newspaper and magazine photos to create gauges, video screens, lights, buttons
newspaper and paper

Creative Reuse Costume Ideas

Some things that might end up in landfills could be used to make clever Halloween costumes and props. Here are just a few ideas!

- Giant Mac & Cheese**
painted cardboard toilet paper tubes
painted cardboard box
- Pirate Telescope and Explorer Binoculars**
created with paper towel tubes and toilet paper tubes
- Jellyfish**
umbrella
strips of newspaper, ribbons
- Broomstick**
newspaper strips
- Astronaut Jet Pack**
2 litre plastic bottles
cardboard/construction paper
plastic bottle caps for dials and buttons
construction paper flames

What can you create with some of these things? Draw your costume idea!

- plastic bottles
- egg cartons
- large envelopes
- paper bags
- cereal boxes
- fruit stickers
- newspapers
- pizza boxes
- yoğurt cups
- magazines
- popsicle sticks
- butter tubs
- shoe boxes
- paper cups
- milk cartons

Why do vampires like recycling?

Replace the missing vowels to discover the answer.

BECAUSE PL__ST__C
W__ST__IS A P__N
IN THE N__CK!

How many bats can you find on this page? Have a friend try, too!

Extra! Extra!

Halloween Scavenger Hunt

Look through the newspaper for:

- A word that means the opposite of scary
- A Halloween costume
- A scary large number
- An adjective that describes Halloween

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

HALLOWEEN HATS: A paper sack and scrap paper can become a silly Halloween hat! Each picture has a match, except one. Can you find it?

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Draw the item that should come next to continue the pattern in each row.

Standards Link: Mathematics: Understand simple patterns.

Double Double Word Search

Find the words in the puzzle. How many of them can you find on this page?

MATERIALS
COSTUMES
MACARONI
UMBRELLA
ALUMINUM
STUDENT
RECYCLE
ROBOT
IDEAS
SMILE
VIDEO
SCRAP
BOX
BIN
CUPS

H	I	T	A	O	E	D	I	V	S
S	D	N	L	L	R	R	S	A	L
C	E	E	O	A	O	E	M	L	A
R	A	D	C	R	M	C	I	L	I
A	S	U	W	U	A	Y	L	E	R
P	P	T	T	X	N	C	E	R	E
S	E	S	O	E	I	L	A	B	T
T	O	B	O	R	B	E	N	M	A
C	X	A	L	U	M	I	N	U	M

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

Newspaper Creatures

Look through the newspaper to find photos of cartoons with people and animals. Cut out different parts and paste them together to create an all-new creature.

Standards Link: Visual Arts: Use a variety of mediums for art.

Write On!

Halloween Costume Ideas

Can you give other kids advice and idea recommendations for Halloween costumes that don’t cost too much money?

Race a friend to see which of these monsters will reach those tasty, smelly socks first!

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BUS DRIVERS

FROM PAGE 9A.

better having him in the morning because he was such a positive and happy person," Bullard said. "I think it's important to have a great bus driver."

RECRUITING DRIVERS

Kelley said the school district will continue to offer current drivers a "finder's fee" for recommending successful candidates. Open positions will continue to be posted on the district's website, and occasionally on social media.

Low pay is one of the factors standing in the way of hiring more drivers, although that's improving, said Rob D'Amico, spokesperson for Texas AFT, an affiliate of the American Federation of Teachers.

"We've been very successful in rallying for those pay raises so that every time they look for a pay raise for the teachers, they need to consider that for all the school employees, and particularly if they're finding it challenging to fill those positions like bus drivers," he said.

Treating them with respect and valuing what they do can certainly help in convincing drivers to stay.

Being a bus driver requires someone with a "servant's heart," Ashley said. "They're people that want to make a difference in the lives of young ones. It's basically a service. It's a very important job."

BOOK REVIEW

Doing 'what you gotta do... or die'

BY TERRI SCHLICHENMEYER

You gotta do what you gotta do.

Whatever it takes to survive, nothing's off the table in a crisis. Hunt, scrounge, gather, you'd do it if that was required. Anything to have a roof over your head and food in your belly, a few bucks for the basics, maybe an unnecessary gewgaw for comfort. Do what you gotta do in the new novel, "Trashlands" by Alison Stine... or die.

Fresh, clean water from a pipe and heat from the floor.

Mr. Fall was the only one in Trashlands who was old enough to remember those things, and so most people were skeptical. Coral, though, had known Mr. Fall her entire life, and she knew he wouldn't make things like that up. She supposed that in The Els, where damage from floods was minimal, people had clean water and heat but as a plucker in Scrapalachia, the only thing Coral knew for sure about was plastic.

Plucking, in fact, was the only way she had to

make money. Her partner, Trillium, did tattooing for the girls who worked at Trashlands, the garishly-lit club that lent its name to the junkyard where everyone lived. Mr. Fall held school for children who might show up. Summer made clothes, Foxglove danced for men, they all relied on plastic as currency and so Coral spent her days plucking recyclable plastic from the brackish water of a nearby river.

She had to. She needed to save to buy her son's freedom.

Shanghai was small when he was snatched, and that was the point: children's hands were more adept at sorting plastic. Coral thought he'd still be at a factory, but which one was anyone's guess. She often wondered what he'd be like now; back then, when he lived with her and Trillium, the boy was angry and dangerous and she still wanted him back.

He made her who she was. She loved him. He was the reason she stayed at Trashlands...

So you're kind of concerned about climate change? Then take this

warning and buckle your belt tight, because "Trashlands" is about to scare the pants off you.

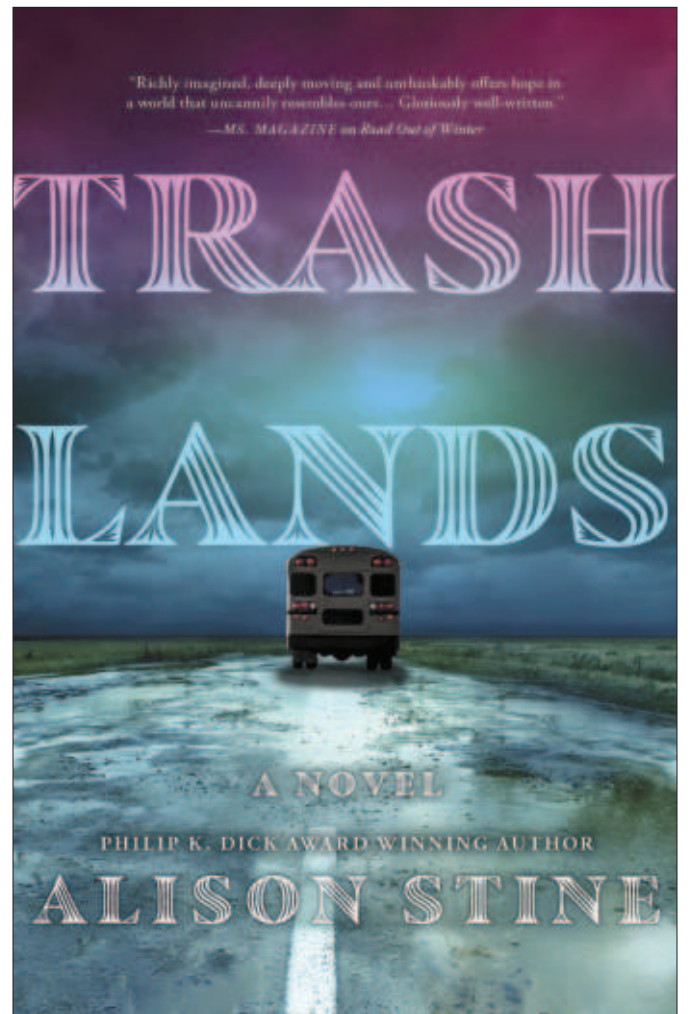
Not in a jump-out-and-boo! sort of way, either: author Alison Stine maintains eerie calm and quiet here, with just enough blanks left unfilled to leave readers feeling the cringey kind of unease that happens when you're anticipating something bad and oops, it's tomorrow. The story isn't really even dystopian; it's more futuristic, set in a possible someday time when society is almost entirely feral, and the gulf between has nothing and is as wide as an ocean full of plastic garbage.

Start it, and you can smell the tale from your reading spot.

The prose feels sandy, but not pleasantly so.

Have fun thinking you know how this book ends but forget it, you don't.

"Trashlands" isn't exactly sci-fi, but just to the left of it and one step up. It's a book to share with someone, quick, so you can discuss. If you love good future fiction, you gotta read it.



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The Springtown defense punishes Decatur in a must-win game.

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Porcupines hope to even record by burning Burkburnett

BY JEFF PRINCE
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The Porcupines began district play with two losses but bounced back last week to knock off Decatur. Now 1-2 in district, Springtown would like to improve its record to 2-2 by besting Burkburnett on Friday.

The opportunity is ripe. Burkburnett is struggling with a 1-7 record and 0-3 in district. Don't tell that to Springtown Head Coach Brian Hulett. He pays no heed to such things.

"When we met with the kids Saturday morning, and I talked about Burkburnett, I told them I don't even know

what their record is," he said. "We will watch video, put together a game plan, practice it with the kids and go out and do our best to execute it on Friday night. Boring and coach speak, I know, but also truth."

Hulett teaches his players to practice hard all week, every week. If they do that,

he tells them, the games, opponents and scores will take care of themselves.

The win against Decatur was crucial. Starting district competition with three losses would have been tough to overcome. Instead, the Pines relied on a stingy defense to shut out the Eagles and a reliable offense to put up

points.

Early in the game, Decatur's offense was driving but faced fourth-and-nine from its own 24. Rather than try a field goal, the Eagles tried to pass for a first down. Springtown's Collin Tidwell hammered the QB for an 11-yard sack, giving Springtown's offense the ball at their own

35.

The Pine offense couldn't establish a drive, punted and relied on its defense to stay in the game.

Both teams played solid D and kept goose eggs on the scoreboard until the second quarter. Long runs by Matt

SEE FOOTBALL, PAGE 2B.

Sound of Springtown making sweet music

BY JEFF PRINCE
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One contest separates Sound of Springtown from a trip to state.

On Saturday, the Springtown High School marching band will perform its energetic, colorful and thought-provoking show at the UIL Area D contest in Pflugerville. The bands that perform best in Pflugerville advance to the state competition during the first week of November at The Alamodome in San Antonio.

"The show is really coming along," said Director Scot McPhetridge. "Each week, we work to try and add a few new elements to keep the performances fresh for the students. Now that we are headed into area (competition), our storyline has become more clear as we have added some scenes into the production."

The band's number is called "The Game" and presents a storyline of kids growing up and succeeding in the game of life. Band



SEE FOOTBALL, PAGE 3B. Kylie Wear, chinstrap buckled, is ready to play.

Photo by Jeff Prince

FOOTBALL, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1B.



It takes four Eagles to take down one Bryce Hollingsworth.

Lockard and Josef Yosten helped the Pines move 89 yards and score a touchdown to take a 6-0 lead.

The Pine defense forced a fumble on Decatur's next possession, but Springtown's offense couldn't score, and the two teams headed to the locker rooms at halftime with the Pines up 6-0.

After intermission, it was all Pines, with the final score 21-0. Coach Hulett credited "just kids playing hard and executing a good game plan our coaches put together."

The team hadn't altered its game plan at halftime, he said.

"There was nothing fancy about what we did," he said. "No major changes or anything. Line up, trust the call, do your job and make plays."

Starting at 4-0 before losing three straight games is a roller coaster ride that could cause many teams to feel queasy. The Pines persevered. Overcoming a rough start could work wonders in solidifying this team for the long haul.

"I'm really proud of our kids' fight and effort over the last month," Hulett said. "It's easy to get frustrated and lose sight of what you are doing when the 'often times' only measure of success — the scoreboard — hasn't been in your favor. But our kids and coaches have approached each day as its own and worked and improved, and Friday night was a byproduct of this. To us, inside the locker room, we knew what we have been doing and have seen the ways we are improving and succeeding. So, Friday night is just a fun validation for our team."

Defensively, Tidwell, William Gleason and Yosten played strong games. Offensively, Cody Braken, Hudson Hulett and C.J. Morgan led the way, along with Yosten and Matt "Mister Everything" Lockard.

Prior to the game, school Superintendent Mike Kelley presented a plaque to the family of Darrell Mathis, who was enshrined on the Wall of Honor. Mathis, class of 1977, died in 2020. He and wife, Sheri, raised three kids who graduated from the school. Mathis served on the school board for 10 years.

"He was and still is recognized as a pillar in our community," said a voice over the loudspeaker as the Mathis family stood on the field. "Thank you to the Mathis family for sharing Darrell with our community and schools throughout his entire life as an elite athlete and an even more outstanding person."

Springtown (1-2) plays at 7 p.m. Friday against Burkburnett (0-3) at Iowa Park. The game is being played at Iowa Park due to issues at Burkburnett's stadium.



Josef Yosten flexes his muscles during introductions before flexing them again on the field.



The family of Darrell Mathis honor his induction into the Wall of Honor.

Cross country crosses finish line on season

BY JEFF PRINCE
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The cross country varsity girls finished seventh of 24 teams at the regional track meet in Lubbock on Monday. They won't advance to the state meet but ran well, said Head Coach Raul Guerrero.

"I am extremely proud of what they have all been able to accomplish this year," Guerrero said.

At the district meet on Oct. 14, the girls team finished third to qualify for regionals. Team members include Alayna Vasquez, Aubrey Mueller, Shayne Greenwood, Mackenzie Flaughter, Peyton Reynolds, Kimberly Ramirez and Lonnie Naal, and alternates Reagan Kelley and Ashlynn Dickey.

At district, Vasquez and Mueller and Wesley Payne on the boys team qualified individually to race at regionals.

"The goal all year was to run our best race at district, and they all did," the coach said. "Everyone has improved tremendously."

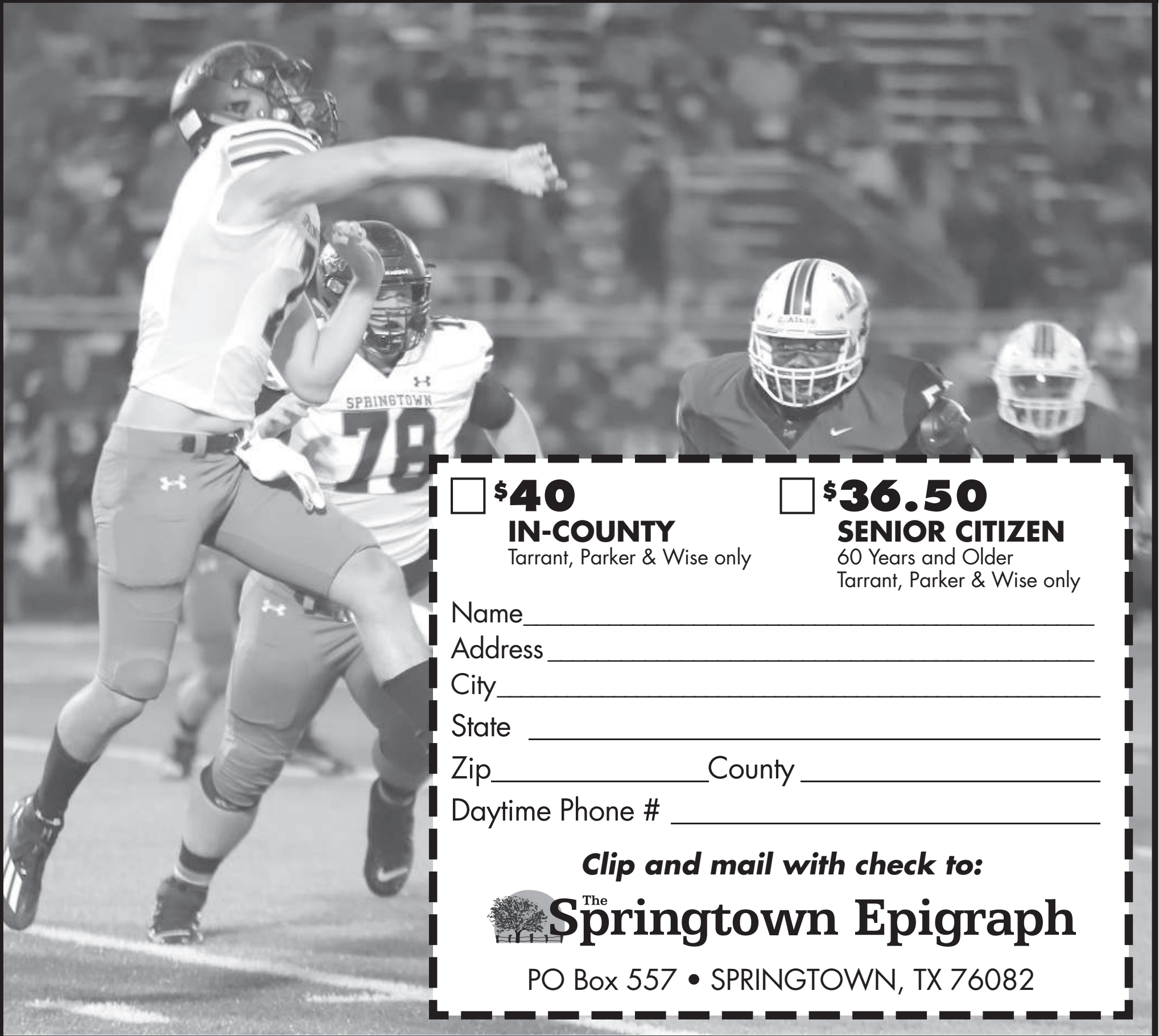
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The Springtown Porcupines ran hard at regionals.



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Performing well on Saturday could mean a trip to state. Springtown's marching band made it to the UIL State Marching Contest in 2003, 2005, 2012, 2014, 2016, 2018 and 2020. The band made it to the finals at state 2012, 2016 and 2018.

This year, the band would love to take home the big trophy.

"The students need to show up ready to perform," McPhetridge said. "Once we take the field, it is all in the student's hands — and feet. They need to execute the things we have been working on. If they do that, then we have accomplished our goal, whether the judge's score agree or not."

The Sound of Springtown will be one of 30 bands competing in the area contest on Saturday. Springtown performs at 11:45 a.m. on Saturday in Pflugerville. Judges will rank each band, and the top 12 advance to a finals competition that begins at 8 p.m. Judges rank those dozen bands again without considering scores from earlier in the day. The top six advance to the UIL State Marching Contest on Nov. 9 in San Antonio.



Senior drumline captain Kameron Walker is ready to pound the bass drum.

Photos by Jeff Prince



The Sound of Springtown compete at the area marching band contest this weekend.



Director Scott McPhetridge on the field with the Sound of Springtown.

Football Contest WEEK 9

Brett Horton and Eddy Swanzy each guessed the winners of eight of 13 games in the football contest. (One of the games in this week's contest – Mineral Wells at Graham – was listed in error and not counted since that game won't be played until this Friday.) To determine the contest winner, we relied on the number of points scored in the tiebreaker game – Brewer at Azle. Sixty-nine points were scored. Swanzy guessed 75 points, making him this week's first place winner. He earns \$20 for his efforts. Horton wins second place and \$10. Four contestants guessed the winners of seven games, but Margaret Swanzy's 65 points were closest to the tiebreaker, so she wins third place and \$5.

Football Contest

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FOOTBALL CONTEST

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Deadline for entries 6 pm Friday at Highland Furniture. Winners can pick up their checks at the Epigraph office after Thursday.

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- TXism: "mean as a bull"
- remove cattle head projections
- ex-UT star Campbell "is more"
- TXism: "snug as a bug"
- past TX bumper sticker: "Too, Eddie"
- sporty Ford, slangily
- TXism: "happy as a kid in"
- late TX Dr. Duke
- this Steven produced "Poltergeist" starring TX JoBeth Williams

DOWN

- TXism: "duck weather"
- insane defendants get treatment hospital
- Stephen F. Austin's love interest in Michener's "Texas"
- long fish caught in TX
- TXism: "it's high"
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- TXism: "in cement"
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- this Cincinnati team is in a different league from Astros
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 39 this Warren starred with TX Quaid in "Tough Enough"
 40 this Coolidge sang with TX Kristofferson
 41 Oklahoma town
 43 TX rodeo king Mahan (init.)
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