Springtown bull rider stars as an extra in the upcoming '1883'TV series

BY MADELYN EDWARDS madelyn@azlenews.net

The Fort Worth Stockyards is Matthew De La Cruz's favorite get bull-riding tips from professionals.

But that's not what De La Cruz few days in early September. Instead, he got the opportunity to play an extra in the new TV show "1883," a spinoff of the ranchfamily drama "Yellowstone."

the opportunity by his sisters and mother, to his surprise.

"One day, my sisters said they were going to sign me up, and I get it, but the next day, (they) told Graw. me, 'Get ready, you're gonna be on (the 'Yellowstone' spinoff),' and I Graw until the second day," he was like, wow, I'm super blessed said. "We were all messing with y'all signed me up. I was just very thankful."

De La Cruz filmed for three days, including one day where filming started at 3 a.m. and ended at 4 a.m. the following day.

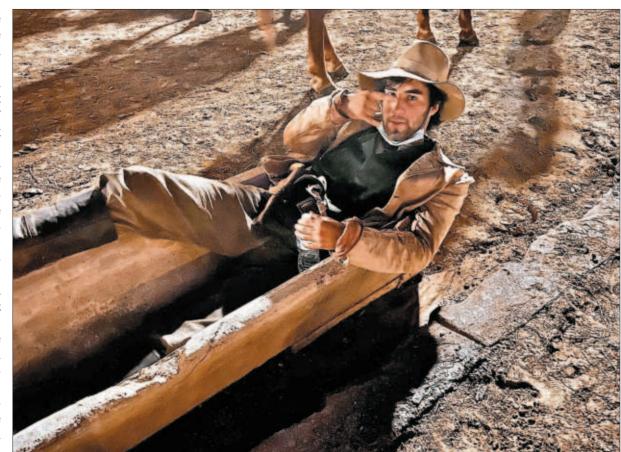
"We had to rehearse it over and place. The Springtown bull rider over about six times each little set likes to show tourists around and that was only like a minute long," he said, adding that just filming short sections took hours.

De La Cruz's scenes included was doing in the Stockyards for a serving soup and being in a scene in which "1883" star Tim Mc-Graw's wallet was taken. Despite the long hours, he said the experience was "worth it."

"Just being on set and just be-De La Cruz was signed up for ing in the clothes, it was like, wow, people are going to see me in a couple months on TV," De La Cruz said. "(It's) a lot to wake up to." De La Cruz recalled sharing the

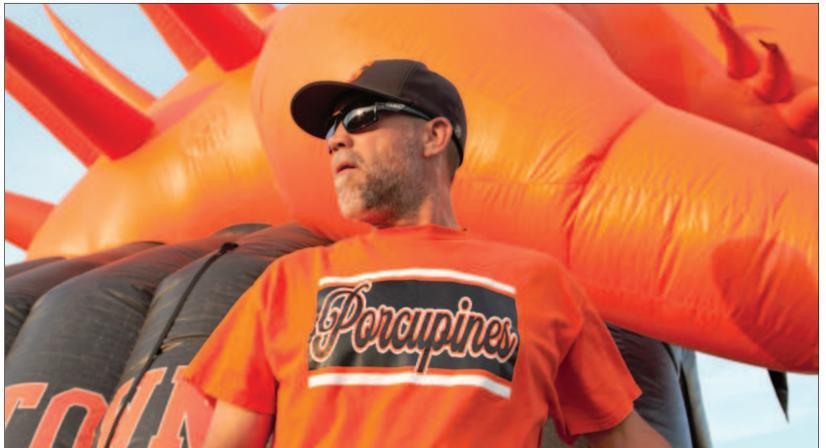
thought they were just joking," he set with stars Sam Elliott, Faith said. "I didn't think I was gonna Hill and, most memorably, Mc-"I didn't know he was Tim Mc-

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Matthew De La Cruz on the set of "1883," dressed for the part.

Multiple dads bring fun to Friday night football



Micheal Lockard stands in front of the giant inflatable porcupine he airs up every week.

BY JEFF PRINCE jeff@azlenews.net

One of the best football players to ever tote a pigskin for the Springtown Porcupines will graduate in May and head out into the world. Such is life when following a high school football team - the faces keep changing.

Matt "Mr. Everything" Lockard earned his nickname by being a topnotch runner, receiver, defender, punter, kicker and returner during his tenure at Springtown High. After graduation, he will leave the team and create an opportunity for a new kid to come along and become a star athlete.

Lockard's father, Micheal, is doing the same. For four years, he has volunteered to inflate the giant mascot that players run through to begin the first and third quarters. He and other dads meet at the field long before games begin, lay out the inflatable mascot in the end

SEE MASCOT, PAGE 5A.

Christmas parade at Springtown on the Square

BY MADELYN EDWARDS madelyn@azlenews.net

Springtown-area residents are invited to come out to the square for the annual Christmas parade and tree lighting during the weekend after Thanksgiving.

The parade and tree lighting will take place at 6 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 28. As of Monday, about 17-20 entries for floats have been submitted from local families, Stars and Strides Stables Therapeutic Riding Center and city services like Springtown's public works and police department, City Secretary and Downtown Coordinator Denise Taylor said.

And, of course, Santa Claus and the Grinch are expected to be in attendance, Taylor said.

The deadline to register a float in the parade is on Tuesday, Nov. 23. The application is available on the city's website and can be turned in via email or dropped off at Springtown City Hall, Taylor said.

The parade will start at Spring-

SEE CHRISTMAS, PAGE 3A. Last year's annual Christmas tree lighting at Springtown Square.



Photo by Jeff Prince

Springtown Cub Scouts Pack 303 hosts food drive

Springtown Cub Scouts Pack 303 collected canned foods and hygiene items at Brookshire's on Saturday. The donated items will be given to Neighbor to Neighbors food pantry. Cubmaster Holly Lowe said the pack was able to donate a lot of food and hygiene items and also collected a large monetary donation. Lowe thanked the community and said the next food drive will be in February. Photo courtesy of Bobby Lowe



Songs of Christmas Concert to bring on holiday spirit

BY JESSICA McKINNEY

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Azle's own John Webster, along with his brother Don Webster, will be bringing the Christmas spirit to Springtown on Dec. 4 with a special concert featuring day, the Noon Gospel Hour. "Songs of Christmas." Joining the duo will be Chris their performances was visit-Golden and Elle Gray.

The Webster Brothers have become well known around the country for their Southern and country gospel her death. music, performing original songs as well as classics nior citizen centers, and many, ing in the Christmas spirit. that they grew up singing in sometimes two to three times He's such a real person.

at around 12 years old," John Webster said.

brother sang together as kids, with Webster sitting it's like going back home. Don up on the piano bench It's like Mama's still there will want to miss this special with him as he played.

forming professionally, incorporating singing into his travels and ministry around

Today, The Webster Brothers have a weekly television 3605 E. Hwy. 199 in Springshow in Dallas and a Facebook Live event every Fri-

What got them started with ing their mother in the nursing Ridge Boys. home. They continue to visit senior centers and nursing songwriter and entertainer homes to perform even after extraordinaire," John Web-

Metroplex," John Webster get to go sing to the seniors, really speak to you."

you're with your loved ones again."

The performers will come together from 2 to 4 p.m. at the R & R Event Center at town to perform songs that will help kick off the holiday

Golden is the son of William Golden of the Oak

"(Chris) is a very great ster said. "I'm telling you he "We continue to sing at se- will absolutely get you goa week, many assisted living He's got such a great heart. "I started to play and sing communities throughout the He loves the Lord, he loves people. You can't help but said. "The love for the music, be drawn into whatever song Webster and his younger it is a ministry to us. When we he's singing ... and it will

Webster says that no one or Grandmama's still there. Christmas performance. Tick-It wasn't until the early They're different people but ets are \$15. For more infor-'90s that Webster began per- it just makes you feel like mation, call 817-774-3272.



John and his brother Don Webster will be giving a special concert at R and R Event Center on December 4. Courtesy Photo

Deadlines moved up for advertising, editorial

Advertising and editorial deadline for the Thursday, Nov. 25, issue of The Springtown Epigraph will be 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 18. The office will be closed Thursday, Nov. 25, for Thanksgiving and Friday, Nov. 26, and will reopen Monday, Nov. 29.









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Springtown amends permitting fees for solar panels and swimming pools

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BY MADELYN EDWARDS madelyn@azlenews.net

Springtown City Council approved readjusting fees for permitting private swimming pools, solar panels and site plan reviews during its last city council meeting.

"There were certain fees inspections," Miller said. that were not meeting the cost of what we have to put into it," City Administrator cording to Miller, by charg-David Miller said during the ing a flat fee of \$225 for

swimming pools was \$50 but was increased to \$250 for above-ground pools and el permit fee was calculated

\$500 for in-ground pools.

Miller said above-ground pools usually must be inspected two to three times it, while in-ground pools are inspected four to five times.

"Fifty dollars just does not cover our cost to have those

panels was simplified, acsystems under 1,000 square with more than 1,000 square boring cities charge. feet. The previous solar pan-

using a combination of a building and electrical fees.

The council also approved adding a \$500 fee for engibefore water can be put into neering reviews of site plans for new developments that don't go through the zoning process, Miller said.

The changes have gone into effect but did not af-The permit fee for solar feet pending applications for swimming pools, solar panels or site plan reviews.

According to the agenda document, these fees are The permit fee for private feet and \$350 for systems comparable to what neigh-

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parade will go down North dren. Main Street, turn on First ementary.

Springtown City Council to first-, second- and thirdplace winners, Taylor said.

After the parade, people

town Elementary School and are invited to the square for and tree lighting kick off to proceed north on Avenue the Christmas tree lighting, the holiday season, Taylor D before making a left on and Santa will be available said. Fifth Street. From there, the to take pictures with chil-

Street, pass by the square parade had to be done differ- ple things: a tree lighting, and finish at Springtown El- ently because of gathering some snow, seeing Santa, restrictions amid the CO- having pictures made with VID-19 pandemic. Instead Santa," she said. "It's just a and Mayor Greg Hood will of people watching a parade slow, easy time. We've albe judging the floats this go by, the parade floats were ways gotten really great reyear and will award prizes parked on the square while views about our parade and people viewed them from the tree lighting, so I hope it their vehicles, Taylor said.

In Springtown, the parade

"It's just a time to come and be with fellow citizens Last year, the Christmas and enjoy some of the simcontinues."

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Brinson, Tinsley, Daisy and He was also welcomed by Bronc; fur sisters Sage, Lo-



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Texas Commission on Environmental Quality



NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION FOR TP-DES PERMIT FOR MUNICIPAL WASTEWATER

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RENEWAL

PERMIT NO. WQ0010649001

APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION. City of Springtown, P.O. Box 444, Springtown, Texas 76082, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for a renewal of Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permit No. WQ0010649001, which authorizes the discharge of treated domestic wastewater at a daily average flow not to exceed 480,000 gallons per day. TCEQ received this application on May 19, 2021.

The facility is located at 1361 Walnut Creek Drive, Springtown, in Parker County, Texas 76082. The treated effluent is discharged to Walnut Creek, thence to Eagle Mountain Reservoir in Segment No. 0809 of the Trinity River Basin. The unclassified receiving water use is high aquatic life use for Walnut Creek. The designated uses for Segment No. 0809 are primary contact recreation, public water supply, and high aquatic life use. All determinations are preliminary and subject to additional review and/or revisions. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and is not part of the application or notice. For the exact location, refer to the application. https://tceq.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=db5bac44afbc468bbddd36of8168250f&marker=-97.655178%2C32.968852&level=12

The TCEQ Executive Director has completed the technical review of the application and prepared a draft permit. The draft permit, if approved, would establish the conditions under which the facility must operate. The Executive Director has made a preliminary decision that this permit, if issued, meets all statutory and regulatory requirements. The permit application, Executive Director's preliminary decision, and draft permit are available for viewing and copying at Springtown City Hall, 102 East 2nd Street, Springtown, Texas.

PUBLIC COMMENT / PUBLIC MEETING. You may submit public comments or request a public meeting about this application. The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or to ask questions about the application. TCEQ holds a public meeting if the Executive Director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING. After the deadline for submitting public comments, the Executive Director will consider all timely comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. Unless the application is directly referred for a contested case hearing, the response to comments will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments and to those persons who are on the mailing list for this application. If comments are received, the mailing will also provide instructions for requesting a contested case hearing or reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in a state district court.

TO REQUEST A CONTESTED CASE HEARING, YOU MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IN YOUR REQUEST: your name, address, phone number; applicant's name and proposed permit number; the location and distance of your property/activities relative to the proposed facility; a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the facility in a way not common to the general public; a list of all disputed issues of fact that you submit during the comment period; and the statement "[I/we] request a contested case hearing." If the request for contested case hearing is filed on behalf of a group or association, the request must designate the group's representative for receiving future correspondence; identify by name and physical address an individual member of the group who would be adversely affected by the proposed facility or activity; provide the information discussed above regarding the affected member's location and distance from the facility or activity; explain how and why the member would be affected; and explain how the interests the group seeks to protect are relevant to the group's purpose.

Following the close of all applicable comment and request periods, the Executive Director will forward the application and any requests for reconsideration or for a contested case hearing to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.

The Commission may only grant a request for a contested case hearing on issues the requestor submitted in their timely comments that were not subsequently withdrawn. If a hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be limited to disputed issues of fact or mixed questions of fact and law relating to relevant and material water quality concerns submitted during the comment period. TCEQ may act on an application to renew a permit for discharge of wastewater without providing an opportunity for a contested case hearing if certain criteria are met.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ACTION. The Executive Director may issue final approval of the application unless a timely contested case hearing request or request for reconsideration is filed. If a timely hearing request or request for reconsideration is filed, the Executive Director will not issue final approval of the permit and will forward the application and request to the TCEO Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.

MAILING LIST. If you submit public comments, a request for a contested case hearing or a reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision, you will be added to the mailing list for this specific application to receive future public notices mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk. In addition, you may request to be placed on: (1) the permanent mailing list for a specific applicant name and permit number; and/or (2) the mailing list for a specific county. If you wish to be placed on the permanent and/or the county mailing list, clearly specify which list(s) and send your request to TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

All written public comments and public meeting requests must be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087 or electronically at www14.tceq.texas.gov/epic/eComment/ within 30 days from the date of newspaper publication of this notice.

INFORMATION AVAILABLE ONLINE. For details about the status of the application, visit the Commissioners' Integrated Database at www.tceq.texas. gov/goto/cid. Search the database using the permit number for this application, which is provided at the top of this notice.

AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION. Public comments and requests must be submitted either electronically at www14.tceq.texas.gov/epic/eComment/, or in writing to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. Any personal information you submit to the TCEQ will become part of the agency's record; this includes email addresses. For more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the TCEQ Public Education Program, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040 or visit their website at www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/ pep. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040.

Further information may also be obtained from City of Springtown at the address stated above or by calling Mr. David Miller at 817-220-4834, Extension 222.

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on messing up."

McGraw was "pretty cool," De La Cruz said, and McGraw played around on set by throwing baseballs around.

"The baseball rolled toward me, and I got to throw it at him," De La Cruz said.

The most challenging part of filming was having to wear masks on set and then having to take it off before costumes he had to wear in again," he said. the hot weather.

on, Tim' - because he kept ropers who reminded him of "8 Seconds," which is about bull rider Lane Frost and is one of De La Cruz's favorite

"From the first day, you didn't know no one until you meet a couple of people, and then you hang out with them the second day, and then the third day, it was really fun, (and) hard leaving them because you didn't know filming, plus the layers of if (would get) to see them can ride him, I can overcome

De La Cruz doesn't reck-De La Cruz said he really on that he'll stay in the filmenjoyed meeting new people making business, but he said manage to do it."

him - 'Come on, Tim; come on set, particularly three the experience was good. He plans to continue bull riding characters from the movie after he finishes school by getting a Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association pro-card and then go to the Professional Bull Riders organization.

> Bull riding can be a dangerous sport, but De La Cruz said being scared isn't an option if he wants to stay on the bull for the full 8 seconds.

"I just look at the bulls, and I say, 'I can ride him, I him, I can overpower him," he said. "That's what you got to do really. And then I



"I just look at the bulls, and I say, 'I can ride him, I can ride him, I can overcome him, I can overpower him...That's what you got to do really. And then I manage to do it."

- Matthew De La Cruz

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ADVERTISEMENT AND INVITATION FOR BIDS

The City of Springtown will receive bids for Springtown CDBG - Avenue D Reconstruction until 2:00 PM on Thursday, December 9, 2021 at Springtown City Hall, 102 E 2nd St, Springtown, TX 76082. The bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at 2:05 PM on Thursday, December 9, 2021 at Springtown City Hall, 102 E 2nd St, Springtown, TX 76082. Bids are invited for several items and approximate quantities of work are as follows:

- 1. 4,500 SY of 6" Concrete Pavement
- 2. 1,300 LF of 6" PVC water main
- 3. 1,250 LF of 6" PVC sewer main
- 4. 250 LF of various size RCP storm sewer

office of the engineer, Pacheco Koch, 4060 Bryant Irvin Rd, Fort Worth, TX 76109. Copies of the Bid/Contract Documents may be obtained free of charge by the prospective bidders at www.civcastusa.com under the following project name - "Springtown CDBG - Avenue D Reconstruction". Additionally, bid documents may be obtained free of charge from Pacheco Koch at 4060 Bryant Irvin Rd, Fort Worth, TX 76109.

Bid/Contract Documents, including Drawings and Technical Specifications are on file at the

A bid bond in the amount of 5 percent of the bid issued by an acceptable surety shall be submitted with each bid. A certified check or bank draft payable to the City of Springtown or negotiable U.S. Government Bonds (as par value) may be submitted in lieu of the Bid Bond.

Attention is called to the fact that not less than, the federally determined prevailing (Davis-Bacon and Related Acts) wage rate, as issued by the Texas Department of Agriculture Office of Rural Affairs and contained in the contract documents, must be paid on this project. In addition, the successful bidder must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of race, color, religion, sex, sexual identity, gender identity, or national origin. The lobbying certification must be submitted with the bid packet to be considered complete and responsive. All contractors/subcontractors that are debarred, suspended or otherwise excluded from or ineligible for participation on federal assistance programs may not undertake any activity in part or in full under this project.

A Non-Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference will be held virtually via web client at 2:00 PM on Thursday. December 2, 2021. Deadline for questions is 2:00 PM on Monday, December 6, 2021.

The City of Springtown reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any informalities in the bidding. Bids may be held by the <u>City of Springtown</u> for a period not to exceed 60 days from the date of the bid opening for the purpose of reviewing the bids and investigating the bidder's qualifications prior to the contract award.

The City of Springtown is an equal opportunity employer.

City of Springtown, Greg Hood, Mayor 11/11/21

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-O-1016

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SPRINGTOWN, TEXAS AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SPRINGTOWN, TEXAS, AND THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF SPRINGTOWN, TEXAS BY ASSIGNING SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL 2 (SF-2) ZONING TO A 24-ACRE TRACT OF LAND SITUATED IN THE VALENTINE YOAKUM SURVEY, ABSTRACT 1691, CITY OF SPRINGTOWN, PARKER COUNTY, TEXAS, BEING THE SAME TRACT OF LAND RECORDED IN INSTRUMENT NO. 202025405, DEED RECORDS, PARKER COUNTY, TEXAS; PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE CUMULATIVE OF ALL ORDINANCES; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR VIOLATIONS HEREOF; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Any person, firm or corporation who violates, disobeys, omits, neglects, refuses or fails to comply with, or who resists the enforcement of any provision of this ordinance shall be fined not more than Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) for each offense. Each day that a violation is permitted to exist shall constitute a separate offense.

SECTION 10.

This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication as provided by law,

AND IT IS SO ORDAINED.

DULY PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Springtown, Texas, on this the

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-O-1018

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE 3.02 CONSTRUCTION CODES AND STANDARDS OF THE SPRINGTOWN CODE OF ORDINANCES, TO ADOPT THE 2018 INTERNATIONAL EXISTING BUILDING CODE AND THE 2018 PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE WITH AMENDMENTS RECOMMENDED BY THE NORTH CENTRAL TEXAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS; PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE CUMULATIVE OF ALL ORDINANCES; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR VIOLATIONS HEREOF; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION IN THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

SECTION 5.

Any person, firm or corporation who violates, disobeys, omits, neglects, refuses or fails to comply with, or who resists the enforcement of any provision of this ordinance shall be fined in accordance with Section 1.01.009 of the Code of Ordinances, City of Springtown, Texas for each offence. Each day that a violation is permitted to exist shall constitute a separate offense.

SECTION 8.

This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication as required by law,

AND IT IS SO ORDAINED.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on the 28th day of October 2021.

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-O-1019

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SPRINGTOWN, TEXAS AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SPRINGTOWN, TEXAS, AND THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF SPRINGTOWN, TEXAS BY REZONING A PORTION OF LOT 21, BLOCK 2; A PORTION OF LOT 20, BLOCK 3; A PORTION OF LOT 10, BLOCK 2; LOT 22, BLOCK 2; A PORTION OF LOT 9, BLOCK 2; LOT 23, BLOCK 2; AND A PORTION OF LOT 8, BLOCK 2, WILSON'S FIRST ADDITION, AN ADDITION TO THE CITY OF SPRINGTOWN, PARKER COUNTY, TEXAS ALSO KNOWN AS 629, 637, AND 645 N MAIN STREET FROM SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (SF-2) TO GENERAL COMMERCIAL (C-2); PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE CUMULATIVE OF ALL ORDINANCES; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR VIOLATIONS HEREOF; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

SECTION 7.

Any person, firm or corporation who violates, disobeys, omits, neglects, refuses or fails to comply with, or who resists the enforcement of any provision of this ordinance shall be fined not more than Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) for each offense. Each day that a violation is permitted to exist shall constitute a separate offense.

SECTION 10.

This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication as provided by law.

AND IT IS SO ORDAINED.

DULY PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Springtown, Texas, on this the 28th day of October 2021.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Administration for the Estate of BILLY HESS, SR., Deceased, were issued on October 13, 2021, in Cause No. 21P256, pending in the County Court of Parker County, Texas, to: SARAH C. HESS.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

c/o: W. Faye Murphree, Attorney at Law 337 W. Main Street, Azle, Texas 76020

DATED the 29th day of October, 2021. W. FAYE MURPHREE

Attorney for SARAH C. HESS

State Bar No.: 00792710

337 W. Main Street, Azle, Texas 76020

Telephone: 817-270-0030; Facsimile: 817-270-0085; fmlaw@earthlink.net

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Administration for the Estate of MARSHA M. BANNER, Deceased, were issued on October 27, 2021, in Cause No. 21P385, pending in the County Court of Parker County, Texas, to: JUDITH SINCLAIR.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

c/o: W. Faye Murphree, Attorney at Law 337 W. Main Street, Azle, Texas 76020

DATED the 4th day of November, 2021.

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zone, set up a generator to inflate it and prepare a utility vehicle stocked with train horns and powerful speak-

Their work is designed to show love for the football team.

"We blow the train horns at the touchdowns," Micheal Lockard said. "We play music. We get them pumped up and ready for the game."

Lockard hauls the customized utility vehicle to games on a trailer behind his pickup. Another volunteer dad, work than anybody getting it ready," Lockard said.

The train horns are real – and real loud.

"It gets everybody riled up, especially at a home game," Lockard said. "With



Chris Fox, has "done more Micheal Lockard and Chris Fox inspect the utility vehicle before game time.

beside it, everybody knows ball team and a daughter on when you make a touch- the cheerleading squad. He said. down in Springtown."

Fox, a member of the by operating the UTV dur-Springtown Athletic Booster ing games, parades, festivals

all the houses right there Club, has a son on the foot- and other events. shows support for his kids

Photo by Jeff Prince

"It's good for the kids," he those games.

dads. Travel is required for away games.

love it. Wouldn't have it any other way."

Maintenance on the utility vehicle is a constant. The dads replaced the brakes recently, and the loud music can be tough on equipment.

"We've blown out amplifiers, equalizers, subwoofers and speakers," Fox said.

Once his son graduates, Lockard will relinquish his volunteer duties to other dads, such as Fox and Drew Doggett. Matt Lockard plans to continue playing football in college, and Micheal wants to be free to attend

New volunteers might dis-It's labor intensive for the cover that inflating a giant for more train horns, loud muporcupine before football games and blasting train

"A lot of travel in the play- horns whenever someone offs," Lockard said. "We scores is a heck of a lot of fun.

> "There is nothing like being down here on the field," Lockard said. "You get to be down here on the field and watch your son and take some pictures and do the run through. It's special."

> In a few years, expect to see Lockard's face back down on the field with the dads again. His youngest son, Qualyn, will turn high school age in a few years.

> "He's in Pee Wee," Lockard said. "I've got a few years off to go watch Matt -hopefully -- play some college ball somewhere."

> Then, it's back to Pojo Land sic, smoke machines and the giant orange Porcupine.



Christopher Walker's class collected the most items with 341 cans. Rhonda Seabourn's class collected 271 cans, and Carla Kerske's class collected 155 cans.

Springtown High School thespians, honor society wrap up food drive with over 1,000 food items

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The Springtown High School Thespian Troupe 1494 and National Honor food drive by bringing in food pantry.

ety students held a food drive third with 155 cans. on Halloween and continued collecting items at the high effort to collect food was

class could collect the most Treat so Kids Can Eat food nonperishable food items.

Christopher Walker's fifth most items with 341 cans. more than 1,087 food items In second place was Rhonda for Neighbor to Neighbors Seabourn's class with 271 cans, and Carla Kerske's Thespians and honor soci- fifth period class came in

Springtown High School's school among the advisory part of the International

period classes to see which Thespian Society's Trick or drive. The drive is a national community service program Society finished up their period class collected the for society member schools to collect canned and dry goods for local charities and food banks. Since the campaign began in 2003, Thespian troupes have collected and distributed over 4 million pounds of food to help their neighbors in need.









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Hituaries

Laqueda Myers

1937-2021

Laqueda Margaret Moore Myers, 84, of Springtown, passed away, Thursday, November 11, 2021 in Fort Worth.

Graveside service is at 11 a.m., Friday, November 19, 2021 at Springtown Cemetery. Visitation is from 6-8 p.m., Thursday at Alexander's Midway, Springtown.

Laqueda was born January 29, 1937 in Muleshoe to Alva E. Moore and Lois Garner Moore. They both preceded her in death along with her husband, William Myers; sons, James, James and Arlen Dunsworth and Billy Myers.

Laqueda was a hard worker, she raised a lot of kids and worked on the

She is survived by her children, Florinda Dunsworth, Debra Sanders, Don (Dodie) Myers, Aubrey (Te-



resa) Dunsworth and Kevin (LouAnn) Dunsworth; sisters, Betty and Rita; grandchildren, Trina, Michael, Tasha, Lee Ann, Joey, Robert, Waylon, William, Amy Laqueda, Amanda, Amber, Little Billy, Darrell, Danny, Linda, Jeremy and Jamie; several great grandchildren and extended family.

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Judy Biel 1945-2021

Judy Biel, 76, passed away Monday, November 8, 2021.

Services were held at 10 a.m. Saturday, November 13, 2021 at Ash Creek Baptist Church. Visitation was from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, November 11, 2021 at White's Funeral Home. Interment was in Ash Creek Cemetery.

Judy was born January 7, 1945 in Vernon, Texas. She worked 23 years before reshe made many friends.

Judy enjoyed bowling where she made many more friends and also met her husband, Randall.

death by her parents; son, Jerry Evans; daughter, Karen Wunderlick; and son-inlaw, Jeff Wunderlick.



Survivors include her tiring from Walmart, where husband, Randall; daughters, Dianna Porter, Rebecca Evans and Michelle Lanier; son, Robert Evans; and many grandchildren.

Judy was loved by so She was preceded in many people, was a very special person and will be missed by all that knew her.

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Reno agreement with Pelican Bay still in the works

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not act on the memorandum three weeks, White said. of understanding for an in-Monday.

the officers resigned, and the best price." the city separated with the Mayor Sam White said.

The city council finalized a half. the separation agreement in Reno after police officers wrong address. started resigning around September.

investigating liabilities.

in the interlocal agreement high speeds. would be to move forward ment between parties.

Also in the meeting, the council did not act on re- contact Parker County newing a contract with Sheriff Russ Authier about Springtown for police dis- the drag racing issue. patch services. The contract calls are running through

BY MADELYN EDWARDS Parker County Sheriff's Office and dispatched accordingly, which has been hap-Reno City Council did pening for about the past

"We have not done anyterlocal agreement between thing yet because (Pelican the city and Pelican Bay re- Bay) Chief (Scott) Elsner garding police services dur- and I are talking to Parker ing the council meeting on County, Sansom Park, (with the) possibility of Azle." Currently, Reno does not White said in the meeting. have any police officers "We're trying to find who employed in the city since gives us the best service for

White said the current police chief. Law enforce- contract with Springtown ment needs are being cov- costs the city \$45,000ered mainly by the Parker \$48,000 while one with County Sheriff's Office Parker County could cost while Pelican Bay is assist- around \$100,000. He exing with courtesy patrol, pects to have a "better answer" in about a week and

Resident Meredith Hull with Chief Tony Simmons criticized services with last month. Simmons was Springtown as either unthe only police employee responsive or going to the

Council member Jeff Davis brought up a drag rac-Council members went ing issue in Reno that could into closed session for have badly injured his senior about 30 minutes to discuss neighbor who was coming the matters further. After the out of her driveway. He demeeting, White said Pelican scribed Reno Road as becom-Bay city officials need more ing a "racetrack" and said this time to consider the agree- activity has been happening ment, and they are currently every evening during the past few months among drivers of White said the first step the same vehicles driving at

"It's happening, and we with a memorandum of un- need to be very, very carederstanding, a document ful," Davis said. "It's gotta that details a mutual agree- stop. This is not a racetrack."

White said that he would

The council is slated to is currently expired, and 911 meet again at 7 p.m. on Thursday to discuss appointing an interim police chief.







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Start thinking cold — and make sure you are prepared for it

If you think it's cold when you come out of your home, you know it will be even colder on the water or out in the field. At least it always seems that way. It is definitely colder as you run down the lake with no wind protection. Remember to dress appropriately for the conditions, as your day will become miserable the longer you are in the elements.

even temperatures in the 50s and 60s will be cold. When us. you are in the elements for several hours, the conditions will wear on you. Over prepare as you can always take days. Your extremities are lower your motor so that any off layers if you don't need usually the first to get cold. trapped water in the prop/exis time well spent.

MICHAEL ACOSTA

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Springtown Epigraph • Thursday, November 18, 2021

As a licensed professional fishing guide, Michael Acosta shows you how to find them. He has been a licensed guide since 1998.

to fish as I have alluded to

aches. Some fishermen will inboard/outboard you must the equipment with gloves wear a shielded helmet to not forget to drain those ar- can be difficult. A good protect their head and face eas that hold cooling water set of neoprene gloves may from the wind. Some type as damage could occur if the make your life a little easier. of headgear or hood should be used, as this is where you heat from your body.

in many articles. Many are stress your equipment and/ out in the field hunting as or boat. It is a good time well. The cold weather fish- now to service your equiping bite on artificials is some ment before the first freeze. When you get on the water, of the best action of the year For outboard boat owners, and hunting season is upon servicing your lower unit is critical. As you well know, Insulated coveralls with water freezing in the lowinsulated boots and gloves er unit is not good for the are a necessity on those cold seals. Remember also to wind for your body and your good idea year around. Plas-

water freezes.

lose a large percentage of the on the boat on the fishing decks just from spray of wa-Cold weather will also ter on the lake. Special precautions should be taken because of the slip hazard. You them off to tie your knots, definitely do not want to fall into the cold water with your fish with them on. entire heavy winter gear and boots on. This could potentially take someone's life. Make every move a slow thought-out process, which is good, safe common sense on any slippery surface.

them. The extra preparation Protection against the cold haust area runs out. This is a cold real quick if you get are fairly inexpensive. Your Though many folks do not face is necessary. The cold tic parts and hoses become fish or baiting a hook. This more enjoyable if you are venture out in the cold, this air rushing in your sinuses more brittle when real cold. can be avoided with a good comfortable. is one of my favorite times can bring on pain and head- If you have an inboard or set of gloves, but handling

Insulated waterproof hunt-Extreme cold can put ice ing gloves are my favorite. Neoprene does not hold the heat in as well as good hunting gloves do, in my opinion. You may have to take but you should be able to

If you are planning on doing some fishing this winter, be prepared. Old man winter has not arrived yet, but he is sure to show his face soon. Bring a thermos with a warm beverage and don't Your hands will get real forget hand warmers as they them wet when landing a fishing trip will definitely be

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On other reservoirs, Possum Kingdom Lake striped bass continue to be on fire. Striped bass to 15 pounds are possible from South D&D to Broadway. Look for the birds. Crappies are also excellent on Possum Kingdom on small minnows and small jigs. Lake Whitney striped bass are good on live bait and down rigged jigs mid-lake.

What an amazing OpportUNITY!

"In essentials unity, in non-essentials liberty, in all things charity."

I heard that quote referenced in a sermon this morning. It is often attributed to Augustine (354-430), John Wesley (1703-1791), tist business meeting! (One and a number of other theologians in between. (This morning's speaker attributed it to Augustine).

According to some historians, the saying actually first appears in a tract on Christian unity written in 1627 unity we have great opporby an otherwise undistinguished German theologian, the bloody Thirty Years War way: OpportUNITY. (1618-1648).

tory lesson for today.

irony, I am composing this post while sitting in a Bap- our problem.

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

in which I am mildly interested, but not involved).

this morning and the assertion that followed it, my pondering brain kicked in.

tunity."

Rupertus Meldenius, during visioned a word written this need to agree with me. On

Here's the truth—there essentials. This concludes your his- are things that we can ONLY accomplish, if we want a world that conforms In a circumstance of great do them together!

And therein lies part of world should look like.

We have a really hard problem with that unity thing.

Maybe it's because we When I heard that quote turn every molehill into a mountain to die on. We have made up our minds on every issue and are only willing to we already agree.

In other words, if you Almost immediately, I en- want unity with me you and on them we need unity. everything. Not simply the

to my ideas of what the

you are an enemy that de- thing that really matters. In slandered, or marginalized serves to be defeated.

with calling anyone out and (2) reminds me that I could tional choice to NOT live to say that we can give space nally said it. that way.

that there are different cir- own spheres. We give each Here's the assertion: "In listen to those with whom cumstances that require dif- other freedom to coexist ferent responses.

Some things are essential form to each other's ideas.

between "unity" and "uni- all work—is charity in all formity." Unity does not things. It's all essential because I mean that we have complete agreement on every point, ery circumstance we treat amazing opportUNITY bebut that we all agree that the people the way we would fore us. And if you don't agree, and cooperation on some- of us wants to be attacked, friend.

By the way, I'm using me we all need to bring our best Because we don't want that as the example because it (1) to this particular issue be- for us, we refuse to do that allows me to make my point cause our interests and values overlap.

> for different people to apwithout the pressure to con-

issue requires our attention want them to treat us. None

other words, we agree that over issues of disagreement. One final thought regard-

Some things are non-es- ing the source of the quote: be that way apart from the sential and on them we need if it's true and helpful, it grace of God and an intento allow for liberty. That is doesn't matter who origi-

That's another major part Part of the genius of the proach these situations in of our struggle—evaluating quote is that it reminds us different way within their truth by source rather than

We need to remember that truth is true even when it is spoken by the "other side." But the key—the se- Falsehood is still falsehood Now, there is a difference cret sauce that makes it even when it is spoken by "mv side."

> If we can get our heads That is to say that, in ev- around that, we have an

> > Be amazing today, my





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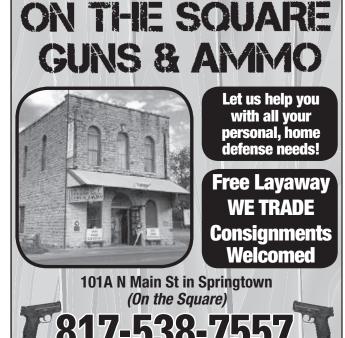
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Subtle things not to be missed in production agriculture

In our last few Ag 101 columns we have visited about the ten ecoregions or vegetational regions of Texas. We discussed the similar characteristics of land areas that cause each of the regions to be divided up as they are. Those similar traits being soil types, topography or lay of the land and climate, all of which figures into which plants, both introduced and native, that are found growing in the region.

A majority of these traits rely on the characteristics of the soil. Which means in the long run Soil is Important, right?

So, here's my sales pitch one more time for taking care of your soil; collect soil samples and have them tested for nutrients present or missing from your soil. The analysis or testing should be done by an approved and recognized soil lab, be careful at this point in making certain that it is a quality lab.

If you have questions about finding a lab or the quality of a lab that you are contemplating using contact your local high school Agricultural Science Teacher or county Agricultural Extension Agent for recommendations.

Long story short, if you are attempting to produce plants then Have Your Soil Tested !! Now is the perfect time to do this. This is one of the wisest financial investments an Agriculturalist can make. It can pay off multiples in the form of plant growth and production. If you are going to



AG 101 By Jack DeShazo

Jack DeShazo has decades of experience

along with the time and effort in planting and harvesting you might as well get all that the plant has to offer genetically.

Proper soil nutrients in the correct ratio can do this. If you find through soil testing that your soil is deficient then you can fix the problem through fertilization. If you decide to not take the soil analysis route and either do nothing or take the advice of an untrained salesperson you are just guessing and buying snake oil, possibly doing more damage than good. Again, soil fertilization recommendations cannot be made accurately without testing. Yes, you have read this in this column before and if I am still writing next year you will see it again, it's that important !! Sermon over!

Now let's visit the regions topic again. We've decided that the soil and climate has an effect on the plants found growing in an area. And the plants growing in an area influences the type of Agriculture going on in the area.

Here's an example; West Texas has a lower precipitation rate and when combined with poorer quality soils lower quality plants are produced. Cattle will have a hard time finding enough nutrition from these from cattle.

sandy soils, a deeper aqui- able moment"!! fer and fewer people to be somehow annoyed by live- traveling on a slow "yelstock sounds and smells. low dog school bus" to So, we are seeing more and Lubbock, 1 ½ days at the more of Texas' dairies mov- farm show, ½ day in Ama-

feedlot business.

everyone else I assume, educational experiences of have many stories that ac- our students!! cumulate over the years

from their occupational experiences. One Fall my Agriculture teaching pardner and I took a busload of students to the Lubbock Farm

We arrived in Lubbock invest the money in seed plants to do well. So, you about 10:00 on a Monday tend to find more sheep and night, started unloading stugoats raised in that area dents from the bus to check because their nutritional into the hotel. The wind was requirements are different blowing out of the North of course, bringing with it the Example 2, one of the aroma of the feedlots. A few problems with dairies is of the students started askexcess runoff water con- ing what that smell was? taining varying amounts of We explained that was the livestock waste. West Texas smell of Texas Agriculture and the Panhandle have feeding a hungry nation and dryer climates usually with world. This was what many porous water absorbing teachers refer to as a "teach-

> We spent nearly ½ day rillo at the American Quar-And the final example is ter Horse Association and the feedlot/feed yard busi- more than ½ day getting ness where cattle are fed out back home. The extra hours in the production of beef. A on the return trip included majority of the feed grains a 4 hour layover at a Dairy that are used in milling and Queen and the high school mixing feedlot rations are gym in Chillicothe waitproduced in the Panhandle, ing for a replacement bus so why not have the feedlots to arrive. I guarantee you close to the areas where the those students on that trip feed grains are produced re- learned more about Agriducing transportation costs? culture along with practical Also remember that the Pan- history, writing, math and handle has that dryer climate communications skills than with water absorbing soil and could have possibly been fewer people to be bothered acquired in the classroom with the smells and sounds back at school in double making it an even better the amount of time. Extrachoice for the location of the curricular trips and activities are such an important Agriculture Teachers like supplement to the everyday

> > 'til next time.

Sanitation and Dogs



DEAR FRANKIE

By Geneva Woodruff

Frankie is a rescue dog and an emotional support animal for Geneva Woodruff. Woodruff is a retired educator.

Dear Frankie,

My name is Bernadette. My friends call me Bernie. I'm a chicken and live with three siblings. We live cooped up in a crate like the one Buster the puppy wrote column.

I'm writing on behalf of my siblings because I'm the oldest and have the most experience with life. My egg cracked 3 days before the others. One of the problems we have is having such high bush. a small coop when nature calls. The other problem is vival is to get to a place dogs several close run-ins with can't reach. Humans have mean neighborhood dogs.

Any advice on how we can deal with either situation would very much be appre-

> Anxious, Bernadette

Dear Bernie,

Am I to understand that you are using the term cooped up to indicate the four of you live in tight quarters? If that is correct, I'm assuming you guys are living up to your wings in chicken manure.

What do I advise?

Call the Department of Public Health and request an inspection. From what you describe, it sounds like you are living in squalor. You say you have had run-ins with neighborhood dogs. I gather from that statement you are running free at times, and that's where you encounter these dogs?

Before I address the dog issue, I think being out of the crate might be a solution

for your nature calls. Doing your business outside should significantly help with your sanitation issue and avoid the need to involve local authorities.

Regarding unsavory cato you about in an earlier nines: What measures have you taken to survey the surrounding area for escape routes? I know you don't fly, but if you flapped your wings, vigorously, it should be sufficient to propel you to a tree branch, a fence, or a

> Your best chance for suran expression: "I'm running around like a chicken with my head cut off." It appears you may be taking this expression to its max. Are you aware this expression means chickens are airheads who function without a thought for the consequences of their behavior?

> Fortunately, one can overcorrect instinctive behaviors if they involve life-death issues, like dogs looking for a chicken dinner.

> So, here's the plan. When the four of you are out of the crate, one of you has to stand guard, watch for the dogs and call the alarm at the first sighting. That's when all of you have to immediately stop whatever you are doing and head for the coop. Of course, a sentry rotation schedule should be set up, so everyone gets equal time watching and exercising. After all, Fair is fair.

Best, Frankie





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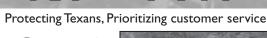
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Springtown High School students tried on their costumes for the upcoming musical "Frozen JR." during rehearsal Tuesday evening.

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Springtown High **School Fine Arts Department** presents 'Frozen JR'

BY MADELYN EDWARDS madelyn@azlenews.net

senior Bailey Allen rushed over to sophomore Carolina Williams and hugged with the rest of the cast of her when she found out they would be playing sisters Elsa paring to perform Disney's and Anna in the school's production of "Frozen JR."

be sisters!" Allen said. Wil- on Friday and Saturday,

described how Allen hugged by the news.

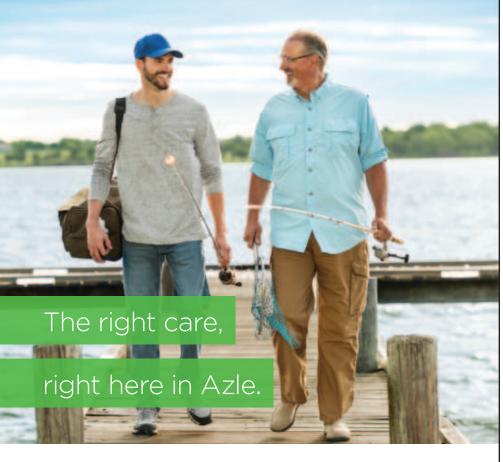
about 40 students, are pre-"Frozen JR." from Wednesday, Dec. 8 through Satur-"Literally, the second that day, Dec. 11. The public 2018 Broadway adapta-I found out, I ran up to her will be able to attend the tion and includes songs like and was like, 'We're gonna theater production at 7 p.m.

liams, who will play Elsa, Dec. 10-11, at Springtown High School. The show will her and jumped around also be performed at vari-Springtown High School while Williams was shocked ous school campuses during the school day Wednesday Williams and Allen, along through Friday. The musical is 60-70 minutes long.

Designed for school-aged performers, the musical is based on the 2013 Disney animated movie and the

SEE FROZEN, PAGE 10A.





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"Love Is an Open Door," "Do You my grandparents," Williams said. Want to Build a Snowman?" and "Let It Go," as well as new songs tioned for Anna and Allen audifrom the Broadway production.

"We are so excited to bring to our young audiences the magic of theatre through the story of 'Frozen!" theater director Rebecca Phillips said in a press release. "Our students and directors have been working diligently on vocals, dance, set and costume construc- Elsa. tion. We hope this will be a prolifetime."

Williams is especially looking forward to performing as Elsa for young "Frozen" fans at the local schools and the part in the musical where Elsa transforms from me," Allen said. her coronation dress to her icy blue dress.

"I can't wait to see the kids' reseen 'Frozen,' and that includes acteristics.

Oddly enough, Williams auditioned for Elsa, but Allen ended up was cast as Elsa. This also meant their vocal parts had to be switched for Allen to sing the lower notes as an alto and Williams to sing higher soprano notes, even though Anna typically sings higher notes than

Allen said it's easy for her to duction for all to remember for a get into character as Anna, even though she didn't initially audition for that role.

> "I can't keep a straight face to save my life, so being a giggly, happy character is really easy for

Williams, on the other hand, said playing the "stern" character is challenging for her, but she has actions, and then I can't wait to leaned on her previous experisee the adults' reactions because ence playing serious characters there's some adults that haven't as well as her more sisterly char-

"If I'm not having a good day that day, heck, put it into Elsa," Williams said while laughing.

The girls noted that switching being cast as Anna while Williams between choir singing and theatrical singing and being able to do both well was a challenge, but they said rehearsals have been going well. The cast tried on their costumes on Tuesday evening and posed for a few pictures.

> What has motivated Allen while she has worked toward this production is the memory of her father, who died a year ago.

> "He was the one who was always there being like, 'Hey, you're gonna do great,' so I just felt like I needed to do this," Allen said.

When asked why audiences should attend the production of "Frozen JR.," Allen said the show will be unique compared to other productions at Springtown High School, particularly in terms of the is well needed for everyone." special effects needed.

"We put in a lot of hard work adults and \$2 for students during 1700.



Phelo Rodgers, Bailey Allen and Carolina Williams pose for pictures on Tuesday evening. In "Frozen JR.," Rodgers plays Hans, Allen plays Anna, and Williams plays Photos by Madelyn Edwards

to make this our best show, and I think we're doing an amazing job so far," Williams said. "I feel like the school performances will be people are going to enjoy the heck handed out through each campus. out of it, and after us having CO- For information on purchasing VID and everything, I feel like this tickets, please visit https://www.

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SPORTS

Springtown eyes Andrews after corralling Canyon



Matt 'Mr. Everything' Lockard ran around, through and over Canyon.

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BY JEFF PRINCE jeff@azlenews.net

The Andrews Mustangs look beatable. The team lost more games than it won this endured another three-game skid later in the year.

The Mustangs (5-6), though, went 2-1 in district play, made the playoffs in District 2-4A, and face the Springtown Porcupines in the area playoffs on Friday.

Brian Hulett is taking nothing for granted. He doesn't care about Andrews' record. He knows they have a solbackground and will come contending for a state title. ready for war.

out those titles. You have principles week in and week to earn them, and they did. out. Same coach and scheme for season. It began the season a while now, so they know play at a time. Lean on them with three straight losses and what they are doing. They - literally and metaphorion defense and play fast and doing our individual jobs let it fly on offense."

these two teams met, An- take advantage of the oppordrews entered the game on tunity." an 11-game winning streak. Porcupines head coach 20 in that regional playoff over the weekend in the biall the way to the state semifinals that season before fallid program and a winning Pines were one game shy of

Preparing the Pines for

"They are good – a dis- Friday's game against Antrict champion," Hulett drews won't be complicatsaid. "They don't just hand ed. Hulett teaches the same

"Be us," he said. "Play one will give you multiple looks cally. Be the better team by and creating pressure on In 2019, the last time them and when it happens,

The Pines did all that and Springtown prevailed 63- more while battling Canyon match, and the Pines made it district playoff match at Tiger Stadium in Snyder.

After a scoreless first ing to La Vega 27-14. The quarter, Springtown grabbed a 14-7 lead heading into

SEE FOOTBALL, PAGE 2B.



Hudson Hulett scampers for pay dirt.

Photo by SMarter Photography

Springtown band primed for halftime in Sweetwater after clinching Top 10 slot at state

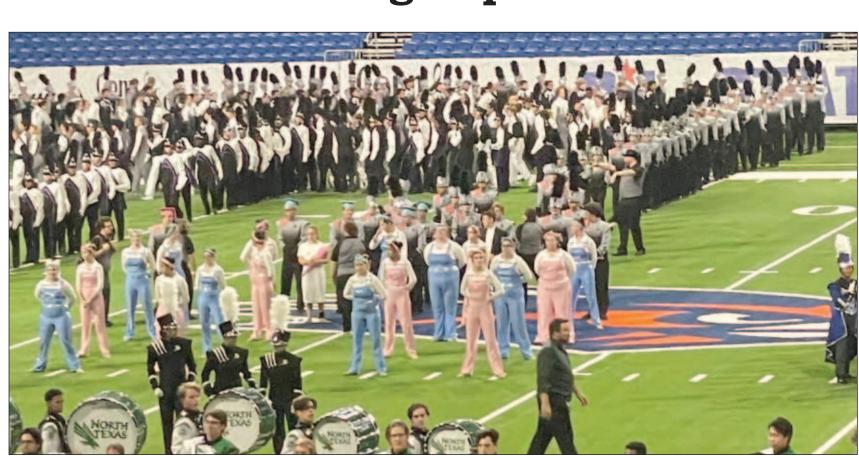
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The Sound of Springtown nailed its two performances at the 4A state marching contest and did as well as any other band in school history.

"It is a huge honor to make finals and to end up as the ninth best 4A marching band in the state," said band director Scot McPhetrige.

Earning a Top 10 slot is difficult, but Springtown has made a habit it of it in recent years. The band finished in ninth place in 2016 and 2018 after finishing in 10th place in 2012.

"We are maintaining our streak of ninth place," he said. "However, the competition was tougher than ever this year. All of the bands really stepped up their shows."



SEE BAND, PAGE 2B. Sound of Springtown impresses at state UIL contest.



Josef Yosten sheds a tackler against Canyon.

Photo by SMarter Photography

the locker room at halftime. Hulett has shown a tendency to make the right adjustments and say the right things during breaks, and the Pines have made a habit of playing strong in the second half.

Case in point: The Pines outscored Canyon 35-6 in the third quarter and sealed the game.

Final score: Springtown 49, Canyon 13.

How did the Pines win so convincingly?

"Honestly it was just a great team effort" Hulett said. "That seems like coach-speak, but ... we made plays in all three phases of the game and had multiple players make plays."

The team celebrated after the game, but players have little time to dwell on their accomplishments. Winning a playoff game means preparing for the next foe immediately.

"It's just a very good feeling for our boys and coaches, but we work to put it aside by Saturday morning after video and workout to move on to the next one," Hulett said. "After all is said and done, we can look back and admire or relish in the victories."

Springtown needs to beat five more playoff teams to claim a state title, beginning with Andrews.

Springtown (8-3) plays Andrews at 7 p.m. Friday at the Mustang Bowl, 1205 Ragland St., in Sweetwater. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for students.



William Gleason battles for the ball.

Photo by SMarter Photography

Springtown struggles at **Northwest** rodeo

BY JEFF PRINCE jeff@azlenews.net

Cade Walker was the sole member of the Springtown rodeo team to finish among the leaders at the recent event at North Texas High School Rodeo Association Arena in Saginaw.

"It was a struggle, for sure," said James Heil, the team sponsor. "Weather had the livestock all worked up, and we just fell short, unfortunately."

Walker finished in seventh place in chute dogging.

Springtown's difficulty at the rodeo was unexpected. The team is currently ranked among the best in North Texas.

BAND, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1B.



Doc Miller and the drum line keep the beat.

The band will continue making beautiful noise at halftime shows during football playoff games for as long as the Springtown keep winning. This Friday, the Pines take on the Andrews Mustangs in Sweetwater.

Otherwise, "our marching season is mostly winding down," the director said.

The band is about to transition to rehearsing region band try-out music as well as Christmas concert music.

In the spring, band students will compete at the solo and ensemble contest and UIL concert and sight-reading contest. By then, it will be time to start preparing for next year's marching show.

The band rode this year's show – The Game - all the way to the Top 10.

What's next?

"For now, The Game is over, and we will be trying to create a show that will be even better than the one we played this year," the director said. "No spoilers. We will keep it a secret and do a show reveal in the spring."

Auditions for students will be held in late spring for their band placements for next year.

"This has been a fantastic season, and we cannot thank our Band Backers, Springtown ISD and the community of Springtown enough for all of the support," McPhetrige said. "So many people contribute on so many levels to help our band students be successful on so many levels."

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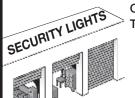
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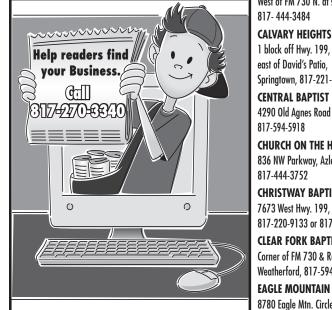


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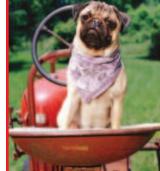
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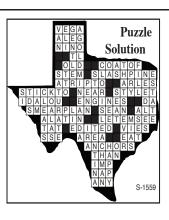
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