



Springtown to make plans for spending American Rescue Plan funding

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The city of Springtown is set to receive about \$790,000 in American Rescue Plan funding.

The plan is a federal program to provide relief to families, workers and communities that have been

impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The plan gives \$350 billion dollars in emergency funding for state, local, territorial and tribal governments, including \$130 billion for local governments, specifically, according to the Treasury Department's website.

The amount of funding cities

can receive is based on population size, Springtown administrative specialist Christina Derr said. Springtown has received the first half of the American Rescue Plan funding and will receive the rest next year.

Springtown City Council approved designating authorized sig-

natories and adopting policies in connection with the program during last month's meeting as a part of the consent agenda.

The federal funds can only be spent on certain purchases, and the city will have to craft a specific funding plan, Derr said. Springtown's grant administrators will

present a local recovery plan to council next month, and the adoption of the plan is required for the grant. Derr said not everything in the recovery plan, which is a list of priorities for council to agree on, will be funded. Most of the items

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Festive parade, tree lighting usher in Christmas season

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Robert Hull held daughter Sawyer as parade floats trickled down Main Street Sunday evening in Springtown.

"It's her first parade," Hull said about Sawyer, 16 months.

Sawyer liked the Grinch, mom Jace Holden said, laughing.

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Lane Smith drives a waving Cindy Lou Who (Anna Smith) and the Grinch (Gary Walker) during the parade. The Grinch float was the first place winner.

Photo by Don Munsch

You're a winner, Mr. Grinch!

Christmas tree to honor loved ones lost to overdose

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Springtown resident Jessica Castro described her son Joseph as someone with a "big personality" who was important to the people in his life. After he died of an overdose in 2019, she wanted to make sure he is remembered.

Castro has decorated a Christmas tree in her front yard to recognize those who have died of overdoses so their families can remember them. On the tree are the names of those who have died from overdoses, and there are spaces for people to write notes of support on the tree. Anyone who has lost a loved one to addiction can have that person's name added to the tree by contacting Castro at 817-629-6129, or via the Facebook group "We ARE our brothers keeper."

One of the more painful aspects of her son's death is the idea that his memory and the importance he had in people's lives may be forgotten, Castro said. She thinks the tree will be helpful to families who want the memory of their loved

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Lane Smith restored a 1936 John Deere, Model B tractor with his father. He uses it to pull the Grinch float.

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The rain on Saturday couldn't stop Anna Smith's family tradition of creating the Grinch float for the Springtown Christmas parade.

Several members of Smith's family put in hours of work on Saturday afternoon to assemble the float for Sunday's parade inside the shop at Springtown ISD's bus barn, where Smith, who lives in Poolville, works as a bus driver. The sleigh was made of plywood,

painted red, newly glittered and adorned with lights. The family stacked wrapped faux Christmas gifts inside with a Christmas tree strapped down at the base, all to represent the gifts and décor the Grinch stole from Whoville residents in the 1957 Dr. Seuss book as well as the three movie adaptations.

The Grinch parade procession also included a decorated Kubota with other family members dressed up as Whoville people

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Joe Castro makes adjustments to the Christmas tree that honors those who have died of overdose.

Courtesy Photo





The "Frozen JR." cast posed for pictures last month at Springtown High School. Photo by Madelyn Edwards

Springtown High School presents "Frozen JR."

The public will be able to attend Springtown High School's production of "Frozen JR." at 7 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, Dec. 10-11, at the high school auditorium. Tickets cost \$8 for adults and \$2 for students during pre-sale, and \$10 for adults and \$3 for students at the door. For more information on purchasing tickets, please visit www.springtownisd.net/Page/13651 or call Robin Hidrogo at 817-220-1700.

14th Annual Christmas Festival



From left, Art Crawford, Mary Harms, Debbi Bosch and Jane Crawford look over the massive Christmas display they've spent the past two weeks preparing at First United Methodist Church. The church is hosting the 14th Annual Christmas Festival, which includes a live nativity scene, Christmas lights and decorations, a decorated tree, storytelling, crafts for the kids, refreshments and a visit from Santa Claus. The event will be 6 to 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday at First United Methodist Church, 109 W 3rd St., in Springtown. Admission is free. Photo by Jeff Prince



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Pair charged with exploiting elderly woman

BY CARLA NOAH STUTSMAN

A Springtown man and a Weatherford woman were arrested after a sheriff's office investigation revealed they had exploited a senior Parker County woman for four months.

Phillip Dewayne Mack, 55, of Springtown, was arrested Nov. 18 in Wise County for a Parker County warrant related to the case. He remained in the Parker County Jail in lieu of \$10,000 bond as of Monday afternoon.

Sandra Rockwell Heine, 58, of Weatherford, was ar-

rested by Parker County Sheriff's deputies Nov. 15. She posted a \$10,000 bond on Nov. 24 and was released from the Parker County jail on the same day.

Parker County Sheriff Russ Authier said the senior woman was reported missing by a home health worker and deputies learned she suffered from dementia. Deputies arrived to find the woman returning home, driven by Mack.

An investigation found that Mack introduced Heine to the woman after the victim's friends warned him to stay away from her. Bank

employees told investigators the pair brought the victim to the bank to make withdrawals, which increased in frequency and amount over time. At one point, bank employees said, Mack attempted to become a signatory on the account but was not successful.

Authier said criminal trespass warnings were placed on both Mack and Heine for the victim's residence, and they were warned to stay away from her for the duration of the investigation.

However, investigators later located Heine at the bank with the victim, ac-

ording to the Sheriff. Heine admitted at the time she knew of the victim's memory issues and that she brought her to the bank to make a cash withdrawal.

Mack is also connected to an attempted burglary of the victim's home, Authier said.

"An emergency protective order was obtained on behalf of the victim by Texas Health and Human Services, and she has been placed in a proper care facility where she will receive the protection and assistance she needs," Authier said. "She also has a state-appointed guardian to oversee her affairs."

Parker County takes package theft seriously

STAFF REPORTS

Parker County residents need to be careful about their online shopping orders this year as a current theft trend continues.

Many residents will order presents online and then check their doorstep, thinking their packages will be waiting for them on their front porch.

But some people will be disappointed because their presents will be gone.

"With Christmas rapidly approaching, many people will be taking advantage of the convenience of online shopping," said District Attorney Jeff Swain, in a news release. "Unfortunately, thieves will also try to take advantage, stealing packages from people's homes and businesses.

"Criminals need to know that mail theft is a serious offense that can land you in jail or prison. It doesn't matter if it's stealing a letter delivered by the postal service to your mailbox or a package delivered by UPS or Amazon to your doorstep, it's a crime you can be arrested for either way," Swain said.

"We investigate mail theft cases and arrest suspects on these offenses year-round," said Sheriff Russ Authier. "We are especially concerned about them during the holidays, though, because of the increase in delivery volume and package value."

"I would strongly encourage anyone who has had a package stolen to report it to the Sheriff's Office or to your municipal police department. Even if your stolen package is not very valuable, please report it. You never know, your

case may help us solve other thefts," Authier said in the release.

"Whether it's a felony or a misdemeanor, Parker County prosecutors and our county's court system are ready and willing to handle mail theft cases," said County Attorney John Forrest. "Like all theft offenses, mail theft drives up the cost of goods for consumers and retailers alike. Discouraging and deterring this conduct can make shopping more economical and profitable for everyone. The more of these criminals we can catch and prosecute, the more of this kind of behavior we can deter."

"Sometimes, people's packages can contain one-of-a-kind or difficult to find gifts," Swain said. "During a holiday season in which retailers are confronted by supply chain problems, it's even more likely than normal that mail thieves are stealing a Christmas present that is not easily replaceable. The closer we get to Christmas, the more likely this is to be the case."

"Stealing packages isn't just Grinch-like, it's criminal and will be treated accordingly," Swain said.

To report mail or package theft or if you have surveillance footage you think shows someone stealing packages, call the Parker County Sheriff's Office at 817-594-8845 or call your municipal police department.

Tips about mail theft can be made anonymously by calling the Parker County Crime Stoppers hotline at 817-599-5555 or 1-800-942-STOP.

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ones to live on.

"No one else is going to know who he is. No one else is going to hear his name, and that saddened me even more," Castro said. "I know that a lot of the families that I've met, they felt the same; our loved ones are just not going to exist anymore. So, saying their names and letting other people know that they did live and they were somebody important to people, I think is helpful to me and to others."

Castro has set up the tree in her front yard near the Square at 300 W. Fourth St. As of Tuesday morning, the tree had 46 names. She decorated the tree in a way that invokes Christmas colors like red, gold and white.

"I just didn't want to do anything dark and ugly. I wanted to do something Christmas-y that made people feel like their loved one was still a part of Christmas with them," she said.

Since losing her son, Castro has met more families who have experienced similar losses, particularly at the memorial for overdose victims at the Square in August.

This has included Christina Peña, a Dallas woman who lost her daughter to a fentanyl overdose when she was looking for remedies to deal with pain from endometriosis and related surgeries. Peña described her daughter Angelina as sweet, talented, outgoing and someone who would "give you the shirt off

her back." She had finished her courses in cosmetology and was looking to pursue a career in microblading.

"She's always succeeded in everything she did. I never thought my daughter was taking any pills," Peña said. "It shocked me. It really did because she loved life. She really did. She didn't want to die."

Peña said projects like Castro's to remember and honor loved ones who die of overdoses is helpful in her grieving process. Peña is also working on another event, in Dallas, to raise awareness of accidental overdoses, which she calls poisoning.

"It helps a lot of other mothers, too, to get out there

and tell their children's story," she said. "You have to bring awareness. We have to talk to our children."

Castro has established the Facebook group "We ARE our brothers keeper" to raise awareness about overdoses and support grieving families. She is working to make the group a nonprofit and would like to have support group meetings twice a month. She would like to also place a vending machine in the community with free Narcan, which can treat an opioid overdose. Castro's long-term goal is creating a center that offers "life classes, grief classes and resources for local treatment facilities."

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on the list are expected to be infrastructure related, especially water and sewer.

"That's one of our biggest needs is water and sewer infrastructure improvements,"

Derr said.

The needs are not immediate or critical ones, but they will help increase efficiency and service levels, Derr said. These improvements are dif-

ferent than the work that is already being funded at the water and sewer plants to maintain compliance with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

Work using the federal funding would have to be completed by 2024, with the money spent by 2026, Derr said.

CORRECTION

A quote in the article "Author, philanthropist visits Springtown's Neighbor to Neighbors" from the Nov. 25 edition of the Epigraph was incorrect. The correct quote is "Before he left, McKinney said he hopes the volunteers who listened to his talk will 'feel good about what they're doing for the community.'" The Epigraph regrets the error.

LEGAL PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Of Property to satisfy landlord's liens. Sale to be held at 1715 N Hwy 51, Springtown, Texas 76082 at the Facility STORAGE BRIGHT. Bidding will open on December 27, 2021 @ 10:00 am and conclude on December 27, 2021 at 10:30 am. Clean up deposit is required. Seller reserves the right to withdraw the property at any time prior to the sale. Unit items sold as-is to the highest bidder. Property includes the contents of spaces of the following tenants: Lora Vaught: boxes of clothes and miscellaneous household items.

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The City of Springtown will conduct a public hearing on December 16, 2021 at 7 p.m. Springtown Municipal Courthouse Annex Building, located at 200 N. Main Street, Springtown Texas 76082, to consider the annexation of the following real property into the corporate limits of the City, at the request of the property owner: 21.988 acres situated in the L. Leonard Survey, Abstract No. 815, Parker County Texas, being said tract being the same tract of land recorded in Volume 1711, Page 155, Deed Records, Parker County, Texas, and Volume 2332, Page 284, Deed Records, Parker County, Texas. The property is generally situated north of J.E. Woody Road, west of South Birch Street. A depiction of the area proposed for annexation is available at City Hall and is posted on the City's website.



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that had a blow-up Max the dog from the Grinch story.

Smith said building the float brings out a variety of family members to help each year, which makes the assembly and disassembly process easier.

“It’s fun; they look forward to it,” Smith said. “I like seeing people smile and have a good time. It brings all of our family and friends together. We’re always doing stuff as a family.”

The family, who won first place in the parade, has been creating the Grinch float for three years. The tradition started when Smith’s son, Lane, took an interest in restoring antique tractors with his dad. Lane Smith drove one of the tractors through the Wild West Festival parade in 2018, which led to him pulling the Grinch float using a 1936 John Deere, Model B tractor.

Lane Smith and his dad restored the 1936 tractor after getting it in 2017. He enjoys bringing the tractors “back to life.”

“Letting people see what we can make is pretty cool,” Lane Smith said when asked what he enjoys most about

the parades.

During the parade, Anna Smith dresses up like Cindy Lou Who, with a wig, long eyelashes and rosy cheeks, while her dad, Gary Walker who lives in Rhome, portrays the Grinch. The family originally wanted to recreate Santa Claus’ sleigh with Walker as Santa, but the city of Springtown already had a Santa, so that’s when the family landed on the Grinch float.

“I like the Grinch. I watch the Grinch every year,” Walker said.

Walker enjoys being the Grinch, especially witnessing the excited reactions from the kids whom he takes pictures with during the festivities. The family bragged that one year, the Grinch had a longer picture line than Santa.

“Some of those little kids would just come right up, and I pick them up, hold them and we take some pictures, and that made it fun,” Walker said. “Everybody knows the Grinch.”

For the kids who are scared of the Grinch, Anna Smith’s Cindy Lou Who is often a welcome alternative.



Gary Walker, who portrays the Grinch, adjusts the presents on the sleigh in preparation for the parade.

“When they’re scared of the Grinch, I can usually hold them so that the parents can get a picture,” Anna Smith said.

Walker’s wife, Carolyn, said her husband is a “per-

fect Grinch.”

“He’s just so charismatic,” Carolyn Walker said. “His costume he’s put together is just amazing because he looks just like the Grinch.”

Some adults even enjoyed the Grinch’s presence. The first year, Springtown police officers slapped a pair of handcuffs on Walker to take a photo of the police arresting the Grinch for his Christmas-stealing tendencies.

Gary Walker has learned to adapt to his costume that is difficult to see out of and can be quite hot. The first year, he said he was sweating after taking off his mask. He’s also had to learn how to see out of the mask and where to wave.

“The first year, (Cindy Lou’s) like, ‘Hey, wave at those people,’ and I’m like, ‘What people?’ I couldn’t see out of the mask,” he said. “I’ve learned to adapt.”

Gary Walker said on Saturday that this year’s Grinch float was the best-looking one yet, thanks to his daughter’s hard work to make the float sparkly and redo the

gifts with glitter, ribbons and bows. The float used to be made of thin fiberboard but now is all plywood. The assembly process was also simplified this year.

“We’re learning to build floats,” Gary Walker said. “Yes, we’re getting smarter, thank God. But we try to do something different every year or add something to it, just so it’ll be a little different, and it won’t be something they’ve seen every year.”

Anna Smith said the process began two months ago to get everything ready, and she would work on it every chance she got.

Carolyn Walker agreed that the process to put the float together takes a lot of preparation and planning. Walker added that Smith has been taking time each weekend to work on the float for the past six weeks.

“We replaced, I think, the front and the back (of the sleigh) last year and (replaced) the sides this year,” Carolyn Walker said. “So, you have to paint it, then

you have to put (on) another coat and then you have to glitter it.”

The cost of the sleigh upgrades was supplemented by the family’s second place winnings during a previous year’s parade and will likely reinvest their winnings from this year, Anna Smith said.

Gary Walker plans to continue portraying the Grinch in the parade as long as he can.

“It’s a lot of work, but it’s a lot of fun,” he said.

Anna Smith said this year’s parade was particularly special because Lane is a senior at Springtown High School and might not be at the parade next year if he follows his plan to join the Air Force and be an aircraft mechanic.

“It’s kind of a bittersweet feeling,” she said. “He’s the baby, he’s the last one.”

However, Lane Smith said there’s a chance he might be around next year for the parade.

“You never know what life brings,” Lane Smith said.



The Grinch parade procession also included a decorated Kubota with other family members dressed up as Whoville people including a blow-up Max the dog from the Grinch story. Photos by Madelyn Edwards

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Reno swears in new police chief, deputy chief

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Reno City Administrator Scott Passmore swore in Scott Elsner and Nathan Stringer as the city's new police chief and deputy chief, respectively, last week at a city council meeting.

Previously, Reno did not have any police officers employed since the officers resigned starting around September, and the city separated with former Police Chief Tony Simmons in October. Law enforcement needs were being covered mainly by the Parker County Sheriff's Office while Pelican Bay was assisting with courtesy patrol.

Both Elsner and Stringer were formerly employed with Pelican Bay's police department. Reno City Council was seeking to establish an interlocal agreement with Pelican Bay for police services.

Mayor Sam White said last week that the interlocal agreement with Pelican Bay is "not off," but he "could not wait" for police staff. White said Reno would proceed with an interlocal agreement if Pelican Bay wants to move forward with it, and he said that Reno would continue to provide police support for fire department calls if needed.

"Pelican Bay could not give me a decision," White

said. "They didn't say no, but they said it may be February. I have a city to protect; I cannot wait until February with no police department."

There is also a backlog of cases at Reno Police Department that need attention, White said.

Reno can hire three more officers in addition to Elsner and Stringer, and that process may take 30-45 days, White said. He is working on ensuring a balance in costs between police needs and infrastructure needs.

Stringer, a North Texas native who grew up in Garland, has been working in policing for 22 years at law enforcement agencies, such as in Richland Hills and Denton County. He said he is looking forward to being able to build up the Reno Police Department.

Elsner has 42 years experience in public service, including time spent in the fire protection service.

"I see progression, positive progression," Elsner said when he was hired at the Nov. 18 council meeting.

During the council meeting, Stringer asked the council to consider changing the patches on the police uniform as a way to rebrand the department. Council members approved allowing police to present a few design options, including the current design, back to council

for consideration.



Reno City Administrator Scott Passmore, left, swore in Nathan Stringer and Scott Elsner, right, as the city's new police chief and deputy chief.
Photo by Madelyn Edwards

for consideration.

"I think there has been some turbulent waters in the past, and I think a re-branding would be good for citizens and the police department both as an organization," Stringer said after the meeting.

White described Elsner and Stringer as "two very qualified individuals."

"These two guys are going to help us," White said. "You're going to see a whole new era for Reno."

The mayor would like to see the new police force to be more involved in the community, including being present in neighborhoods, being friendly with residents, attending community events and visiting kids in

schools. Community policing is important to White, he said, and was lacking from the last police department.

"They went to the school once while I've been in office, and that was it. I'd like to see them up there maybe once a month," White said. "It starts with our kids."

White added that he thinks Reno police should be driv-

ing through the neighborhoods "at least once a shift."

White is planning to form an emergency management team that will include the police chief, deputy police chief, city administrator, the mayor and the fire marshal. The emergency management team will work on providing local aid during emergency situations.

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Obituaries

James Bosier 1949- 2021

James David Bosier, 72, of Springtown, passed away, Tuesday, November 23, 2021 at home.

A celebration of his life will be held at a later date and placement at the Dallas Fort Worth National Cemetery in Dallas.

James was born March 19, 1949 in Brawley, California to James Wesley Bosier and Gladys Louise Bosier Winqest. They both preceded him in death along with three sisters, Beverly Fulcher, Barbara Rickett and Lori Winqest.

James love to work on engines and was an over the road truck driver for over 40 years.

Left to cherish his memory are his brothers, Dennis



Bosier, Allen Bosier and Larry Winqest and wife, Mary; sisters, Debie Williams and husband, Rex, Vickie Whitmire and husband, Kenneth, Patty Hopkins and Pam Lolli; numerous nieces, nephews and extended family.

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Anna Lou Darter 1931- 2021

Anna Lou Darter, 90, a loving mother, sister and grandmother, went home to be with her Lord and Savior, Wednesday, November 24, 2021 in Springtown.

Graveside services were held Tuesday, November 30, 2021 at New Hope Cemetery. Under the direction of Alexander's Midway Funeral Home in Springtown.

Anna was born May 29, 1931 in Smithfield to William and Iva (Gerth) Kirk. They both were there to welcome her home. Along with husband of 62 years, CW Darter; daughter, Freida Kmiec; siblings, Marie Davis, Juanice Apple, Elmer Kirk, Billy Kirk, Franklin Kirk and Royce Kirk; daughter in law, Vickie (Lockhart) Darter.

Anna loved to sing and play the guitar and piano. She was a Sunday School teacher, church secretary and loved to cook. You never went hungry around her house, even if you weren't hungry, you ate. Anna was a member of the Knob Hill Tabernacle.

Left to cherish fond memories are her children, Steve



Darter and wife, Carol, Kenneth Darter and Elizabeth Ford and husband, Rodney; sisters, Wanda Jennings, Zanna Hensarling and husband, Jerry and Jeannette Jennings and husband, Dan; grandchildren, Amanda (Aaron), Wesley, Roby, Dustin, Kristen (Ryan), Shawna (Cory), Sara and Kelli; great grandchildren, Ashton (Caleb), Kinsleigh, Brinleigh, McKenna, Leila, Coraline, Keller, Wyatt, Logan, Xander and Knox; great grandchild, Sutton; numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephew and extended family and many friends.

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Revisiting a Thanksgiving Day tradition of dining alone

Families seem to have certain traditions when it comes to the holidays. Some clans gather at Grandma's house and eat the same meal, year after year. People seem to want and need to have the same meal. They want the green bean casserole, the candied yams, and the holiday pies — which most of us eat at no other time of the year.

The consistency of the celebration is comforting in this ever-changing world in which we live. Knowing that you will see the same faces around the table, reminisce over the same family stories while watching football before or after the meal, is something that can be counted on. We depend on it, crave it and seek it.

For the years I was in the horse business, I would spend Thanksgiving in Oklahoma City at the National Reining Horse Futurity. The Futurity has traditionally been the sport's biggest event, with people traveling from all 50 states and some 25 different countries to participate. Because of the size of the show, the event starts on Thanksgiving Day, and that means all the vendors, participants and fans are far away from home on that special day.



MY FRONT PORCH

By Sam Houston

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

Many tend to their horse show responsibilities and then come together for a mass dinner that the NRHA arranges. While I think it was a great idea to have a dinner catered on the grounds, I would always leave the fairgrounds and go to Furr's Cafeteria.

I was far away from my kids and folks on these Thanksgivings. They understood I was working, and it was necessary for me to be gone, but part of me always wished we could all be together. From this loneliness I started my own tradition of going to Furr's and "finding a friend." By that I mean I would go to Furr's, go through the line for food, and then find someone who was sitting alone and ask if I could sit with them. I know that sounds a little crazy, but then again, maybe not.

I would scour the room looking for someone who was older and alone. The room was always full of families eating but there would be several people

who would be sitting by themselves. The first year, I approached an elderly lady and asked if she would mind some company. Maybe it was my cowboy hat, the smile I gave her, or even the tone of my voice, but she instantly smiled and said, "Why sure, are you alone too?"

I explained why I was in Oklahoma City and how I was taking a break from the horse show to eat my Thanksgiving meal. She informed me she was a widow with no children and while friends had asked her to come eat for the holiday, she felt like she would be intruding on their family meal, so she had decided to eat her Thanksgiving meal by herself.

She told me about her husband, how they had moved around the country as he had served in the military, and they had finally settled in Oklahoma. She had been an elementary school teacher and regaled me with one story after the

other of her humorous and sometimes onery students. We visited for almost an hour; long after our food was gone. I picked up her check with mine and told her I wanted to treat her to her meal. She asked me why I would buy a meal for a stranger, and I told her, "You're not a stranger. Now we're friends."

I continued this tradition for nearly 10 years, until my fortunes changed and I left the horse business. For each of those years my "new friends" had their own unique background and story, unknown to me before I sat down. The brief moments we shared will always be treasured. I believe all those folks were lonely and in need of some simple human companionship. For me, I came away with an appreciation of the lives lived by others and feeling like a person's Thanksgiving had been made better. My new friends also filled a void in my heart.

I sure do miss some traditions.

Thought for the day: Sometimes reaching out to someone is the beginning of an amazing journey, and on other occasions it allows others to enjoy your journey.

Until next time...

Give the gift of travel

By now, much of the intensity of holiday shopping on Black Friday, Cyber Monday, Cyberweek, Black Friday extended week, and a multitude of other sales specials should be wearing off. Some of you undoubtedly have acquired everything on your shopping list. Congratulations! Sit back and enjoy the sights and sounds of the season.

But most of you probably have some incomplete items or are stumped as to what to buy for a particular person. Let me suggest a gift of travel.

A useful gift, especially for someone who loves to travel, may be something that enhances or supplies the traveler. Consider new luggage, a backpack,

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a travel wallet, a camera, travel specific apparel like wide-brimmed hats, jackets with extra pockets, a walking stick, a good book or travel guide, a subscription to a travel magazine, or any other item that would make a trip easier or more enjoyable. A search on the internet will surely provide plenty of options.

If you are interested in making a bigger splash with your gifts, then giving travel would certainly raise the level of excitement. In this

case, we literally are talking about actual trips as gifts. A trip could be something as simple as an overnight stay at a new or special place, either across town or farther away. If one night or a weekend seem too short, then think bigger.

This could be a week or more out-of-town. Think tropical resort, all-inclusive resort, or cruise. When you get to this level, you may want to include the entire family. In that instance, a cruise or a week at a theme park like Disneyworld or Universal Studios may be right on target. If you want a deluxe option, several cruise lines have recently announced world cruises for 2023. For example, Royal Caribbean Cruises is

offering a world cruise that lasts 274 days, visits 150 destinations in 60 countries, including eleven wonders of the world. Now that's one heck of a holiday gift.

Travel is making its way back to normal as we learn to manage the pandemic. There are still restrictions and safety protocols, and those will likely continue well into 2022. But travel is an important part of life and is often considered a critical part of a good education. Contact a travel advisor to help choose the travel gift that meets your needs.

"The world is a book, and those who do not travel read only a page."
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You are now free to decorate.

Christmas decorations and music are now allowed (according to Lewis Law).

That will make more sense to you if you read last week's post. Even if you didn't, it's pretty easy to figure out.

We've been properly thankful and have followed up with shopping for Black Friday and Cyber Monday deals just to show how thankful we are.

So now we are really for a free-for-all of shopping, hall-decking, music-ing and shaming everyone who says "Happy Holidays" instead of "Merry Christmas." (I'm completely not serious about that last one).

Mrs. Sweetie and I just spent the whole Thanksgiving week in the Texas panhandle with our kids and



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.

grands. Few things make me more thankful than several days of eating and being Dad and Grandpa.

They are all coming to see us during the Christmas break, so I'm getting started soon with the decorating, house cleaning, and meal planning.

Housecleaning is the most difficult of all those because I am apparently a mess! Sweetie is not, and no one else lives here, so ...

Meal planning will be fun because I love to cook for

my family.

The Christmas decorating is relatively minimalistic. We have a couple of small vintage aluminum Christmas trees with classic lighted color wheels. Add to that the Sweetie-made quilted stockings with each person's name embroidered on theirs (she's pretty awesome) and that's about it for the decorating.

The idea of decorating is what I'm pondering today. There's an old Kenny Rogers song that came to mind: "You Decorated My Life"

(1979).

It's one thing to have a purposefully decorated living space. Some people put a lot of time, money, and effort into that.

But I'm pondering today a purposefully decorated life.

When I look at the "decor" of my life, I recognize that there are amazing things that were put there that I never could have imagined.

God—the Master Artistic Designer—has decorated me with a family faith heritage, undeserved and unenvisioned experiences, a partner for life whose attributes I can't praise enough, children and grandchildren, friends who make me better, I could go on and on about how I have been decorated.

But I'm also thinking

about how I choose to decorate my life—the visible things that reveal who I really am and what matters most to me. These "decorations" come to mind:

BLESSINGS. I don't mean blessings received; I mean blessings delivered. I want to BE a blessing to every person I encounter. If they leave me impressed but not blessed, I've decorated poorly.

GRACE. I've messed up. So has everyone else. I want every person I encounter to know that I will not hold a grudge if I happen to catch them on their worst day. I never want anyone to avoid me because of what they did the last time they saw me.

JOY. These are tough days. No, they are not the toughest

days in history, but they are some of the toughest days in recent history. These are also amazing days to be alive because of what the challenges make possible. I want to be known more for my laughter and optimism than my critiques and complaints.

RESPECT. Every person who has ever lived is created in the image of God. Every person who has ever lived is loved by God so much that He came to us in the flesh as a baby in Bethlehem. How can I disrespect those whom God loves so completely?

That's not my whole list of decorations, but it's a good starting place for you to begin thinking about your own. What's on your list?

Be amazing today, my friend.

ON FISHING

Bird action in full swing on area lakes

Want to catch fish and a lot of them? Get on most any area lake this time of the year and watch the gulls. The fall/winter feeding frenzy is here.

Sand bass, stripers and/or hybrid stripers will gang up on the baitfish and feed voraciously pushing these baitfish to the surface or near the surface. Even black bass, catfish and crappie at times will do the same. This sets up an easy meal for the birds (namely the gulls, turns and even pelicans) on our area lakes.

These birds will point you to active fish. Sometimes they will be near structures and sometimes they will just be out in open water. These fish are typically in a feeding frenzy, so most any shad imitation bait will work. Birds can also fool you on the water.

Sometimes the birds will

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be working cormorants diving for shad instead of feeding fish. A cormorant is a bird related to the pelican that arrives on our area lakes in the fall/winter. Some folks locally call them water turkeys, but actually that is another similar species.

Many times there will be a combination of predator fish and cormorants feeding on the same school(s) of baitfish, therefore you don't always want to write off an area if you see some cormorants.

Watch the birds closely to

see if they are diving on surface fish, and you will be able to tell. Cormorants are real spooky birds and they will usually fly away as you approach. If the gulls leave too, there may not be any predator fish active in that area. The gulls were more than likely just looking for an easy meal from the cormorants.

Invest in a good set of binoculars. They will help you survey a body of water for active fish and birds without having to drive all over.

As you approach a group of birds it is a good idea to do so using your electric motor, or drift toward the feeding fish. You don't want to spook the feeding fish by running through them or running too close with your big motor. This happens time and time again on the water, some people will unknow-

ingly drive right through the feeding fish with their big motor and ruin the fishing for everyone else.

Other folks knowingly will either troll through the middle of the fish with their big motor or will be surveying the area with their graph while running their big motor. Please don't do this. If you have to troll, try to keep to the edge of the fish and birds if other boats are fishing. Sometimes the fish will regroup and start feeding again, so try to be patient if this happens.

I have written about fishing under the birds many times before. Fishing under the birds can occur in most every season, but the abundance of birds in the fall and winter far exceed the other seasons. The more birds the more competition for food and the more apt the birds are

to work the lake looking for feeding fish. These birds are the anglers' friends.

They have tremendous eyesight and can see things way below the surface. If the fish are not real active, some birds may be hovering over an area where some fish are feeding deeper in the water column. The birds are hoping that they will push some baitfish up. Those areas can be great to work. Working jigs or swimbaits through a school of bait and fish in deeper water may be the pattern of the day.

Many folks believe that they have to throw and retrieve and never get their bait down deep enough. Many times I will have to go to 30 or 40 feet down to get a bite and depending on the reservoir, sometimes even deeper.

In fact, I generally prefer to fish below the sur-

face-feeding fish where the bigger fish are usually waiting for an injured baitfish to float their way. Make sure you dress for the weather and, if you can pick your dates, fish between passing cool fronts.

FISHING REPORT

On other reservoirs, Lake Whitney and Possum Kingdom Lake limits of striped bass are reported. Look for the birds. On Whitney, best reports are coming from near Steele Creek to the state park (look for the birds). On Possum Kingdom, look for fish from Broadway to the Peanut Patch.

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Veteran reporter, editor joins paper

STAFF REPORTS

Don Munsch joined Hyde Media Group in early November as the new editor of the Azle News and The Springtown Epigraph.

Munsch brings decades of experience with him to Azle and Springtown. He began his career at The Denison Herald in 1994 and was at the paper when it merged with the Sherman Democrat in 1996 to become the Herald Democrat. Munsch

has worked for newspapers all over Texas – from Amarillo to Odessa to the Houston area to Central Texas, in addition to a few in North Texas. He has covered many beats during his career, from cities and schools to police and fire to features, religion, entertainment and sports.

An Arlington native and a Northwest Missouri State University graduate, Munsch recently worked for C&S Media, based in Wy-

lie, where he was news editor and covered the cities of Murphy and Wylie and the Wylie ISD. Before his stint there, he was editor of The Elk City News in Elk City, Okla., which has been his only non-Texas newspaper experience.

“I look forward to serving the Azle and Springtown communities and continuing the award-winning tradition of the two newspapers,” Munsch said.



Don Munsch is the new editor of the Azle News and the Springtown Epigraph. Photo by Jessica McKinney

BOOK REVIEW

Season readings: Titles your little ones cannot resist

The tree is up in your house already and it sure is twinkly.

It's colorful, too, and you love to lay next to it and just look at it. Wouldn't that be a great place to take one of these wonderful Holiday books?

Santa is here. He's there. He's at the mall and on Christmas cards and on TV. When a young Santa fan notices all the Clauses, he wonders which one is the guy who brings presents? In "The Real Santa" by Nancy Redd, illustrated by Charnelle Pinkney Barlow (Random House), the truth is exactly what he'd hoped...

Everybody knows that Santa comes down the chimney, right? But what if you don't have a chimney? In

"Santa in the City" by Tiffany D. Jackson, illustrated by Reggie Brown (Dial Books), there are just two weeks to go before Christmas and Deja is concerned that Santa won't be able to find her. Everybody has a different answer to her questions – so how does Santa know what to do?

How do you find just the right gift? In "The Perfect Gift" by Lyn Sisson-Talbert and David L. Talbert (Razorbill), inventors Journey, Jessica, and Jeronicus create their best invention yet: it's a robot they call Buddy 3000. So what do you give a robot on Christmas Day? Inspired by the Netflix show, look for this book before turning on your television.

Bah. Jim Panzee is not im-

pressed. The entire jungle is lit up for Christmas but Jim hates it all and in "Grumpy Monkey: Oh, No, Christmas!" by Suzanne Lang, illustrated by Max Lang, (Random House) it's up to the other animals to change his mind. Is there any good way to bring jingle to the jungle?

For the kid who longs for a White Christmas – a really white one - "We Want Snow! A Wintry Chant" by Jamie A. Swenson, illustrated by Emilie Boon (Sleeping Bear Press) helps call in the snowflakes before it's time to snuggle under blankets.

Clausic always was unique. His grandmother said that was okay, that he's special. Not until it's almost Christmas does Clausic

find out just how special he is and in "Just Be Claus: A Christmas Story" by Barbara Joesse, illustrated by Kim Barnes (Sleeping Bear Press) you should be very glad that's so!

Tradition is important at every holiday, so treat your child to the wonder of "Jan Brett's The Nutcracker" (Putnam). This lush picture book updates a classic story with Marie and her brother, Fritz, and a gift that takes her on an adventure, that's perfect for tradition-making in your house.

And finally, "Good Dogs in Bad Sweaters" by Rachel Wenitsky & David Sidorov, illustrated by Tor Freeman (Putnam) is about a doggy day-care and Hanukkah and Christmas and a visit from



Santadoodle. What 8-to-12-year-old kid could resist?

None. That's it. No kid could resist these great holiday books, and if you need

more titles, then check with your librarian or bookseller. They'll have lots of ideas to put beneath your tree! Season's Readings!

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Students may prepay for their meals.

PK - 12th GRADE **BREAKFAST:** Everyday - Various Juices & Cereals, Toast, Milk Variety, Fruit, Jelly Assortment, Buttermilk Biscuit, Variety of milk is offered every day for breakfast and lunch.

Monday Dutch Waffle, Toast, Variety of Cereal, Fruit, Juice **Tuesday** Sausage Biscuit, Toast, Variety of Cereal, Fruit, Juice **Wednesday** Tater Tot Casserole, Toast, Variety of Cereal, Fruit, Juice **Thursday** Breakfast Stick, Toast, Variety of Cereal, Fruit, Juice **Friday** Breakfast Sandwich, Toast, Variety of Cereal, Fruit, Juice

PK - 8th GRADE **Lunch:** Everyday - Choice of one meat, two vegetables, and one grain/bread with milk. Variety of milk is offered every day for breakfast and lunch.

Monday Cheeseburger or Hamburger, Tater Gems, Cucumber & Tomato Cup, Apple **Tuesday** Tangerine Chicken, Rice, Broccoli, Mixed Veg, Pineapple Cup **Wednesday** Steakfingers, Mashed Potatoes, Green Peas, Blueberries, Roll **Thursday** Crispy Chicken Sandwich, Chili Style Beans, Fresh Broccoli Florets, Orange Smiles **Friday** Cheese Pizza, Corn Dogs, Fresh Baby Carrots, Green Beans, Banana

9th-12 GRADE **Lunch:** Everyday - Choice of one meat, two vegetables, and one grain/bread with milk. Variety of milk is offered every day for breakfast and lunch.

Monday Cheeseburger, Hamburger, Sweet Tater Tots, Fresh Broccoli Florets, Blueberries, Apple **Tuesday** Tangerine Chicken, CK Fried Steak Sandwich, Rice, Green Beans, Cucumber Tomato Cup **Wednesday** Regular or Spicy Chicken Tenders, Garden Salad, Roll **Thursday** Nachos (beef or chicken) Refried Beans, Corn, Pear Cup **Friday** Cheese Pizza, Steakfingers, Mashed Potatoes, Broccoli, Roll, Grapes, Peach Cup

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PARADE, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1A.

“She waved at the Grinch,” Hull agreed. The Grinch was accompanied by Cindy Lou Who, another character from “How The Grinch Stole Christmas!”

The train was coming soon, Hull said, and Sawyer eagerly awaited its arrival.

“She keeps pointing at it,” he said.

The parents live in Springtown, and Holden said she liked seeing the turnout for the parade.

“I like seeing everyone together and celebrating it,” Holden said.

And then came the train, Hull told Sawyer.

Hundreds of people lined

streets for the Parade of Lights, with the procession traveling south down Main Street and then turning left on First Street. Temperatures in the 40s didn’t dim the enthusiasm for the parade or the subsequent lighting of the Christmas tree on the square. Santa Claus waved to residents from a vehicle in the parade and participated in the countdown of the tree lighting, raising spirits even more. Parade-watchers were treated to Christmas music and simulated snow being blown about on the square, with the latter helping lend a Yuletide sense of the season.

Dustin Bays and son Wy-



Members of Girl Scout Troop 2783 had a good time in the parade.

Photo by Don Munsch



The Santa float from Sunset Mountain Miniatures won third place. Santa Claus prompted waves and smiles from parade-goers.

Photo by Don Munsch



The Christmas tree on the square became a popular place for people to take photos after its lights were activated.

Photo by Don Munsch

att also seemed to have fun at the event, with both father and son, age 6, liking the same elements of the parade, such as the old vehicles. Dustin enjoyed being able to attend the parade and tree lighting.

“It’s nice to be out and about and nobody forcing mandates on you,” he said, laughing.

Wyatt said he looks forward to Christmas, including the receiving presents portion of the day.

Winners of the parade were:

First: Anna Smith (Cindy Lou Who) with the Grinch, played by Gary Walker, riding on a float pulled by an antique tractor driven by Lane Smith.

Second: Sarah Sowders with the 4-H Club on a 12-foot float trailer.

Third: Santa Float from Sunset Mountain Miniatures. The float was a four-horse wagon with Santa.

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Thrifty & Fritter Budgeting for the Holidays

Fritter, we're NOT going to go totally crazy during holiday shopping. We need to ...

Oh, Thrifty! Just LOOK at all the sparkly lights and decorations!

WAHOOO!!! I'm gonna get THIS and THAT and THOSE and THESE and ...

Fritter, you really need a BUDGET!

Okay, but can you carry the budget? My arms are full!

A budget is a plan that helps you to spend only the amount of money you can afford.

Shopping On A Budget

Look at the things Jodi would like to buy for her family. She has \$50 budgeted for her holiday shopping. Make a list of the things she could buy on her budget.

| INCOME | |
|-----------------------|------|
| Allowance | \$15 |
| Shovel Snow | \$20 |
| Run Errands for Elves | \$15 |
| TOTAL: | |

| EXPENSES | |
|--------------------------|------|
| Carrot Sticks | \$10 |
| Flying Lessons | \$12 |
| Reindeer Games Entry Fee | \$10 |
| TOTAL: | |

How much money does Thrifty have left over each month?

THINK ABOUT IT: What could Thrifty do to save more money each month?

Standards Link: Economics: Students understand basic concepts of managing money.

Extra! Extra!

Holiday Party Time!

Thrifty and Fritter are planning a holiday bash for family and friends. They have budgeted \$500 for the party!

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They also need entertainment and perhaps folks to help set up and clean up. These are called **services**.

Look through today's newspaper and help Thrifty and Fritter find what they need. Stay within their \$500 budget!

| | |
|---------------|------------------|
| GOODS: | SERVICES: |
| _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ |

Standards Link: Economics: Understand the differences between goods and services.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Who bought what? An ice cream cone costs \$1.50. A comic book is \$1.65. A deck of cards is \$1.10. Count each person's money to see what they bought.

| Deb | Vanessa | Theresa |
|-----|---------|---------|
| | | |

Standards Link: Mathematical Reasoning: Problem solving using money.

Kid Scoop Together: Count Your Cash!

Fritter wants to buy each of the items below. Look at each item and its price. Figure out how he would pay for it. The first one is done for you.

Item: Pack of Cards

Price: \$2.50

To pay for it, I would use:

of dollar bills: 2

of pennies: _____

of nickels: 1

of dimes: 2

of quarters: 1

Double Double Word Search

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

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

Item: Crayons

Price: \$3.59

To pay for it, I would use:

of dollar bills: _____

of pennies: _____

of nickels: _____

of dimes: _____

of quarters: _____

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New and Used

Find five new items for sale in the newspaper. Chart the items and their prices. Can you find similar used items for sale? What is the difference in price? What are the advantages and disadvantages of buying new versus used?

Standards Link: Economics: Students demonstrate basic economic reasoning in terms of how individual economic choices involve trade-offs and the evaluation of costs and benefits.

Item: Scarf

Price: \$3.90

To pay for it, I would use:

of dollar bills: _____

of pennies: _____

of nickels: _____

of dimes: _____

of quarters: _____

Standards Link: Measurement: Students understand how different coins can be combined to equal the same amount.

Write On!

A penny saved is a penny ...

How would you finish this sentence?

What a Character!

Responsibility is ...

... not spending more than you can afford on gifts.

Springtown gets in the Christmas spirit



Temperatures in the 40s didn't dim the enthusiasm for the Christmas tree lighting.



Festive Eric Smith, public works employee for the city of Springtown, motors down Main during the parade.



Jason Midkiff, right, and son Kevin of Azle entered the parade float as the World's Smallest Rodeo Clown.



Robert Mooney and granddaughter Abby-Jo enjoy a moment together before the tree-lighting ceremony.



Robert Hull, left, and Jace Holden await the next parade float with daughter Sawyer.

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Springtown savors rematch with Hirschi in quarterfinal contest



Flag runners Braxton Mayo and Bryson Anderson celebrate a touchdown.



The Springtown team enters the field of battle in Sweetwater.

BY JEFF PRINCE
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Springtown High School's Porcupines were bitten by the Wichita Falls Hirschi Huskies earlier this season, and that painful memory lingers still.

Redemption makes the hurt go away.

The Porcupines (10-3) hope to grab a little salvation when they face the Huskies (11-2) at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 3, at Eagle Stadium in Allen in their Class 4A Division I state quarterfinal football playoff. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for students.

"They're good," Springtown head coach Brian Hulett said of the Huskies. "They're real good."

Heading into the season, Hulett characterized Hirschi as "the best team in the region, the biggest, fastest the strongest and with the most kids back."

On Oct. 15, the two teams met in Wichita Falls, and

Springtown was about a minute away from victory. Instead, Hirschi scored a last-minute touchdown, took the lead, made a successful onside kick and scored again to clinch the game, 40-30.

The Porcupines were shocked but motivated by the outcome.

"We gave them a good effort at their place," Hulett said. "We'll have to give a better one this time."

PLAYOFF RUN

The Pines have made an impressive playoff run so far despite facing numerous obstacles and injuries and finishing the regular season as the third seed from District 4-4A.

On Friday, Nov. 12, the Pines whipped Canyon 49-13 in the bi-district championship. A week later, Springtown traveled to Sweetwater to face the Andrews Mustangs, but the game was



Matt "Mr. Everything" Lockard churns out yardage against Andrews.

Photos by Jeff Prince

SEE FOOTBALL, PAGE 2B.

Hoop girls respond to first responders



The Lady Pines played an appreciation game to honor first responders last week and provided a luncheon for them. The girls have won their two most recent games against Bryan Adams and Benbrook.

Courtesy photo

FOOTBALL, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1B.



Aiden Vickers caught two TD passes against Andrews.

Photo by Jeff Prince



Darren Sweeley and Seth Appell combine for a tackle.

postponed after an Andrews bus was involved in a traffic accident. The game was rescheduled for Monday, Nov. 22.

When the game day arrived, the Sweetwater and Big Spring bands marched into the stadium in single file while fans on both sides of the stadium gave standing ovations. The two bands had volunteered to step in for the Andrews band, which chose not to play after band director Darin Johns suffered fatal injuries in the crash.

Prior to kickoff, Andrews and Springtown players met at midfield and knelt together in prayer.

Once the game began, it became clear that the Mustangs were determined to win the game to honor their hurt or fallen comrades. Their side of the stadium was packed as if the entire town

of Andrews had showed up to cheer on the team, giving them what amounted to homefield advantage.

Springtown kicked off, and the Mustangs drove to the 17-yard line, where they faced fourth and 1. Rather than settle for a field goal, Andrews decided to go for a touchdown. Their fans roared approval. Springtown's defense prevailed, stuffing Andrews for no gain.

Porcupines quarterback Hudson Hulett led his offense onto the field but struggled against the Andrews defensive scheme, and the Pines punted. Andrews came alive, taking a 10-0 lead after dominating the rest of the first quarter.

Springtown rebounded in the second quarter, scoring

SEE FOOTBALL, PAGE 3B.



Brian Hulett makes his case to a referee.

Photos by Jeff Prince

FOOTBALL, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2B.



Brodee Trejo earns a first down against Riverside.

two TDs. Andrews led 17-14 at halftime but couldn't have felt comfortable – the Pines make a habit of winning games in the second half.

During halftime, the Big Spring and Sweetwater bands performed a version of "Nearer, My God, to Thee" and dedicated it to Johns. Thirteen of the 25 students on the Andrews band bus had been taken to local hospitals to be treated after the wreck, according to reports. Johns and the two adult drivers of the vehicles died after the crash.

The Sound of Springtown faced the Andrews crowd while performing "Sweet, Sweet Spirit," a song they dedicated to the Andrews band.

"Get us some field position, No. 6!" offensive lineman Cody Brackeen yelled from the sidelines as Speck "Tabulous" Behle and the kickoff receiving team took the field to begin the second half.

On the first offensive play, Pines quarterback Hudson Hulett let fly a long pass that looked like it would have been a sure TD, except the ball slipped through Aiden Vickers' outstretched fingers. The offense had to punt after missing a golden opportunity to take the lead for the first time in the game.

No matter. The missed play excited the Pines and their crowd. The defense toughened up, and the offense began moving the ball. Andrews led 26-21 at the end of the third quarter, but Springtown forced a couple of crucial turnovers, stole the game's momentum and grabbed the lead in the fourth quarter. The Pines sealed the win after Seth Appell caused an Andrews kickoff returner to fumble the ball, which was recovered by Pines freshman Darren Sweeley.

Final score: Springtown 43, Andrews 33.

CRUISING THROUGH SEMIFINAL

Since the Andrews game had been delayed until Monday, the Porcupines and El Paso Riverside Rangers decided to wait until Saturday, Nov. 27, to play their regional semifinal game at Grande Stadium in Midland.

"Do your job!" hollered the Springtown coach as the Pine kickoff team took the

field to begin the contest.

"Do your job!" he repeated.

Hulett keeps things simple. He trains his players hard. He teaches them basic skills that become second nature with practice. Then, he encourages them to rely on those abilities from play to play, game to game, season to season.

The Pines defense forced the Riverside Rangers to punt after three plays. On fourth down, a strong rush by Springtown deflected the Rangers' punt, giving the Pines a first down at midfield. Moments later, Matt "Mr. Everything" Lockard scampered into the end zone to put Springtown on the scoreboard.

The Rangers scored on the first play of the second quarter to tie the game, but the Pines weren't impressed. They led 21-7 at halftime and 33-7 at the end of three quarters.

Final score: Springtown 40, Riverside 14.

Hulett and his team were thrilled but exhausted after the game. They had made two long bus trips — one to Sweetwater and another to Midland — during the week. They played a game amid Thanksgiving holidays when school was out. Their schedules were out of whack, but the team kept showing up and winning.

"It's been a long, hard six days for our guys," Hulett said. "I'm super proud of them."

Riverside (11-2) had won a district title and compiled its best record in 15 years heading into the game with Springtown. The Pines, though, are a seasoned team with deep forays of their own into the playoffs.

"We've gotten comfortable in the last three years traveling out this way," Hulett said. "My kids had to face a lot of adversity. It was an extremely difficult situation. Just a lot of change for high school kids."

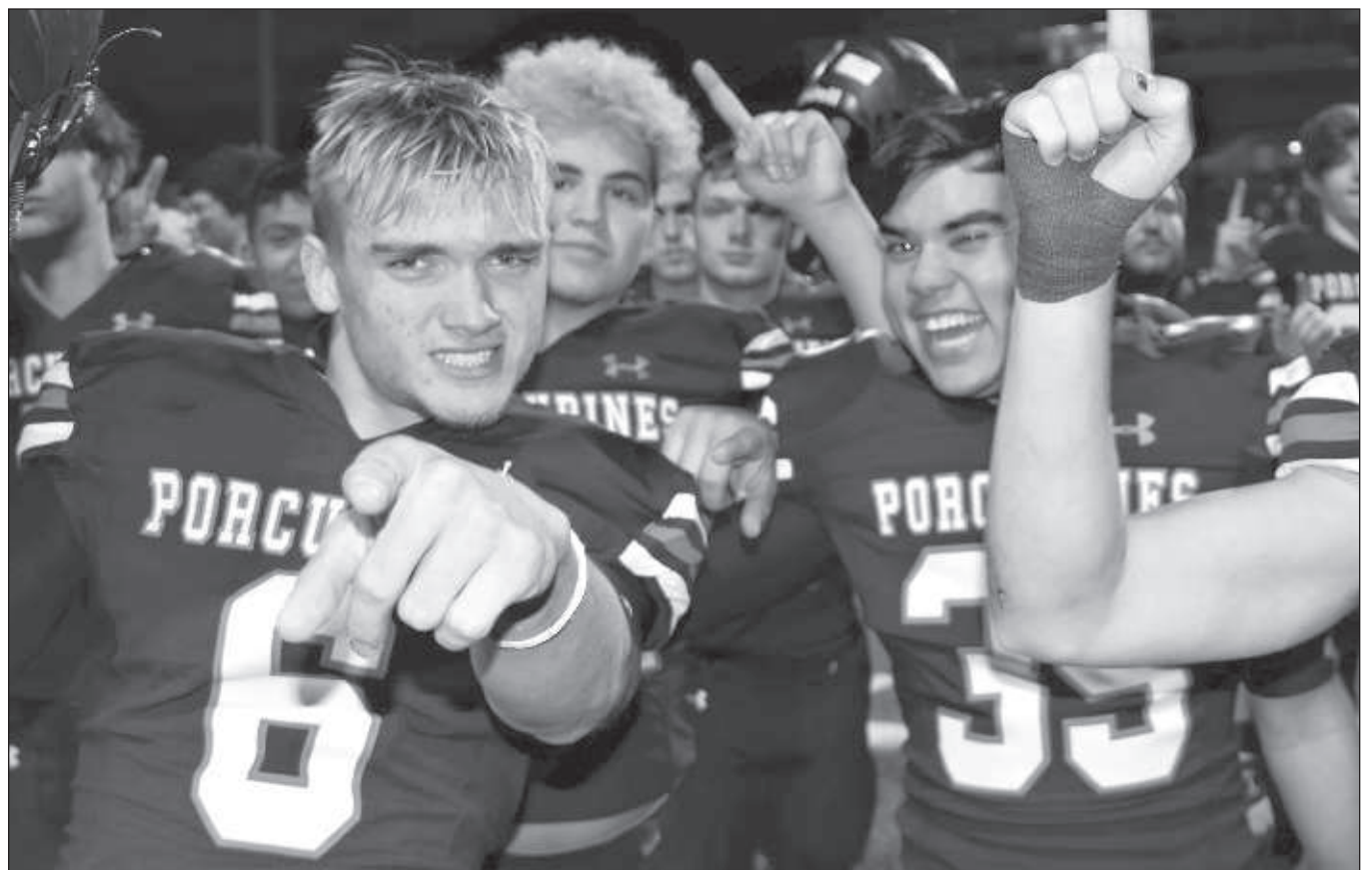
By beating Riverside, the Pines are three victories shy of a state title. The first of those games is Friday against Hirschi. Should the Pines prevail, they will face the winner of the Stephenville-Melissa matchup.

"You know they're going to be quality," Hulett said.

Such is the nature of the playoffs.



Blake Walker, Korbin Clymer and Darren Sweeley dash toward an Andrews runner.



Speck "Tabulous" Behle, left, celebrates with teammates after the win over Riverside.



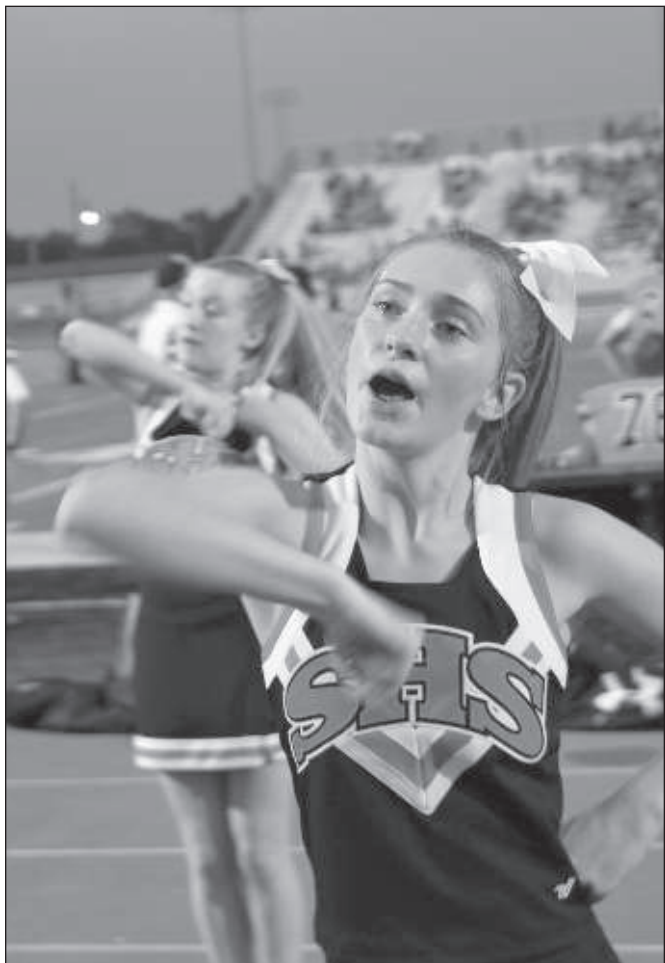
Brodee Trejo checks out the gold ball on the area championship trophy.

GAME FACES

Springtown High School's cheer squad boosts school spirit



Springtown's cheer squad



Madison Meeks, front, Kamryn Tucker, back.



Allison Stoner.



Captain Brooke Bailey and Captain Brooklyn Jarvis lift Meagan Hutchison.



K'Dee Dowdy.



Amie White, left, with Madison Martin.

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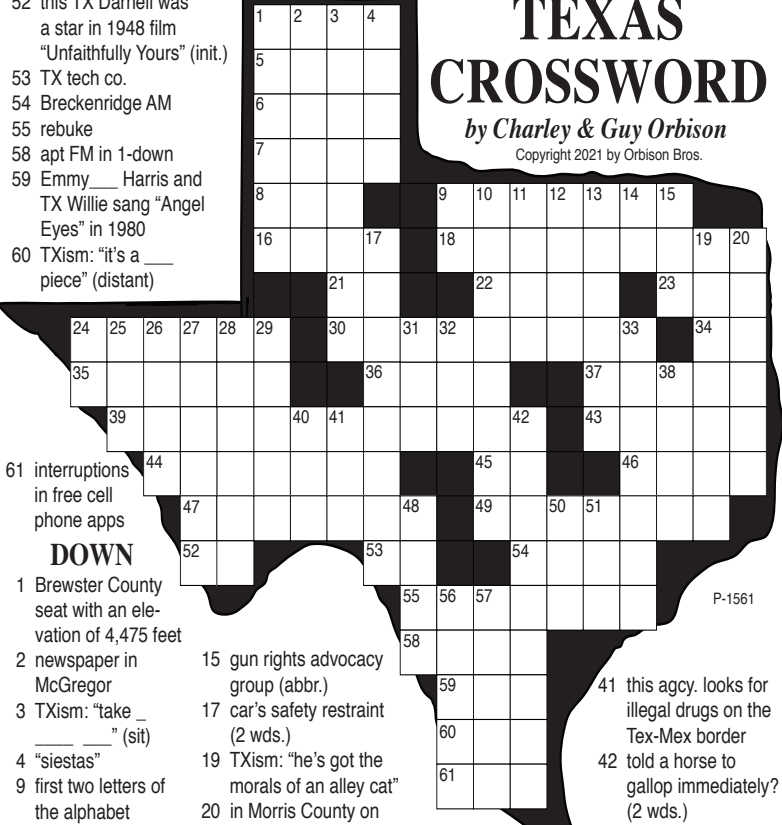
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- 1970 western "___ Called Horse"
- this Cockrell served two terms as mayor of San Antonio
- "___ up" (support)
- retire. accts.
- indicate approval
- "A" of AME church
- Greek god of love
- Daryl Sorenson is ___ -law to TX Tanya Tucker
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- in Hidalgo County on highway 107
- doctors' assn.
- hole-in-one requires ___
- hit for TX Bob Wills & TX Willie (2 wds.)
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- we will play golf "___ shine"
- "bull" in Mexico
- "the sun" in Mexico
- it's served with rice on a Tex-Mex plate (2 wds.)
- former name of the Congo
- Paris, TX once had the "Chili ___ ___ Cookoff"
- state where TX Holly died (abbr.)
- test replaced by TAKS in 2003
- TXism: "he can ___ ___ day and dance all night" (stamina)
- "Jack ___ ___ ran up the hill ..."

DOWN

- Brewster County seat with an elevation of 4,475 feet
- newspaper in McGregor
- TXism: "take ___ ___" (sit)
- "siestas"
- first two letters of the alphabet
- the first time some Texans declared independence: "___ Rebellion"
- cinnamon ___
- TXism: "want ___ ___ bad I could spit"
- Mexico American labor leader, Cesar
- this Alex played for the Mavs (init.)
- this TX Darnell was a star in 1948 film "Unfaithfully Yours" (init.)
- TX tech co.
- Breckenridge AM
- rebuke
- apt FM in 1-down
- Emmy ___ Harris and TX Willie sang "Angel Eyes" in 1980
- TXism: "it's a ___ piece" (distant)
- gun rights advocacy group (abbr.)
- car's safety restraint (2 wds.)
- TXism: "he's got the morals of an alley cat"
- in Morris County on U.S.67
- legendary TX pitcher, Nolan (init.)
- paddle
- "___ Piper"
- spread out the Texas flag, e.g.
- lethargic
- a secret society originating in China
- female deer

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41 this agcy. looks for illegal drugs on the Tex-Mex border
 42 told a horse to gallop immediately? (2 wds.)
 48 TXism: "he couldn't ___ his upper lip" (weakening)
 50 lineal assn. of TX founding families
 51 TX "Mean" ___ Green
 56 TXism: "worthless as ___ hair cut"
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