



## Springtown moves forward on purchase of budgeted public works vehicles

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Springtown made some vehicle purchases in an effort to make the Public Works Department operate more efficiently.

The Springtown City Council approved the purchase of four new vehicles for the Public Works Department during a meeting last

month.

Council authorized this purchase as part of the consent agenda, which included the approval of several other agenda items. The funding for the vehicles – a total of \$167,911 – was already allocated during the fiscal year 2021-22 budget process.

The purchase includes four 2022 Chevrolet trucks: a Chevrolet 2500

4WD for \$35,993, a Chevrolet 3500 flatbed with gooseneck for \$49,220, a Chevrolet 2500 flatbed for jetter for \$42,378 and a Chevrolet 2500 2WD with flatbed for \$40,320.

The vehicles are necessary for a variety of reasons. Springtown administrative specialist Christina Derr said the addition of the vehicle with the jetter will mean

faster responses to reported sewer backups because the jetter will be mounted to the vehicle. A jetter is a machine that uses high water pressure to remove obstructions, clean and drain sewer lines.

“Currently, our jetter is not mounted to a specific vehicle, but rather transported on a trailer. The jetter will be mounted to this vehicle which will increase response

times,” Derr said. “Additionally, the current jetter is aging, has had to be rebuilt several times in the last eight years and is currently in need of repairs.”

Derr said the Chevrolet 3500 flatbed with gooseneck is for hauling a dump trailer and other heavy equipment and “serves to replace

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## Cub Scouts get wild! Exotic animals visit the Springtown Cub Scouts



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During the finale of Creature Teacher instructor Colton Daugherty’s presentation to the Springtown Cub Scouts Pack 303, he let the kangaroo out of the bag.

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Red kangaroo Ruby hops around during a presentation to the Springtown Cub Scouts on Nov. 30 at Springtown’s First United Methodist Church. Photo by Madelyn Edwards

## Council to consider zoning, plat

### Planning and Zoning Commission moves forward 110-lot residential subdivision for city council’s approval

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The Springtown Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval last week of zoning and the preliminary plat for a residential subdivision northwest of the intersection of J.E. Woody Road and Birch Street.

The subdivision is expected to have 110 lots, two of which will be open spaces while the rest will be single-family residences, on land that is almost 22 acres. The lots will be between 5,696 and 8,900 square feet.

This development has a history with the city of Springtown. Earlier this year, the city council denied approval of the subdivision’s development agreement, which also meant the denial of sewer service to the property.

Springtown administrative specialist Christina Derr said that council did not approve the development agreement because the agreement would have locked in the city’s zoning standards before publication of rezoning and public hearings would occur.

“The council was just not comfortable with the process,” Derr said in an interview last month.

Last month, the developer put out a new plan on the same land for a 14-lot subdivision of six-plexes, the preliminary plat for which was approved by the commission and council, but the developer also met with city council in a workshop to revisit the original 110-lot subdivision.

The developer applied for reconsideration of 110-lot preliminary plat and requested Planned Development Single Family 3 zoning.

With the Planning and Zoning Commission’s recommendation, the city council will have the final say on the zoning assignment and preliminary plat at the council meeting on Dec. 16. The city council will also consider a development agreement and annexation of the property.

The development agreement of the subdivision is expected to be considered first by council at the December meeting, preceded by

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Ella Belle won the Grand Prize for Best Outfit at the first-ever Family Night with Santa. She is pictured with Santa. Courtesy Photo

## Umbra Winery hosts first-ever Family Night with Santa

### FROM STAFF REPORTS

The first-ever Family Night with Santa was held on Saturday by Umbra Winery at La Buena Vida Vineyards in Springtown.

The event was fitted with the theme of “The Polar Express” story with inflatable toy soldiers guarding the entrance and a “train” that could be heard rumbling through the space, adding realism to the

event, according to Umbra Winery owner Debbie Ray-Wilson’s account of the event.

The night included pictures with Santa Claus, cookie decorating and snacks including hot cocoa, cotton candy and popcorn. The kids also made homemade cards for the residents of Springtown Park Rehabilitation and Care Center.

Attendees donated toys for local children to the Springtown food pantry Neighbor to Neighbors, which will continue to collect food, toys and monetary donations.

Umbra Winery thanked the volunteers, the staff and the families who participated in the event. The winery hopes to host this event again next year.



# Springtown Optimist Club recognizes Young Texan and Texanne for December

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The Springtown Optimist Club honored the Young Texan and Young Texanne for the month of December.

The Young Texan and Texanne are high school juniors who are honored for their academic achievement, community involvement and extracurricular activities.

This month, the club recognized Springtown High School students Amie Ann White and Chandler King, both of whom have earned mostly A's in school.

White is involved in a slew of high school organizations, such as Family, Career and Community Leaders of America, cheerleading, National Honor Society, Future Farmers of America, Business Professionals of America and student council, among others.

She holds officer positions in some of these organizations as well: she is the Student Council Junior Class parliamentarian, BPA chapter vice president and event coordinator and FCCLA state parliamentarian.

"I hope I showed students how big of an impact on lives organizations can give people and to become involved like I am," White wrote on her Young Texanne questionnaire.

White is looking forward to studying business leadership and communication after graduation.

King hopes to study political science and law at Yale University. In high school, he has been involved in UIL debate, Peer Assistance and Leadership and National Honor Society. For NHS, he is the vice president, and he is the president of his class.

"I plan on having a career in politics in order to make a difference in society," King wrote on his resumé.

Both students enjoy writing as a hobby as well as athletics. White plays basketball in her free time, and King plays tennis.

Both volunteered at a youth camp over the summer. White has also volunteered to provide aid to homeless individuals, helped teachers prepare their classrooms before the start of school, is a pen pal with older adults and provides math tutoring in town and online lessons on public speaking and leadership skills, among other community activities.

The Springtown Optimist Club holds meetings monthly at 7 a.m. on the first Tuesday of the month at Howell's Western Café.



The Springtown High School students who qualified for nationals are from left to right: senior Michael Merrill and sophomore Carolina Williams, each with solo musical selections, and freshman Cadence Porche and sophomore Nova Gould and in duet acting.

Courtesy photo

# Springtown High School thespians advance to nationals

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Four Springtown High School theater students qualified to advance to nationals at the Texas Thespian Contest last month in Grapevine.

The students who advanced are senior Michael Merrill and sophomore Carolina Williams, each with solo musical selections, and freshman Cadence Porche and sophomore Nova Gould in duet acting. They received superior ratings during the contest, which are

the highest possible ratings, according to the Springtown Theatre Facebook page.

These students are expected to be judged and ranked again in June with winners announced thereafter, SHS theater director Rebecca Phillips said. The students will be able to attend the International Thespian Festival on June 20-24 at Indiana University, if they are able to raise enough money. The cost for registration would be more than \$4,000 for the four students and the director.

The International Thespian Festival includes per-

formances, workshops, auditions with premier colleges and universities, and a chance for students to showcase their skills, according to the festival's website.

Other Springtown High School participants at the Texas Thespian Contest included a film participant, another duet team and a group acting team. These students have another chance to qualify for nationals after the second round of competition, which concludes in January, according to the Facebook page. Results will be announced in February.



Springtown High School juniors Chandler King and Amie White were honored as the Young Texan and Texanne for December by the Springtown Optimist Club on Tuesday morning at Howell's Western Café.

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the current dump truck which is 28 years old and in need of costly repairs.”

The 2022 Chevrolet 2500 2WD with flatbed will allow crews to transport materials and other loads while not interrupting other operations, Derr said, and will assist work being done by a 12-year-old truck.

“Currently, when loads need to be moved, the only fleet vehicle capable of doing so has to leave any ongoing duties (at times water or sewer repairs) to facilitate the move,” she said. “This vehicle will primarily be used by the Parks Department in order to move materials or equipment without having to stop and look for

another vehicle.”

The 2022 Chevrolet 2500 4WD was added to accommodate a new position added to the Public Works Department, Derr said. The department converted an existing field technician position to a plant operator position, and plant operators must have their own vehicles.

Two of the vehicles, the Chevrolet 3500 flatbed with gooseneck and the Chevrolet 2500 flatbed for the jetter, are to be funded through capital lease funds, while the other two vehicles are funded through capital reserves, Derr said.

Derr said the department is expected to receive the trucks in January.

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public hearings for annexation and zoning, Derr said. If the development agreement isn’t adopted, then council won’t move forward with annexation.

The commission recommended approval in a unanimous vote of the preliminary plat but voted 3-2 to recommend that the council assign the property Planned Development Single Family 3 zoning. Commissioners Sarah Cockburn and Kristi Bailey voted in opposition to the zoning.

During the meeting, Bailey expressed concern about a residential subdivision being near J.E. Woody Road because of traffic on the road. She said during the meeting that she was almost struck in her vehicle on that road.

“Three of my little girls’ friends live on that street, and we used to be able to let all of them play in the front yard, and in two years, now we’re like, nobody plays in the front yard, only in the backyard,” Bailey said. “That’s just growth sometimes, but it has really made me more cognizant of the traffic there.”

Derr said during the meeting that traffic would be discussed in the final plat stage,

and the city engineer can request a traffic impact analysis, if warranted.

Bailey also talked about her concerns with the subdivision’s density, adding two to three cars per lot that all must enter and exit using J.E. Woody Road. She also mentioned that the smaller lots may mean more effort would need to be put into deer control in the area.

Cockburn said she didn’t think the lots were big enough and implied she was not satisfied with city staff’s responses to her questions. She also said houses built too close together can cause problems.

“I’ve been on this planning and zoning board for many years, and whenever there’s something that I just don’t feel good about, and they can’t give us any good, steady answers, I’m not going to vote for something like that,” she said.

If the city council approves the 110-lot subdivision’s development agreement, then the 14-lot subdivision with one-acre lots – the alternative plan for the same tract of land – will no longer be an option. If the development agreement is not approved, then the developer can proceed with the 14-lot subdivision.

**ON FISHING**

**TPWD’s annual Texas winter rainbow trout stocking has started**

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) plans to stock a total of 352,563 rainbow trout in Texas from Nov. 24 (Wednesday of last week) through March 6, 2022. Because rainbow trout are unable to survive in Texas after the winter, anglers are encouraged to keep up to their daily bag limit of five trout.

The TPWD “Neighborhood Fishin’” program offers some outstanding opportunities to catch rainbow trout for families and new anglers in and around major cities. TPWD manages 18 Neighborhood Fishin’ lakes statewide in most major urban centers, including Austin, Dallas-Fort Worth, Houston and San Antonio. These lakes are frequently stocked with rainbow trout during the winter stock-

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ing season and offer plenty of amenities so that family members of all ages can enjoy a fun and relaxing day fishing.

Consult the stocking schedule for all stocking dates. A couple of the locations near Granbury include the Glen Rose Big Rocks Park and the Cleburne-Hulen Park stockings, which will start Dec 2 and Dec 12 respectively, at these two locations.

Tailrace fishing is popular during trout season. For anglers interested in going that route, TPWD will stock rainbow trout into the Can-

yon Tailrace on the Guadalupe River below Canyon Lake, and the Possum Kingdom Tailrace on the Brazos River below Possum Kingdom Lake. Those locations often have very cool water and provide excellent conditions for trout fishing.

In addition, anglers can fish in a Texas state park for free without a fishing license. Anyone planning a trip to a Texas state park should keep in mind that reserving a day pass in advance is highly recommended. Day passes can be reserved online through the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department website, or over the phone by calling (512) 389-8900.

The good news is it doesn’t take a lot of sophisticated fishing equipment to reel in a rainbow trout. They can be caught using

simple, light tackle or on hand-tied flies using a fly rod. Salmon eggs and corn are other choices for catching this tasty species.

In Texas, children under 17 fish for free, but a fishing license with the freshwater fishing endorsement is required for adults. An angler fishing in a community fishing lake, a dock, pier or jetty within a Texas State Park may use no more than two poles. The statewide bag limit is five trout, except on parts of the Guadalupe River where you should consult the outdoor annual for special limits.

The dates and locations are subject to change due to inclement weather or other unforeseen circumstances. Be sure to check the Trout Stocking Schedule online before you head out.

**Fishing Report**

Limits of striped bass are common on Lake Whitney and Possum Kingdom Lake. Look for the birds. Largemouth bass on Possum Kingdom are good to 10 pounds. Look for schooling blacks mid-lake from South D&D to Sandy Beach.



Because rainbow trout are unable to survive in Texas after the winter, anglers are encouraged to keep up to their daily bag limit of five trout. Photo courtesy TPWD

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I'm talking about throwing yourself wholeheartedly into something so much that the smile just shows up.

Here's a story to illustrate:

My favorite son is a middle school theatre teacher in Borger, Texas. Each year he conducts auditions for a one



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By Gerry Lewis

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semester class that prepares a one-act play for competition.

He obviously wants his students to do well in the competition (and they have every year), but more than that, he wants them to develop a love for the theatre and have a positive experience of giving their best possible performance—both as cast and crew—regardless of who wins the competition.

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he has developed such a positive reputation that this year he had 75 students who auditioned for a class that was limited to 25!

Their competition show was last week and was a 40 minute adaptation of the well-known story of the Three Musketeers. Romance, intrigue, betrayal, lots of sword fighting—all done with students between the ages of twelve and fourteen.

A couple of weeks ago, he told me about one of his lead characters who was just killing it. He had his lines down perfectly, understood the character, nailed the sword fighting—really a top notch job of acting.

There was only one problem.

The kid was having so much fun that he couldn't stop grinning.

He'd be in the middle of a sword fight, confronting his nemesis, kneeling over the body of his long lost love—and the grin would start to show up.

He was just loving every moment of being part of this production.

When joy sneaks up on

you—that's amazing.

It's happened to me many times.

I'm in the middle of an ordinary experience when I realize that I'm grinning.

It's not that everything has gone perfectly. In fact, it is sometimes precisely because everything has NOT gone perfectly.

And yet, right in the middle of the mess, joy shows up and I realize there's no place I'd rather be right now than right here in the messy middle of it all.

It occurs to me that we sometimes miss amazing moments looking for exceptional experiences.

It occurs to me that we sometimes miss amazing

moments looking for ideal circumstances.

In this season leading up to Christmas I can guarantee that we will have circumstances that are less than ideal and experiences that are less than exceptional.

We will have situations that will be messy and inconvenient.

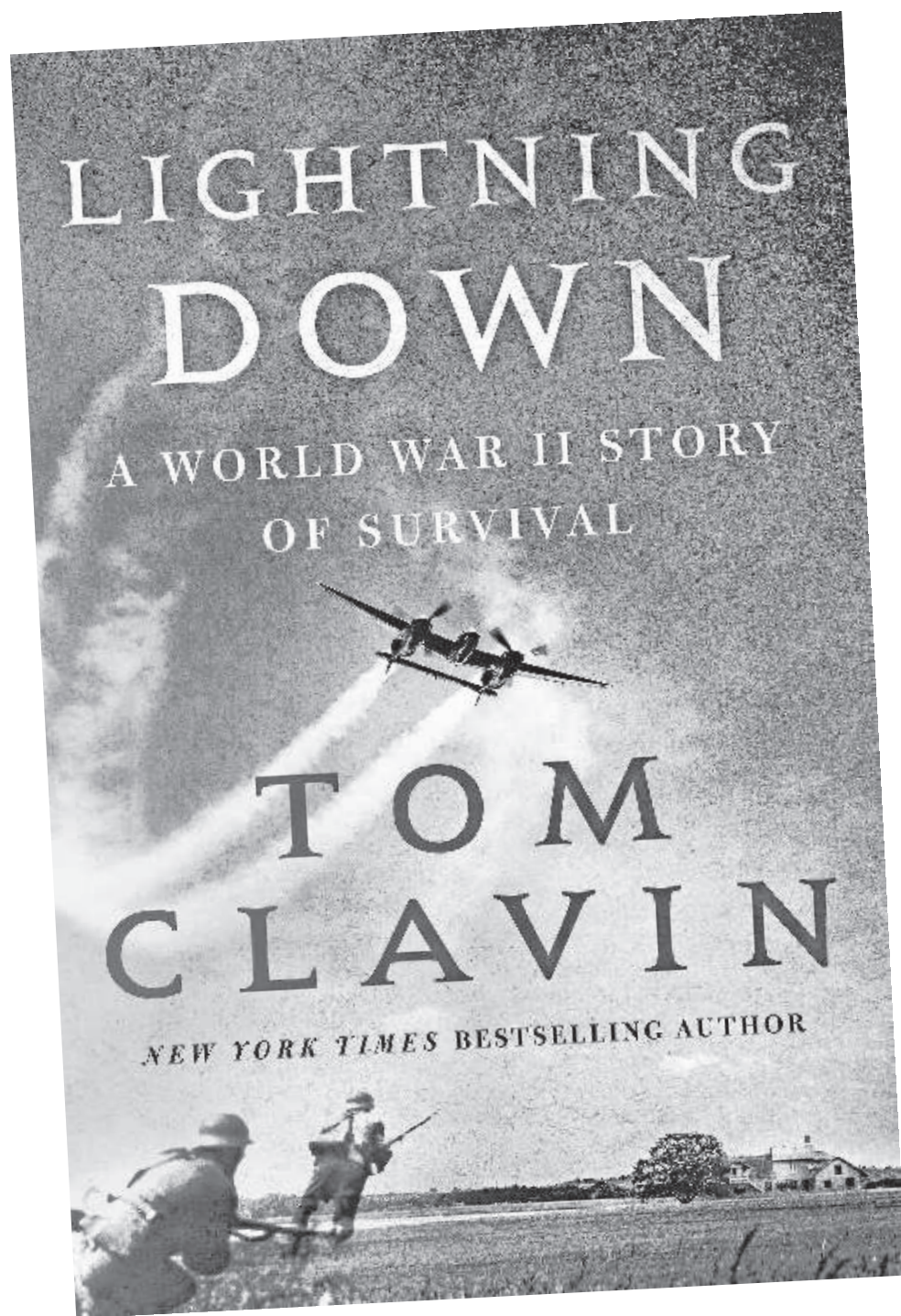
We will not win every contest.

But, as we consider what it means to have God show up right in the middle of the mess—as He demonstrated in a stable in Bethlehem—I hope we get surprised by our own grins.

Badabapapa!  
Be amazing today, my friend.

## BOOK REVIEW

# An American tale of courage perfect for the veteran, history buff in your family



BY TERRI SCHLICHENMEYER

The storm's a-coming.

You can smell it in the air: rain's on the way, maybe thunder, maybe more, but the high winds are what you hate. They make you run for shelter and pray hard. The storm's a-coming, and in "Lightning Down" by Tom Clavin, it's never as mild as you hope it'd be.

As a young man on the farm near Ferndale, Washington, all Joe Moser wanted to do was to fly airplanes – the P-38 Lightning, to be specific – but though it was his deepest desire, he knew that it probably wasn't possible: as the oldest son of a widowed mother, Joe had to take care of the farm and besides, piloting a P-38 was something only for college graduates.

Joe was doing chores when he heard of the attack on Pearl Harbor and, like most young men then, he hastened to sign up to for the military. He tested for the Army Air Corps but, though the rules were relaxed, his scores were too low for pilot school, and it looked like Joe was headed for the infantry until someone re-checked those scores. Suddenly, he was on his way to 20-plus months of training before

being sent to England to pilot the P-38.

That was a job he turned out to be good at. It didn't take long for him to receive a Distinguished Flying Cross and shortly after that, a promotion to first lieutenant. Writes Clavin, "He was still only twenty-two years old."

Surely, Joe Moser knew the danger of what he was doing, but he chose not to dwell on it. He went out every day and did his job, hoping "he would get out of this thing yet in one piece." By early August of 1944, he'd had 43 missions "under his belt" and he was looking forward to rotating out and going home.

But on August 13 – his 44th mission – Joe was shot down and captured ...

Now, here's the thing: if author Tom Clavin had stopped right there, you'd still have a heckuva heart-pounding in your hands with "Lightning Down."

But that's not the end of this story, not by a long shot.

Clavin takes this tale beyond, not to a rugged POW camp run by the Red Cross, but into the Buchenwald Concentration Camp where Lt. Moser was sent after his capture, then along a forced march that reads like a fever-dream. Not one single thing

in this narrative is softened: Clavin relentlessly plunges readers directly into the horror of the camp in passages that are almost numbing in their content and number and nightmarish detail, but that are broken up sometimes by moments of courage. We know how this ends – Moser is saved, right? Right? – but we really don't know, not until it actually happens.

This book is an absolute winner for your dad, your granddad, your uncle, anyone who's a veteran or a World War II buff or readers seeking a tale of heroism. Find it now and let "Lightning Down" strike you.



"Lightning Down: A World War II Story of Survival" by Tom Clavin c.2021, St. Martin's Press \$29.99 / higher in Canada 320 pages

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The address of the Resident Agent to accept service of process is in Parker County, Texas, and the name of the Resident Agent and the post office address are:

Soraya Joslin, Attorney At Law

P.O. Box 1267, Weatherford, Texas 76086

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Dated this 2nd day of December, 2021.

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**BY MADELYN EDWARDS**  
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Springtown-area folks are welcome to visit the Springtown Square Saturday for the city's Old-Fashioned Christmas festival.

The event will take place Dec. 11 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and will feature multiple vendors selling a variety of items, such as custom knives, homemade quilts and food items like jams, jellies and pickles, said Denise Taylor, city secretary and downtown coordinator, in

a previous Springtown Epigraph article.

Old-Fashioned Christmas will also feature multiple performance groups from local schools, Taylor said. The Springtown High School Showstoppers are expected to perform as well as choir groups from the elementary schools, intermediate school, middle school and high school. A DJ has also been hired to play Christmas music during the event.

Before Old-Fashioned Christmas starts, Springtown residents can partici-

pate in the Jingle Bell Run, which includes both a 5K, which is 3.1 miles, and a one-mile fun run, said Tiffany Thetford, who is helping organize the event through Project Celebration. Runners are expected to check in for the fun run at 7:30 a.m. on Saturday and 8 a.m. for the 5K, and the runs will start at 8 a.m. for the fun run and 8:30 a.m. for the 5K. The fun run costs \$15 per participant and \$30 per participant for the 5K.

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Runners have the option to participate in the 5k run or the one-mile fun run. The fun run starts at 8 a.m. and the 5k starts at 8:30 a.m. Saturday.

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# Springtown PD collects toys for local families through 'Tickets for Toys'

*Local organizations to provide Christmas meals, toys to families in need*

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Instead of writing traffic tickets, some Springtown police officers are giving drivers a chance to help out local families during the holidays.

Springtown Police Det. Jamie Oliver said police officers may opt to give drivers who are pulled over for speeding or other violations a Ticket for Toys ticket and ask them to donate so that local kids in need can have toys for Christmas.

"We get quite a few toys from that actually," Oliver said.

The Springtown Police Department is keeping up a years-long holiday tradition by collecting and distributing toys for those in need. Families can sign up for the toys at the police station at 220 Hilltop Drive. The application, which inquires about the needs, wants and clothing sizes of children up to 14 years old, is online at

The department will try to serve as many Springtown families as possible, said Oliver, who recalls the toy drive happening as far back as 2014 when he joined the department.

"We get quite a few (toys). It fills up our break room," he said.

The police department fills the requests from local families and then donates any leftover gifts to other police departments or organizations that collect toys for families, Oliver said.

Gifts are usually to be picked up by families by Christmas Eve at the police station, he said.

The community is encouraged to donate toys at the police department, the City of Springtown at 102 E. Second St., Springtown Public Library at 626 N. Main St., Family Dollar at 442 E. State Highway 199,

Wells Fargo at 201 S. Main St., The Community Bank at 600 E. SH 199 or Pinnacle Bank at 726 E. SH 199.

Oliver said the Tickets for Toys drive is a way for the police department to give back to the community.

"For me, it's my favorite time of the year, next to Halloween. I just enjoy giving stuff away like that," he said. "I know there's definitely a lot of people out there that need the support at this time of the year."

The Springtown Police Department isn't the only local organization that is working on providing for families in need during the holidays. Here are some other groups that plan to aid families with food and toys:

**OUR HOUSE**

The Reno food pantry plans to provide toys for kids ages 12 and under as well as Christmas meals for families.

Scott Passmore, Our House founder and Reno

city administrator, said about 200-250 kids were able to get toys through this initiative last year.

Families can apply for toys at the Reno City Hall, located at 195 W. Reno Road, and show the child's birth certificate and proof of guardianship. Applications are due on Friday.

People can also donate toys at city hall and at Our House on Thursday evenings at 1530 E. Reno Road.

Families can also sign up to receive Christmas meals at Reno City Hall as well, Passmore said.

Pick-up for toys and meals will occur the week of Christmas. For more information, call Reno City Hall at 817-221-2500.

**NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBORS FOOD PANTRY**

Clients of Neighbor to Neighbors can begin signing up for Christmas meal boxes, which is in addition to food that people in need

are able to get on a monthly basis. The boxes will include meat – turkey, chicken or ham – dressing, cranberries, gravy, yams, potatoes, corn, desert and green beans, Neighbor to Neighbors food director Joy Rickman said. Distribution of the meal boxes is expected to start on Dec. 20.

Families can also register to receive toys as well.

Meals will be available for pick up, but older adults and families can also arrange for food boxes to be delivered if they can't travel to Neighbor to Neighbors, Rickman said.

Those in need can sign-up for meals and toys at 413 S. Main St and or call 817-523-6095 and talk with Karen Gilmer. People are welcome to donate to Neighbor to Neighbors as well.

**SPRINGTOWN CENTER OF HOPE, CHRISTMAS OUTREACH OF HOPE**

The center plans to hand out 200 Christmas meal boxes from 10 a.m. to 2

p.m. on Dec. 22 at Agnes Baptist Church to people in need in Parker County or those attending a Parker County public school, said Michelle Buchanan, Center of Hope community engagement manager. The meal boxes will have more than 20 food items to make Christmas dinner, including a foil wrapped ham and ingredients for green bean casserole. This meal is provided to clients in addition to monthly groceries.

The event also includes a giveaway of Christmas treats, winter items like blankets, hats and gloves as well as "a prayer of blessing for families," Buchanan said.

Springtown residents can attend a similar event in Weatherford on Dec. 18 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. if they can't make the Springtown giveaway on Dec. 22.

To volunteer for this event or donate food, visit <https://centerofhopetx.com/events/>.

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**INGREDIENTS**

- 6 egg yolks
- ½ cup sugar
- 2 cups heavy cream
- 1 cup whole milk
- 1 ¼ tsp. freshly grated nutmeg
- Pinch of salt

**INSTRUCTIONS**

Whisk together egg yolks and sugar. Heat cream, milk, nutmeg, and salt in a saucepan over medium-low until it steams. Temper egg mixture by slowly ladling in cream mixture, whisking constantly until all is added. Pour custard back into saucepan; cook until a thermometer registers 160°. Transfer custard to a glass bowl, place in refrigerator, cover, and stir occasionally until cold.

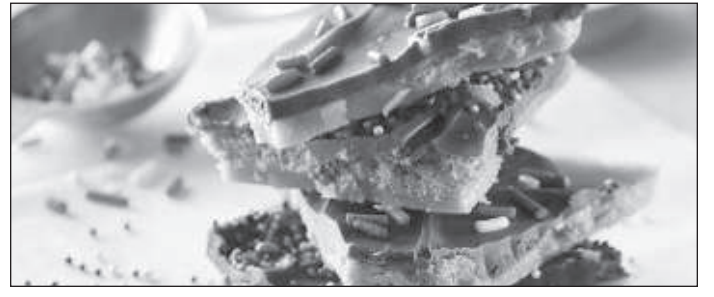
# Easy Ritz™ Toffee

**INGREDIENTS**

- 40 Ritz™ crackers
- 1 cup butter
- 1 cup sugar
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 bag (11.5 oz) milk chocolate chips (2 cups)

**INSTRUCTIONS**

Heat oven to 350°F. Line 15x10x1-inch pan with foil. Spray foil with cooking spray. Place crackers in single layer in pan. In 2-quart saucepan, cook and stir butter, sugar and salt over medium heat until butter is melted. Heat to boiling, stirring frequently. Boil 7 to 9 minutes longer, stirring frequently, until light brown color. Remove from heat. Add vanilla; stir until blended. Immediately pour mixture evenly over crackers in pan; spread to cover. Bake 13 to 15 minutes or until bubbly and brown in color. Sprinkle chocolate chips on top of cracker mixture. Let stand 5 minutes. Spread chocolate evenly over cracker mixture. Sprinkle with candy sprinkles. Cool completely, about 2 hours or until chocolate is set. Break into pieces. Store covered in refrigerator up to 1 week.



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**CHRISTMAS**, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 5A.

Both runs start and end at the Newby Pavilion behind Wells Fargo. The 5K runners will travel north on Avenue A, then cut over to run south on Avenue B, then north on Avenue C, east on Fifth Street, south on Avenue E, east on Third Street, and then southwest through the park trails to end back up at the pavilion. The fun run also utilizes the trails on its route.

Medals are given to the three fastest runners, a medal each for male and female participants, and first place for male and female runners in the fun run. In the 5K, medals will also be given to the fastest male and female runners in certain age groups: 8 and under, 9-12,

teens, 20s, 30s, 40s, 50s, 60s and 70 and up. Prizes include gift cards from local businesses.

The participant who recruits the most runners is expected to win a free pair of AirPods donated by Yutzy Processing, Thetford said.

The Jingle Bell Run benefits Project Celebration, a group of parent volunteers who raise money for an after-prom party, which will be a way for seniors to celebrate without the presence of drugs and alcohol, and gifts for Springtown High School seniors. The goal is to raise about \$50,000, Thetford said.

"I think that our community has been so supportive of all the different organizations that

we have, whether it's pee-wee ball, marching band, all the stuff that our children are involved in. We've had a very supportive community," Thetford said. "This is just another way that they can continue to support the graduating class, and the overall benefit would be that (the students) are at a fun, safe place to celebrate the end of their school year and how hard they've worked. So, in addition to helping our seniors have a fun, safe way to celebrate, (run participants) can also get ready for the holiday spirit and started off in a healthy way by walking or jogging one or three miles."

Thetford said the run is on the same day as Old-Fashioned Christ-

mas so that runners can go to enjoy that festival after the run. For more information on the Jingle Bell Run, visit Springtown Project Celebration's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/SHSProject-Celebration>.

The Springtown Public Library will also host its book sale during Old-Fashioned Christmas in the annex building across the street from city hall at the corner of Main Street and Second Street. Library director Andie D'Avignon said the library hasn't been able to have a book sale since the last one was canceled during the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic. The book sale funds the library's children's programs.

Though there is no way to get an accurate head count at Old-Fashioned Christmas, Taylor said hundreds of people visit the event throughout the day, and she guessed 800-900 people usually attend.

Residents are welcome to come out to the event to have a good time and support local events, Taylor said.

"It's a good place to do Christmas shopping local, and you're helping your local economy along with your fellow Springtown residents that come and display their wares," she said. "You can come and see some really good entertainment."



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## INGREDIENTS - FRUIT

- 1 ½ cups (213g) diced dried pineapple
- 1 ½ cups (255g) raisins, golden or regular
- 1 cup (128g) diced dried apricots
- 1 ½ cups (223g) chopped dates
- heaping 1 cup (170g) candied red cherries, plus additional for decoration, if desired
- 1/3 cup (64g) diced crystallized ginger, optional
- ¾ cup (170g) rum, brandy, apple or cranberry juice

## INGREDIENTS - BATTER

- 16 tablespoons (227g) unsalted butter, at room temperature
- 2 cups (425g) dark brown sugar, packed
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- ¼ teaspoon allspice
- ¼ teaspoon nutmeg
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 4 large eggs, at room temperature
- 3 cups (361g) King Arthur Unbleached All-Purpose Flour or your favorite all-purpose flour.
- 2 tablespoons (11g) black cocoa, optional, for color
- ¼ cup (85g) boiled cider, golden syrup, or dark corn syrup
- ½ cup (113g) apple juice, cranberry juice or water
- 2 cups (227g) chopped, toasted nuts (almonds, pecans, or walnuts)
- Topping/glaze (optional) rum, brandy, simple syrup, vanilla syrup, or ginger syrup

## INSTRUCTIONS

- To prepare the fruit: Combine the fruit with the liquid of your choice in a non-reactive bowl; cover and let rest overnight. Too impatient to wait until tomorrow? Microwave everything for 1 minute (or until it's very hot), cover, and let rest 1 hour.
  - Preheat the oven to 300°F. This recipe makes enough batter for ONE (not all!) of the following: 3 dozen individual (muffin pan) cakes; 16 mini loaves (about 3 ¾" x 2 ½"); 6 to 8 medium loaves (about 3" x 5"); or 2 standard 9" x 5" loaves. Choose your pans (or combinations), and lightly grease them. If you're making muffin-size cakes in a standard muffin pan, line the pan with muffin papers, and lightly grease the papers.
- ### TO MAKE THE BATTER:
- Place the butter and sugar in a large bowl (at least 6-quart), and beat together until well combined.
  - Beat in the salt, spices, and baking powder.
  - Beat in the eggs one at a time, scraping the bowl after each addition.
  - In a separate bowl whisk together the flour and cocoa.
  - Add the flour mixture and the syrup (or boiled cider) to the mixture in the bowl, beating gently to combine.
  - Stir in the juice or water, then the fruit with any collected liquid, and the nuts. Scrape the bottom and sides of the bowl, and stir until everything is well combined.
  - Spoon the batter into the pans, filling them about ¾ full.
  - Bake the cakes on the middle shelf of the oven, as follows: about 60 minutes for the individual cakes; 65 to 70 minutes for the small loaves; 75 minutes for the medium loaves, and 2 hours + 10 to 15 minutes for the 9" x 5" loaves. The cakes are done when a cake tester inserted into the center comes out clean.
  - Remove the cakes from the oven. Fruitcake can remain in its pan for storage, if desired. Or carefully remove cake from the pan after about 5 minutes, loosening its edges first.
  - Brush the warm cake with rum or brandy. Or simple syrup, or flavored simple syrup (vanilla, rum-flavored, etc.). If you like just a hint of rum or brandy flavor, add 1 tablespoon of liquor to ¾ cup vanilla syrup or simple syrup, and brush this mixture on the cakes.
  - When the cakes are completely cool, wrap them tightly in plastic wrap, and store at room temperature for up to 6 to 8 weeks.

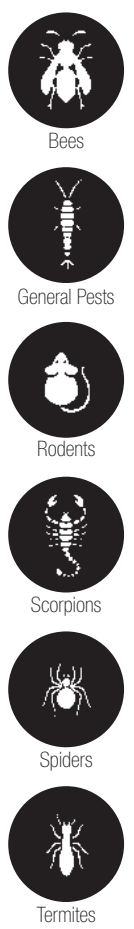
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## David Hancock 1974- 2021

David Hancock, 47, passed peacefully in his sleep on November 28, 2021.

A Celebration of Life was held at 1 p.m., Friday, December 3, 2021, at Biggers Funeral Home in Fort Worth. A private family burial will be held later at Azleland Memorial Park in Azle.

David was born on June 6th, 1974, in Fort Worth to his parents Loyd and Shirley Hancock. David married the love of his life Samantha Donth in April of 2000.

David attended Azle schools and graduated from Azle High School in 1992. In high school, David excelled not only in his studies, but also in football, his passion at the time. David attended Tarleton State University in Stephenville for a short time after high school.

During David's career, he worked for multiple electric supply businesses and most recently was a quotations manager for Wholesale Electric Supply in Weatherford. From the start, many considered David a close friend or even family. Whether they were high school friends, co-workers, his Call-of-Duty buddies (as David would word them), or the Center for Animal Research and Education (C.A.R.E.) organization, volunteers and visitors, they were drawn to David by his charms, humor, and kindness. David was never shy in sharing his passions and could go on for hours to anybody who would listen,



whether about Star Wars, big cats, or his family.

David will be dearly missed by everyone that knew him. David was a caring husband and father, a loving son and brother, and a supportive friend. David will never be forgotten.

The family ask that memorials be made in David's name to the Center for Animal Research and Education (C.A.R.E.- carerescuetexas.com) in Bridgeport or to your favorite charity.

David was preceded in death by his mother Shirley Hancock; his grandparents, Millard and Juanita Hancock and A. N. and Sue McAllister.

David is survived by his wife, Samantha; his sons, Ross, Bazil, Gabe, and David Jr.; his father Loyd Hancock and partner Margaret Maggard of Azle; brothers; John and his wife, Lori of Bridgeport and Matt and his wife, Monica of Azle and numerous nieces and nephews.

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## Sherry Jean Leath 1950- 2021

Sherry Jean Leath, 71, passed away December 5, 2021, in Fort Worth.

Funeral service will be at 10 a.m., Monday, December 13, 2021 at North Park Baptist Church in North Richland Hills. Visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m., Sunday, December 12, 2021 at White's Chapel in Springtown. Interment: 2 p.m., Monday, December 13, 2021 in Ash Creek Cemetery, Azle.

Sherry was born April 6, 1950 in Arkadelphia, Arkansas to B.J. Freeman and Vita Adams. Sherry married the love of her life, Bill Leath, January 31, 1970. Her first love was her family, her grandchildren brought her so much joy. She loved being a Naw Naw.

Sherry was preceded in death by her parents, B. J. and Vita Adams Freeman and her brother, Joe Freeman.

She is survived by her husband, William "Bill" Leath, children, William "Billy"



Leath (Shawn), Tammy Rasco (Marty), Marc Leath and John Leath; grandchildren, Amanda Goen (Payton), D. J. Johnson (Stori), Shelby Cutchen (Cody), Lauryn Rasco and Tyler Marie Leath; great-grandchildren, Kole Goen, Krew Johnson and Bodhi Cutchen; brother, Jack Freeman (Debbie), sister, Sabrina Freeman; and many nieces and nephews.

She was loved and will be missed and remembered by relatives and friends who knew her.

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## William Tidwell 1933- 2021

William Harlan Tidwell, 88, of Azle, went home to be with the Lord, Tuesday, November 30, 2021 in Weatherford.

A celebration of his life will be held at 10 a.m., Monday, December 20, 2021 at Alexander's Midway Funeral Home, Springtown.

He was born August 27, 1933 in Fort Worth to Albert and Ola Pearl (Landers) Tidwell. They both were there to welcome him home, along with his brother, Herbert Tidwell and step-daughter, Danni Laird.

Harlan proudly served in the US Army and was a sheet metal worker by trade. He served as a member of the Sheet Metal Local Apprenticeship Committee, overseeing schooling and apprenticeships. Harlan also served as President of the Aztec Saddle Club and on the Board of Directors for many years, President of District 28 AASP&RC, President of Aztec Squares, a member of the Aztec Drill Team and often acted as the announcer of the Aztec Rodeos and North Texas High School Rodeo.

He also served as a City



Councilman for Sanctuary, Texas, Property Chairman of Azle Christian Church, Deacon for Azle Christian Church and most currently, was a Deacon Emeritus of Azle Christian Church and was a Little League Coach in the 1960's.

He is survived by his loving and devoted wife of 51 years, Eileen Tidwell; daughter, Lita Ann Robey and husband, Peter; sons, William Darren Tidwell and wife, Reisa and Larry Duane Tidwell; grandchildren, Chad, Taylor, Anna, David and Anthony; numerous great grandchildren.

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# Texas Water Utilities delivers Thanksgiving turkeys to customers in need



Tim Williford, vice president of operations at Texas Water Utilities, is pictured with Greenberg Smoked Turkeys sent to customers for Thanksgiving. Courtesy photo

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"This is the tenth year we've carried out 'Project Wishbone,' allowing us to give back to our families across Texas," Texas Water Utilities President Jeffrey L. McIntyre said. "We're grateful to be able to continue to serve or neighbors in need during the holiday season and support a beloved local Texas company at the same time."

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# ‘I think you missed a spot over there!’

The summer between my sophomore and junior year in college, I went to work in the oil patch of Oklahoma. A fraternity brother’s father owned a small oil and gas company, and he wanted his son Steve to get out into the field and get his hands “dirty.” Steve did not want to go alone and so he asked if I wanted a good paying summer job laying pipe, tying in wells, and doing a thousand other oilfield related chores. How could I pass up an opportunity like that?

The men Steve and I worked with that summer were hard core oilfield hands and I am pretty sure no one would call them the cream of the social crop! From day one they made a point

of letting us know we were “college boys” and telling us we clearly did not know “come here from sic ‘em.” Since Steve’s Dad was their employer, they went a little easier on him, but I had no such luck. I got the dirtiest job, the hardest chores, and the most grief. I decided early on I was not going to give in and let anyone run me off the job. I understood they were hazing and initiating me into their world, and I was bound and determined to measure up.

One day the crew strung some 6-inch pipe over a creek. It was about 30 feet from the pipe to the water and creek bed below. Just as I unhooked the chains from the equipment which had



## MY FRONT PORCH

By Sam Houston

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

dragged the pipe in place, the foreman reached into the back of his pickup and pulled out a gallon of silver paint and a 4-inch paint brush. He called out my name and I quickly walked over to where the foreman stood, as the other field hands gathered around. The foreman handed me the paint and the brush and in a demanding tone told me to “get out there and paint that pipe.”

The fieldhands all giggled under their breath, but I never flinched. The only way to

paint the pipe was to straddle it, with both legs hanging down and a bucket of paint in one hand and a brush in the other! I had to scoot backwards as I painted and traversed the nearly 120 feet of space between the two banks of the creek, all the while dangling on the pipe and hoping not to fall. To make matters worse, all the field hands started throwing dirt clods at me and screaming insults and instructions. I could hear, “I think you missed a spot there on the

right,” and “don’t spill any,” and of course, “I bet that water down below is cold.”

I dodged the clods and managed to get covered in silver paint but continued to work. Finally, I made it to the other side of the creek bank. When I got there, I jumped off the pipe and proudly painted my initials to memorialize I was the one who completed the job. I shouted over the divide asking the crew if they had any other pipes which needed painted. I never got angry, called names, or lost my temper. Surprisingly, the men never answered, they simply grinned sheepishly and giggled a little bit and then went back to work.

From that day on, the field

hands never gave me another day of grief. Friendships were formed and some of them remain till this very day. The creek crossing had been some sort of unspoken test and I had passed. Some might call it bullying. Some might call it hazing. Some might call it dangerous tomfoolery. Respect among men is always earned; it is never given away like Halloween candy.

College boys sometimes learn lessons outside their classrooms.

Thought for the day: We all learn by experience, but some of us must go to summer school.

Until next time....

# New puppy’s arrival a surprise

Dear Frankie,  
Last week, my parents brought home an eight-week-old basset hound puppy called Chester. I almost fainted when I saw them carrying him in the front door. When my mom asked what I thought about Chester, I said, “There were things we needed more.” I know my mom was upset, but so was I. My dad later reminded me that I was once the new puppy, and Jamie their Boxer



## DEAR FRANKIE

By Geneva Woodruff

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

had welcomed me with open paws. I know my dad was right and I promised him I would be a great big brother. But don’t you think they could have asked me about getting a puppy or at least have told me ahead of time?

*Unsettled, Hector*  
*Dear Hector,*  
I do think they should at least have told you that Chester was coming. I asked several dog friends if their family had informed them there would be a new addi-

tion to the family. They all said not a word was mentioned until the day the brat arrived. So, if it’s any consolation, you are not alone.

I think a lot of humans see their dogs as an extension of themselves. So whatever decision they make, like getting a puppy, will naturally be accepted by their dogs. Maybe that’s why they don’t ask their dog for their opinion. Just a thought. Concerning Chester, over time you

might grow to love the little bugger and be grateful for his companionship.

Regarding the breed they choose for a puppy, you have lucked out. Bassett hounds are reputed to be hard to train. Here’s a thought about how you might blow off a little emotional steam. If you have ever had a desire to do something naughty, but didn’t have the nerve to do it, now is the perfect time to do it. Then let Chester

take the blame. Don’t worry about him getting punished. How hard do you think they are going to be on an eight-week-old puppy that, believe me, cost big bucks? Understand I’m suggesting this act of rebellion as a one-time event. If you care to get back to me, I would be interested in knowing what you did.

Best, Frankie

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# Are These Facts Really Important? YES!

Many teachers never get teaching out of their systems. We Azle Hornets from the sixties and mid-seventies were privileged to be taught by several of those who were "called" to teach and I'm sure Springtown Porcupines from the same era felt similarly. I would never compare myself to those special individuals who answered that call, but as a retired teacher I do still feel the desire to pass on knowledge which is partially the reason that I get to write this column.

And, more especially as a retired Agriculture teacher I feel the need to continue spreading the word of the hows and whys of Agriculture, which was man's first occupation; in the book of Genesis God put Adam in charge of tending and keeping the Garden of Eden.

When I started this series of articles about the various vegetational areas or ecoregions of Texas I mentioned that most teachers spend a little more time on and probably do a little better job of teaching topics that they have a special interest in.

What? A good teacher doesn't know everything about everything? No, but a good teacher knows where and how to find the answer to the questions and then challenge his/her students to take it from there.

So, for those of y'all who have been wondering why we have spent the last few weeks talking about ecoregions, precipitation, temperature, soil texture, soil pH, fertility, etc. Well, this is a topic that I feel is very important, thus sometimes it's easy for me to get a little carried away while visiting about this material.

Many times when I would start teaching these topics I would load the "yellow dog school bus" with my students and drive North on Farmer Road from Aledo towards Azle.

All along Farmer Road is the prairie part of the Cross Timbers & Prairies ecore-



**AG 101**  
By Jack DeShazo

Jack DeShazo has decades of experience in the agriculture field.

gion, very few trees except along creeks and branches, and rolling blackland clay textured soil. (A fact about the blackland in portions of the Aledo area is that about 6 to 12 inches below the surface you find a thick layer of rock, you'll spend more time with a rock bar than post hole diggers while digging post holes in that area.)

Now back to the trip, about the time we would get to FM 1886 we would reach a transition zone where the cross timbers part of our ecoregion begins; the lay of the land changes, the soil becomes sandy textured, and the plant species change.

A few of my students who did not buy in couldn't figure out why their teacher would drive them 10 miles just to show them dirt, trees and grass.

At this point let's back up to our original question several columns back; why is cotton grown on the Rolling Plains and not the Piney Woods? Why is rice grown on the Gulf Prairies and not the Trans Pecos? And the answer is that each ecoregion has different soil types with differing characteristics and varying temperatures, amounts of precipitation, amount of daylight hours, etc. The requirements of the plants that we use have to match up with the characteristics of our ecoregion.

So, if our home ecoregion is the Cross Timbers and Prairies let's explore and learn more about it. In the 1830s writer Washington Irving, while with the Ellsworth Expedition, referred to trying to pass through an area of thick timber and undergrowth as "like struggling through forests of cast iron", this was the Cross Timbers.

Those of y'all who have hunted portions of the Cross Timbers that are in like conditions as they originally were would probably agree with Mr. Irving.

The Cross Timbers and Prairies is an area of transition between the Eastern forests and the Great Plains to the West. It begins in Southeastern Kansas and extends through Oklahoma passing through North Texas and winding up in Central Texas.

Texas' portion of this ecoregion begins at the Red River on the North, borders the Blackland Prairies on the East, Rolling Plains to the West, and Edwards Plateau on the South. Texas' share of the Cross Timbers & Prairies covers over 26,000 square miles in a total of 27 counties along with strips and bits & pieces of 12 other counties.

Other than Azle and Springtown a few other cities and towns found in the Cross Timbers and Prairies are Bowie, Bridgeport, Decatur, Denton, Ft. Worth, Gainesville, Glen Rose, Granbury, Jacksboro, Mineral Wells, Muenster, Noco-

na, Stephenville and Weatherford. Texas' portion of our ecoregion is served by the watersheds of the Red, Colorado, Trinity and Brazos Rivers.

Our part of the Cross Timbers (Parker and Tarrant counties) has a yearly average of 35 inches of precipitation, average temperature of 65 degrees Fahrenheit, 235 frost free days (growing season), 600 to 800 chilling hours (number of hours of 45 degrees temperature or below) which is important for fruit tree production and 135 full sunny days & 232 total days with at least some degree of sunshine.

Additionally, the elevation

of our two counties ranges from 420 to 1200 feet above sea level.

One of the things that always caught my interest was the principle of "limiting factors" whereby if only one of these variables was in short supply, overabundant or even the ratios were "out of whack" the plant's growth and production would be affected. Or, more positively, if all of the factors are in correct supply and proportions Agriculture works for us producing our essential food, fiber, timber/lumber and portions of our energy needs. Hmm, sounds pretty important to me!! 'til next time.



The Cross Timbers ecoregion begins in southeastern Kansas, extending through Oklahoma, and winding up in Central Texas.

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# Holiday recipes for the kids

## Reindeer Chow

### INGREDIENTS

2 cups white chocolate chips  
 Optional: 3 tablespoons coconut oil  
 3 cups Rice Chex  
 1 cup miniature marshmallows  
 1 cup thin pretzels  
 3/4 cup M&Ms (divided)  
 1/2 cup salted nuts  
 1/2 cup raisins (or dried cranberries)  
 2 tablespoons gold sprinkles (optional)  
 Gather the ingredients.  
 Prepare a baking sheet by lining it with aluminum foil and set aside.  
 Place the white chocolate chips and coconut oil, if using, in a large microwave-safe bowl. Microwave until melted, stirring after every 45 seconds to prevent the white chocolate from overheating.  
 Add the Chex, marshmallows, pretzels, 1/2 cup of the M&Ms, nuts, and the raisins to the white chocolate, and stir until everything is completely coated with a thin layer of white chocolate.  
 Scrape the candy out onto the prepared baking sheet and smooth it into a thin layer.  
 Sprinkle the remaining 1/4 cup of M&Ms on top and press down gently to adhere them. Adding some candies on top keeps them from being coated in white chocolate and gives your reindeer chow a pop of bright color. If you're using edible glitter or sprinkles, dust that all over the top of the candy.  
 Refrigerate the reindeer chow for at least 20 minutes to set the white chocolate.  
 Once set, break it into small pieces to serve.

## Crock Pot Candy

### INGREDIENTS

2 pounds peanuts (dry roasted salted) or any nut of your choice  
 2 pounds chocolate almond bark  
 11 ounces white chocolate chips  
 4 ounces dark chocolate chips  
 Optional: sprinkles  
 Pour the nuts into the bottom of your slow cooker. Add the almond bark, white chocolate chips, and dark chocolate chips over the top of the peanuts. Put the lid on the slow cooker. Turn it on low and set it for one hour.  
 Remove the lid and stir the ingredients. It should be mostly melted, with a few chunks still remaining. Place the lid back on top and heat on low for another 30 minutes.  
 Stir the contents until they are completely combined and there are no more streaks of white. The chocolate mixture should be glossy and completely melted.  
 Spoon the candy onto a parchment lined baking sheet. Scoop about a tablespoon at a time. You can make them as big or as small as you would like. They have the best texture when they are a little taller in height, but you could make them flat if you want.  
 Top them with sprinkles immediately (if using). The candies will start to harden quickly so do not wait to add decoration. Serve and enjoy!  
 Tip: Try all-white chocolate chips and almond bark, top with shredded coconut!



## No-bake Chocolate Cookies

### INGREDIENTS

2 cups sugar  
 1/2 cup milk  
 1 stick (8 tablespoons) unsalted butter  
 1/4 cup unsweetened cocoa powder  
 3 cups old-fashioned rolled oats  
 1 cup smooth peanut butter  
 1 tablespoon pure vanilla extract  
 Large pinch kosher salt  
 Line a baking sheet with wax paper or parchment.  
 Bring the sugar, milk, butter and cocoa to a boil in a medium saucepan over medium heat, stirring occasionally, then let boil for 1 minute. Remove from the heat. Add the oats, peanut butter, vanilla and salt, and stir to combine.  
 Drop teaspoonfuls of the mixture onto the prepared baking sheet, and let sit at room temperature until cooled and hardened, about 30 minutes. Refrigerate in an airtight container for up to 3 days.

## Christmas Cornflake Wreath Cookies

### INGREDIENTS

1/2 cup butter  
 4 cups miniature marshmallows  
 1 teaspoon green food coloring  
 1/2 teaspoon almond extract  
 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract  
 4 cups cornflakes cereal  
 1 (2.25 ounce) package cinnamon red hot candies  
**Step 1** Microwave marshmallows and butter on high for 2 minutes. Stir, then microwave on High for 2 minutes more. Stir. (This can be done in a double boiler if one doesn't have a microwave.)  
**Step 2** Add and mix quickly the coloring, extracts, then cornflakes. Drop by spoonfuls in clumps on greased wax paper and decorate with red hots.  
**Step 3** Once cool, transfer to lightly greased serving/storage tray with lightly greased fingers.



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**CREATURE**, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1A.

The large bag had been sitting conspicuously in an onlooker's lap during the rest of the Nov. 30 presentation, which included a showing of a variety of other animals. Then at the end, the baby kangaroo was revealed and hopped across the floor at Springtown's First United Methodist Church while the scouts reacted with awe and excitement.

"This is Ruby, and Ruby is a red kangaroo," Daugherty told the scouts. "Red kangaroos are the largest kangaroos in the world. By the time she is full grown, she will be 5 feet tall and 125 pounds. The males of her species, when they are full grown, they are between 6 and 6-1/2 feet tall and 200 pounds."

Daugherty's other guests

included a kinkajou named Vivo, a ferret named Slinky, a chinchilla named Spice and her baby named Everything Nice, a Mexican red-knee tarantula named Charlotte, a bearded dragon named Bertha and an albino Burmese python named Bernice.

The Creature Teacher, based in Waxahachie, caters to a variety of events. For the Cub Scouts, Daugherty picked animals that wouldn't be too frightening for younger children.

"They're not as big, they're not as scary," he said. "A lot of them are cute and cuddly, and (the kids) want to touch them."

Daugherty would introduce an animal to kids by telling the kids the name of the animal, what species they are and a few facts



Cub Scouts reach out to touch the bearded dragon during the Creature Teacher's presentation on Nov. 30.

Photos by Madelyn Edwards



Creature Teacher instructor Colton Daugherty holds kinkajou Vivo, who chows down on a banana, during a presentation to the Springtown Cub Scouts.



Creature Teacher instructor Colton Daugherty with the albino Burmese python named Bernice.

about them. For the chinchilla, he prompted the kids to guess how the animal can bathe without water, since chinchillas can freeze and die if they get wet. The answer: chinchillas bathe in ash or dust.

The scouts were able to pet some of the animals, and three kids were able to hold the tarantula. One of those kids was 11-year-old Maddox Moya, who will be joining the scouts.

"It felt like tiny hands just walking around my hand," Moya said of the experience.

Cubmaster Holly Lowe pointed out that The Creature Teacher's presentation touched on a lot of the knowledge requirements for scouts, such as identifying animals, how to take care of them, where they are from and their habitats.

"It was something different for our scouts," Lowe

said. "It was a great night." Longhorn Council commissioner Cathey Karnes attended The Creature Teacher's presentation and said Lowe looks for programs that will be interesting to parents for their kids.

"Who would have thought we would have seen a tarantula and a kangaroo and that snake?" Karnes said.

Daugherty, who used to teach high school biology, said he preferred to give presentations to audiences like the Springtown scouts, who were energetic and asked lots of questions.

"Humans need to realize that we're not the only ones on this planet, that we do share this planet with other organisms, and we need to know more about them and how to take care of them because we are the ones that are, kind of, in charge of the planet," he said.

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### Meet the Peacock

People call them peacocks, but that's the correct name for only the male **peafowl**. Females are called **peahens**.

**Fancy Feathers**  
Peacocks have long, colorful tail feathers that trail behind them to form a **train**. To attract females, they lift and spread out the tail feathers like a big fan that can change color and seem to sparkle in the light.

When spread out like a fan, you can see **eyespot**s on the feathers. The colors and eyespots attract females.

**Color By Numbers:**  
1 = dark green 2 = blue  
3 = orange 4 = light green

Peafowl have 11 different calls, but the peacocks are the ones that really yell. They have a loud call that carries for a long distance and sounds like "may-AWE! may-AWE!"

**Peahens: Fewer Colors = Safety!**  
Cut out each part of this paragraph and paste them in the correct order.

hatched, she stays on the ground with them until they can fly into the trees.

her eggs on the ground and sits on them until they hatch. It is safer for her to be a color that

Peahens are mostly brown and tan. This keeps them and their peachicks safe. The peahen lays

blends in with ground colors so she is harder for predators to see. Once the peachicks are

**What's for dinner?**  
Peafowl eat grain, insects, small reptiles, mammals, berries, figs, leaves, seeds, and flowers. This means they are:

Omnivores eat plants and animals.

Herbivores eat only plants.

Carnivores eat only meat.

ANSWER: Omnivores

**Extra! Extra! The Eyes Have It**  
Look through the newspaper and count all of the eyes you can find. Categorize the eyes. Are some animal eyes? People eyes? Eye decorations? Other? Make a graph to show the kinds of eyes you found in the newspaper.

Standards Link: Organize data and display as a graph.

### Kid Scoop Puzzler

Peafowl have sharp eyes. When they see a predator, they make a loud call which alerts other wildlife.

Use your sharp eyes to find where each of these images came from on this Kid Scoop page.

Standards Link: Spelling: Spell grade-level words correctly.

### Kid Scoop Together: Peacock True or False?

Read today's Kid Scoop page and then answer the following True or False questions.

- Only males are called peacocks.  TRUE  FALSE
- Peahens are mostly red and yellow.  TRUE  FALSE
- A crown of feathers on a peafowl's head is called a crest.  TRUE  FALSE
- Peacocks shed their feathers every year.  TRUE  FALSE
- Peacocks only eat plants.  TRUE  FALSE
- Peacocks are tiny birds.  TRUE  FALSE
- A peacock's train can grow to be 5 feet long.  TRUE  FALSE
- Peacocks sleep in trees.  TRUE  FALSE
- Peacocks can't fly.  TRUE  FALSE
- Peacocks fan out their tail feathers to attract females.  TRUE  FALSE

ANSWERS:  
1. True 2. False 3. True 4. True 5. False 6. True 7. True 8. True 9. True 10. True

### Double Double Word Search

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

OMNIVORES  
FEATHERS  
EYESPOTS  
PEAFOWL  
BLENDS  
ALERTS  
SHARP  
SHEDS  
YEAR  
LOUD  
BODY  
TAIL  
TAN  
FAN

E S A L E R T S F A  
K B T N S P D U O L  
R O A O S D S N W I  
A D T H P D N O A A  
P Y A T E S F E E T  
S R E H T A E F L R  
P N S A E E A Y D B  
P L U P R N M A E G  
S E R O V I N M O E

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

### FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

#### Dressing Up

Peacocks aren't the only animals that like to look bright and flashy. Look through the newspaper for some examples of ways people dress up for special occasions.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written instructions.

### Write On! My Hero

Write about someone who is your hero. Why is this person special to you?

## Pines fall at quarterfinals



The team stormed onto the field but ran into trouble quickly against Hirschi.

Photos by Jeff Prince

**BY JEFF PRINCE**  
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Blood on Matt Lockard's turf-burned elbow mixed with sweat to form tiny red tributaries running down his forearm.

The guy who is nicknamed "Mr. Everything" didn't seem to notice while standing on the sideline at Eagle Stadium. The state-of-the-art stadium in Allen is an impressive piece of architecture, but the lighted scoreboard carried a distressing message.

Hirschi 32, Springtown 6.

On Friday, the Porcupines ended another impressive, record-setting season after falling to Hirschi in the quarterfinals. The Pines were sel-

dom the biggest or fastest team on the field, but they were the most dogged and ornery most Friday nights.

Head coach Brian Hulett summed up the season, saying his team "squeezed every ounce out of the year."

The Pines finished as regional champions with a 10-4 record. For the third year in a row, the team played into December. During that three-year span, the Pines nailed down 34 victories – the most in school history. Hirschi (12-2) moves on to play Stephenville in the state semifinals.

Earlier in the year, the Pines had come close to beating Hirschi, losing in the final minute of the game. Seven weeks later, the two

teams met again, but the Pines had lost several key players to injuries by then.

Springtown fans outnumbered Hirschi fans three-to-one at Eagle Stadium. The Pines, though, struggled to find momentum from the start.

The offense, led by sophomore quarterback Hudson Hulett, went three-and-punt on its first possession. Hirschi's offense responded with a 44-yard pass completion on first down. Springtown's defense, which had been backbone of the team all season, rose again. Big D held tough on a fourth-and-one play, giving the Pines offense the ball at its own

SEE FOOTBALL, PAGE 3B.



Cody Brackeen: "I love this team."

## Springtown's strong start hits bump

**BY JEFF PRINCE**  
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The Porcupines started the basketball season with a resounding victory, whipping Millsap 81-32.

Next came wins at Carter-Riverside and Weatherford Christian, and the Pines were flying high at 3-0.

Then came the turbulence.

A close loss to Henrietta was followed by a trip to the Weatherford Kangaroo Classic. At that tournament, the Pines won their first game against Fort Worth Northside 54-44 but lost game two against Weatherford 39-37. The next day, the team fell hard to North Central Texas Academy 62-25.

On Tuesday, the 4-3 Pines traveled to Bowie, determined to push their record to 5-3 rather than dropping to 4-4. Their determination didn't result in a victory, with Bowie outscoring Springtown 71-58.

Help is on the way. The



Hayden Phillips gives a hand to a Millsap player in the season opener.

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## Girl hoopsters short on experience, long on enthusiasm

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Kyle Sivadon minces no words when he describes the girls basketball team he coaches.

"We are very young and inexperienced," he said.

That inexperience led to an 0-8 start to the season. Still, the team's enthusiasm never waned. The Lady Pines won their ninth game 56-32 against Bryan Adams and pummeled Benbrook 62-38 three days later. Against Benbrook, Brinklee Dauenhauer lit up the scoreboard with 32 points. Ashlynn Dickey scored 12 and led the team in rebounds with nine. Caydence Parker finished with eight.

"We are gaining some confidence and learning how to play together and learning the plays," Sivadon said.

Parker, a senior, is one of two varsity players returning from last year's team. The other is Dauenhauer, a junior. (Dauenhauer just finished a long season as a starter on the



Ashlynn Dickey, shown guarding a Santo player in Tuesday night's loss, is one of five sophomores on the team.

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Brinklee Dauenhauer, center, helps lead a young team into battle this season.

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varsity volleyball team.) Both are captains.

The rest of the team includes two juniors, four sophomores and a freshman, none with any varsity experience prior to this year. They are learning fast, however, as evidenced in Wednesday's home game against Santo. The Lady Pines were close to winning before losing the lead in the final minute. The girls fought back and used the clock wisely enough to put themselves in a position to win the game. Dauenhauer's desperation shot from afar missed, but the Pines had given a good team a competitive game.

The Lady Pines have struggled in recent years. Six seasons have passed since the team won 10 games, and eight years have passed

since the team posted a winning season.

Sivadon, who is in his first year as head coach at Springtown, wants to change the culture surrounding the program and establish more fearlessness, confidence, strength, unity and ongoing development. Sivadon has turned teams around before and plans to do so again in Springtown.

"My first head coaching job was at a school that had only won five games in the previous six years," he said. "We ended up doubling that in the first year. It takes a willingness to change the foundation and culture that exists. That typically takes some time."

The coach considers District 4A-7 as the toughest in the state.

"It will take a lot of work

to reach the upper echelon," he said.

Sivadon studied film of the previous two seasons and developed a program designed to improve the team's on-court success. He has been teaching the girls the fundamental skills while trying to cut down on turnovers.

"Those things were hindrances that we have to fix," he said. "Also, focusing on what are good shots and trying to get a higher percentage of our shots within 10 feet from the basket."

The focus has paid off. Last week, Springtown entered a tournament at Breckenridge and won the silver bracket championship. Dauenhauer was selected to the all-tournament team.

The Lady Pines have set several goals for this sea-

son. The girls hope to win 10 games, finish in the playoffs and average fewer than 20 turnovers a game. Last year's team averaged 30 turnovers.

"Gaining chemistry with a completely new team, new coaching philosophies, new X's and O's are all a part of the process," he said. "Also, the importance of being vertically aligned is huge and is a change for the program. It is imperative that all teams from the junior high to the varsity are running the same thing with the same terminology. This has been an adjustment from the past few years and is something that we are working on with our coaching staff."

Unifying the approach across all schools means basketball players will under-

stand the expectations that await them as they grow older.

"I feel like the ceiling is way high for development not only this year, but in the years to come," he said.

Sivadon grew up in Mounds, Okla., where his parents still live.

"They are dealing with some health issues, and I needed to move closer to help them out," the coach said. "Being up here has allowed me to go help them on the weekends."

Sivadon is beginning his 21st year in education and has worked most every position except superintendent. He is in his 17th season as a head coach for girls basketball. Before coming to Springtown, he had spent the previous five years at La Vernia High, where his

teams accrued the most wins in a season and most playoff wins in a season. Sivadon left as the winningest coach in the school's history.

Sivadon has been selected to coach all-state games in Texas and Oklahoma.

Sivadon attended Mounds High School and received his bachelor's degree at Oklahoma Baptist University. He received his master's degree in education administration at the University of Oklahoma -Tulsa. In addition to basketball, he has coached teams in cross-country, track, softball, tennis and volleyball.

"The things I am most proud of are the 78 athletes that have gone on to the next level to play and 24 former athletes who have gone into coaching," he said.



Caydence Parker is the team's only senior.

Springtown Lady Porcupines Basketball 2021-22				
Oct 30	Breckenridge/Peaster(S)	Away	JV/V	TBA
Nov 2	Milsap (S)	Away	JV/V	5/6:15
Nov 6	Tolar	Away	JV/V	10/11:15
Nov 9	Nocona	Away	JV/	4:30/6:00
Nov 11	Weatherford Christian	Away	F	5:00
Nov 12	Alvord	Away	V	6:00
Nov 13	Sanger Tournament	Away	F/JV	TBA
Nov 16	Mineral Wells	Away	F/JV/V	7:30/5/6:15
Nov 18-20	Pilot Point Tournament	Away	V	TBA
Nov 22	Azle	Home	F/JV/V	10/10/11:15
Nov 27	Bryan Adams	Away	JV/V	1/2:30
Nov 30	Benbrook	Away	F/JV/V	5/6:15/7:30
Dec 2-4	Breckenridge Tournament	Away	V	TBA
Dec 6	Burleson Centennial	Away	F	5:30
Dec 7	Santo	Home	JV/V	6:15/7:30
Dec 9-11	Santo Tournament	Away	V	TBA
Dec 14	Iowa Park	Away	F/JV/V	7:15/4:30/5:45
Dec 17	Castleberry	Home	F/JV/V	5/6:15/7:30
Dec 21	Decatur	Home	F/JV/V	5/6:15/7:30
Dec 29	Springtown Tournament	Home	F/JV	TBA
Dec 30	Jacksboro	Away	F	2:00
Jan 4	Lake Worth	Away	F/JV/V	7:30/5/6:15
Jan 7	Bridgeport	Home	F/JV/V	7:30/5/6:15
Jan 11	Krum	Away	F/JV/V	7:30/5/6:15
Jan 14	Argyle	Away	F/JV/V	4/5/6:15
Jan 20	Lipan Tournament	Away	JV	TBA
Jan 21	Castleberry	Away	F/JV/V	7:30/5/6:15
Jan 22	Lipan Tournament	Away JV	TBA	
Jan 25	Decatur	Away	F/JV/V	7:30/5/6:15
Jan 28	Lake Worth	Home	F/JV/V	7:30/5/6:15
Feb 1	Bridgeport	Away	F/JV/V	7:30/5/6:15
Feb 4	Krum	Home	F/JV/V	7:30/5/6:15
Feb 8	Argyle	Home	F/JV/V	7:30/5/6:15



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Springtown fans outnumbered Hirschi's by a three-to-one margin at the quarterfinals game in Allen.

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Senior Dawson Jones finishes his Springtown football career with a solid season at middle linebacker.



Eva Guerra, left, and Abigail Lee shed tears after the Hirschi loss.

34-yard line.

Hulett & Co. were forced to punt again. Hirschi responded with a long run to go ahead 7-0. And what a backbreaker of a run it was. Springtown's defenders had hemmed in Hirschi's running back for what appeared to be a loss, but the runner eluded tacklers, skirted through the pack and raced for 60 yards to paydirt.

Springtown's defense held strong on the next couple of Hirschi possessions but spent much time on the field on an unusually muggy evening in December. Springtown's offense struggled to maintain drives, and the defense began to show the strain.

In the second quarter, Hirschi scored on an 87-yard touchdown pass.

Down by 13 points, Hudson Hulett hit Lockard on a pass, and he broke a couple of tackles and romped more than 60 yards, putting the Pines in scoring position just

before the first half ended.

Except a holding penalty negated the play.

"That's awful!" Springtown's coach hollered at the referees. "He didn't touch him!"

With a minute remaining in the first half, Hudson Hulett tried to find another receiver downfield, but a Hirschi defender picked off the pass. The Huskies offense scored again on a 35-yard run just before the half ended. So instead of potentially entering the locker room down by one score, the Pines left the field down by three scores.

The Pines took the field in the second half aware that the game could spiral out of control unless the offense could get uncorked.

They couldn't.

By game's end, distant stares and sweat-soaked jerseys made it clear the boys had left everything on the field. They finished three wins shy of a state title.

Their coach praised the team's seniors for their leadership.

"We had what ended up being a very small group of seniors who were unbelievable on the season, both on the field and in the locker room," Hulett said. "They trusted their coaches and continued to play and get better as we brought along a roster of young kids and kids new to our program. Without those seniors who were on the field at the end of the year doing this, we wouldn't have been able to accomplish this."

Some of those seniors, such as Josef Yosten and Angel David Sanchez, were wearing slings or walking on crutches by season's end. Injuries forced many youngsters into starting positions. Hulett praised their willingness to dive into battle.

"That wasn't fair to anyone involved," Hulett said. "But life's not always fair. Right? So, what do you do?"

You make the best of it. And I think we did."

The list of departing seniors should sound familiar to those who attended games. Their names rang from the loudspeaker often - Lockard, Yosten, Sanchez, Cody Brackeen, Dawson Jones, Aiden Vickers, William Gleason, Brodee Trejo, Cristian Hernandez, Seth Appell, Pancho Moreno, Colton Hasty, Colin Tidwell, Korbin Clymer, Richard Vasquez, Garrett Haymes, Kyle Rose, Dylan Matthiesen, C.J. Morgan, Dylan Gille and Caleb Freeman.

Now, underclassmen will be relied upon to step into leadership roles.

"We have to transition to the returners filling the huge void left by graduating seniors - a void that isn't huge in number, but by production," Hulett said. "There is a very large gap from being a complementary part to being the main cog. And that's the gap we have to fill."

### CHEERS WITH TEARS

After the game ended, two cheerleaders embraced with tears rolling down their faces. Abigail Lee, a senior, cried for the past.

"It's the last, final football game," she said.

Eva Guerra, a junior, cried for the future - a future without Lee and other seniors on the sidelines.

"I started cheering with them, and now they're not going to be here anymore," she said between sobs. "They've been like a role model, and they've always helped me whenever I've had problems, and now they are just going to be gone. I'm going to miss them."

### SOME RETURN, SOME WON'T

Dylan Mann ended his first season on the varsity squad riding a scooter on the sidelines with his ankle in a brace. The sophomore wideout was injured during

the final game of the regular season, underwent surgery and saw his season end prematurely, like several of his teammates.

An injury and early end to his season didn't change the fact that 2021 was a stellar year, Mann said.

"It was really fun just being out there playing the game," he said. "Just amazing."

For a while, he will remain scooterized, even at the school.

"I just cruise on by in the halls," he said.

By next season, though, he'll be ready to help push the Pines back to the playoffs.

Cody Brackeen, a senior, has reached the end of his Porcupine career. Asked to sum up the season after the Hirschi game, a sweat-soaked Brackeen spoke quickly and in succinct fashion: "I love this team, and that's all I have to say."

**BOYS BBALL**, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1B.

Springtown football team finished its playoff run on Friday, Dec. 3, and several players have joined the basketball roster. They practiced for the first time on Monday, the day before the Bowie game.

The new guys will work on chemistry with the old guys during a Glen Rose Tournament this weekend.

District competition begins Tuesday, Dec. 21, at home against Decatur. That team went 24-7 last season and won a couple of playoff games. Decatur's football team lost its first playoff game in mid-November, and its football players have

been bouncing the round ball ever since.

"Decatur will be tough," Azle coach Nathan Purvis said. "They have had their football guys a little longer than we have, but we will not be making any excuses. We look forward to the opportunity to play against a great program on Dec. 21."

Half the basketball team's 10 players are coming from the gridiron, where they finished as regional champions.

"They will all do a good job for us, and we are excited to see their success carry over from the football field to the court," Purvis said.



Braylon Easter dribbles toward the hoop.

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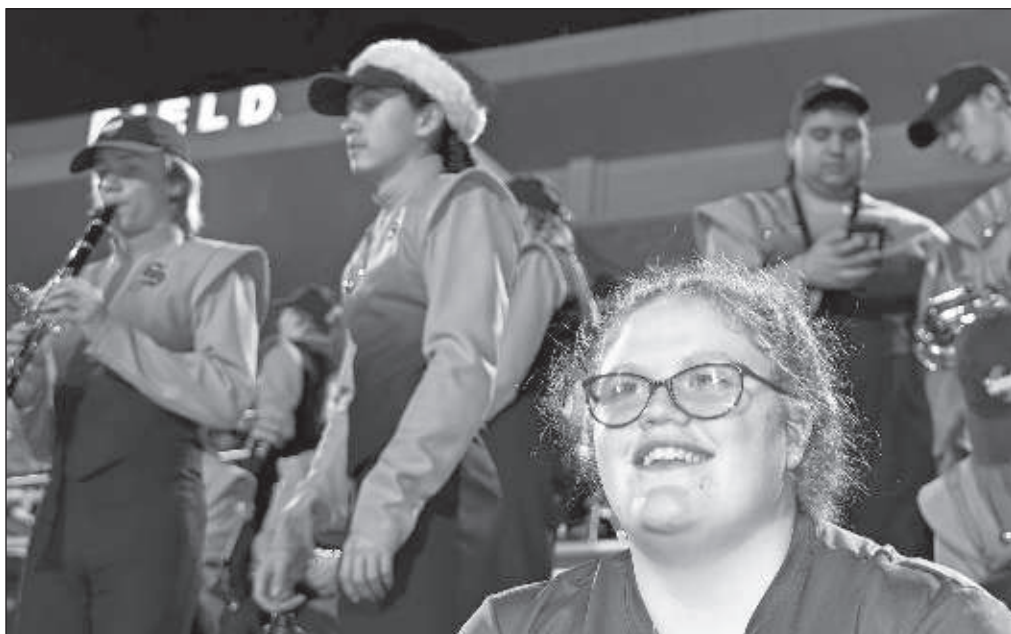
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Nov 8	Ferris/FW Northside	Away	6:00		
Nov 10	Iowa Park Scrimmage	Home	5:00		
Nov 16	Millsap	Home	7:30	6:15	5:00
Nov 19	Azle	Home	7:30	6:15	5:00
Nov 22	FW Carter-Riverside	Home	12:30	11:00	
Nov 23	Weatherford Christian	Home	12:30	11:00	
Nov 30	Henrietta	Away	7:15	5:45	4:30
Dec 2-4	Weatherford Tournament	Away	TBA	TBA	TBA
Dec 7	Bowie	Away	7:30	6:15	5:00
Dec 9-11	Glen Rose Tournament	Away	TBA	TBA	TBA
Dec 14	Alvarado	Home	7:30	6:15	5:00
Dec 17	Graham	Away	7:30	6:15	5:00
Dec 21	Decatur	Home	7:30	5:00	6:15
Dec 27-28	Bridgeport Tournament	Away	TBA	TBA	TBA
Jan 4	Lake Worth	Away	8:00	5:00	6:30
Jan 7	Bridgeport	Home	7:30	5:00	6:15
Jan 11	Krum	Away	7:30	5:00	6:15
Jan 14	Argyle	Away	7:30	5:00	6:15
Jan 21	Castleberry	Away	7:30	5:00	6:15
Jan 25	Decatur	Away	7:30	5:00	6:15
Jan 28	Lake Worth	Home	7:30	5:00	6:15
Feb 1	Bridgeport	Away	7:30	5:00	6:15
Feb 4	Krum	Home	7:30	5:00	6:15
Feb 8	Argyle	Home	7:30	5:00	6:15
Feb 15	Castleberry	Home	7:30	6:15	5:00

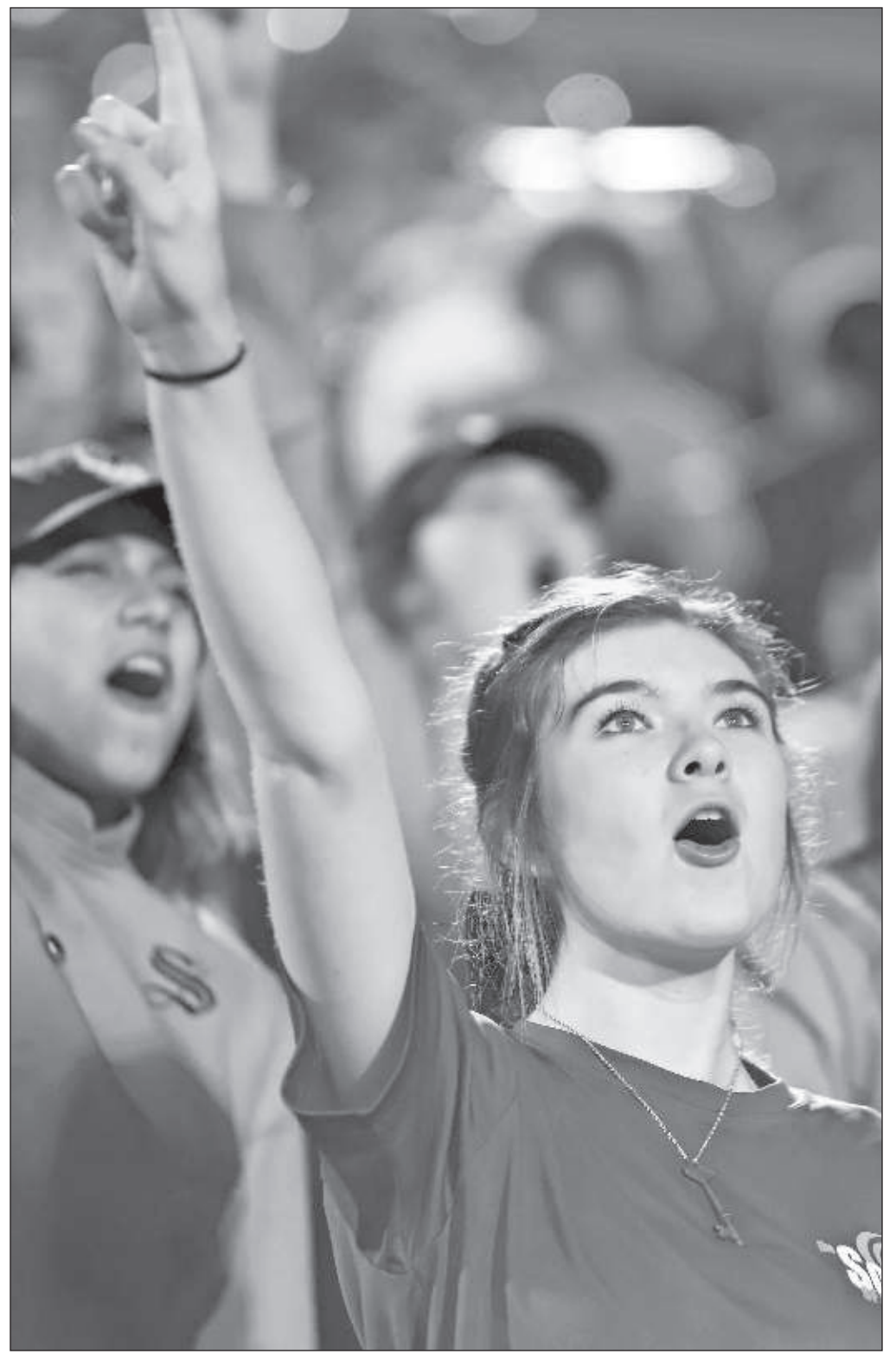
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**ACROSS**

- 1 Houston space org.
- 5 some Texans have big ones
- 6 TX Barry Corbin film: "The Night the Lights Out in Georgia"
- 7 gusher (out)
- 8 GPS accident avoidance? (2 wds.)
- 17 TXism: "confused \_ \_ goat on astroturf"
- 18 TXism: "a watched pot \_ \_"
- 21 country of Texas (abbr.)
- 22 TX Drew Brees' number as a Saint
- 23 this Tommy lost a coin flip and thus was not on TX Holly's fateful flight
- 24 this gold medalist Mary Lou now lives in Houston
- 29 TXism: " \_ \_ scootin'" (dancing)
- 30 a stallion, or a type of poker
- 31 hosp. trauma area
- 32 leading male star of 1945 "San Antonio"
- 34 Nacogdoches' FM KJCS started with this call sign
- 35 this agcy. approved 3 COVID vaccines
- 36 TXism: "a sight for (pleasing) \_ \_"
- 37 snow glider
- 38 TX-based bus company: \_ \_hound
- 39 "red touch \_ \_ \_ feller" (coral snake)
- 41 lion exhibit sounds at the Abilene Zoo
- 42 world distress signal
- 43 " \_ \_ \_ omission"
- 44 this Burleson was first president of Baylor
- 45 TXism: "up \_ \_ snuff"
- 46 Metroplex airport
- 47 be given out
- 48 "Red River Rivalry" month
- 50 increase the bet in poker
- 51 express disgust
- 52 TXism: "take a look \_ \_" (investigate)
- 53 "to \_ \_ is human"
- 13 talked tediously
- 14 TXism: "talked \_ \_ \_ streak" (TXism for 13 down)
- 15 TXism: " \_ \_ \_ me a bill of goods" (lied)
- 16 " \_ \_ \_ the season"
- 19 part of Abilene metro area
- 20 atomizers
- 22 mats to prevent slippage (2 wds.)
- 24 TX Ely who was a TV Tarzan (init.)
- 25 plural of 31-across
- 26 former Cowboy quarterback, Aikman
- 27 "laid \_ \_ \_" (buried)
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**DOWN**

- 1 home of "Schlitterbahn WaterPark Resort" (2 wds.)
- 2 TX Nolan Ryan, as a baseball pitcher
- 3 Sutton County seat
- 4 TXism: "green \_ \_ \_ -week-old corn" (inexperienced)
- 9 Texas has 563,000 members of one
- 10 camping shelter
- 11 Adam's mate
- 12 Ricky Nelson plane crashed near \_ \_ Kalb, TX in 1985
- 13 talked tediously
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- 27 "laid \_ \_ \_" (buried)
- 35 employees/shareholders lost billions in Enron
- 37 TXism: "write \_ \_ \_ he can't read fast"
- 38 TXism for "errand boy"
- 40 " \_ \_ \_ a penny, in for a pound"
- 41 in Haskell County on U.S. 380
- 44 donned after a bath
- 47 this TX James won the Medal of Honor
- 49 66 TX high schools have this mascot

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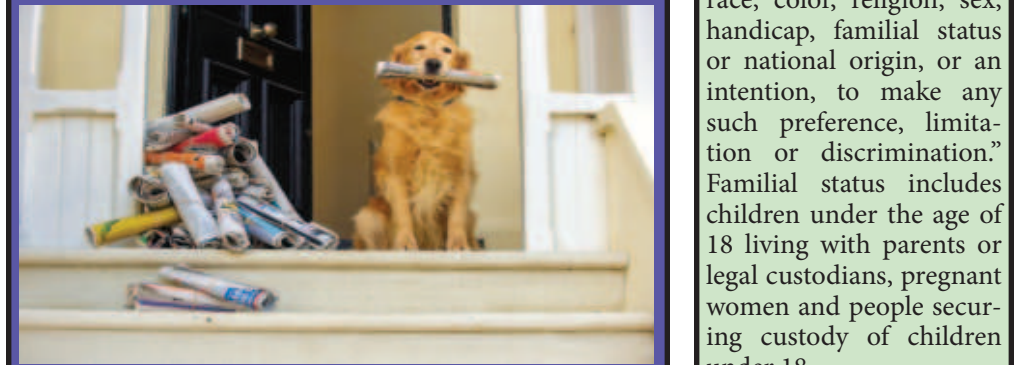
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