



## Infused in history

### American Heritage Girls camp teaches girls history, leadership

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Springtown resident LeAnn Russell said she ate more Spam than ever before when she helped lead a previous American Heritage Girls camp as they studied the World War II era.

Why Spam? The meat product was a popular food among U.S.

troops who were battling overseas during World War II, so it was a fitting choice to let the campers create meals of Spam as they tried to recreate the past.

That's what the camp, the Pioneer/Patriot Invitational, is intended to do – making "history come alive" for the campers to learn

Each year's American Heritage Girls camp in Weatherford has a theme, and last year's theme centered on stories from the Bible.

Courtesy photo

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## Filing for local elections in Springtown, Reno to start Jan. 19

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As election season comes around once again, Springtown-area residents will have the chance to vote for candidates – not just at the state and county level, but those running for city council and school board as well.

Election Day for the municipal races is May 7. Positions on the Springtown City Council, Reno City Council, Springtown ISD School Board and the Wal-

nut Creek Special Utility District board will be on ballots.

Candidates can start applying to be on the ballot for these races on Jan. 19. The deadline to file is on Feb. 18.

On the Springtown City Council, Places 1, 3 and 5 – currently held by council members Ted Martinez, Walter Roberson and Bill White – will be on the ballot. Terms on the council are for two years. Candidates can file for these positions in the city secretary's office at 102 E. Second St. in Springtown between

the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

In Reno, Places 1, 3 and 5 are up for election on the city council. Those positions are currently held by incumbents Granville "Randy" Martin, Shelli Swift and Jeff Davis. Term lengths are for two years. Candidates can file for these positions at Reno City Hall at 195 W. Reno Road.

Springtown ISD's school board election will include Places 1, 2 and

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### YEAR IN REVIEW:

## Springtown's top 10 news stories of 2021

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In 2021, headlines about the COVID-19 pandemic, roadway construction and growth dominated the pages of The Springtown Epigraph's weekly print edition and website. Here's a look back at the stories that shaped 2021. Comments and attributions are from 2021 Epigraph stories unless otherwise noted.

### 10. New mayor in Reno

In May, voters opted for Sam White to become the new mayor of Reno. White won with 196 votes, a total that none of his opponents came close to. Roen Cox garnered 56 votes, Granville "Randy" Martin III had 49 votes, and Gilbert Morrow received six votes.

"I am looking forward to working with the citizens of Reno and excited about being a part of this team," White said. "I am ready to lead us into the next generation of growth, as things are going to change."

White brings over 30 years of

management and leadership experience, including project management and large budget accountability, to his role as mayor. His initial goals were to manage the growth, have budgetary accountability, maintain Reno's country environment, diversify power options to water supplies and start up an emergency management plan.

### 9. Springtown ISD endures school bus driver shortage

The Springtown school district, like other districts around the country, was short-staffed on bus drivers last fall.

"We have had to 'double-route' on multiple occasions and send a substitute driver back out a second time after finishing a morning route," Superintendent Mike Kelley said. "The office staff in our Transportation Department (including our student services director), our technology department, and even some of our teachers and coaches have also had to drive buses in several instances due to the shortage of drivers."

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## Springtown woman injured in rollover

BY CARLA NOAH STUTSMAN

A Springtown woman was seriously injured Dec. 28 in a single-vehicle crash west of town.

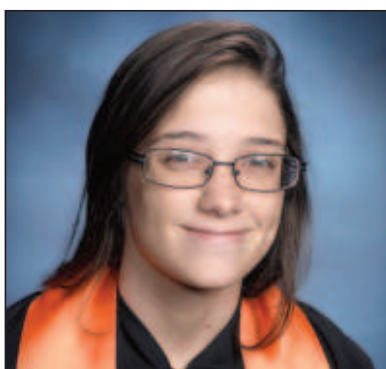
Ashtyn Rogers was traveling west on State Highway 199 near Starlight Drive when her 2001 Ford Explorer left the roadway for an undetermined reason, said Texas Department of Public Safety spokesperson Sgt. Richard Hunter. A preliminary investigation revealed Rogers attempted to regain

control of the Ford but overcorrected, causing the vehicle to skid sideways.

The vehicle overturned, and Rogers was ejected. The Ford came to rest on top of her.

Rogers was flown by air ambulance to John Peter Smith Hospital in Fort Worth. The Epigraph left a message at the hospital regarding Rogers' condition.

Rogers graduated from Springtown High School in 2021.



Ashtyn Rogers



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from, Russell said.

American Heritage Girls is a Christian organization for girls that aims to build character. Russell got involved in the organization in 2009 with her daughters. Local troops participate in the annual camp in October for 12-18-year-old girls, and Russell started the first camp in 2013. The camp welcomes attendees from other states as well, including Oklahoma and Kansas.

About 270 girls attended the camp in Weatherford last year. Russell said the purpose of the Pioneer/Patriot Invitational is multifaceted and focuses on fellowship, relationships, leadership and teamwork.

Each year's camp has a theme, and last year's centered on stories from the Bible. Other themes focus on Native American culture, medieval times, pioneer life, the American Revolution and World War II. The campers use the theme to design

the campsite and create costumes as well as participate in activities and create meals based on the time period.

During the camp focusing on World War II, the campers visited the National WASP WWII Museum in Sweetwater, which focuses on the lives of Women Air Force Service Pilots. The girls learned about rationing food and were tasked with imagining what conditions were like as soldiers went off to war.

"Our goal is to totally infuse them into that history time period," Russell said.

For the "Bible Days" theme, the campers learned about aspects of biblical life like housing, making bread and other foods, pottery and building a fire when it's wet outside.

"They're learning skills that they could use in their lives, but they're also making memories and making that time period come to life," Russell said.

The camp usually also in-

cludes guest speakers to talk with the girls about the time period they are studying. The Native American culture camp included lessons about Native American culture and dance from the Springtown mother-daughter musical duo Sayani, who have Cherokee, Creek and Choctaw heritage.

Russell called the American Heritage Girls organization the "premier character development and leadership organization in the United States."

"Our goal is to build leaders who are self-leaders and community leaders," Russell said.

Sarah Grace Becker, 17, a homeschool student in Springtown, is in her second year participating in American Heritage Girls and has gone to two Pioneer/Patriot Invitational camps. Her favorite part of both camps is the Saturday night dance. During the "Pioneer Days" camp, the girls learned to dance the Virginia Reel, which is a

version of an English dance brought to Virginia by colonists. The "Bible Days" camp featured dancing to the Hava Nagila, a Jewish folk song.

"That's the part where everybody's dressed up," Becker said. "You're all together dancing, and it's just really fun."

In addition to learning how to camp, Becker said she learned what it was like to live in the past through the camps.

Becker's mother, Crissa Becker, said joining American Heritage Girls and being part of the camps has been positive for her daughter.

"I definitely think she learned things because she feels like she's experiencing it," Crissa Becker said. "They do the costumes, and they do crafts, cooking and they try to really do a lot that represents that time and culture. So, the fact that she's experiencing things rather than just reading about them is priceless."



For the "Bible Days" theme, the campers learned about aspects of biblical life, such as housing, making bread and other foods, pottery and building a fire when it's wet outside. Courtesy photo





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# Changes to disabled veteran license plates began Jan. 1

## STAFF REPORTS

A new state law will change the requirements for Texans with disabled veteran license plates who wish to park in spaces reserved for persons with disabilities.

Senate Bill 792 requires that as of Jan. 1, anyone parking in a disabled parking space must have a license plate or a disabled parking placard that features the International Symbol of Access (ISA). Currently, disabled veteran license plates do not feature the ISA, and all Texans with these plates are permitted to use disabled parking.

Texans with disabled veteran plates wanting to use disabled parking spaces beginning in 2022 may apply

for a disabled parking placard or for a new disabled veteran license plate with the ISA if the veteran meets the eligibility requirements for an ISA after Jan. 1. Applicants may submit their paperwork at their local county tax assessor-collector's office. Current placards will remain valid; however, the new requirements must be met at time of renewal.

## ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Placard and plate eligibility is based on a medical condition that meets the legal definition of a disability. "Disability" means a condition in which a person has:

- Visual acuity of 20/200 or less in the better eye with



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- Arthritis, neurological, or orthopedic condition.
- Foot disorder.
- Other medical condition causing a person to use a

brace, cane, crutch or other assistive device.

A parking placard or plate is only valid when being used by the person with the disability or someone who is driving the person with the disability. People who misuse disabled parking placards are subject to fines of up to \$1,250 and/or up to 50 hours of community service.

without the person with the disability in the vehicle. The ISA is only valid when being used by the person with the disability or someone who is driving the person with the disability. People who misuse disabled parking placards are subject to fines of up to \$1,250 and/or up to 50 hours of community service.

## Reno increases deputy chief's hours

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Reno Deputy Police Chief Nathan Stringer has been moved up from a part-time employee to a full-time employee with the city.

Reno City Council decided to increase Stringer's hours at a special council meeting last week. His annual salary was set at \$62,500, which is identical to Chief Scott Elsner's salary, Mayor Sam White said.

Stringer's hours were increased because of the time needed for him to work with the Parker County District Attorney's office on pre-existing cases.

"We have a lot of investigative work, a lot of the files have to be done to help the assistant DA in Parker County," White said. "Since he's a retired police chief, he's very experienced in this. Almost three quarters of his time is actually picking up pre-existing cases and doing the (prepara-

tions) for trial and court and stuff like that."

Stringer also serves as the police department's public information officer and one of the grant writers.

White pointed out that Reno's current police chief and deputy chief are being paid at lower rates than the previous chief and lieutenant because of "budget constraints." The previous chief made \$73,500, and the previous lieutenant made \$65,000.

## Parker County to host cyber security awareness workshop

### FROM STAFF REPORTS

Parker County residents have the chance to get educated on spam and scams in a workshop next week.

Parker County officials are expected to host a cyber se-

curity awareness workshop at 10:45 a.m. Jan. 14 at First Methodist Church in Weatherford, 301 S. Main St.

A flier for the workshop details the top scams targeting Americans as spam calls

and voicemails, internet and email fraud, government imposter scams, computer tech scams and romance scams.

The workshop will focus on free tools and resources to prevent cyber attacks.

## ELECTIONS, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1A.

3 on the ballot, and those seats are currently filled by trustees Rick Beall, Damon Liles and Amy Walker. Terms are for three years. To file for a position on the school board, candidates must pick up applications and return them to the school district's administration building office at 301 E. Fifth St. in Springtown.

For Walnut Creek SUD, three seats on the board will

be available. Those seats are currently occupied by incumbents Mike Gilley, Frank Henderson and Brian Sexton. The terms are for three years. Candidates can file in person at 1155 W. State Highway 199 in Springtown, mail in the application to P.O. Box 657 in Springtown, email the application to paula@walnut-creeksud.org or fax it to 817-523-0359.

## KEY DATES

Early voting will take place from April 25 to May 3. The last day for voters to register is April 7. The last day to apply for a ballot by mail is April 26.

More information about registering to vote in Texas can be found online at [www.votetexas.gov/register/index.html](http://www.votetexas.gov/register/index.html).

## SPRINGTOWN SCHOOL MENU

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\*Menus are subject to change.

BREAKFAST PRICES	
EC-12th Grade	\$1.75
EC-12th Reduced	\$0.30
Adult	\$2.25
LUNCH PRICES	
PK-4th Grade	\$3.00
5th-8th Grade	\$3.25
High School	\$3.00
Reduced	\$0.40
Adult	\$4.25

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** Pancake Bites, Toast, Variety of Cereal, Fruit, Juice      **Tuesday** Chicken Biscuit, Toast, Variety of Cereal, Fruit, Juice      **Wednesday** Scrambled Eggs, Toast, Variety of Cereal, Fruit, Juice      **Thursday** Breakfast Pizza, Toast, Variety of Cereal, Fruit, Juice      **Friday** Cinnamon Roll, 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** CK Fried Steak Sand, Ranchero Beans, Fresh Broccoli Florets      **Tuesday** Tangerine Chicken, Rice, Broccoli, Fiesta Sticks      **Wednesday** Cheeseburger or Hamburger, Tater Gems, Fresh Baby Carrots, Apple      **Thursday** Crispy Chicken Sandwich, Chili Style Beans, Cucumber & Tomato Cup, Tropical Fruit Salad      **Friday** Cheese Pizza, Popcorn Chicken, Fresh Baby Carrots, Green Beans, Banana, Roll

**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 or Hamburger, Sweet Tater Tots, Fresh Broccoli Florets, Blueberries      **Tuesday** Tangerine Chicken, CK Fried Steak Sandwich, Rice, Roll, Cucumber & Tomato Cup, Green Beans, Orange Smiles      **Wednesday** Crispy Chicken Tenders, Spicy Chicken Strips, Waffles, Garden Salad, Glazed Baby Carrots, Blue Applesauce      **Thursday** Nachos (beef or chicken), Refried Beans, Corn, Pear Cup, Apples Slices      **Friday** Cheese Pizza, Steakfingers, Mashed Potatoes, Broccoli, Roll, Grapes, Peach

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C/O Stephen Watson PO Box 323 315 Morrow Road, Springtown, Texas 76082 [www.pcesd1.com](http://www.pcesd1.com)

**NOTICE REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR DESIGN/BUILD OF PARKER COUNTY ESD1 - FIRE STATION NO. 46 & NO. 47 (Parker County, Texas)**

This is notice of a Request for Qualifications AND a Request for Proposals ("RFQ/RFP"). This will be a two-step process. In Step 1, Parker County ESD1 ("PC- ESD1") seeks Responses to its Request for Qualifications ("Qualification Submissions") for the design and construction of up to two fire stations: FIRE STATION NO. 46 and NO. 47 ("Project"). No cost information is to be included in any Qualifications Submission. The Parker County ESD1 will select up to five finalists from the Qualifications Submissions that are properly received. In Step II, the PC- ESD1 will request Proposals for the full Project ("Proposals") from the Finalists selected by the PC- ESD1. The PC- ESD1 will select the Proposal that provides the Best Value to the PC- ESD1. Qualification submissions must arrive no later than 12:00PM on January 21st, 2022, at the Parker County ESD1 administration, address listed below. Qualification submissions will be opened at 1:00PM, on January 21st, 2022 at the same location.

The full RFQ/RFP and the Design Criteria Package are available from the PC- ESD1 at the following address:  
Parker County ESD1 C/O Stephen Watson PO Box 323  
315 Morrow Road Springtown, Texas 76082  
It will also be made available on the Parker County Emergency Service District 1's website at the following address:  
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The Fire Chief of Parker County ESD1, Parker County, Texas is designated as the contact person for all inquiries, Telephone inquiries are permitted. The telephone number of the Fire Chief is Stephen Watson, Fire Chief of Parker County ESD1 is (817) 523-7598.

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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

Estate of Scott Rupert Miller, Deceased. Notice is given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Scott Rupert Miller, Deceased, were issued to Macy A. Brightman on December 8, 2021, in Cause No. 21P415, Probate Court of Parker County, Texas, which is still pending. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. Claims should be billed to Macy A. Brightman, Executor, at the Ruelas Law Firm, PLLC, c/o Jennifer S. Ruelas, Attorney at Law, 1020 Fort Worth Hwy. Ste. 500, Weatherford, Texas 76086

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Advertisement and Invitation for Bids

The City of Springtown will receive bids for Springtown CDBG - Avenue D Reconstruction until 2:00 PM on Friday, January 21, 2022 at Springtown City Hall, 102 E 2nd St, Springtown, TX 76082. The bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at 2:05 PM on Friday, January 21, 2022 at Springtown City Hall, 102 E 2nd St, Springtown, TX 76082. Bids are invited for several items and approximate quantities of work are as follows:

- 1,450 SY of 6" Concrete Pavement
- 1,300 LF of 6" PVC water main
- 1,250 LF of 6" PVC sewer main
- 250 LF of various size RCP storm sewer

Bid/Contract Documents, including Drawings and Technical Specifications are on file at the office of the engineer, Pacheco Koch, 4060 Bryant Irvin Rd, Fort Worth, TX 76109. Copies of the Bid/Contract Documents may be obtained free of charge by the prospective bidders at [www.civcastusa.com](http://www.civcastusa.com) under the following project name - "Springtown CDBG - Avenue D Reconstruction". Additionally, bid documents may be obtained free of charge from Pacheco Koch at 4060 Bryant Irvin Rd, Fort Worth, TX 76109.

A bid bond in the amount of 5 percent of the bid issued by an acceptable surety shall be submitted with each bid. A certified check or bank draft payable to the City of Springtown or negotiable U.S. Government Bonds (as par value) may be submitted in lieu of the Bid Bond. Attention is called to the fact that not less than, the federally determined prevailing (Davis-Bacon and Related Acts) wage rate, as issued by the Texas Department of Agriculture Office of Rural Affairs and contained in the contract documents, must be paid on this project. In addition, the successful bidder must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of race, color, religion, sex, sexual identity, gender identity, or national origin. The lobbying certification must be submitted with the bid packet to be considered complete and responsive. All contractors/subcontractors that are debarred, suspended or otherwise excluded from or ineligible for participation on federal assistance programs may not undertake any activity in part or in full under this project.

Deadline for questions is 2:00 PM on Tuesday, January 18, 2022.

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

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

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

**8. The city of Springtown hires a new police chief**

Cres Salazar was appointed as the chief of the Springtown Police Department in February. Salazar served as the interim chief for multiple months prior to his appointment.

Salazar has over 20 years of law enforcement experience. He started working at Springtown Police Department in 2012 as a patrol officer and was promoted to investigator, sergeant, lieutenant, interim police chief and police chief.

"I am honored and humbled to have the opportunity to lead the Springtown Police Department as its chief of police," Salazar said. "Springtown is a wonderful community, and I look forward to being able to play a new role in support of our officers and the city as a whole. Our community is one that has immeasurable potential and I look forward to the work I will be able to do within it."

**7. Springtown ISD fails to pass two bond elections**

Springtown-area voters rejected two bond proposals brought by Springtown ISD in May and November. Both proposals would have allowed the district to have the funds to build a new elementary school, additional classrooms at the middle and intermediate schools and a new welding shop at Springtown High School.

The additional campus and classrooms were potential responses to the school district's growing enrollment.

"Please be assured that the District is fiscally sound and prepared to move forward when stakeholders voice readiness to address growth in Springtown ISD," Superintendent Mike Kelley said in a Facebook post after the November election. "Our leadership teams will work hard to retain and recruit an exceptional staff to serve the many students who are currently enjoying broad success ... and those who are on their way to becoming Porcupines! In the coming months, we will collaborate with parents and community members in an effort to meet the District's growing needs."

The May bond proposal was for \$38.5 million while the November proposal was for \$41 million.

**6. Reno regains police force after losing all officers**

Last fall, the city of Reno lost its police department staff but found new staffers before the end of the year.

Reno City Council approved a separation agreement with former Police Chief Tony Simmons in October. Simmons had received two letters in August and September, respectively, from the council regarding complaints and questions raised about his performance as chief. One of the complaints was regarding Simmons promoting and increasing pay for employees without council approval.

Prior to the separation agreement, Simmons was the only officer at the Reno Police Department as the rest of the officers quit starting in August. It is unknown why all the officers quit, but some were said to have quit because of issues with pay raises and promotions, according to City Administrator Scott Passmore.

The city of Reno was working to establish an interlocal agreement for police services with Pelican Bay, but instead, the city hired a chief, deputy chief and three officers, all of whom previously served at Pelican Bay Police Department.

Chief Scott Elsner and Deputy Chief Nathan Stringer were sworn in in November, and Lt. A. Nalley, Sgt. E. Gonzalez and Corp. A. Estrada were sworn in in December.

**5. Walnut Creek Special Utility District customers voice complaints about billing issues**

Customers using Walnut Creek Special Utility District for water came to the district's board meeting in December to air their complaints with the billing system.

Walnut Creek SUD customers have been dealing with a faulty transmitter issue. Not all the transmitters deliver the correct water meter readings to the billing department, so multiple months can go by while customers receive bills for minimum water usage. When multiple months of water usage are calculated, customers have received bills that were for hundreds of dollars.

The SUD is working on replacing the faulty transmitters, but some customers are running out of patience.

Candice Chandler wrote two petitions for billing transparency and to lower the water rates. At the December meeting, she called for the board to provide relief to customers.

"You need to give us something besides saying be patient," Chandler said. "We are out of patience. It's gone. Give us something to take away from here. This problem is getting worse."

**4. Parker County Sheriff Larry Fowler dies; Russ Authier is appointed as the new sheriff**

Parker County Sheriff Larry Fowler died in late February at age 82. Fowler served as the sheriff for 16 years and was elected to another term during the November 2020 election.

"It was very trying," Fowler told the Epigraph after the election. "I intend to keep plowing ahead until I can't plow anymore."

Fowler spent most of his career in law enforcement, including as a lieutenant for the Weatherford Police Department, a criminal enforcement operations inspector for the U.S. Marshals Service, director for Parker County Crimes Commission, chief deputy for Parker County Sheriff's Office and assistant warden of CCA prison facility at Fort Wolters. He also served in the U.S. Navy.

In March, Parker County Sheriff's Office Chief Deputy Russ Authier was appointed as the new sheriff. Authier also worked as a criminal investigator with Parker County district attorney's office, state trooper and later Texas Ranger with the Texas Department of Public Safety, patrolman with Nassau Bay Police Department and reserve officer with Taylor Lake Village Police Department.

"I am honored to take over the reins at the Parker County Sheriff's Office," Authier said. "I know I have some big boots to fill but I can assure the citizens of Parker County that I will do the job to the best of my ability."

**3. Springtown-area residents survive the winter storm in February**

Like the rest of the state, Springtown and Reno officials encountered issues arising from the winter storm in February.

Residents suffered though rotating power outages, burst pipes, water boiling orders and a plea to conserve water. Over 18,000 Parker County residents didn't have power on Feb. 16.

Springtown Mayor Greg Hood issued a Declaration of Local Disaster on Feb. 17 because of the storm.

Springtown ISD Superintendent Mike Kelley discussed pipes that had burst across the district at a school board meeting. At least 15 water leaks had to be addressed at all campuses except Goshen Creek Elementary. In the aftermath of the

storm, students were ordered to learn from home for two days because of cleanup at campuses, repairs and the boil water notice.

Police and other first responders dealt with vehicle crashes, calls about shelterless animals in the cold and criminal mischief. During the storm, Parker County Emergency Services District 1 received at least 12 calls regarding structure fires.

**2. Construction progresses on FM 51 and SH 199**

The year 2021 brought plenty of construction and detour updates on the roadway projects on Farm-to-Market Road 51 and State Highway 199.

The project began in October of 2019, and the plan is to add a continuous left turn lane to FM 51 from Optimist Drive to Pojo Road to help with traffic flow. The intersection of FM 51 and SH 199 will have additional turn lanes to better traffic flow on Main Street. Also, signals will be added to the intersection to FM 51 at First Street.

FM 51 was equipped with substantial drainage improvements from Walnut Creek to Pojo Road as well to enhance drainage through northwest Springtown. Also, part of the work included raising the FM 51 and SH 199 intersection five feet and out of the 100-year floodplain.

The whole project is expected to be complete by April 2022.

**1. COVID-19 pandemic continues to make waves in 2021**

The COVID-19 pandemic continued into a second year in the U.S., and Springtown-area residents were affected by both a return to normalcy and fluctuation of rising and lowering case numbers.

Places like Reno City Hall and the Springtown Public Library reopened to the public after being closed amid the pandemic, and events like Wild West Festival, National Night Out and Summerfest made a return in 2021. Springtown ISD ended its mask mandate in the spring.

COVID-19 vaccines became available in 2021, and the number of vaccines administered in Parker County peaked in late March and early April. The number of vaccines administered didn't increase again until July as case numbers increased.

The pandemic appeared to especially affect Springtown's school district in 2021, particularly when the district saw a spike in cases as students returned to school in August. The district provided rapid testing to students and staff. Case numbers lowered later in the fall.

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# The Greatest Black Friday Ever

Papaw was so lonely. We lost Mamaw (Mrs. Sweetie's mom) in March 2009 one day before Papaw's 79th birthday.

We worried about him a lot over the next few months because he was on the ranch all alone.

No one to call if he got his truck stuck in the mud or if the tractor broke down in the field.

No one to have dinner (at noon) and supper (at 6:00) ready when he came in.

No partner for the regular game nights or trips in the motor home.

And then he started going out to eat once in awhile with a long-time friend of the family. Elsie had lost her husband a couple of months



## 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](http://www.discoveryouramazing.com).

before Mamaw's passing.

We were so glad he had someone's company to enjoy.

Fast forward a few months to our 2010 family Thanksgiving gathering at Papaw's house.

It was Black Friday and there was a wedding. I was the preacher. Papaw and Elsie had decided that at 80 and 81, they wanted to spend their remaining years together as husband and wife.

Since the wedding hap-

pened the day after Thanksgiving, we joked that Black Friday was easier to remember as an anniversary than the actual date.

They almost made it to 10 black Fridays before Papaw passed in September 2020.

Those 10 years were not just precious for them; Elsie was a gift to the whole family.

Her soft-spoken graciousness and humor made their home a place of warm welcome.

Actually "warm" was literally true. That tiny woman wore a sweater in the summer! And it was usually red and sparkly. She was a jewel in every way.

Her personality and great cooking kept those of us who were more warm-blooded coming back — even if we had to shed some clothes and sit in front of a fan!

They had sold the ranch and moved into a retirement/assisted living community in February 2020, just a month before the covid shutdown. As usual, Papaw's timing was wise.

For just over a year, Elsie stayed in the same little apartment with her widowed daughter-in-law as her roommate.

As the 11th Black Friday approached, it became apparent that she needed more care, so she relocated to a nursing home.

We all knew that, at 92, it wouldn't be a lengthy stay.

On Christmas Eve, in the middle of the afternoon. She relocated once more. This time to heaven. She celebrated the birthday of Jesus actually in the presence of Jesus.

It gives "I'll be home for Christmas" a much deeper meaning.

For the past 11 years, at least for me, Black Friday has been a celebration of the gift of Elsie.

I imagine it will always be so.

As we begin a new year, I'm excited about the oppor-

tunities before us. This year will be amazing and will include unexpected blessings.

It is also true that—just like almost every year—someone we love will depart this life in the year ahead.

That's a good reminder to make the most of our moments together this year.

To see every encounter as part of God's amazing gift of life.

To say, "I love you" often.

To avoid saying words we will regret and say "I'm sorry" quickly when we don't avoid saying regrettable words.

To be the blessing and encouragement we want to receive.

Be amazing today, my friend.

## Springtown Optimist Club deciding whether to have pancake supper

BY MADELYN EDWARDS  
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The Springtown Optimist Club is mulling over whether the annual pancake supper should be held in person or skipped.

The club's pancake supper is a fundraiser for scholarships for high school seniors. The Optimist Club gives out four scholarships every year.

Springtown's Optimist Club is part of Optimist International, which is an

international volunteer organization. The Springtown club regularly honors local high school students for achievements in academics, community involvement and extracurricular activities.

Last year, the pancake supper was canceled amid the COVID-19 pandemic. The club's leadership asked members instead to donate money for the scholarships and encourage their peers to do the same.

At the monthly meet-

ing Tuesday, club members started pitching potential dates for the supper and strategies for getting students and parents involved before discussing whether enough club members would be available to volunteer at the fundraiser.

"If there's only eight of us, yeah, we pretty much can't do it," former Club President Denise Taylor said.

Taylor tasked Club Secretary Mike Gilley with polling members about whether they

could volunteer at the pancake supper — potentially slated for March 24 — or if they would rather make donations. The club is expected to revisit this issue at next month's meeting.

The expenses of the pancake supper were just under \$2,000 in 2019, and profit is usually about \$2,500, Gilley said.

Taylor said during the club meeting that a supper this year may be more expensive because of inflated

meat prices. Bacon and sausage were served at the supper in 2019. Taylor discussed reaching out to local businesses, developers and builders for sponsorships for the supper.

During the meeting, City Administrator David Miller speculated that asking for donations instead of having the pancake supper might bring in more profit.

Last fall, Optimist Club members discussed low

attendance at meetings and considered dissolving the club. They decided to change their meeting schedule to monthly instead of twice a month, and the meeting times were changed to mornings instead of lunchtime. At the meeting on Tuesday, seven people were in attendance.

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

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# Things That I Have Learned

Not too long ago, Ed Johnson, who's a good friend of mine, and I were discussing and trying to come up with as many old sayings as we could.

If you think about it, most sayings are based on someone else's experiences and lessons to be learned from those experiences. Probably because of our backgrounds, most of the sayings that we were able to come up with were based in agriculture.

We would be here most of the day if I listed all of the sayings that we came up with, but I am going to use a couple of them today because of their continued relevance to our lives today: "plant your corn early" and "make hay while the sun shines."

Everyone has their own interpretation of the meaning of these but my understanding when I would hear them as a "kid" was as follows:

"Plant your corn early" relates to getting your field or garden corn seed planted early to benefit from the early spring rains before the weather gets dry. It also means if you get your crops planted early and they happen to be flooded out or beaten into the ground by a hail storm you still have time to replant them. The basic meaning is to plan ahead and also have a backup plan.

"Make hay while the sun shines" is simply saying get your work done while the conditions are right,



## AG 101

By Jack DeShazo

Jack DeShazo has decades of experience in the agriculture field.

and don't wait for another day when the time "may" be right. Even though these are old sayings they still apply to our daily lives. While thinking about these I realized that many of the things that I was told by my parents, relatives, teachers, friends and other respected people should also become old sayings. The following are just a few that have had an impact on my life as an individual, agricultural science teacher, parent, citizen, etc.

I can still hear my dad telling me and also showing me by example to: shake a person's hand firmly and look him/her in the eye, be a person of your word, work hard, if a person is paying you to do a job make sure they get their money's worth, sweat and dirt are nothing to be afraid of because they are a badge of honor when it comes to hard physical work, stand and take your hat/cap off and put it over your heart for the national anthem and the flag, take your hat off when you are inside a building and tip your hat to the ladies.

One of my mom's sayings would come from the recollection of her bringing me to reality very quickly

when as a pre-teenager I had made a negative comment about someone else and her response was "do you think they are any less precious in God's eyes than you?" Or after getting a poor grade in geometry class instead of chewing me out, she simply said "you can do better than that, can't you?"

The shake-a-person's-hand firmly rule was pretty important to most of the men I knew. My high school Agriculture teacher, Mr. R.W. Simmans, would tell us to not hold the other person's hand like a dead fish, but grab it solidly and firmly. As a young teacher, one of my fellow agricultural science teachers told me that like it or not, the students that are always a pleasure to have in my class are probably going to be successful with or without me; it's the other students that really need me, and they were the ones that I was truly there for.

I also learned along the way that we never know what that student, fellow teacher or for that matter anyone is having to deal with at home or elsewhere; so, try a little understanding and cut them some slack.

Another teacher fact that I learned along the way is that

the most obnoxious and difficult student in your class was somebody's sweet little baby at one time, and something may have happened along the way that changed that and maybe I could make a difference. When the birth of my first child was fast approaching, I began to panic because I didn't know anything about being a good parent. So, I sought out advice from folks who had proven they were good parents by the successful products they had produced.

The first thing I was told was that I knew more than I thought I did because I had been helping to raise the kids in my classes for the past 15 years. Other pieces of wisdom that I received were: you never finish being a parent, a suspicious parent is a good parent, never say "not my little Daniel or not my little Sally - they would never do that" and maybe the best one was "if you want to be your child's best friend when he/she is 30, then you can't be their best friend when they are 15 - you have to be the parent."

These are just a few of the things that I have learned along the way. So after spending your time reading this article, you are wondering what all of this has to do with agriculture. Well, let's just say that it pertains to being an agricultural science teacher and trying to be a positive influence for others. 'til next time.

# Obituaries

## Patricia Elam

1937- 2021

Patricia Lucille Elam, 84, passed away on Tuesday, Jan. 4, 2022 at home surrounded by family and friends.

Graveside service will be at 11 a.m., Saturday, Jan. 8, 2022, at Springtown Cemetery, Springtown, Texas

Visitation is from 6-8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 7, 2022, at Biggers Funeral Home, 6100 Azle Ave. Fort Worth, Texas.

Patsy was born December 26, 1937 in Houston, Texas to James and Marian Griffin. She was a beloved mother, grandmother, sister, and friend. She was a scrub tech at Harris Hospital downtown Fort Worth for almost 50 years.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Leon Elam; daughter, Patricia Sipes; grandson, Corey Wayne Elam; son-in-law, James Weyand; and



daughter-in-law, Barbara Jean Elam.

Patsy was survived by her son, James Elam; daughter, Debra Weyand; granddaughters, Amanda Childs and Melissa McDaniel and her husband, John; three great-granddaughters, Laney Childs, Kiley Childs and Baley Childs; two brothers, Johnny Griffin and Jimmy Griffin; many family and friends.

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- TXism: "sitting in high cotton"
- former Fort Worth red light district: "Hell's Half \_\_\_\_"
- TXism: "\_\_\_\_ light idea" (inspiration)
- TX George Strait's "\_\_\_\_ Really Shouldn't Be Doing This"
- engine surge
- OPEC member: Saudi \_\_\_\_
- burrowing pest
- describing a defect in some horses (hyph.)
- "\_\_\_\_ it for the biscuit" (take a chance to benefit)
- fishing net
- TXism: "\_\_\_\_ in the saddle" (reliable, genuine)
- TX Strait's "If I \_\_\_\_ Me" (1991)
- stinky smell
- blacktip in the Gulf (2 wds.)
- African antelopes
- Santa's word
- in Dallas County on U.S. 80
- in Wise County on U.S. 287
- most Texans love \_\_\_\_-B-Que
- TXism: "sling it on \_\_\_\_ and see if it sticks"
- banned insecticide
- TXism: "call \_\_\_\_ day" (stop working)
- Mc \_\_\_\_ County

**DOWN**

- Texans may use a credit union for a car \_\_\_\_
- pigpen
- TXism: "\_\_\_\_ a bull give milk?" (no)
- TXism: "couldn't find an \_\_\_\_ under a sitting hen" (ignorant)
- puzzles that require thought: "brain \_\_\_\_"
- TX-born Carolyn Jones was this Morticia on TV
- 1970s Houston Oilers slogan: "\_\_\_\_ Ya Blue"
- not harmful to environment: "\_\_\_\_-friendly"
- TXism: "\_\_\_\_ pilot" (preacher)
- TXism: "frisky as \_\_\_\_ unsaddled horse"
- TX Larry McMurry wrote these (2 wds.)
- it came before TX 7-11's Slurpee
- TXism: "\_\_\_\_ to" (similar)
- our solar system's galaxy (2 wds.)
- a benefit that gives stocks to employees (abbr.)
- bind up
- removal of a cow's head projection
- TX Gary Morris sang "The Love She Found \_\_\_\_"
- TXism: "tender" or "sir" ending (cut of meat)
- it provides care to veterans (abbr.)
- TXism: "\_\_\_\_ hat and no cattle" (fake)
- "no \_\_\_\_ , just fact"
- TXism: "let sleeping \_\_\_\_ lie"
- TXism: "\_\_\_\_ lick" (none)
- growths on East Texas pine trees in Fannin County on highway 56
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## Springtown wrestlers seek individuality, personal growth

BY JEFF PRINCE  
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A four-team wrestling meet – a quad – was about to begin, and 120-pound Jeremiah Duvall was up first for Springtown.

A quad pits four schools against one another. Wrestlers take on the other three schools' best wrestlers in their same weight class in three separate matches.

That means three times the fun, Duvall said.

"I really enjoy it," he said.

Springtown, Azle, Aledo and Saginaw wrestlers met on Thursday, Dec. 30, at Azle High School for the Porcupines' second meet of the year.

"They are getting better every time they get on the mat," said Springtown wrestling coach Sawyer Cooper.

For his first match, Duvall squared off against Saginaw's 120-pound guy. They met in the center of the mat, crouched and then sprung to action when the referee blew his whistle.

Moments later, Duvall pinned his opponent and won.

Afterward, he sat in one of the folding chairs adjacent to the mat.

During meets, competing teams sit in chairs facing one another on either side of the mat. In between, wrestlers battle while teammates cheer and shout advice.

"Use your neck!" Duvall yelled to a teammate struggling with a Saginaw grappler. "Bridge! Bridge!"

### FAMILY TRADITION

In 2016, Duvall was 10 when his family moved to Springtown from a small village in rural New York. Duvall's older brother, Noah, began attending Springtown High and gravitated to the wrestling team.

"He just seemed to get really good at it," Duvall said.

Noah wrestled throughout high school and qualified for the state meet in 2018. Duvall decided to follow his older brother into the sport.

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Kylie Wear, Hayleigh Jenkins and Kelsie Branum encourage a teammate during a match.



Darren Leatherwood stands up after beating his opponent.

Photos by Jeff Prince

## Springtown basketball boys back on district track



Sophomore shooting guard Braylon Easter heads for a score.

Photo by Jeff Prince

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Springtown smells blood.

On Tuesday, the Porcu-

piners dribbled their way back into the win column, topping a tough Lake Worth 56-52.

On Jan. 7, they will battle Bridgeport, a district ri-

val that has struggled this season.

The Porcupines have a chance to improve their re-

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## Springtown girls wallop Lake Worth in district clash



Chloe Kirk and the Springtown Lady Pines challenge Bridgeport at home on Friday.

Photo by Jeff Prince

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Staying among the top teams in the district standings requires winning cru-

cial games.

On Tuesday, Springtown notched a victory in one of those contests, prevailing 64-45 against Lake Worth on the road.

Another district games lies just ahead. The Lady Pines will take on Bridgeport, a district foe that has

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Juan Najera grabs a handful of Azle face.

“Then it started to be a family thing,” he said.

Duvall’s younger sister and brother have shown interest.

“Now me and all my siblings do it,” he said.

The wrestling community is a pleasure to hang with, he said. The sport teaches discipline and work ethic while instilling stamina, strength and agility. And friendship.

“This is a neat group,” Duvall said. “You get to learn moves. It’s a fun sport. It’s really physical, though, and takes a lot of energy.”

A minute might not seem long while snoozing in a recliner. A minute is a whole ‘nother thing while exhausted and embroiled in hand-to-hand combat.

“A minute feels like it could be an hour,” Duvall said. “It just takes forever.”

He and teammates run cross-country to build stamina physically and mentally.

“You have to have a really strong mindset to push

through it,” he said of both sports. “There is not much really that you can do to exercise your mind besides just pushing through the pain. I just keep going. Keep pushing.”

Duvall began wrestling as a freshman last year and made it to regionals. He wants to make it to state this year, just like his brother.

“So far, it’s going good,” he said.

**GIRL POWER**

Sitting among the dozen wrestlers on Springtown’s side of the mat were three girls – junior Kylie Wear and freshmen Kelsie Branum and Hayleigh Jenkins.

The two freshmen are friends who decided to try wrestling for the first time.

“It’s definitely an experience,” Branum said. “I’m glad that I get to do it and be with all of them and participate in my school activities.”

The Azle quad was just her second time to wrestle.

She is thin and still working on her strength and skills while building endurance.

“A lot of it is exhausting, but it’s fun to do it,” she said.

Her record was 1-2 before the Azle quad began. After losing her first match, her season record fell to 1-3. She wasn’t concerned. She has plenty of time to become better.

“I want to do this until I graduate,” she said. “I don’t really enjoy any other sports.”

Both freshman girls said wrestling helps alleviate stress and channel their emotions.

“I bottle things up, and this helps me get it out and not do it in an ugly manner,” Branum said. “Instead of getting in a fight at school, I get to do it for my school.”

Jenkins characterized wrestling as an escape. She can yell and fight in a positive way and “not just go crazy,” she said.

Jenkins played softball in



Hayleigh Jenkins squares off against a Saginaw wrestler.

middle school but wanted to try something new at high school.

“I always wanted to do wrestling,” she said. “It just seems fun to get my aggression out. I figured, why not? You only live once.”

She hasn’t won many matches yet but can sense her potential. Wrestling and cross-country are her new favorite sorts.

“Softball is a lot,” she said. “I’m more fit at wrestling and track. I feel like I can better myself by doing more than, ‘Oh, no, I did something wrong and my whole team loses.’ I feel OK to make mistakes.”

Her goal, though, is to cut out mistakes.

“I’m into it,” she said. “I feel like I could do better.”

**EXPERIENCED VETERAN**

The two younger girls were learning the ropes from Wear, who is two years older and in her third year of wrestling.

Wear, whose hair is dyed three bright colors, picked wrestling and power lifting as her sports because she enjoys standing out from the pack.

“A lot of girls just pick the same sports,” she said. “I wanted to be a little bit different. I like the more aggressive sports where you can look your strongest.”

Springtown’s team is short on girls, and none are in the same weight class as Wear,

which makes practicing difficult for her. Last year, Wear was one of just two girls on the team. The other girl outweighed her by 50 pounds.

Competing at meets is one of the rare occasions when Wear can wrestle someone her own size.

“Whenever you go against someone your actual size, it’s, like, yeah,” she said.

She plans to continue wrestling through high school but probably no further.

“I love it,” she said. “It’s pretty fun, but it’s hard work. You’ve got to put in effort if you want to get better. Practices every morning. Waking up early. Getting stronger lifting-wise and strategy-wise.”

Springtown struggled overall at the Azle quad, although numerous Porcupines performed well in their individual matches. Cooper is coaching a young team and knows they will continue to improve.

“We did a good job,” he said. “We came out and competed. This is only our second meet of the year, so we’re still learning.”

**BUILDING CONFIDENCE**

One of the team’s best prospects is sophomore Joe Newman, who began wrestling as a freshman last year. He had played football but decided wrestling fit his individual mindset better.

“Football was more of a team-based sport, which I didn’t really like,” he said. “I saw that wrestling was more independent based but still part of a team. I love it. We get to go wrestle, and who ever comes out on top comes on top. It will be one versus

one on the mat, but you have your whole team cheering you on and backing you up, giving advice.”

Last year was one spent learning how to wrestle.

“I think I won two matches and had 11 losses, but I didn’t give up,” he said of his freshman season.

This year, he has raised his expectations after practicing hard during the offseason. Already, he has won more matches this season than he did in 2020. He credits Cooper’s help, his teammates for their encouragement and the extra training he has been doing at a private wrestling club.

Newman’s goal is to win a state title before he graduates.

“If I can make it to state, I’ll try,” he said. “If not this year, then next year. And if not next year, then the next year.”

A championship trophy would be great. Hardware, though, isn’t the end game. Newman appreciates improving his body and mind while competing in a fast and ferocious sport.

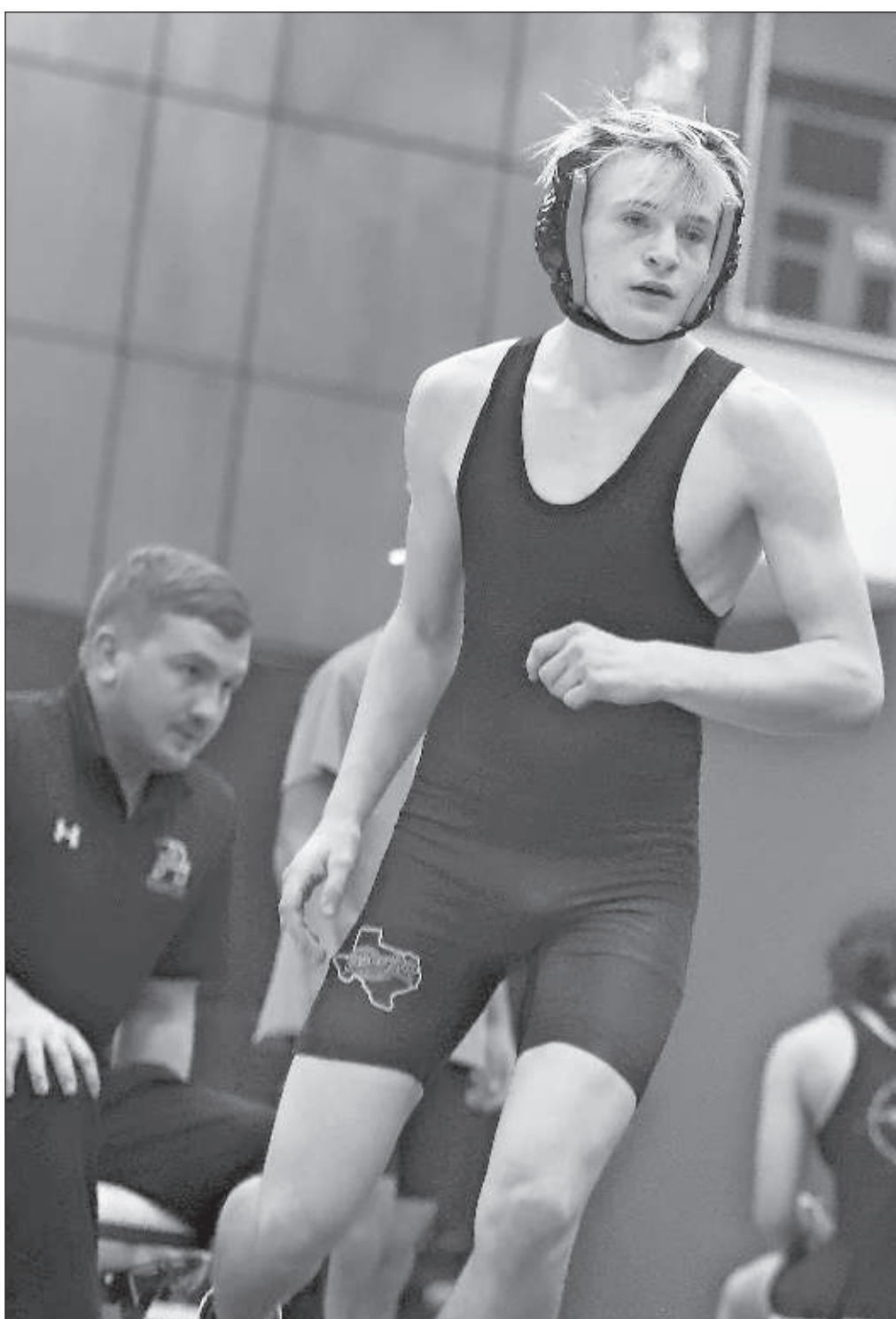
“The adrenaline is what I love most about it,” he said. “It’s high stakes. One wrong move, you can get out of it. It makes you mentally stronger, more tough.”

Best of all, improving his wrestling skills has impacted him in other ways.

“Last year, I was scared to take shots and scared to finish, but I’ve become more confident,” he said. “I go in there and get dirty and wrestle.”

He likes the feeling.

“Being confident helps you in every part of your life,” he said. “People treat you with more respect. You can get around more easily.”



Jeremiah Duvall won the first match of the quad for Springtown.

Photos by Jeff Prince

# Picking up chairs with Madison



**BY JEFF PRINCE**  
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After home games are completed, the Springtown Lady Pines shake hands with their opponents and head to their locker room. Coach Kyle Sivadon leads a post-game discussion, and then the girls are free to go home. Almost.

First, they must pick up and put away all the chairs used by players, coaches and trainers from both teams.

The girls remove the scoring tables and return the basketballs to their racks and move everything to storage areas.

On a recent night, two sophomores – Madison Terrell and Haylee Sanborn – were first out of the locker to begin doing the chores. No specific players are assigned to the duties, but the younger girls tend to take the lead.

“We all just help out,” Terrell said. She began playing basket-

ball in eighth grade and is in her first year on the varsity squad as a 10th grader.

“It’s definitely a good experience to have,” she said. “Playing with your teammates, they become family at some point.”

She credits commitment for allowing her to make varsity as a sophomore.

“I worked hard and got to a place where I wanted to be and continue to work hard,” she said.



Above, Madison Terrell shoots baskets during games and (right) helps Haylee Sanborn fold chairs afterward. Photo by Jeff Prince

## BOYS BBALL

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cord, which took a beating in December.

Springtown went 3-1 in November. The Porcupines whipped North Side on Dec. 2 but lost their next four games and went 3-8 for the month. A 64-46 loss to Decatur in the district opener on Dec. 21 was the toughest loss of them all.

After a few days off for Christmas, the Pines lost to Western Hills in a non-district game.

But January sprang eternal, and Springtown whipped Lake Worth on Tuesday to even its district record at 1-1. The Porcupines can push their record to 2-1 with a win against Bridgeport. The Bulls were 4-9 in December. The Bulls began January with a loss at Argyle.

The Pines continue to develop chemistry while working in new additions. Four players joined late in the season after a long playoff run on the football team. Head coach Nathan Purvis said his bunch is beginning to jell, and the football players are playing themselves into shape and finding their shots.

“Once we do that, we’ll be in good shape,” he said.

Springtown (6-9) plays Bridgeport (5-14) in a district game at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 7 at home.

## GIRLS BBALL

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amassed an impressive overall record but has struggled in district games so far, going 1-2.

Springtown (6-19) plays at 6:15 p.m. Jan. 7 at home against Bridgeport (16-7). After that, the Lady Pines play nine consecutive district games stretching into early February.

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Standards Link: Math: Measurement: Tell time to the nearest quarter hour, half hour and hour.

### Time Line

Some clocks are 12-hour clocks. Other clocks are 24-hour clocks. On a 24-hour clock, you start counting the hours from midnight. From midnight to noon, the hours are numbered 1 to 12. After noon, they are numbered 13 to 24.

If you don't use a 24-hour clock, how do you know if it is morning or afternoon? You can use the letters a.m. after the time to show it is morning and the letters p.m. after the time to show that it's after noon.

Wake up. Eat breakfast. School begins. Eat lunch. School ends. Do homework. Eat dinner. Go to bed.

What time do you do each of these things? Draw a line from each box to the time line to make a "Day in My Life" timeline.

### Kid Scoop Puzzler

#### Tick Tock, Long Walk

**TOCK ELEMENTARY**  
**TIME 2:34**

Tony has a long walk home from school. The school clock tells what time Tony left for home.

Follow the maze to Tony's house. The clock at his house tells what time Tony got home. How long did it take for Tony to get home?

It took Tony \_\_\_\_\_ minutes to get home from school.

Standards Link: Math: Measurement: Determine the duration of intervals of time in minutes.

### Write a Press Release!

Think about something that has happened at your school or in your community or neighborhood this past week. Did you go on a field trip? Did anyone win an award or do something special? Write a press release about it!

Use the form below to organize your information.

Who: \_\_\_\_\_  
 What: \_\_\_\_\_  
 When: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Where: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Why: \_\_\_\_\_  
 How: \_\_\_\_\_

Write a press release using the facts you wrote on the above form.

### Double Double Word Search

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

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

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

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#### Watch the Clock

Select a movie advertised in the newspaper. Determine the approximate running time of the movie by subtracting the starting time of the first performance from the starting time of the second performance.

Standards Link: Measurement: Solve problems using time to the nearest minute.

### Write On! Free to Learn

Freedom of the press is one of America's most vital freedoms. Tell why you think it is important to have a free press.

Standards Link: Measurements: Know relationships of time. Reading: Follow simple directions.

### What a Character! Communication is ...

... a connection between people in a community.