



## A tale of two chiefs: Briar-Reno Fire Department chiefs retire



Retiring chief Shannon Smithers, right, on the scene. Smithers' last day with the Briar-Reno Fire Department was on Jan. 6. Courtesy of the Briar-Reno Fire Department Facebook page



Retiring Assistant Fire Chief Jody Works, right, attends a retirement reception at the Briar-Reno Fire Department in December.

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After several years of leading the Briar-Reno Fire Department, two chiefs are stepping down from their roles.

Chief Shannon Smithers and Assistant Chief Jody Works spent their last day as chiefs on Jan. 6, but both are sticking around on the department's board of directors.

Moses Druxman is serving as the interim chief until a new one is hired for the volunteer role. Druxman said the board will meet in February to make a final decision on the new chief.

Smithers served as chief for more than seven years, while Works was the assistant chief for five years and two years as battalion chief.

Smithers worked with the Briar department as a firefighter ever since he was a student at Azle High School in 2002. He got the job after he sold the former chief a pair of shoes while working at JCPenney.

"I really enjoyed help-

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## Walnut Creek SUD gets update on new radio transmitters

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The Walnut Creek Special Utility District board meeting on Monday proceeded with much less tension than the December board meeting.

Last month, customers filled the boardroom at Walnut Creek SUD to air their complaints about their wa-

ter bills costing hundreds of dollars. The issue stems from a transmission problem in which the correct water meter readings were not being delivered to the billing department. Some customers received estimated bills for minimum water usage for months, and then when multiple months of actual water usage was calculated, customers received expen-

ter bills.

Walnut Creek SUD got the transmitters about three and a half to four years ago from Smart Earth Technologies. General manager Steve Harris said in a previous Epigraph article that Smart Earth Technologies changed out some of the faulty transmitters and promised to get

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## School officials considering closing because of illness wave

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Springtown ISD may have to temporarily close amid rising COVID-19, flu and strep throat cases.

The district issued a statement on its Facebook page

Tuesday night that said SISD, similar to neighboring districts, is facing challenges with student and staff illnesses and the "inadequate supply of substitutes to fill vacancies."

"If employee absences continue to climb we may be forced to temporarily close, but be assured great things are going on in SISD despite

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## Springtown police capture fugitive from Arizona

FROM STAFF REPORTS

A fugitive from Arizona was found and arrested Tuesday in Springtown.

Springtown police arrested Dylan Dutton, 24, who was wanted for armed robbery with a deadly weapon in Maricopa County, Arizona, according to a news release from the Springtown Police Department.

After receiving notice that Maricopa County was trying to locate Dutton, Springtown officers and Parker County Sheriff's Of-

fice deputies went to an address on East Sixth Street to find Dutton. One of the officers saw Dutton flee from the house and head toward the new housing development on North Springbranch Trail.

Crew members working on a new house said they saw Dutton enter the home being worked on near Titus Drive and Fifth Street. Dutton was found in the house hiding inside a closet.

Without further incident, Dutton was taken to the



Dylan Dutton Courtesy PCSO

Parker County Jail to await extradition.

## Springtown ISD receives 'superior' rating on state financial accountability rating system

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Springtown ISD scored 92 on the state's financial accountability rating system, and because of that score, it passed with a superior rating.

The School Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas is aimed at holding public schools accountable for their financial management practices and improving these practices, according to the Texas Education

Agency.

"The system is designed to encourage Texas public schools to better manage their financial resources to provide the maximum allocation possible for direct instructional purposes," according to the TEA's website.

The 2020-21 financial accountability scores are based on financial data from the 2019-20 school year.

The rating system involves asking a series of questions about a district's

finances, debt payments and budgeting practices. Below are some of SISD's answers to the state's questions:

- The district's auditors submitted an unmodified opinion on the district's financial statements in the annual finance report. Unmodified opinion means that the financial statements are in line with the reporting standards and are presented as fair and true.

- SISD paid its debts on

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### COVID-19 Cases in Springtown ISD

Confirmed on/after 8/4/21 Current as of 9:00 pm 1/18/22	SHS	SMS	SIS	SES	RES	GCES	Total
Student Enrollment	1108	615	582	595	398	604	4477
Total cases since 8/4	307	154	141	118	64	117	901
Staff cases within last 5 days	3	5	4	1	4	6	23
Student cases w/in last 10 days	63	35	20	26	9	20	173
% of Active Student Cases	5.69%	5.69%	3.44%	4.37%	2.26%	3.31%	4.43%
Cases Reported on date below	3	3	2	1	3	8	20
1/18/22	19	11	9	11	4	5	59



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ing people, and that's really what hooked me from that point forward," Smithers said. "It's nice to give back to the community and the people and see the appreciation in people's eyes when you're helping them when they need you the most."

Works has served in first responder jobs since 1991, including as a volunteer firefighter, sheriff's deputy and a member of a rescue squad. He has been drawn to these kinds of jobs to help people.

"I've been doing some sort of first responder, public service work for over 30 years now," Works said. "When I took a position on the board of Briar-Reno Fire Department when we were merging, I really had a five-year plan to step out after five years and let some of the other ones bring it along and help train them. And so, I lasted seven (years) instead."

The fire department merger happened when the Pelican Bay, Reno and Briar departments merged into one about six years ago. The merger happened to "provide a bigger service," Druxman said.

Smithers said one of his biggest successes was that he and Works were able to add stability to the department after the merger.

Smithers oversaw the department and was involved in administrative tasks. Part of his role was going to city council and commissioners court meetings to report on the department's activities.

"They want to know what their money is going to and what's going on in their community, so we give them an update, let them know if there's any issues or problems," he said. "It's separate



Retiring Assistant Fire Chief Jody Works.



Moses Druxman, left, with Shannon Smithers.

Courtesy of the Briar-Reno Fire Department Facebook page

agencies, but they do work hand-in-hand with each other, and we got to make sure that everybody is communicating on the same level."

When the department started offering certain paid positions, a challenge for Works was making sure that the department was spending taxpayer money efficiently, even on slow days. He said it was difficult going through slow weeks, continuing to pay staff members and wondering if the money would be better spent elsewhere.

"You can kind of see the call volume going up and then you hit those lags and it's just like, I'm spending this money, (and) I know I could use it somewhere else for equipment, but I can see the future, and I know we're going to have to have somebody here," Works said.

"You start questioning yourself. Did we make the right call at the right time?"

Smithers named two of his biggest challenges while working at the fire department – anytime a child dies and when one of his fellow firefighters died by suicide.

"Mental health is a serious issue in the emergency services field, whether it be police, fire or military," he said, while talking about the fireman who took his own life. "It's definitely something that we try to bring awareness to; we try to get everyone help that we can."

One of the programs in place to help with firefighters' mental health is the chaplain program, in which a chaplain is available to listen to the firefighters and assist at tragic scenes, Smithers said.

The best part of Works'

job was finding out that someone who was expected to die lived instead.

"The best days I had is when we've gone on calls, and we stand around and go, 'That person is not going to make it,' and then we get a phone call back or the ambulance crew goes to the hospital, we see them on another call and they go, 'Hey, guess what? That person made it.' We didn't think they were going to, and they made it," he said.

Transitioning away from running the department daily will free up more time for Works to spend with his wife traveling and riding horses, he said, though Works is still involved with the department in the interim.

When Works announced his retirement about a year ago, leaders within the department stepped up. He

spoke with pride about the people who will lead the fire department after him.

"We're lucky," Works said. "The fire department as a whole has a lot of people that (are), one, loyal to it, and the second part, they really care about the community."

The fire department has been focused on supporting the community, and in turn, the community has supported the department, Works said.

"It's the fact that that same community walks up to you all the time and tells you you're doing a good job,

whether it's me or the firefighters or anybody else and they drop stuff off," he said. "There's people constantly dropping stuff off at the fire department saying, 'Thank you for what you do.' To me, that means you're doing the right thing for the community."

Works said the fire department volunteers who have sacrificed for their communities, as well as their families' sacrifice, should be appreciated and not forgotten.

"It's so important for us to not forget, not only what that person is missing out on to be that volunteer for the community, but also that spouse and those kids, what they miss out on some, too," Works said. "They have to give some of their time for a lot of those people to be away to do their thing for the community, and a lot of times that gets lost."

Smithers said he stepped down from his position because he is preparing to be deployed in the next year to Romania with the Army Reserves. He is looking forward to spending more time with his family during his retirement from the fire department.

Smithers said making his kids proud is part of what kept him working as a firefighter.

"My family was proud of me, and they really looked up to it," Smithers said. "All dads want to be their (kids') hero, and that was the driving force to continue what I was doing for so long."

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# Blood centers facing critical need

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The COVID-19 pandemic has affected life in many ways, from schools to businesses to hospitals to other entities people may not immediately think about.

Blood centers, for example, have struggled. The pandemic has triggered a shortage of blood donations since COVID's presence became a part of everyone's lives about two years ago.

The American Red Cross sounded the alarm last week, with officials saying the Red Cross is facing a national blood crisis — its worst blood shortage in over a decade, which officials said poses a concerning risk to patient care. The Red Cross has experienced a 10% decline in the number of people donating blood since the beginning of the pandemic and continues to confront "relentless issues due to the pandemic, including ongoing blood drive cancellations and staffing limitations," a Red Cross news release stated.

"Adding to the concern is the surge of COVID-19 cases," the release stated. "The Red Cross has experienced low donor turnout ever since the delta variant began spreading in August, and that trend continues as the Omicron variant takes over."

And the problem is not just happening at the Red Cross.

"It's interesting because the crisis has really persisted since the pandemic began," said Linda Goelzer, public relations director for Carter BloodCare, who is based in Bedford, regarding how her business has dealt with the drop in donations. "Critical condition in the blood supply means that the blood center, like Carter BloodCare, is unable to keep pace with the activity of hospitals ordering blood for their patients."

Reasons for the drop in donations have evolved since the pandemic started, Goelzer said. Initially, some people were afraid to get out because of the lack of knowledge about the virus, but now that there's more knowledge, people are getting out more. Still, she emphasized, even if people are not ill, there are many reasons why people's schedules are being disrupted. It can be a challenge for people to get focused on making an appointment to give blood, she said.

But Goelzer is quick to say that for those who are eligible and available to give blood, they should take time to give blood. Giving blood is an extraordinary gesture that an ordinary person can do to save lives, she said.

"We want people to know that this is something we as a community can tackle together," she said. "Blood doesn't belong to Carter BloodCare. The blood we collect does not belong to us; it belongs to the community and the health care facilities that are taking care of all of us. We know our hospitals are challenged right now."

She said when Carter BloodCare goes on critical appeal, the blood center looks at data internally to see what the level is for the blood supply for each individual blood type.

Plus, for the unstable blood supply that has not reached pre-pandemic levels, one has to consider the surge in COVID, the winter flu and cold—matters that are affecting everyone else in the community, she said.

"So, when you put that on top of everything, that makes it critical in every single blood type," she said. "We are now at the point where we're really only meeting a need of what we would call a half-day sup-

ply. We're limiting orders from our hospitals. Hospitals are calling with urgent needs and we're having to link them up with other hospitals to try to find what they need. It's a very challenging situation and lives are in jeopardy."

All blood types are needed, she said.

"The only blood type that appears to be sufficient at this time — mainly, it's because it's the type that fewer people have — is AB, both positive and negative," she said, adding they are at a healthy level of being in stock but "those things can change quickly," depending on what kind of patients come in and how much they need.

"We're just urging people (to give), especially those who know they're eligible but they've never done it before," he said. "This is the time when we can really use the help from new blood donors — people who've never tried it before, never donated with Carter BloodCare before."

She said new donors can help add to the people already donating because Carter BloodCare doesn't know whether some of its regular donors might be sick, taking care of someone who is sick or are in quarantine, regardless of whether they have symptoms.

"It's just a real challenging time for everyone and this is one of those circumstances where blood is essential, yet we can't manufacture it or get it from a lab," she said. "The only way to resolve the situation is for us to step up and do it — we have to donate because that's the only place we can get blood."

People are eligible to donate blood after having had COVID if they wait 14 days past their last symptoms, Goelzer said.

"And it doesn't matter

if someone is vaccinated or not — we don't test for that," she said, adding that "it doesn't matter to the patient and there is no way for us to be able to tell" whether a donation is vaccinated or unvaccinated blood. COVID-19 cannot be transmitted by blood, she said, adding that there's no evidence of that circumstance and that these kind of viruses are not spread through blood. One requirement for blood donation is that a person feels well and healthy on the day of donation. Thus, if a person has sniffles or some possible indication of a cold, for instance, he or she cannot donate.

Carter BloodCare officials are using various communication channels — such as emails or social media — to spread the word about the need for donations. Info can be found on the blood center's website, including a digital tool kit outlining the critical and non-critical need that exists. Even if people are not eligible to donate

blood, there are ways to get involved. The blood center also actively looks for entities to host blood drives, and those interested can send an email at [bookablooddrive@carterbloodcare.org](mailto:bookablooddrive@carterbloodcare.org).

Eligibility requirements can be found online, and prospective donors may answer the medical questionnaire online or by phone with an app. That questionnaire must be completed on the day of the donation.

The blood center has more than 20 donation centers throughout the greater Dallas-Fort Worth area. Those centers also can be found online.

For more information on making an appointment with Carter BloodCare, call or text 1-800-366-2834. Carter BloodCare covers nearly 60 counties and supplies blood to about 200 medical facilities.

To make an appointment to give blood or platelets as soon as possible by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

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**City of Springtown**  
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 City Hall Annex  
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**Holy Trinity Catholic Church - Azle**  
 Sunday, Feb. 20, 2022  
 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.  
 St. Francis Hall  
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# Reno subdivision ordinances

## Reno Planning and Zoning Commission advances proposals

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Reno Planning and Zoning Commission has moved forward subdivision ordinance changes regarding widening streets, constructing streets out of concrete and implementing groundwater runoff rules.

The commission met last week for a regular meeting as well as a workshop, a follow-up to the workshop in December. Reno Mayor Sam White said in a previous Epigraph article that the workshops are part of the process to update subdivision ordinances.

The proposed changes have been sent to the city's legal department and then will be considered by city council.

"Basically, we are dictating what the subdivisions are going to have to do from now on," Reno P&Z Commission Chairperson Christopher Reeves said. "(It involves) the developers, as far as road widths, what kind

of material they have to put into the roads, cul-de-sac widths, construction of the building of the roads themselves. And then also we are making sure that they're going to be monitored by an engineer."

Reeves said that in the past, developers haven't been obligated to fix the roads after they complete subdivisions, and that has led to Reno roads turning to "gravel" with multiple potholes.

"What we're trying to do is make sure the cost falls on the developers, and we're not stuck paying for roads in three years after they move out," he said.

Reeves said the commission has proposed widening the roads from 20 feet to 26 feet and making the cul-de-sacs 96 feet.

At a previous Reno City Council meeting, road width and street parking were discussed regarding helping emergency vehicles navigate the streets.

The P&Z Commission

is pushing for streets to be made from concrete, Reeves said.

"If we do the concrete streets we're asking them to, we're not going to have problems with these for 10-plus years," Reeves said.

As far as groundwater, the commission's proposal would require silt fencing to prevent washout going into the roads and drainage systems, Reeves said.

The commission is working on a proposal for a four-year bond with developers, meaning they have to cover repair costs up to four years after the subdivision is finished, instead of the current two-year bond.

At the workshop, the commission decided to start working on tree ordinances, impact fees and new subdivision fencing. The members also discussed forms and permit fees to make sure the city is charging enough to cover expenses. The animal ordinance topic is expected to be picked up at the next workshop on Jan. 25.

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them all fixed before the company became unresponsive.

New transmitters are being installed with Diehl Metering on new homes that don't have transmitting radios, and Danny Padron, head of Customer Solutions Center at Diehl Metering, gave an update at the meeting about the process of installing new radios. The new radios that have already been installed – 750 – had issues with the encryption keys and wouldn't pick up meter reads.

Padron said the new encryption key sequence has been tested, and the 750 installed radios are expected to be successful in picking up readings by next week.

Padron said 250 radios that haven't been installed yet will be replaced with new ones that don't have the encryption key issue. Installation is expected to be done by the end of February, he said.

"This is on us because our product, the keys were scrambled," Padron said during the meeting. "This has to do with a production issue, so our goal has been to save the product that's in the ground. The best way is to get the keys working which we have validated today. This month we should be able to pick up all the reads in an automated way."

Harris said the end of

having to estimate bills is near.

A website will be available so that customers will be able to access data about water usage and comparisons to other homes in their neighborhood, Padron said. Access to the website is expected to be available to residents by the end of the month.

Harris said after the meeting that he has maintained hope that the system will be fixed.

"I've been hopeful all along," he said. "Forgive me if I don't get up and get excited and squeal because I've been promised 'next week' before."

About 17 customers addressed the SUD's board members about the issue last month, and many expressed anger and frustration with the billing issue. In comparison, just four customers, some of whom attended the last meeting, spoke during the public forum during January's meeting. Some asked questions, and others said their issues had been resolved.

Unlike the December meeting, two Parker County Sheriff's Office officers were present as people walked into the boardroom. Harris said the officers were there on purpose because of some comments made and "rowdiness" at last month's meeting.

"We're not going to let that happen again," Harris said.

Customer Pam York, who attended the meeting in December, told the board she had made a deal with Harris in which he cut down the amount she owed on an expensive bill. York said she wasn't really satisfied with the deal but thought she didn't have another option.

"I still had to pay more than I would have if it would have been done correctly," she said. "I felt like I didn't have a choice."

Rene Esteves, a customer who had attended last month's meeting, asked some questions throughout the meeting regarding credit card fees and if the board had anything to address or change after the discussion from the December meeting. Regarding the presentation from Diehl Metering, Esteves said he is hopeful that some issues will be resolved and that the SUD will "at least get the right bills out there and not (be) overcharging people."

However, Esteves said he's not convinced the board will change and said the board isn't transparent or organized in some areas.

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# Springtown ISD needs special education teachers

BY MADELYN EDWARDS  
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Springtown ISD continues to experience a shortage of special education teachers.

SISD Special Education Director Stacy Johnson told the Epigraph in an email Monday that the district currently has 34.12 full-time equivalent special education positions filled, and two full-time equivalent positions open. Johnson said both unfilled positions would focus on providing inclusion support and resource special education classes, which is for students who need specially designed instruction.

Later, in an email, Johnson explained full-time equivalent is how the district reports the number of special education positions to the state. "One FTE would essentially be one full-time teaching position. We have some teachers who teach special education for only a portion of the day, which is what creates the decimal amount; for example, a teacher who teaches special education for 60% of the day and has another assignment the remainder of the day is a 0.6 FTE."

At the December school board meeting, Johnson's report noted that there were two special education teacher

openings at Springtown Elementary School and Springtown Middle School that the department had been trying to fill since September.

"Current staff are managing to ensure all services are being provided in accordance with the IEP (Individual Educational Plan)," Johnson wrote in the December report. "We are currently receiving very few qualified applicants for these positions, which is worrisome as our numbers continue to grow and additional staff may be needed in the future."

Also during the meeting, Johnson said applicants either didn't have the certifications needed to qualify for the position or they were qualified but were "being offered multiple jobs." Special education teachers need to be certified in a particular area, on top of the credentials a general education teacher would need, she said.

"If the teacher is providing content instruction in a special education classroom setting, then the teacher must have a valid certificate that matches the subject and grade level of the assignment or demonstrate competency through the state's 2010 and 2011 high objective uniform state standard of evaluation," Johnson said.

Springtown ISD isn't the only district experiencing a shortage. The District of Columbia and 49 states have reported special education teacher shortages, including 98% of the country's school districts, according to an article from the Council for Exceptional Children posted in June. The article also noted that the shortage is part of an overall qualified teacher shortage, and the COVID-19 pandemic is likely to impact teachers leaving the profession or retiring early.

This shortage is also coming at a time when there is growth in special education enrollment. During the December meeting, Superintendent Mike Kelley said the district has 525 students in special education, which is an increase over the years. When asked about the increase in special education students, Kelley pointed to the ending of the state's cap on special education students in 2017 and the lessening of special education stigma.

"I don't think it has the negative stigma that it used to have. Parents are more comfortable with their kids being served through that program," Kelley said.

Johnson said increases in special populations come with the district's overall

enrollment growth. During the school board meeting, Johnson said every district is experiencing "rapid special ed growth" and that it's "hard to keep up with the demand."

Part of the challenge in hiring teachers is staying competitive among other high-paying school districts, including those offering stipends and sign-on bonuses, Kelley said during the meeting last month.

"We're part of the Region 11 consortium, so a teacher will apply for special ed jobs, and if it's us and Mansfield or Kennedale that all have an opening, their application goes to all three of us," he said. "And if it's a kid graduating from Tarleton or West Texas State or wherever and they get an offer from Mansfield, Kennedale or Springtown, there is a pecking order in terms of what that salary is going to be. We can't do what Mansfield and Kennedale do, just as examples."

The challenge with offering bonuses and stipends is that they might not be fair to the employees who were hired without extra money, Kelley said. The district is expected to consider future budgets that have stipends that staff members can receive equally.

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the difficult circumstances," officials stated. "We have an unbelievably committed group of teachers and support staff who are filling in wherever a need exists, but the current pace is unsustainable."

The statement reported that there has been a "significant spike" in confirmed COVID-19 cases during the past week, as well as increases in flu and strep throat cases.

According to the district's website, 173 student cases of COVID-19 were reported within the last 10 days, as of 9 p.m. Tuesday, and 23 staff cases were reported within the last five days. The most student cases were reported at Springtown High School with 63 cases and Springtown Middle School with 35 cases. As for staff cases, Goshen Creek Elementary had the most with six cases, and the middle school had the next highest with five staff cases.

The district is asking that those who have the following symptoms stay home from school: fever,

chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, and diarrhea.

"Please help refuel baskets that are almost empty by reaching out to thank the blessings to our district who serve as your child's bus driver, cafeteria staff, and instructional staff," the district's statement read.

"These employees are on the front lines of the pandemic and working as hard as they can to make every day a great day to be a Porcupine!"

Superintendent Mike Kelley was not available for comment by press time.

To get tested for COVID-19, find a site at [www.hhs.gov/coronavirus/community-based-testing-sites/index.html](http://www.hhs.gov/coronavirus/community-based-testing-sites/index.html) or order an at-home test at [special.usps.com/testkits](http://special.usps.com/testkits).

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# Obituaries

## Gloria Garcia 1939-2022

Gloria Garcia, 82, a retired ESL instructional assistant for Fort Worth ISD and Springtown ISD, peacefully joined her dear Louis in Heaven on Monday, January 10, 2022.

Her service will be held 12 pm Friday, Jan. 21, at Mount Olivet Chapel in Fort Worth, with a visitation on Thursday, Jan. 20, from 6-9 p.m.

Memorials: St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital

Gloria was born Dec. 29, 1939 in Fort Worth to Apollonia and Solomon Carrizales, Sr. She attended Trimble Tech and married her high school sweetheart, Louis, on Feb. 25, 1957. They raised their family in Fort Worth and eventually built El Sueño in Springtown. During Gloria's 24 year career with Fort Worth ISD, she worked at Denver Elementary, JP Elder, Northside and Diamond Hill. After retirement from FWISD, she stayed busy working with students at Springtown High School until retiring again in 2012. She was a breast cancer survivor.

With a welcoming heart, Gloria enjoyed helping others and hosting large family gatherings. She volunteered numerous hours for the Texas Girls Choir and many summers her family hosted the Mexico Boys Choir. Her ability to work with students earned her an award from Springtown ISD, and in typical humble Gloria fashion, she had to be tricked to attend the award ceremony. Her love of learning led



many of her family members into the education field.

Gloria loved her family and peaceful mornings sitting on her porch swing watching the animals. She enjoyed traveling to San Antonio during the holidays and visiting Our Lady of San Juan in South Texas. Loving her grandchildren and great-grandchildren brought her so much joy. She had devout faith and was a pillar of strength.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 46 years, Louis Garcia, Sr.; daughter, Carolyn Garcia; sister, Suzie Ramon; brother, Solomon Carrizales, Jr.

Survivors include her daughters, Delia Peacock and husband, Donald, Christine Goetz and husband, Kevin, Cathy Day and husband, Mike; son, Louis Garcia Jr. and wife, LeeAnn; sister, Yolanda Rodriguez, brothers, Robert Carrizales and Mario Carrizales and wife, Anna; 11 grandchildren; 11 great grandchildren; and numerous family and friends.

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## Clifford Jewett 1929-2022

Clifford Harrold Jewett, 92, passed away Jan. 14, 2022 at his home in Springtown, TX.

Funeral service is at 2 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 20, 2022, at White's Springtown Chapel in Springtown. Visitation from 1 - 2 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 20, 2022, at White's Springtown Chapel in Springtown. Interment: 3 p.m., Thursday, January 20, 2022, in Goshen Cemetery.

Clifford was born June 14, 1929 in Fort Worth, Texas to Verdie Mack Jewett and Bessie Cleo Drago. He graduated from Northside High School in Fort Worth in 1947, served in the U.S. Air Force for 23 years and was a lifetime member of the VFW. He also was a member of the Springtown Church of Christ and the Texas Woodcarvers Camping Club, traveling and learning about wood carving, wood working and sculpture.

He married Elizabeth Winkler on Dec. 21, 1987 and they loved to travel over the United States, in particular the West Coast and Canada. They would spend summers in Colorado and winters in the Texas Rio



Grande area, making many new friends and memories to share together.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Verdie and Bessie Jewett.

Clifford is survived by his wife, Elizabeth Jewett; son, Dewey Jewett of Runaway Bay, daughter, Karen Milam of Nacoma, son, Jason Jewett and wife Patricia of Springtown, daughter, Becky Gorman and husband Slim of Burseson, son, Kevin Greenwood of Springtown; numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

He was loved and will be remembered by all the relatives and friends who knew him.

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# Hyde Media Group names two vice presidents

BY KATHY CRUZ  
Senior Staff Writer  
Hood County News



Kim Ware, left, and David Montesino, right, have been named as vice presidents of Hyde Media Group.

The Hyde Media Group, created in August 2020 for the purpose of purchasing the Hood County News, has announced more changes to its now four-newspaper operation.

Two vice presidents have been named.

David Montesino will be vice president of editorial and Kim Ware will be vice president of sales.

“I have complete and total confidence in the skills and talents which these two outstanding individuals bring to our organization, and we are fortunate to have them as part of the Hyde Media Group team,” HCN publisher and Hyde Media Group Chief Operating Officer Sam Houston stated in an announcement emailed to company employees.

Houston said that Montesino’s title “codifies” his role within the operation. As managing editor, he had already been leading the editorial departments of HCN and the other three newspa-

pers: the Gatesville Messenger, Azle News and The Springtown Epigraph.

Those three newspapers were acquired less than a year after Hyde Media Group was formed.

Ware, who has been the publisher of The Springtown Epigraph and Azle News, will retain her publisher title.

Houston praised Ware for her skill at advertising sales and the esteem with which she is held in the Azle-Springtown communities.

He stated that she “will

standardize a lot of things in our sales program to offer the broadest range of services and products, which will increase our customers’ business.”

Houston said that the move creates “more intermediate levels of authority” and indicated that it will help with overall management of the media organization, which is expected to continue to grow.

The Hyde Media Group was founded by Paul Hyde, owner of the Hyde Law Firm in Granbury.

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time.

- SISD made timely payments to the Teachers Retirement System, Texas Workforce Commission and Internal Revenue Service, among other government agencies.
- The district’s revenue exceeded its expenses.
- The external indepen-

dent auditor reported that the annual financial report did not have material non-compliance for grants, contracts and laws related to local, state or federal funds.

- SISD posted required financial information on its website, which is required by law.
- The school board dis-

cussed SISD’s property values at a meeting within 120 days before adopting the budget.

For more information on SISD’s rating, visit <https://tealprod.tea.state.tx.us/First/forms/Main.aspx> and select District #184902 in the upper right-hand corner.

## BOOK REVIEW

# An experience that may make your child sing

BY TERRI SCHLICHENMEYER

Sometimes, when you’re feeling just a little bit sad, humming a song can help.

It doesn’t have to be anything fancy; it doesn’t even have to have words. Just a little bit of song, quietly to yourself, can make things seem better. Maybe one certain tune always makes you smile or, as in the new book “Song for Jimi” by Charles R. Smith Jr., illustrated by Edel Rodriguez, it can be an entire riff on a “git-tar.”

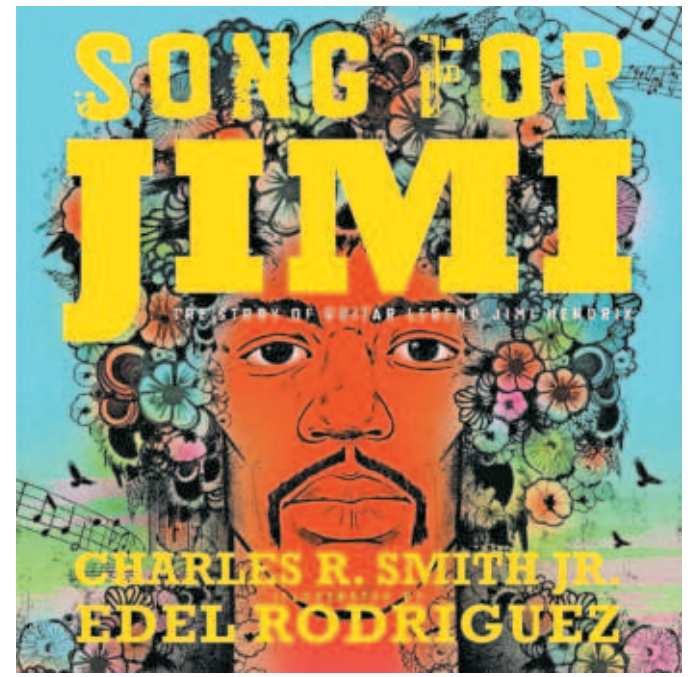
It was the fall of 1942, and Johnny Allen Hendrix had just made his debut.

Johnny was his name at first, anyway, until his daddy changed it to “James” when the boy was three years old. By then, “Jimmy” was used to the way things were at home: his parents drank too much and fought even more. Jimmy kept to himself and rarely spoke.

When his mother finally had enough of it, she left and that was even worse.

“Jimmy lived the blues,” so he taught himself to strum an old broom like it was a real “git-tar.” Eventually, he found a “worn-out, beat-up” ukulele and though he was “born lefty,” he learned to play it, left-handed and right-handed.

Finally, at age 16, Jimmy got his first real guitar, and it made him very happy! Still, it wasn’t enough: Jimmy wasn’t very good in school, and a teacher told him to “give up on his dream” and “buckle down. He didn’t listen; instead, he worked and



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practiced and worked harder, until local bands began to hire him, and everybody knew his name.

They knew his sound, too. Jimmy’s guitar was loud and it screamed with a sound like none other. He kept that sound when he went into the Army. He kept it while in the military. He made his guitar speak “like a bird learning to tweet.”

And one day, after he’d changed his name and changed it again, Jimi Hendrix reached his dream: he was invited to play in a place called Monterey, where he “showed the world how to kiss the sky.”

Here’s a bit of advice: before you read “Song for Jimi” aloud, look at it first.

The story jangles with a kind of jerky beat that feels like a loose-limbed dude

walking down a summer sidewalk. It’s a poem, but not quite; a song, but not entirely; a biography, but more. And it’s longer than your usual picture book, word-wise. These are all things that adults will enjoy because author Charles R. Smith Jr. tells a good story and artist Edel Rodriguez adds literal color to the tale.

But will kids like it? Meh. The length is one issue; the relevance is another since most picture-book audiences (in this case, 7-to-12-year-olds) are likely too young for Jimi Hendrix. In the end, any enjoyment may depend not on the tale itself, but how it’s read aloud.

Give it a try once before you give it to your child. Jangle with the story properly, and “Song for Jimi” may make your child sing.

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By Gerry Lewis

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you don’t get to vote.

And most of the voting rights in the U.S. that exist today only exist precisely because of people who complained. (See [en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Timeline\\_of\\_voting\\_rights\\_in\\_the\\_United\\_States](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Timeline_of_voting_rights_in_the_United_States) for an interesting article.)

That phrase about not complaining if you don’t vote popped into my memory when I saw a meme yesterday: “If you can’t say ‘Black Lives Matter’ today you don’t get to celebrate MLK Day tomorrow.”

I’m still pondering that quote as I write this on the

morning of MLK Day.

I was 6 years old when Martin Luther King, Jr. was assassinated on the balcony of the Lorraine Hotel in Memphis, Tennessee.

I was four months short of my second birthday when he delivered the famous “I Have a Dream” speech in Washington, DC.

I say that to acknowledge that much of what I know is from the history I have studied, not from actual memories.

What I do know is that MLK Day is an acknowledgement of a significant leader within a significant

movement that has resulted in a significant shift of direction in the U.S. and his legacy is one that has affected us all—and is therefore worth celebrating.

I also know that the significant shift has not yet resulted in the goals he worked for. We’ve still got a long way to go before every person is truly judged by the content of their character.

I also know that his words, much like the words of other significant historical figures—including Jesus—have been co-opted by those who will use them for their own purposes.

I’m just as guilty as anyone of looking for a good quote to make a point.

The problem is when we use a quote as PROOF of a point rather than as an EXAMPLE of how someone

has expressed their own understanding of a subject.

And because we live in a world of memes, tweets, gifs, video clips, and sound bites (to name just a few), we can also use those quotes and phrases to prove that someone is messed up, has a flawed character, and cannot be trusted.

So, one person asserts that saying the phrase “Black Lives Matter” is to both agree with a radical organization that goes by the same name and to proclaim that some lives matter more than others.

Another person asserts that failing to use “the phrase” means that one does not acknowledge either the racist history of the country or the ongoing issues that still exist within the systems and structures of the country.

Either way, a single phrase

spoken or posted in a moment becomes a measure of a person’s heart.

In the few short remaining words that this post’s context allows, I want to say that I believe that “character” is both developed and revealed over time. None of us wants to be remembered for a snapshot of how we responded in our worst moment.

I have a dream that we would give each other grace, be sensitive enough to each other that we treat each person the way they need to be treated in their current reality, and that we would listen before we speak or post—understanding that we have this moment to bring clarity or confusion, blessing or cursing, healing or pain.

Be amazing today, my friend.

## It’s time to think about spawning white bass for upcoming months

It will soon be time for the spawning run that draws anglers out in numbers typically between February and April. In Texas many of these sand bass may start their trek in January depending on the weather.

These tasty fish can be caught in most every reservoir in the state, so you don’t have to travel far to find them. Lake Granbury, despite the floods in the last couple of years, continues to produce numbers of sand bass.

Many of these fish will move up to or close to their spawning areas at the first cold snap in November, others will stay in the main lake. These fish may travel back to the river several times before actually spawning. Eventually,



## ON FISHING

By Michael Acosta

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ally, however, the spawning ritual takes place in these same areas year after year. These fish like to congregate in numbers, making it relatively easy to sack up a limit.

Typically with the water temperatures around the low to middle 50s and if there is sufficient water flow, the sand bass will make their trek. As I mentioned earlier, this spawning evolution usually starts around the first part of February and may run through March and April. Sand bass and stripers require moving water to spawn. The males

tend to move up first and then the larger females usually follow with rising temperatures.

The official name for the sand bass is “white bass,” but here in Texas “sand bass” is generally used by most. These fish are relatively easy to catch and are excellent table fare. You can catch them anytime of the year, but in the early spring/late winter, they concentrate for the spawn on the upper portions of reservoirs or rivers, making them easier to locate.

Large majorities of sand bass on Lake Granbury mi-

grate up the Brazos River to around the Tin Top area. Some sand bass don’t make it that far and spawn in other creeks, and some may spawn on windblown banks in the main reservoir.

On Lake Whitney, the best known areas in my opinion are on the Brazos River above Kimball Bend and on the Nolan River near the Highway 174 bridge (the Nolan runs into the Brazos River below Kimball Bend). Other tributaries may contain spawning fish as well. Tres Rios in Glen Rose is known as a spawning ground. Tres Rios is where the Paluxy, the Brazos and Squaw Creek merge.

Sand bass grow very fast in Texas waters and have a relatively short life span.

These fish will reach 9-10 inches their first year and get to 12-13 inches their second year. These fish rarely live beyond five years. The legal size for sand bass has been standardized to 10 inches on all Texas lakes to make enforcement easier. Previously, some water bodies had a 12-inch limit.

Don’t confuse the sand bass with hybrid striped bass or striped bass. The easiest way to identify these fish is to look at their tooth patch. The sand bass will have only one, where the striped and hybrid striped bass will have two. Pick up a Texas Parks & Wildlife Department handbook where fishing licenses are sold and read the details. You don’t want to be caught with an illegal fish.

Sand bass can be caught on a variety of artificials and live bait. Small minnows/shad placed below a bobber or the use of a small 1/16th to 1/4-ounce jig head with rubber tails in chartreuse, white and yellow can be used. Small roadrunner jigs are one of my favorites. Slabs and spoons can be effective as well. Try some Berkley power bait grubs on your jig heads.

### FISHING REPORT

On other reservoirs, the striped bass and crappie fishing on Lake Whitney has been excellent from white bluff to upriver near Kimball Bend. Possum Kingdom Lake striped bass are good to excellent to 12 pounds on jigs near Costello Island and upstream.

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Volleyball is played on a court that is 59 feet long and 29.5 feet wide. The net in the middle is 7.4 feet high.

**Volleyball Words**  
You can find information on how to play volleyball in a book or online. Here are some words to help you understand the words in a volleyball rule book. Do the math to match each word with its definition.

- Volley (2+7)** 10 = contact of the ball twice typically while setting
- Serve (6+6)** 11 = a hard-driven ball aimed into the opponents’ court
- Set (8-4)** 9 = to return a ball before it hits the ground
- Bump (5+8)** 7 = a defensive play to prevent the ball from crossing the net
- Spike (16-5)** 12 = to put the ball into play from the end line
- Block (3+4)** 4 = overhead pass that allows a player to spike
- Double (12-2)** 13 = an underhand pass performed when a ball is below the shoulders

**Invent a Game**  
Look at the objects below. Use two of them to invent a new game. Write the rules for your game and give it a try with your friends or family.

Name of My Game: \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of Players: \_\_\_\_\_  
Equipment needed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Objective of Game (How to Win): \_\_\_\_\_

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**The History of Volleyball**  
Replace the missing words.

**IDEAS** **COLLISIONS** **EXERCISE** **CHANGED**  
**HANDBOOK** **SHAPE** **SIDE** **ACROSS**

In the late 1800s, a man named William Morgan lived in Springfield, Mass. He and his friend James Naismith liked to play games.

In the winter of 1891, Naismith was the director of the YMCA in Springfield. It was too cold to \_\_\_\_\_ outdoors. He invented the game of basketball, using a ball and a couple of peach baskets, to keep young people in good \_\_\_\_\_ over the winter.

Morgan started working at the YMCA in the nearby town of Holyoke in 1895. His friend’s game of basketball had too much running and too many \_\_\_\_\_ for some of the members of his club.

Using creativity, Morgan studied the rules of baseball, basketball, handball and badminton. Taking \_\_\_\_\_ from each, he invented a new game he called *Mintonette*, where teams of players on each \_\_\_\_\_ of a net volleyed or hit a ball back and forth. Points were scored when one team could not get the ball back \_\_\_\_\_ the net.

The rules \_\_\_\_\_ over the years. Even the name changed! As a friend and former teacher of Morgan’s watched the game, he saw that much of the game was spent “volleying” the ball over the net. He called it Volleyball and the name stuck and that’s what it was called when the game was added to the YMCA’s official sports \_\_\_\_\_ in 1896.

**Kid Scoop Puzzler**

A volleyball net is a grid. Take turns with a pal to connect two dots with a line. Each time your line completes a box, put your initial inside and then connect two more dots. When no more lines can be added, the player with the most boxes wins.

**Double Double Word Search**

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

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MORGAN  
DOUBLE  
PLAYER  
SPIKE  
BLOCK  
SERVE  
COURT  
BUMP  
GAME  
GRID  
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X	R	P	S	S	L	N	U	E	E
R	G	S	C	O	E	G	A	M	E
I	A	S	C	E	T	T	S	T	P
P	N	K	T	C	A	T	N	O	C

**FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY**

**Alphabet Verbs**  
Look through the newspaper to find verbs. Can you find a verb that starts with each letter of the alphabet? Words like Add for the letter A and Volley for the letter V. Try to find one for all 26 letters.

**Standards Link:** Language Arts: Understand parts of speech.

**Write On!**

**I Just Did It!**  
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**Standards Link:** Differentiate between fact and opinion.

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Yair Hernandez attempts a squat.

## Springtown powerlifters overcome inexperience with exuberance, pizza

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only returning members.

### BIRD'S EYE VIEW

Springtown hosted its first powerlifting meet of the season to determine how the fresh-faced Porcupines match up against stiff competition.

The result?

Not bad.

On Thursday, the 4A Porcupines took on two larger 5A teams – Azle and Brewer – and finished in second place.

“I was really proud of our young kids and how they came and competed and learned,” said head coach Stacey Alexander. “I know they’ll be better next time.”

Teams were limited to 24 lifters. Springtown registered 22 boys at the meet, and 20 were competing for the first time.

“You get a couple of graduations, and then you come in with lots of freshmen and sophomores,” the coach said.

Ethan Jackson and Cody Brackeen are this year’s

Before Thursday’s meet began, Joel Bird was resting his back on a foam roller-pad and using his legs to push himself forward and backward, stretching his muscles. He had joined the powerlifting team a week earlier and was sore from the lifting he had done while preparing for the season’s first meet.

Bird played defensive end on the football team and was in good physical condition, but he would be competing in three events - squat, dead lift and bench press. He hadn’t done much squatting or dead lifting for football.

“I’m as green as I can be,” he said.

Bird joined the powerlifting team after football coaches encouraged players to become involved.

“The coaches were, like, we need to get some dudes to do some powerlifting,” he said. “I said, ‘All right, I’ll



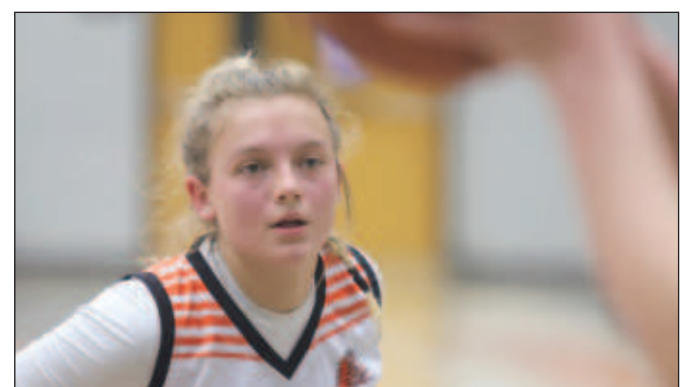
SEE POWER, PAGE 2A. Aaron Bowen helps teammate Cody Brackeen squeeze into a lifting vest.

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## Springtown basketball girls hope to storm Castleberry



Ashlynn Dickey makes a break for the basket.



Caydence Parker and the Springtown Lady Porcupines are preparing for the second half of the district season.

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won two district games and remain in the thick of a playoff hunt.

The Springtown Lady Porcupines are eager to end a three-game losing streak when they travel to Castleberry to face the Lions on Jan. 21.

The Pines are rebuilding this year and relying on young players to do their best while learning to compete at the varsity level. The girls began the season with eight straight losses but have

Springtown beat Castleberry and Lake Worth in district contests but lost to Decatur, Bridgeport, Krum and Argyle. The girls are ready to face each of those district rivals again in round two, with Castleberry being first on the block.

Springtown (6-22) plays at 6:15 p.m. Jan. 21 at Castleberry (10-15).

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**POWER**, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1B.

do it.”

Bird was as curious as anyone about how much weight he could lift.

“I’m hoping to be able to find what my max is, because I never really went all out with lifting,” he said.

The first event was squat, requiring an athlete to place a heavy bar on his shoulders, squat down, hold the position and stand up again.

The meet ran at a quick pace, with frequent announcements signaling certain lifters to ready themselves. In between lifts, the wrestlers stretched, ate pizza and talked with teammates or the fans who were able to stand or sit in folding chairs near the action.

Bird started with 235 pounds on the bar and squat-lifted it easily. He had underestimated his strength and added 10 pounds for his second attempt.

Each contestant is allowed three lifts in each event and makes his own decision about how much weight he wants on the bar.

Bird made his second lift at 245. He added 15 pounds for his third and final lift.

He was successful at 265 and realized he should have gone for 270.

“I probably could have done it,” he said.

By next meet, he hopes to be lifting 290.

Bird tried to explain the feeling of lifting a heavy bar straddled across his back.

“It’s kind of like a tingling feeling, the pain from lifting and the weight, because you can feel it on your back,” he said. “That bar is just directly on your back.”

A perk of being a Springtown powerlifter is having access to free peanut butter and jelly sandwiches at school. Coaches want to load up the boys with protein to develop muscle, and they keep jars of peanut butter and jelly and loaves of bread available in a limited-access room for team members.

Another perk for powerlifters is a built-in support system.

“I try to keep energy in the weight room,” Bird said. “It helps people when they’re sore and tired. You go there, give them a ‘Let’s go! Let’s do this!’ Real loud. When I’m squatting, I want somebody to be there, like, ‘Let’s get it. Go-go-go-go-go.’ Because if not, I’m just in my head or focusing on pain instead of trying to do the lift.”

The next event was bench press, and Bird began at 165, which he hoisted “pretty easily,” he said.

He failed to lift 175 on his second and third attempts.

“I tried a new grip, and it didn’t work,” he said. “I’m just going to need to learn what grip fits me the best.”

On deadlift, he made 260 on his first attempt and 275 on his second.

For his third attempt, he would shoot for 290. He stood in front of the bar, bent down, grabbed the long metal bar with one palm facing forward, the other facing backward and readied himself for the lift.

“At first, when I started the pull, I could feel it in my back,” he said. “I was like, ‘Oh this is way heavier than what I was just doing.’ It felt like I wasn’t going to get it, but when I got my shoulders back up and pumped my chest out and my core out, it helped me. I stood it up, and it seemed like it was nothing after I got it up.”

When the meet ended, Bird had established his personal records – 265-squat, 165-bench and 290-dead lift. Now, his goal is to beat those numbers at his next meet.

“It was very fun,” he said afterward. “Getting a lift



Joel Bird attempts his first squat at a powerlifting meet.



Jeremy Morrow was one of three powerlifters who won gold medals at the season’s first meet.

made me feel way better about myself and helped me feel more confident in what I do. I knew this was heavier weight than what I do during the athletic period. I really liked getting to go out there and getting constructive criticism on what I’m doing wrong, what I could do better and what’s holding me back and trying to make whatever it is better.”

### ELI’S COMING

Last year, sophomore Eli Hansen wasn’t a member of the powerlifting team, but he enjoyed working out with the members. He couldn’t lift as much weight back then, bench pressing about 135 pounds.

Over the past 12 months, he has doubled that amount.

On Thursday, Hansen warmed up with 225 pounds before the bench press event began. He planned to shoot for 250 pounds.

He increased his strength in a year’s time by training hard and eating healthy foods, he said.

“I just worked my butt off every day,” he said. “We come up here early in the morning, and we lift.”

Hansen plays football and wrestles, too. His muscles have grown as his strength has increased, and last year’s shirts – sized medium – no longer fit. He wears large now.

The extra bulk gives him confidence, he said.

He eats eggs, steaks, spinach and other foods packed with protein to help build

muscle. And he taps into the free peanut butter and jelly sandwiches.

Food was prevalent at Thursday’s meet, with stacks of boxed pizzas made available to contestants.

“Our coaches do a really good job, so it’s fun,” Hansen said. “It’s the most fun I’ve had anywhere really.”

He failed on his first attempt at bench pressing 245 pounds. He had lifted the bar before receiving the judge’s go-ahead.

“They want you to un-rack it and bring it down, and then you are supposed to pause,” he said. “I went to go push it up before they said to.”

He had no doubt he would lift 245 on his next attempt, and he was right. He did well in his other events, and his combined points allowed him to win first place in his weight class.

### FIRST MEET RESULTS

The meet ended with Azle’s team earning the most points, and Springtown finishing close behind.

Springtown lifters earning first-place medals in their weight classes were Hansen, Patrick Rickey and Jeremy Morrow.

Second-place medals went to Brackeen, Aaron Bowen, Orion Gray and Ridge Westendorf.

Other medal winners included Carlson Ashley, Camryn Holbrooks, Caiden Haidusek, Zane Sudduth, Zander Campbell, James Snyder and Trent Wade.



Eli Hansen earned a gold medal at Springtown’s season opener.

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**ACROSS**

1 TX Al Dexter hit: "Pistol Packin' \_\_\_\_\_"  
 5 TXism: "tough \_\_\_\_\_ old boot"  
 6 a Texan in New York City?  
 7 TXism: "run \_\_\_\_\_ a lawyer" (finalize)  
 8 a Texas lying competition? "tall \_\_\_\_\_"  
 17 Texas-made Blue Bell \_\_\_\_\_ cream  
 18 in Corpus Christi: Del \_\_\_\_\_  
 21 this Keaton starred in "The Paper" with TX Randy Quaid (init.)  
 22 he hasn't spent any time in the TX sun  
 23 "sticks and \_\_\_\_\_ can break my bones"  
 24 TXism: "jump bail"  
 29 TXism: "the ole \_\_\_\_\_ and chain" (spouse)  
 30 shirt stain  
 31 Dallas Cowboys' 5th quarter (abbr.)  
 32 TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ water"  
 34 what a doctor calls "discomfort"  
 35 pie \_\_\_\_\_ mode  
 36 in Amarillo: "\_\_\_\_\_ Fair & Rodeo"  
 37 cowboy \_\_\_\_\_ buckle  
 38 "got off \_\_\_\_\_-free"  
 39 TXism: "brave \_\_\_\_\_ in a boomtown cafe"  
 41 early TX transportation: \_\_\_\_\_ coach  
 42 "papa," or "old man"

**DOWN**

1 focus of "Sea Aggies" at TAMUG? (2 wds.)  
 2 TXism: "sharp \_\_\_\_\_"  
 3 \_\_\_\_\_ Falls, TX  
 4 TXism: "quick as you can bat \_\_\_\_\_"  
 9 moon to Houston: ". . . one \_\_\_\_\_ step for [a] man . . ."  
 10 TX Lee Ann Womack tune: "Last \_\_\_\_\_" (2008)  
 11 \_\_\_\_\_ City, TX  
 12 first lady of Texas (1963-69) (init.)

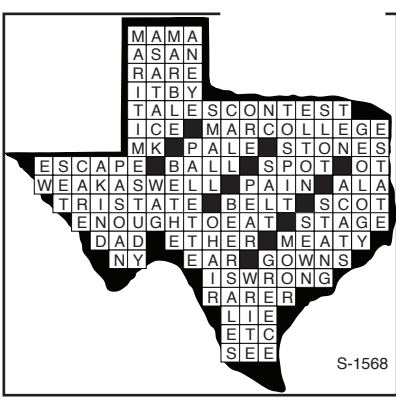
43 anesthetic liquid  
 44 how most Texans like their stew  
 45 Yankees city (abbr.)  
 46 TXism: "cute as a bug's \_\_\_\_\_"  
 47 dresses for women at "Black Tie & Boots Ball"  
 48 TX Barbara Mandrell sang "(If Loving You \_\_\_\_\_) I Don't Want . . ."  
 50 more scarce

13 TXism: "I'd have to prime my mouth \_\_\_\_\_" (thirsty)  
 14 this John sang "Texan Love Song"  
 15 "one-armed bandit" (\_\_\_\_\_ machine)  
 16 \_\_\_\_\_ gallon hat  
 19 oil finding science  
 20 billionaire Texans leave a big 'un  
 22 board of colors, not a sense of taste  
 24 Esther of "Texas Carnival" (init.)  
 25 TXism: "it ain't \_\_\_\_\_ in cement" (flexible)  
 26 TX Buck Owens album: "I Don't \_\_\_\_\_"

27 poker hand: three of \_\_\_\_\_  
 28 resident of far western Texas city: El \_\_\_\_\_  
 29 TX Holly hit: "That'll \_\_\_\_\_ Day"  
 30 \_\_\_\_\_ and pepper  
 33 "too lazy to \_\_\_\_\_ his tail" (indolent dog)

34 \_\_\_\_\_ land, TX  
 35 TXism: "high as \_\_\_\_\_ back" (costly)  
 37 bar income (2 wds.)  
 38 another slang for Ford's "pony car"  
 40 Madalyn Murray \_\_\_\_\_ (atheist who lived in Texas)  
 41 stitched up  
 44 a soccer player from Dallas, Drew \_\_\_\_\_  
 47 immigrants from this country came to Texas in 1890  
 49 TXism: "you can \_\_\_\_\_ it in ink" (sure)

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