



Springtown Middle School student Abby Kennedy gets some chili from Pat Hall on Saturday at Hilltop Family Church.

Photos by Madelyn Edwards

## Project Celebration hosts chili cook-off to fundraise for seniors' after-prom party

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Springtown Project Celebration raised about \$410 from Saturday's chili cook-off fundraiser for the high school seniors' after-prom party.

Four local chefs entered their chili in the competition, held at Hilltop Family Church, and the

cook-off's judges decided the three winners. 3-W's Smoke Shack's chili placed first, 5HBBQ catering company took second and Dana Harrell, who made her dad's chili, came in third.

Fewer chili cooks than expected showed up at the cook-off; seven were signed up as of Thursday, but only four were at the competition on Saturday. Getting sick with

COVID-19 was the reason that some of the chefs had to drop out, Project Celebration President Jennifer Bailey said.

Some of the winners donated their prize money back to Project Celebration, and businesses Alvin Ord's Sandwich Shop, Slate Motor Co. and MRC Global made donations, Bailey said. The prom will be April 2 at the Covered

Bridge Venue in Springtown, and the Project Celebration event will take place directly after prom at the high school.

Toby Wojcik, who owns 3-W's Smoke Shack with her husband Rick, took home the first-place blue ribbon at the cook-off for her restaurant's smoked brisket and

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Toby Wojcik of 3-W's Smoke Shack with her first-place ribbon at the chili cook-off on Saturday.

## Superintendent talks about last week's school closure

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While students were out of school last week, Springtown ISD's cleaning and maintenance crews were busy.

School district officials made the decision on Jan. 19 to cancel classes for the rest of the week and resume Monday. The news came on the heels of a previous statement that indicated the district had noticed an increase in cases of COVID-19 as well as the flu and strep throat.

The Springtown ISD board approved on Monday a resolution for extended sick leave for five days during the COVID-19 pandemic. The district has already been offering extended sick leave for 10 days to employees who test positive for COVID-19 and must undergo required quarantine. The new resolution follows

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The custodial staff cleans doorknobs and other areas at Springtown Middle School last week when schools were closed amid increased illnesses on campuses and absences among students and staff.

Courtesy of Mike Kelley

## Springtown Middle School students earn second place at district UIL meet

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Springtown Middle School students competed at the district UIL meet and took home second place overall and 58 individual awards.

The meet took place at Irma Marsh Middle School in River Oaks earlier this month. The students com-

peted in events including calculator applications, chess, dictionary skills, impromptu speaking, listening skills, math, modern oratory, number sense, oral reading, ready writing, science, social studies, spelling, and maps, graphs and charts.

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## Council hears from fire, police departments

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Reno City Council heard updates from the city's fire and police departments at its Monday meeting.

Police Deputy Chief Nathan Stringer and acting Briar-Reno Fire Chief Moses Druxman talked to the council about their re-

spective departments in an agenda that included reports from several city departments.

Stringer said he wanted to give the annual crime report Monday, but he said his department was having "technical issues" in retrieving the information

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Springtown Middle School students placed second as a team at the UIL academic meet.

Courtesy of Sierra Horton

Springtown Middle School students took home first place last year, UIL coordinator and seventh and eighth grade science teacher Sierra Horton said. One of this year's challenges was that students were out of school with COVID-19, which meant that students had to be moved into different competition events.

"A lot of kids got shuffled around and competed in things they hadn't competed in before," Horton said. "I kind of just gave them a run-through of what the event was, and they said, 'Yeah, we'll do it for the team,' and a lot of kids who only had a couple days to prepare got first. So, I was very proud."

Horton wasn't disappointed that the team didn't place higher, but she is looking forward to improving next year, she said. The students competed in all the available competitions except for two, which meant they earned

fewer available points. Horton wants Springtown students to compete in all the events at next year's meet.

"Azle Junior High was the school that beat us by, I think, maybe 30 or 40 points total out of 300 total points," she said. "It was really, really close. And so, where they had kids in those categories, we did not, and that kind of shot us in the foot."

Participating in the academic UIL competitions allows students who aren't involved in athletics the chance to compete, Horton said.

"Kids in sports get to show off in games and stuff. Our kids who are smart and have different types of talents don't really ever get the chance to show off how smart they are," she said. "This is a great way for that different type of student to compete in different things."

Information about signing up for these teams will

be available in the first six weeks of school, Horton said.

The kids were coached by Javier Lopez in social studies and music memory, Ashley Edge in impromptu speaking, Tammye Shadle in oral reading, Candice Adams in listening skills, Mandy Bourgeois in ready writing, Emery Bundy in maps, graphs and charts, Horton in mathematics, science, calculator, number sense and spelling and Andrea Hungerford, district UIL coordinator.

The following students placed in the academic UIL meet:

Seventh grade Calculator Applications – first place, Mia Cox; third place, Justin Bontrager

Eighth grade Calculator Applications – second place, Megan Lajuness

Seventh grade Chess – second place, Masyn Davis; fifth place, Mason White

Eighth grade Chess – fifth place, Parker Kirk; sixth place, Evan Thompson

Seventh grade Dictionary Skills – second place, Serafina Campbell; fourth place, Dylan Inzunza

Seventh grade Impromptu Speaking – first place, Mason White; fifth place, Halo Claxton

Eighth grade Impromptu Speaking – first place, Lily Rogers; second place, Virginia Washington; fifth place, Blaze Bird

Seventh grade Listening Skills – first place, Serafina Campbell; fourth place, Mia Cox; fourth place, Halo Claxton

Eighth grade Listening Skills – first place, Michael Cordova; fourth place, Lily Rogers

Seventh grade Maps, Graphs and Charts – fourth place, Justin Bontrager; fifth place, Serafina Campbell; sixth place, Dylan Inzunza

Eighth grade Maps Graphs and Charts – third place, Jade Hamilton; fourth place, Jessica King; fifth place, Michael Cordova

Seventh grade Mathematics – fourth place, Justin Bontrager

Eighth grade Mathematics – second place, Wesley Wyatt; fourth place, Edgar Barerra; sixth place, Megan Lajuness

Eighth grade Modern Oratory – first place, Lily Rogers

Seventh grade Number Sense – first place, Justin Bontrager; sixth place, Mia Cox

Eighth grade Number Sense – third place, Edgar Barrera; fourth grade, Wesley Wyatt; sixth grade, Megan Lajuness

Eighth grade Oral Reading – first place, Blaze Bird; second grade, Allison Stott; fourth grade, Lily Rogers

Eighth grade Ready Writing – first place, Abigail

Kennedy; second place, Sarah Grazer

Seventh grade Ready Writing – fifth place, Alexia Vega; sixth place, Ranye Zeigler

Eighth grade Science – fourth place, Carlie Latner

Seventh grade Science – second place, Katie Mooney; fourth place, Justin Bontrager

Seventh grade Social Studies – first place, Masyn Davis; second place, Nehemiah Bowman; fourth place, Austin Bailey

Eighth grade Social Studies – first place, Jessica King; second place, Miguel Cavasos; fifth place, Carlie Latner

Seventh grade Spelling – second place, Katie Mooney; fourth place, Ciara McNeil; fifth place, Halo Claxton

Eighth grade Spelling – fourth place, Abigail Kennedy; sixth place, Miguel Cavasos

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# Tips for preventing, thawing frozen pipes

## FROM STAFF REPORTS

Last February, Texans across the state had to deal with frozen or burst pipes amid the winter storm. Here are some tips to prevent and thaw frozen pipes.

## FREEZE PREVENTION

Pipes are more likely to freeze if they are near an exterior wall or unheated crawlspace, according to an article on Walnut Creek Special Utility District's website. Internal pipes can freeze during extended power outages. Pipes can start freezing at about 20 degrees Fahrenheit.

Burst pipes occur because water expands when frozen. In a news release, Texas Water Utilities recommends turning off the water shut-off valve if a freeze is expected or if a resident leaves for vacation. The shut-off valve may be located where the water comes in from the water meter, near the hot water heater, inside the garage or near the street in the meter box, which is a cement enclosure buried in the ground near the front curb.

Pipes in unheated areas – like attics, garages or gardens – should be wrapped with towels or insulated, ac-

ording to the TWU news release. Insulation can be found at hardware or plumbing supply stores.

Outside faucets should be turned off and wrapped or insulated. Hoses should be removed, and automatic sprinkler systems should be turned off and drained, according to the TWU press release. Leaks should be fixed.

“Even a small trickle can result in a frozen pipe,” according to the news release.

Garage doors should stay closed as much as possible, according to Walnut Creek SUD. Interior doors should

be open to help heat circulation, and bathroom cabinet doors can be opened at night. Interior temperatures should stay consistent and at least be about 55 degrees Fahrenheit.

If an outage happens, people should allow the faucets to drip slowly, according to the SUD article.

## THAWING

Frozen pipes will yield no water or have a constrained flow, according to the Walnut Creek SUD article. The pipes should be heated slowly to avoid cracks. This can be accomplished by wrap-

ping an electric heating pad around them, heating the pipes with a hair dryer or steadily increasing the heat inside the home.

When water is shut off or if the water lines seem frozen but have not burst, TWU recommends draining the water from the pipes by turning on the hot and cold faucets for when the pipes thaw.

“This may prevent a ruptured pipe as that frozen water in the plumbing expands, combined with the water pressure as that returns,” according to the TWU news release.

## BOILING WATER

Residents affected by a boil water notice or other water disruption should use bottled or boiled water to drink, cook with, brush teeth or for animal drinking water. Bring water to a full “rolling boil” for a minute, and let it cool before using it, according to the release.

Even filtered tap water should be boiled under these conditions, the release stated, and water from any appliance connected to the water line, like the refrigerator, shouldn't be used.

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smoked ground beef chili. Wojcik said she was happy to have won her first competition since opening the business in May. The chili that was entered in the competition is one that they sell out of their food trailer.

“People seem to like it, so we thought we would try it and support the local seniors,” Wojcik said.

Pat Hall of 5HBBQ catering likes to enter chili cook-offs when they happen, but he was particularly inspired to enter this competition because his daughter is a senior. His chili included brisket, ground beef and beans.

“I just usually make what I like and call it good,” Hall said about his chili recipe. “I don't worry too much about if everybody likes it. That's how I cook; I just cook what I like.”

Harrell made her father's chili recipe for the cook-off because he got sick prior to the competition. She followed his instructions and said the process was easy. Harrell and her dad got involved in the competition because Harrell's son is a senior.

On Saturday evening, Harrell said she hadn't told her dad that his chili recipe won third place.

“Of course, he'll give me a hard time on why I didn't win first,” she said before

chuckling.

## SPRINGTOWN PROJECT CELEBRATION

Springtown ISD school board member Tootie Hall attended the chili cook-off and praised the efforts of Project Celebration.

“I'm just glad Project Celebration is on their toes and doing their fundraisers. They're doing a good job,” Tootie Hall said. “They always do something different, and it's always good.”

The after-prom party that Project Celebration raises money for aims to give the students a safe place to celebrate, said Cathy Wade, who helped organize the cook-off. The party includes bag checks to prevent students from bringing drugs or alcohol into the party and restrictions on when students can leave. Prizes also will be given out throughout the after-prom party.

Tootie Hall remembers when Project Celebration began with her daughter's graduating class because several students had died through partying.

“It's just been a very, very successful program. The businesses have really participated. The community has participated,” she said. “And the kids seem to appreciate it. They really do.



Pat Hall of 5HBBQ catering company holds up a second-place ribbon from the chili cook-off on Saturday.



Dana Harrell came in third at the chili cook-off on Saturday. Photos by Madelyn Edwards

They really seem to appreciate having that party for them.”

Wade said she likes that the seniors have the option to attend a safe after-prom party. She recalled that when she was in high school in the mid-1990s, a friend of hers got hit by a vehicle while they were trying to cross the highway after a night of partying.

“We want them to come to be in a safe environment and for those kids who do want that safe environment to feel

safe that they're not going to be enticed to take drugs or drink alcohol,” she said.

Springtown High School senior Asher Thetford volunteered at the chili cook-off on Saturday. His mom is part of Project Celebration, and his volunteer hours at the group's fundraising events count toward National Honor Society required volunteer hours.

Thetford said it's important that he and his peers have a safe place to celebrate on prom night.

“One screw-up can lead to a lifetime of regrets, so that's why I think that having people there to keep us accountable and safe is a great idea,” he said.

Bailey rallied the senior parents on Facebook for Project Celebration and eventually became the group's president.

“I enjoy it just because I like to be a part of my daughter's life,” Bailey said. “I want to know what's going on.”

The goal is to raise

\$50,000 for the after-prom party, and that fundraising requires a lot of parent participation, Bailey said.

“It takes a lot of hours to raise \$50,000,” she said. “We need every parent to help.”

Volunteers and donations are needed now especially as the group aims to raise \$15,000 to meet the goal, Bailey said.

For more information about joining Project Celebration or donating, email [projectcelebration22@gmail.com](mailto:projectcelebration22@gmail.com).

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The custodial staff cleans doorknobs and other areas at Springtown Middle School last week when schools were closed amid increased illnesses on campuses and absences among students and staff.

Courtesy of Mike Kelley

updated directives from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Texas Education Agency that allow employees to return to work five days after testing positive for COVID-19.

"If (employees) continue to feel bad, they should stay home, just like they would if they had the flu, just like they would if they had strep, just like they would for any other illness. Stay home if you have it," Superintendent Mike Kelley said during the meeting.

Schools closed, mainly, because of significant absences among students and staff and the lack of an adequate number of substitutes to fill vacancies. Kelley said some substitutes are understandably unwilling to fill in

at schools with the amount of sickness being passed around.

"We have a greater demand than we've had in a really long time, (with) supply that continues to dwindle," Kelley said. "And everybody around us, every district around us, is competing for many of those same substitutes. So, it just got to the point that we decided if this doesn't get better, we're going to have to hit the pause button. It really didn't get better."

Kelley said he tasked the janitorial crew with focusing on cleaning the high-traffic parts of the school that are touched the most, like doorknobs, water fountains, exits and entries.

COVID-19, the flu and

strep throat generally spread through breathing respiratory droplets that contain the viruses, when the droplets land on a person's mouth or nose and through touching objects that have the droplets on them and then touching one's nose or mouth, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

"Let's hit those high-traffic areas even though we're

going to be closed for several days just to be on the safe side," Kelley said Jan. 20. "That can never hurt anything."

Kelley also said the maintenance and technology crew took advantage of students being out of school to tackle tasks that are difficult to do with kids in the school buildings.

"Our maintenance and custodial staff are probably busier today than they are most days just because there's so many things they can do without kids there," he said.

The latest rise in COVID-19 was particularly apparent after the Martin Luther King Jr. Day long weekend when about 90 SISD students and staff were confirmed to have contracted COVID-19 on Tuesday and during the weekend, Kelley said. The superintendent is hoping that the surge in cases is followed by a decline, as it was in the fall.

"We saw almost as rapid a decline in numbers as we saw in the surge," Kelley said, describing the increase in August and September

compared to the drop in October, November and December. "We fell down out of the 40s and into the teens, and then one day back to the 20s, and then it fell into the single digits, and then ... throughout October, November, December, we were in single digits, and most of those single digits were zeroes or ones. So, we hope we get back to those days, and I think based on what's going on around the world, we are going to see a pretty rapid decline in cases."

However, Kelley said it's possible that flu cases at SISD may increase.

"What we'll do at the campus level is what we've done every year for as long as I can remember; we've emphasized to kids, particularly during January, February, March, to make sure we wash our hands. Let's make sure that we don't share drinks, cover your mouth when you cough, cough into your elbow. We'll continue to do those things," he said.

Kelley said a closure like the one last week is unlikely to happen again this school year. Absences among stu-

dents and staff without the appropriate number of substitutes to cover absences would trigger cancelling classes.

The district already offers eight sick days to employees, but the five days of extended sick leave are uniquely for employees who test positive for COVID-19 or need to isolate, Kelley said at the board meeting. The resolution allows employees the safety net of being able to get tested and stay home if they have COVID-19, instead of ignoring symptoms and going to work to avoid negative financial impacts, he said.

According to the district's website, 99 students tested positive for COVID-19 in the past 10 days as of Monday, and six staff members tested positive in the past five days.

Kelley said at the board meeting that the infection rate from students and staff being tested for COVID-19 on Monday was lower than it has been. The teacher absences have also decreased on Monday compared to last week.

# SPRINGTOWN SCHOOL MENU

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\*Menus are subject to change.



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<b>PK - 12th GRADE</b>	<b>BREAKFAST: Everyday</b> - Various Juices & Cereals, Toast, Milk Variety, Fruit, Jelly Assortment, Buttermilk Biscuit, Variety of milk is offered every day for breakfast and lunch.
<b>Monday</b> Dutch Waffle, Toast, Variety of Cereal, Fruit, Juice	<b>Tuesday</b> Sausage Biscuit, Toast, Variety of Cereal, Fruit, Juice
<b>Wednesday</b> Skillet Omelet, Toast, Variety of Cereal, Fruit, Juice	<b>Thursday</b> Breakfast Stick, Toast, Variety of Cereal, Fruit, Juice
<b>Friday</b> Breakfast Sandwich, Toast, Variety of Cereal, Fruit, Juice	
<b>PK - 8th GRADE</b>	<b>Lunch: Everyday</b> - Choice of one meat, two vegetables, and one grain/bread with milk. Variety of milk is offered every day for breakfast and lunch.
<b>Monday</b> Chicken & Waffles, Fresh Broccoli Florets, Glazed Baby Carrots, Pear Cup	<b>Tuesday</b> Tangerine Chicken, Rice, Broccoli, Fiesta Sticks, Pineapple
<b>Wednesday</b> CK Fried Steak Sandwich, Green Beans, Fresh Baby Carrots, Apples Slices	<b>Thursday</b> Popcorn Chicken, Chili Style Beans, Cucumber & Tomato Cup, Blueberries Roll
<b>Friday</b> Cheese Pizza, Hamburger, Tater Tots, Fresh Broccoli, Banana	
<b>9th-12 GRADE</b>	<b>Lunch: Everyday</b> - Choice of one meat, two vegetables, and one grain/bread with milk. Variety of milk is offered every day for breakfast and lunch.
<b>Monday</b> CK Fried Steak Sand, Chili Cheese Tots, Fresh Broccoli Florets, Strawberries, Orange Smiles, Roll	<b>Tuesday</b> General Tso's Chicken, Hamburger, Garden Salad, Mixed Vegetables, Grapes, Applesauce, Rice, Roll
<b>Wednesday</b> Steakfingers, Chicken Nuggets, Mashed Potatoes, Broccoli, Roll	<b>Thursday</b> Nachos (Beef or Chicken) Refried Beans, Corn, Banana, Blueberries
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# Voting registration deadline approaches

## REGISTRATION FORM SHORTAGE AS DEADLINE NEARS

Less than a week remains before the Jan. 31 deadline to register to vote in the March 1 primary. While Secretary of State John Scott publicly assured Texas voters that “every single eligible Texas voter will be able to register to vote if they have not done so already,” the League of Women Voters on Friday threatened to sue his office if the nonpartisan group isn’t provided with additional voter registration forms.

The Austin American-Statesman reported the league contends the state has decided to “sharply limit” the number of voter registration forms distributed to the league and other groups, claiming that is a violation of the National Voter Registration Act.

“It is crucial that the Secretary of State’s office act swiftly to provide the necessary voter registration forms for the people of Texas. The deadline to register to vote for the upcoming primary election is quickly approaching, and Texas is one of 11 states without online voter registration,” said Grace Chimene, president of the League of Women Voters of Texas.

Sam Taylor, assistant secretary of state for communi-



## CAPITOL HIGHLIGHTS

By Gary Borders

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cations, told KUT.org that supply chain issues have made it harder and more expensive to get paper, which means the Secretary of State’s office will be giving out fewer voter registration forms to groups ahead of elections this year.

“We are limited in what we can supply this year because of the paper shortage and the cost constraints due to the price of paper and the supply of paper,” he said.

Texas is one of the few states that does not have online voter registration.

## PAXTON DENIES OPEN RECORDS LAW VIOLATION

Attorney General Ken Paxton denied that he violated the state’s open records law, rejecting an allegation by the Travis County district attorney that his office should release communications from the week of the Jan. 6, 2021, Capitol attack, The Dallas Morning News reported.

Five of the state’s largest newspapers filed a joint complaint after Paxton

denied their open records requests. The district attorney’s office warned it would file suit if Paxton did not release the information. In a letter to the Travis County district attorney’s public integrity unit, Paxton’s office called the claims “meritless” and said there was “no violation to cure.”

Editors for the newspapers released a joint statement saying: “We believe these records are public and should be released. We hope the Travis County district attorney continues to hold the attorney general accountable for following our state’s open records laws and continues to advocate for the public’s right to know in this case.”

## COVID-19 CASES SET RECORD HIGH

Spurred by the omicron variant, the number of new COVID-19 cases in Texas in the past week climbed to a record 433,584, with 971 new deaths reported as well by the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University.

## COUNCIL, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1A.

from the record management source. The police department is required to submit three reports to the government every year. UCR is the FBI report, and that report is finished. The other two reports are the racial profiling report, which also is sent to the FBI, and information sent to the state through the National Incident-Based Reporting System. Stringer said he hoped to have the annual crime report ready by February for the council.

Among other business, Stringer discussed the redesign of the police department patch, which was designed by an officer. Council member Katie Tucker said she loved the patch but wanted to see more contrast in the colors. The American flag in the background of the patch was not meant to be tattered and it has no symbolism, Stringer said, adding that the patch wanted to incorporate American and Texas flags. The patch was digitally created by an artist.

At the fire department, Druxman said COVID-19 increased the call volume in 2021, and as the early 2022 numbers reveal, the fire department is seeing a “major increase” in calls related to the virus.

“I know what the news is saying, I realize they say the numbers are going down, (but) the last few days we’ve run more COVID calls than I’ve seen in the last 30 days,” he said.

In 2020, the fire depart-

ment had 1,246 calls for service. In 2021, calls increased to 1,419. Druxman cited three reasons for the increase: COVID-19, an implementation of a fire prevention program that includes fire inspections and investigations on a heavier basis and the population increase in the area affecting Reno and the surrounding communities. Right now, he said the department is receiving six calls per day; last year’s average was 3.75 calls per day.

The department’s budget is \$300,000, Druxman said, and the fire department has two people per shift. Six full-time positions exist, and of those positions, three are filled by full-time personnel, because that’s all the fire department is able to provide benefits to, Druxman said. The other three full-time positions are filled by part-time personnel.

“So, we have approximately 14 to 16 people on paid staff and approximately 10 volunteers,” he said.

All calls now are heavy priority, Druxman said, explaining all the various training and certifications his staff possesses. He also discussed other current matters happening at the department, such as acquisition of equipment and an update at the fire station, which is being remodeled. Druxman said the remodeling has been completed with donations through the community.

Also, he said the de-

partment received almost \$200,000 in grants last year, and this year, the department is on track to receive possibly \$300,000. That grant would include funding for equipment purchases for outdated equipment and the volunteer program.

In other developments during Monday’s meeting, council approved a COVID-19 pay policy and procedures.

City employees’ situations will be considered on a case-by-case basis by City Administrator Scott Passmore to make the decision on the pay of the employee.

Also at the meeting, reserve police officers Brandy Bennett and Armando Gonzalez were sworn in, and the council approved the Azle News in a 4-1 vote to be the city’s official paper. Mayor Pro-Tem Granville “Randy” Martin was the dissenting vote against the paper.

The council also voted down, in a 3-2 vote, a confidentiality agreement for council members. Tucker, Shelli Swift and Hernando Herrera voted to not participate in the agreement measure, while Martin and Jeff Davis were dissenting votes. It was a confidentiality agreement for the council to keep city business inside City Hall, not disclose anything publicly and let the mayor make public remarks, such as to the press. Employees have already signed the confidentiality agreement.

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# Obituaries

## Clifford Jewett 1929-2022

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

Funeral service was held at 2 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 20, 2022, at White's Springtown Chapel in Springtown. Visitation was from 1 – 2 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 20, 2022, at White's Springtown Chapel in Springtown. Interment was at 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 Dragoo. 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; daughter, Becky Gorman and husband Slim of Burleson; son, Kevin Greenwood and wife Patricia 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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## William Hazelton 1949-2022

William Norman Hazelton, 72, of Paradise, Texas, passed away on Jan. 20, 2022 in Fort Worth, Texas.

Memorial service to be held at Springtown Church of Christ this Sunday, Jan. 30, 2022 at 3 p.m.

William, most often known as Bill, was born on Dec. 12, 1949 to Oliver and Juanita Hazelton in Lubbock, Texas. Bill graduated from Weatherford High School in Weatherford, Texas in 1968. In 1969, Bill married his childhood sweetheart, Judy Lunsford, in Sierra Vista, Arizona. Bill and Judy went on to have a marriage lasting 48 years before Judy's death in 2017.

Bill was also preceded in death by his parents, Oliver and Juanita, his brother Larry, and two infant children.

Bill was survived by four



children: Brad (Monica) Hazelton, Chad Hazelton, Carmen (Zach) Huff, and Amanda (Allen) Flaughner, two sisters: Charlotte (Mack) Key and Linda (Jon) Click, and seven grandchildren: Kali, Naomi, Noah, Mackenzie, Isabella, Josiah, and Joshua.

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# Siri for the Soul

Me: Siri, I need directions.

Siri: Before I go to the trouble of giving you directions, are you actually going to follow them?

That conversation has never happened—only because Siri tends to be polite.

I know there have been times that Siri has wanted to say, "In 500 feet, pull over and let me out!"

(I have to give credit to Mrs. Sweetie for that joke).

I'll admit it. I often need some help figuring out which way to go to get to the destination I'm looking for.

That's not simply true with a physical destination; it's true with life in general—the existential questions of why I'm here at this time and place and how I should live while I'm here so that I can get where I'm supposed to go.

How confusing is that?

I heard a phrase in a sermon that started me down a trail of pondering (occupational hazard). As a result I missed the next few sentences of the sermon and—to be completely transparent—I have already forgotten the phrase that sent me down the trail.



## 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).

But my pondering led me to six phrases that include "direction" words that—on further pondering—may provide a "Siri for the soul" of sorts.

The words: down, up, in, out, around, through.

The phrases:

**SLOW DOWN.** Deliberately, intentionally, ruthlessly eliminate "hurry" from your life. Hurry causes us to miss important information. Hurry causes distraction. Hurry puts us and others at risk.

**SHOW UP.** Wherever you are, be all there. Sometimes the best thing we bring to a situation is not our wisdom or expertise, it is our undivided and supportive attention. We must never forget that we are human beings who sometimes do things. We are not simply human doings. When I don't know what I should do, it is time to be.

**SEE IN:** What you see first is rarely the whole story. There is usually a back-

story—something below the surface and behind the scenes—that has brought us to this moment. Taking the time to look and listen more deeply helps us to discern our best response for this situation. I don't know about you (actually, I do), but my snap judgments and knee-jerk responses have often done more harm than good.

**SHINE OUT:** When you've discerned your best response, it's time to bring the best of you to this moment. The best of YOU. Not the best there is, the best there could possibly be, or the best ever. We may never know the reason, but we are here. And IN this moment, we have the opportunity to bring all that is within us—including what God has given us and taught us—TO this moment, trusting that our best response is all that is required of us.

**STICK AROUND:** The most effective contributions you will make are those

you make over time. It is certainly possible for us to make a contribution to a brief, one-time opportunity, but the deep contributions require a longer investment. A longer investment helps us prove ourselves trustworthy and build helpful and healthy relationships. It allows the possibility of growing a mutually beneficial community.

**STAY THROUGH:** There will always be challenges, frustrations, disappointments, and disagreements. Don't bail too soon. Sometimes we learn things about ourselves and develop new skills precisely because we didn't give up.

Final pondering for today: Is it possible that these are actually sequential?

That we won't stay through if we haven't stuck around? That we won't stick around if we haven't found ways to shine out? That we won't know how to shine out if we haven't seen in? That we won't be able to see in if we don't show up? And that we won't show up if we don't slow down and notice?

Hmmm ...  
Be amazing today, my friend.

## Parker County property tax payment deadline approaches

### FROM STAFF REPORTS

The property tax payment deadline in Parker County is Monday.

Payments have to be received or postmarked by Jan. 31 to avoid additional property tax penalty and interest, according to a Parker County Appraisal District

news release.

Payments can be made online at [www.parkercad.org](http://www.parkercad.org) using an eCheck for a 50-cent processing fee or using a credit or debit card for a 2.25% processing fee. Fees are charged by the processing company, not the appraisal district.

Payments can also be made in-person or by mail at the appraisal district office at 1108 Santa Fe Drive in Weatherford. The office has a drive-thru window and an after-hours drop box at the front of the building.

For properties that have a mortgage with an escrow account, the requesting mortgage company will be sent a duplicate tax statement with the amount due. Additional tax statements and receipts online are available at [www.parkercad.org](http://www.parkercad.org).

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# ON FISHING

## Clean, fillet, prepare your fish — then enjoy

A common question asked of me is “How do you prepare your fish?” I know a few ways to prepare the fish I catch, but a chef I am not. I do know, however, that preparing your fish starts from when you catch it. Fish will spoil quickly as we all know, so it is to your advantage to take care of your catch. Once you have caught fish that you are going to keep, you should either keep them alive in a livewell or put them on ice. Some folks will put them on a stringer.

If they stay alive this is OK, but I prefer putting them in the cooler. Obviously in the summer you have to be even more conscious of where you put the fish. An ice chest is generally the best place unless you can keep them alive until later. The bigger fish like stripers should probably go on ice immediately. My livewell may hold a couple of stripers in the winter but not many more. Many folks like to bleed the fish before you



### ON FISHING

By Michael Acosta

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

put them on ice (cut their gills). This allows the blood to drain, which can improve the taste of your catch. Blood is generally known to give a bitter taste to the fish. Whether you bleed the fish early or if you rinse your fillets later, it is a good idea to clean out the blood in the meat. There are many different ways to fillet fish. Different species are cleaned differently, and depending on how you want to cook it you may alter the way you prepare the catch.

Many folks still clean catfish by skinning them and cooking them whole. Salmon and king mackerel are cleaned in many instances with the skin left on one side to hold the meat together when grilled or baked. You can do this with most any species when grill-

ing. Filleting your catch is fairly common, as it is one of the quickest ways to handle the task. Filleting your catch is a relatively quick way to get a boneless piece of meat that can be broiled, baked or fried. I learned this cleaning method from folks down at the coast a long, long time ago. Once proficient at the task, you can clean your catch fairly quickly and efficiently.

If you are going to fillet fish, be safe. It is a good idea to use a fillet glove to protect your hand while cutting. Don't go too fast and hurt yourself. I like to use heavy duty electric fillet knives for most everything. I also have a large, serrated blade as an option for larger fish. A standard fillet knife is also an available option for trimming the filets. I typically

cut behind the head and cut along the backbone through the rib cage to the tail. Before you cut all the way through the tail, you can flip the fillet over and run your knife under the skin from the tail forward, which will give you a fillet with the ribcage still in place. You then can cut out the ribcage area and you have a fillet.

On stripers and hybrids, I prefer to go one step farther and remove the bloodline that is in the center of the fillet. The easiest way to remove the blood line is to cut the fillet at the tail end on either side of the blood line, then grab the center part that you just cut with the blood line and pull. The bloodline is denser and will pull right out (you almost have to see this done). You can also just cut out the bloodline by notching on both sides of the blood line. Once you clean all your fish, rinse and them in fresh water. If you are going to freeze them, it is a good idea to freeze them in

water to minimize freezer burn. I understand that the best way to store fish in the freezer is to vacuum seal the fillets (if you have one of those devices). I have been freezing them in water for a long time and this works pretty good for me.

### PREPARING THE FISH

I usually prepare my fish three different ways. Deep-fried is popular in my house, but so is blackened. The other way is to broil the fillets in tin foil with butter and lemon, with lemon and pepper seasoning on the grill. My wife has used fajita season in place of the lemon and pepper seasoning at times (it is good). The blackened version I prepare with 5th Season brand Cajun Seasoning (my preference) and butter-flavored PAM spray. In a hot iron skillet, spray the fillet with the PAM and apply the Cajun seasoning on both sides (to your liking) and cook on both sides until done. This is a good low-cal-

orie option and is very tasty. Keep plenty of beverages on hand as you will get thirsty eating this spicy dish. One more item that is good with fish is preparing your own hush puppies. The mix is available at most any grocery store. You can add onions, jalapenos or whatever you desire. These are real good right out of the cooker. Cook this first in the oil before cooking the fish for obvious reasons (or use a different cooker).

### FISHING REPORT

Lake Whitney striped bass are good on jigs fished from White Bluff upstream with some good action on the main lake as well near the state park. Possum Kingdom Lake striped bass and sand bass are excellent near Costello Island. Look for the birds.

## Candidates apply to run for various offices during first week of filing

BY MADELYN EDWARDS  
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The first week of filing for the May 7 local elections has passed and yielded candidates in the elections for school board trustees, city council members and the special utility district.

For the Springtown ISD

board of trustees, incumbent and board President Rick Beall filed for Place 1. Chad Tedder filed for Place 2, and former board member Jay Grubis filed for Place 3, as of Monday. Place 2 and Place 3 are currently held by Damon Liles and Vice President Amy Walker, respectively.

Scott Richardson, who is currently the chairperson of the Springtown Planning and Zoning Commission, has filed for Place 5 on the Springtown City Council. Place 5 is currently held by Bill White. Richardson is the only candidate who has filed for city council as of Monday.

James Cox filed to be a candidate in the Walnut Creek Special Utility District's board of directors election, and Cox is the only applicant as of Tuesday afternoon. Three spots are up for election on the board, and two are currently held by board Secretary Mike Gilley and President Frank

Henderson. The third spot up for election was held by former Vice President Brian Sexton, who recently resigned from the board, and Beth Correll was appointed to fill the vacancy.

As of Tuesday morning, no one has filed for candidacy in the Reno City Council elections.

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.

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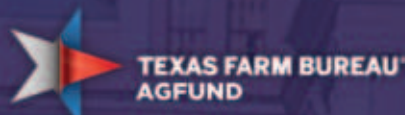
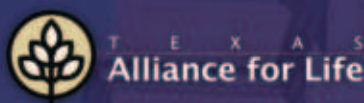
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## Springtown Elementary sings for the school board

Springtown Elementary School students, led by music teacher Sally McPhetridge, performed songs at the school board meeting on Jan. 24 in the administration building. One song was performed in sign language, and in another song, the kids bounced basketballs to the rhythm of the music.

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## Woodpecker's Winter Food Budget Plan

**TAP! TAP! TAPPITY! TAP!** Woodpeckers use their strong beaks to tap holes into tree trunks. Then they fill each hole with acorns, pine nuts, seeds and more to save for later.

A woodpecker's storage tree is also called a **granary tree**. The same granary tree is used for generations. Some granary trees have over 10,000 holes!

**THINK ABOUT IT:** How is a granary tree like a piggy bank?

Whoa! Whoa! Not so fast there, little one! I was just about to explain to you that we need to make a **food budget** to make sure that this food lasts all winter. It looks like a lot of food now, but we need food for the next three months!

Wow, mom! It looks like we've stored way more food than we need! Let's throw a big party for all our feathered friends!

And we have to store extra food because **squirrels** like to help themselves to the food in our granary tree! **How rude!**

Plus, some of our stored food gets eaten by bugs. And some of it will get wet and rot before we can eat it. So we need a budget!

Hold this page up to a mirror to learn a surprising woodpecker fact!

My mom asked me to help with our family budget, but I'm having trouble. Can you help me?

**Let's Draw a Woodpecker!**

How many acorns can you find on this page in two minutes? Have a friend try. Who found the most acorns?

**Extra! Extra! Make 50**

Look through the newspaper for 8 different numbers that when added together add up to exactly 50.

Standards Link: Math: Calculate sums with multiple digits.

### Kid Scoop Puzzler

An acorn fell out of the hole a woodpecker drilled. Can you put it back?

### Kid Scoop Together: Proof It

Are you an eagle-eyed reader? Circle the eight errors. Then, rewrite the article correctly. Have a family member check your work.

#### Woodpecker Facts

Woodpeckers are made to cling to trees. They have strong tail feathers that support the bird as it holds itself on a tree trunk, and they also have too back toes to lean back on.

Did you know that woodpeckers have furry noses? It's true! Their nostrils are covered in tiny feathers to keep splinters and dust out while they peck aweigh at tree trunks.

Even with their super fast pecking, it's amazing that woodpeckers do not get headaches. That's because woodpecker bills help distribute shock throughout the thick skull when pecking. Humanz wood have headaches if they did sew much pounding!

### Double Double Word Search

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

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## Dead of winter? Time for soccer!



Bryce Smith uses fancy footwork to help the Springtown Porcupines topple Godley 2-0.

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The Springtown Porcupine soccer boys lost the first game of a double-header Friday against the Godley Wildcats and were tied 0-0 at halftime in the second contest.

Temperatures that had been in the 70s earlier in the day were falling quickly. A chill permeated the air, aided by a growing breeze.

"Let's get out here in the sun," Brian Maloney told his players.

The head coach was ready to discuss strategy before the second half began, and he wanted his players to be

comfortable. They walked out onto the sun-drenched field and sat down on the artificial turf and listened to Maloney's pep talk.

The home side at Porcupine Stadium was designed to provide shade in the afternoons. Protection comes in handy in July during football season. Porcupine football players are shaded from the sun on the sidelines, while visitors on the opposite side of the field are facing west and melting, melting while staring into that big ball of fire in the sky.

In January, however, the sun is a friend, especially to a soccer player wearing short pants and skimpy jerseys.

The shaded home side of the field can feel like a meat locker.

Texas' coldest month of the year is January. Select soccer leagues play in fall, spring and summer, but high school soccer has long been a winter sport.

"Y'all rest up and get water if you need it," Maloney said after finishing his half-time talk.

A couple of minutes remained until the second half began, and several players jumped around and stretched to warm up. Once they went into the game, their physical activity and adrenalin would

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The fans in the stands aren't any warmer than the players.

Photos by Jeff Prince



Billy Spratt, left, beat Springtown's Kyle Rose in December.

Photo by Jeff Prince

## A Rose by any other name still tough as nails

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A wrestling tournament with Springtown, Azle and Argyle neared its completion last week, and a much-anticipated duel was approaching.

Springtown's top 220-pounder, Kyle Rose, was about to battle Azle's talented big guy, Billy Spratt, in the Hornet gymnasium.

Rose couldn't remember Spratt's name, but he

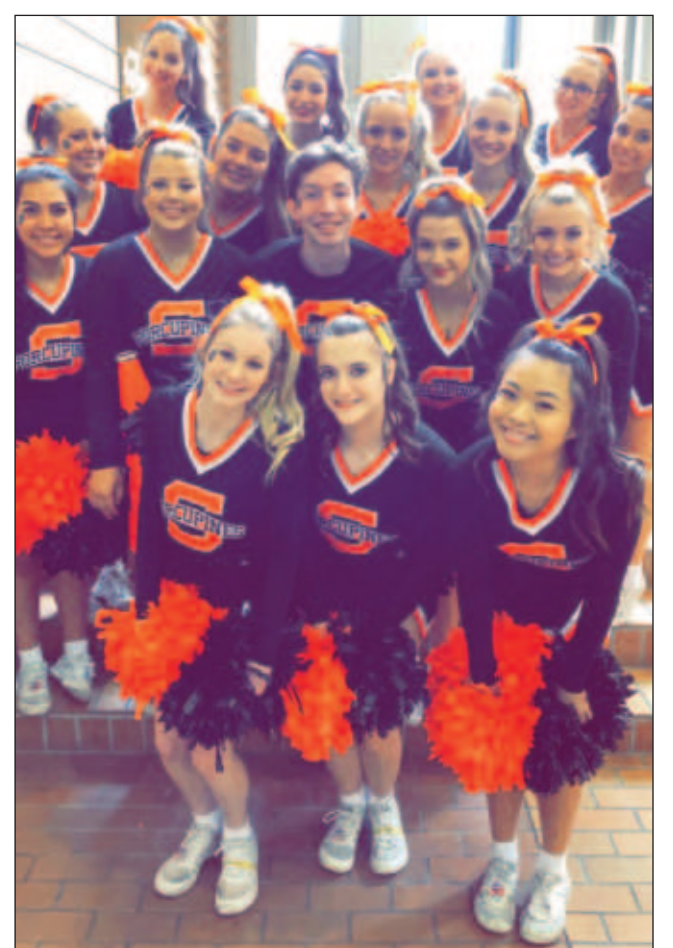
recalled with vividness the Azle kid's strength and agility. The two warriors had fought twice before.

"I don't know his name, but this guy, he's good," Rose said just minutes before the match began.

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The two met for the first time in early December. Rose had just joined the

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## Pojo cheerleaders going to Orlando

The Springtown cheer team, shown above, reached the top 20 among the high schools competing at the state contest on Jan. 14 in Fort Worth. "They did amazing, and I am extremely proud of them," said cheer coach Chrissy Mayo. Another important contest awaits. On Feb. 10, Porcupine cheerleaders head to Orlando, Fla., to compete at the nationals.

Courtesy photo

# Springtown sending five to scholarship rodeo



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Five cowboys from Springtown High have qualified to participate at the upcoming scholarship rodeo on Saturday at the Will Rogers Coliseum as part of the Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo.

Only the best rodeo members qualify to compete at the annual event.

“These student athletes are in the top 10 of each of their events about halfway way through the season and earned this honor,” said James Heil, team sponsor.

Competitors include Cade Walker and Camdon Alvarez in steer wrestling and chute dogging; Jet Braswell and Parker Koterba in team roping header and team roping heeler; and Matthew Delacruz in bull riding.

Camdon Alvarez is one of five Springtown rodeo team members who qualified to participate at the Fort Worth Stock Show’s scholarship rodeo on Saturday.

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Aaron Tidwell and the Springtown Porcupines have begun their second round of district competition.  
Photo by Jeff Prince

## Springtown basketball boys battling tough

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The Springtown Porcupines started off January with three consecutive district wins, including an 61-57 overtime victory at Krum to improve their conference record to 3-1.

Then came trouble. On Jan. 14, district leader Argyle hammered the Pines

70-27. And on Friday, Castleberry squeaked out a narrow 57-55 victory over Springtown.

So, the Porcupines were 3-3 on Tuesday as the second half of district competition began. The Pines faced Decatur, the same team that beat them 64-46 in the district opener a week before Christmas.

This time, the Pines

scored more points. So did Decatur. Final score: Decatur 75, Springtown 52.

The Porcupines face another district rival this week. Springtown (10-13) plays at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 28 against Lake Worth (5-12). In early January, these two teams played a thriller, with the Porcupines prevailing 56-52.



Team leader Brinklee Dauenhauer is doing her best to push the young Lady Pines toward a playoff berth.  
Photo by Jeff Prince

## Porcupine hoop girls hope to bounce back against Bullfrogs

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Springtown’s roundball girls wanted nothing more than to end a four-game losing streak when they traveled to Decatur on Tuesday to play a game. On Dec. 17, the Lady Porcupines began district competition by whipping Castleberry 56-30. They followed that by losing four of their next five games against

district rivals. The Lady Pines are in transition this season, fielding a young team with plenty of natural talent but little varsity experience. After last season, the team lost most of its team to graduation. This year’s team has just one senior – Caydence Parker. Most of the team members are sophomores or freshmen. On Tuesday, Springtown faced off against Decatur, one of District 7-4A’s toughest teams and currently in second place behind undefeated Argyle. The Lady Pines played with heart on the court but struggled with points on the board. Final score: Decatur 88, Springtown 10. The Lady Pines will be back home for their next game. Springtown (6-24) plays at 6:15 p.m. Jan. 28 against Lake Worth (12-19).

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Aubrey Mueller, left, and Alayna Vasquez rely on drills and coats to keep warm before game time.

combine to protect those players from the elements.

The players on the bench would have to stay warm on their own. One or two donned light jackets, but most just trembled and rubbed their hands together.

"It is pretty cold out here," Emmanuel Castillo said with some hesitation.

Enduring cold weather is considered a sign of toughness, and the boys on the bench weren't interested much in discussing efforts to stay warm.

"We just laugh around and talk with everyone," Castillo said. "We're not that cold. We are used to it."

As Castillo spoke, another player sat nearby shivering. Cameron Cockrell had draped a jacket over his legs and put on gloves but showed signs of discomfort still. He revealed his favorite method of beating the cold.

"I talk a lot," he said. "My teammates don't like that, but it keeps me warm."

### BEATING BACK THE COLD

As the boys started the second half, the Springtown girls warmed up behind the endzone. Their game would begin once the boys finished.

The girls were less resistant to don heavy coats. Pretending not to be cold wasn't as important to them as it was to the boys.

"I'm not ready to take off my coat," Allison Kimball said to a teammate as the team prepared to do knee lifts while jogging. Her plaid jacket appeared out of place atop her goalkeeper's uniform, but she didn't care. Most of the girls kept on their coats, and others draped themselves with blankets even as they jogged.

Once a game begins, coats and blankets are tossed aside, and players hit the field with scant protection from the cold.

"You have got to be a real fighter to play in this weather," said head coach Katherine Kummerfeld. Sometimes, the weather wins.

A week earlier, a Lady Pine game had been cancelled when wind chill temperatures hit the mid-20s.

"We have to cut game time sometimes, and sometimes shorten



Cameron Cockrell relies on gloves and a light jacket to stay warm.

the halves" to protect the health of the kids, Kummerfeld said.

Playing soccer during winter has advantages. Scattering the various sports throughout the year frees up the availability of facilities, such as Porcupine Stadium. Multi-sport athletes can play year-round, such as baseball in spring, football in fall and soccer in winter.

### BACK TO THE BOYS

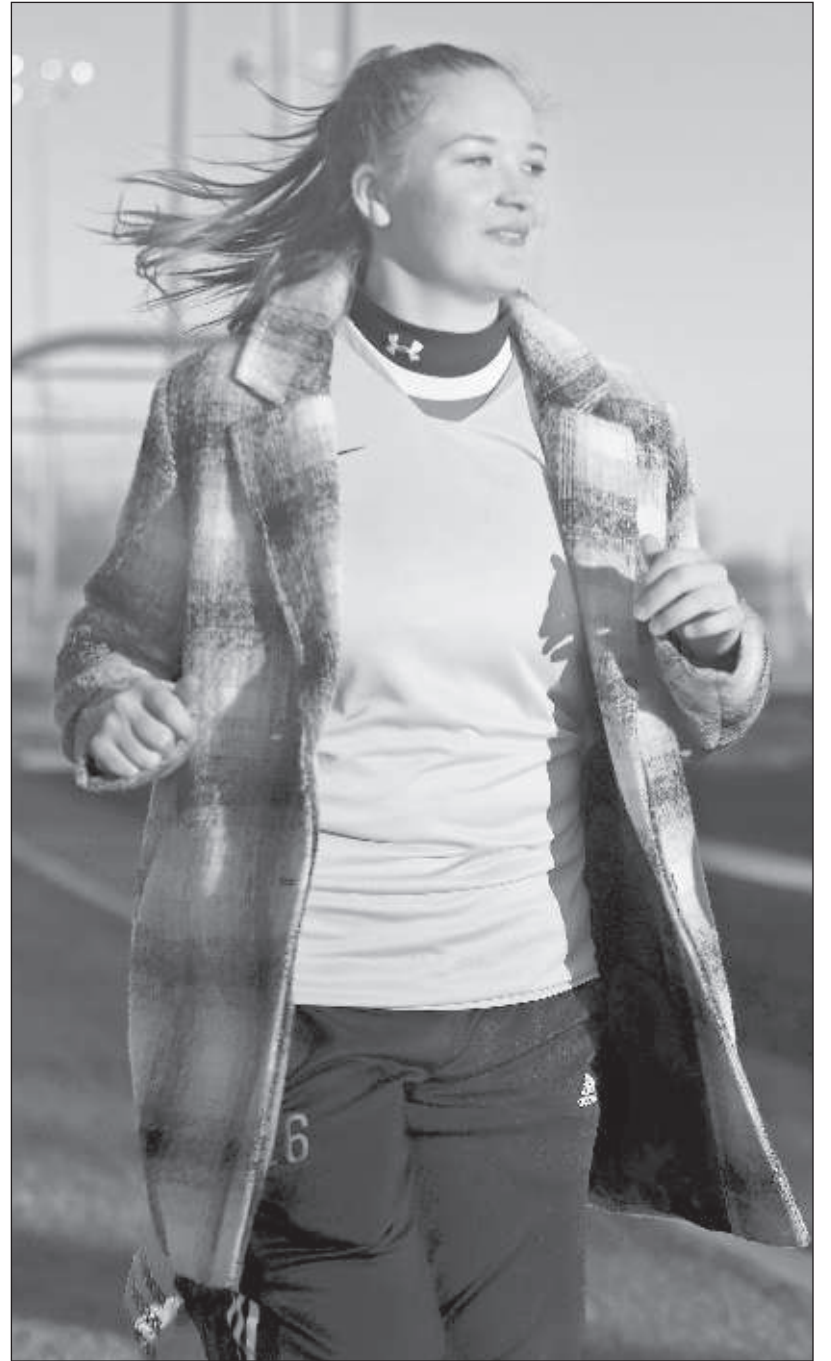
The Porcupines weren't worried about the cold after coming alive in the second half and whipping the Wildcats 2-0.

Brian Murillo and Josue Anaya

scored a goal apiece, while Springtown's defenders shut down their opponent. Jose Espinoza, Jonathan Sanchez, Matthew Ross, Ashton Day and goalkeeper Angel Benitez made life miserable for Wildcat shooters.

Murillo's goal was his first of the season.

"At the half it was kind of slow, but we were keeping it up, we were passing, we were doing our basic fundamentals, and it was working at the end," Murillo said. "At the second half, we got it together. We were smart about it. We played our hearts out."



Lady Pines goalkeeper Allison Kimball wears a winter coat while warming up for a game.

Photos by Jeff Prince

Anaya's goal was his third of the season.

"I was running fast, and then I kicked the ball, and I made it," he said. "It's a good feeling, like, 'Finally, I scored.'"

Maloney was happy to see his team beat Godley in the rubber match, particularly after losing to Dunbar the day before.

"Coming off of two losses before this game and bouncing back and beating a team that we had just lost to shows a lot about the character of the team," the coach said. "We love to bounce back after adversity. That is going to be key this

year. Things aren't always going to go smoothly, but the way we respond to it is going to determine how well we do."

The victory against Godley evened the Porcupines' record at 3-3 with three nonconference games remaining on the schedule before district competition begins on Feb. 7.

"As long as we play good, we practice, we show up to practice, and we communicate, it will give us the resources to do better in district," Murillo said.

Any last thoughts?

"Go Porcupines!" he said with a smile.

# Springtown wrestler views matches from other side of lens



Kalyn Shaffer, center, videotapes wrestling matches while sitting on the Springtown bench between wrestlers Kyle Rose and Kylie Wear.

Photo by Jeff Prince

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Her first season of wrestling has been tough but interesting.

Sophomore Kalyn Shaffer lost her first match at her first tournament. Then, she injured her back at practice. She has been unable to compete since then.

To keep herself occupied, she is videotaping her teammates at matches so they can study and learn from their performances.

“Hopefully I’ll be back in (wrestling) soon,” Shaffer said.

While growing up in Fort Worth, she learned various wrestling moves while battling her older brother on a regular basis. Now, she wants to make wrestling her main sport at high school.

“It’s fun,” she said. “I grew up in that environment. Since I was used to it, I thought this would be really fun, and it has been so far.”

Since joining the Hornet team, she has learned “new moves, more

flexibility, more strength, quick thinking, fast reflexes,” Shaffer said.

“Those are all really good for wrestling,” she said. “Just taking in and observing helps a lot. I’ve learned a lot, especially from my coach. It’s been really eventful and interesting.”

Boys and girls wrestle separately at meets but train together and compete often at the same tournaments. Shaffer enjoys the co-ed feeling of the sport.

“The guys on the team are amazing,” she said. “Everybody is fun. They are good sports. Everybody likes to support and make everything more fun.”

Shaffer moved to Springtown four years ago. She likes the town and the school and has enjoyed videotaping her teammates for the past few weeks – to an extent.

“It’s pretty fun,” she said, before adding, “I would rather be wrestling.”

## WRESTLING. CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1B.



Kyle Rose, top, returned the favor against Billy Spratt at a tournament last week.

wrestling team after finishing the football season, and he and Spratt faced off in Rose’s first match.

The Porcupine won.

“The first time, I beat him, but to be honest, that might have been luck,” Rose said. “That first match wasn’t very long. I managed to snap his head down and throw him to the ground. I guess he wasn’t ready for that.”

A few weeks passed before they met again on the mat.

“The next time, it wasn’t happening,” Rose said. “He was ready.”

What a fight it was, too. Rose and Spratt faced each other in crouched positions, hands up, knees bent, waiting for the referee’s signal. Spratt, a junior, plays linebacker for the Hornet football squad. Rose played on the defensive line for the Porcupines football team that went to the state quarterfinals.

Both big guys appeared fixated on beating the other. Rose dominated much of that long, grueling second match but used up valuable strength in an all-out effort to pin Spratt, who managed to escape. Spratt rallied, dropped Rose and pinned him just before the third and final round expired to take the win and a first-place medal.

“He switched it on me,” Rose recalled. “He is really talented.”

### THIRD TIME CHARM?

The rivals faced each other a

third time at last week’s Azle tournament, and the winner would own a 2-1 advantage over the other.

Springtown wrestling coach Sawyer Cooper noticed that Spratt had prepared himself for Rose after their first battle.

“The kid had a plan for Kyle’s plan, and the kid caught him at the end,” the coach said. “I was proud of Kyle, and I’m looking forward to this matchup right now.”

Rose expected their third match to end differently.

“I’ve picked up a few more moves,” he said. “Practiced more ground game because that’s where he beat me. I had him down and he just flipped it on me. Hopefully, I can be better this time.”

Rose began wrestling as a freshman but didn’t stick with it. He planned to try again, but COVID-19 interfered in his sophomore and junior years. He wanted a productive year of wrestling as a senior before he left high school.

“I might as well try it out,” he said. “Football is over. Got to have another sport.”

The 6-foot 4-inch Rose started for two years on the varsity football team.

“Kyle has been great to have in our program,” said head football coach Brian Hulett. “He is a very hard-working kid, who is strong and athletic for the position he plays.”

After football ended, Rose

showed up for his first wrestling practice, and the next day, he competed in his first meet – against tough-guy Spratt.

At last week’s third matchup, Rose and Spratt displayed different pre-fight prep styles. Spratt wore a hoodie and moved constantly, jumping up and down, swinging his arms and pacing behind Azle’s bench.

Rose sat in a folding chair next to teammates, watching fights, talking, laughing. He stood up not long before his match, shed his letter jacket and walked around and squatted down a few times to stretch.

Once the match began, both wrestlers dominated at times. Spratt led as the third round began. Rose made a final move to toss Spratt with 10 seconds left. He didn’t pin Spratt but earned three points and a slim victory.

Afterward, Rose was winded and having trouble speaking. Sweat poured down his face.

“That was worse than last time, when he beat me,” he said. “This time, he had control. Most of the time, he had my ankle. He is really good at taking shots. I’m pretty sure that, if he would have had a bit more energy, he could have circled around me so many times, that match would have been over with. We were both really tired.”

Only one, however, was victorious.



Kyle Rose catches his breath and hydrates himself after beating Billy Spratt in a much-heralded match.

Photos by Jeff Prince

Rose is now 2-1 against Spratt, but the two warriors will most likely meet again in future tournaments before the season ends. Cooper likes Rose’s chances in

most any fight from here forward. “He has really taken a liking to it, really listened to what I’ve told him and really done a good job,” the coach said.



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 -Full-time on-site at the studios  
 -Must be able to: give tours, scheduling, contract writing, payment collection, attention to detail and more  
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 -Capernaum Studios is a non-profit ministry, see website  
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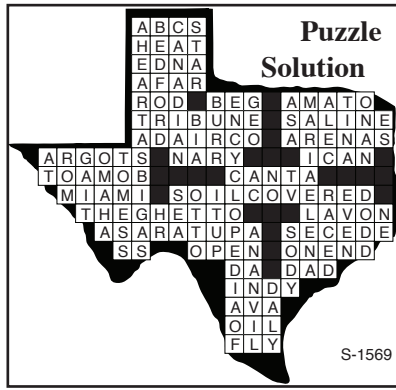
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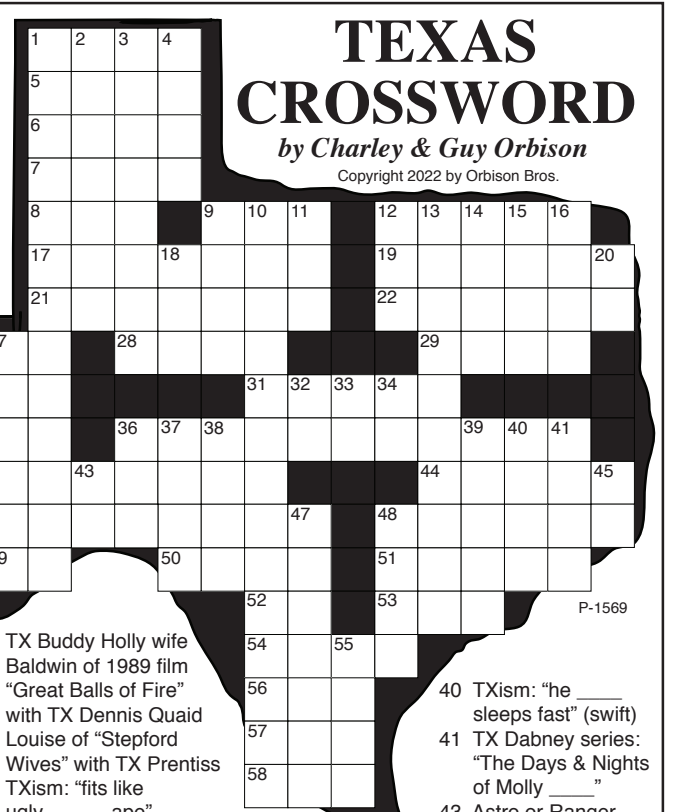
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### ACROSS

- 1 kindergarten lesson
- 5 TX summer reality
- 6 Jackson County seat
- 7 TXism: "\_\_\_ piece" (distance)
- 8 \_\_\_ and reel
- 9 TXism: "panhandle"
- 12 NY Senator Alfonse D'\_\_\_ had to pay off on 1993 Super bet with TX Gramm
- 17 Morton newspaper
- 19 Grand \_\_\_\_, TX
- 21 former TX oilwell firefighting business: "Red \_\_\_"
- 22 American Airlines Center, AT&T Center, and Toyota Center
- 23 jargons
- 28 TXism: "\_\_\_ a soul" (no one)
- 29 TXism: "enjoyed all this \_\_\_ stand"
- 30 TXism: "begging like a cattle rustler \_\_\_ with a rope"
- 31 delicious Pecos \_\_\_ loupe
- 35 Roberts County seat
- 36 buried? (2 wds.)
- 42 TX Mac Davis wrote Elvis' hit "In \_\_\_"
- 44 noted TX pianist Harvey \_\_\_
- 46 TXism: "fast \_\_\_ Home Repair"
- 48 TX voted to \_\_\_ from the Union on February 1, 1861

### DOWN

- 13 TX Buddy Holly wife
- 14 Baldwin of 1989 film "Great Balls of Fire" with TX Dennis Quaid
- 15 Louise of "Stepford Wives" with TX Prentiss
- 16 TXism: "fits like ugly \_\_\_ ape"
- 18 fed. Indian agcy.
- 20 Mexican "is"
- 23 TXism: "chompin' \_\_\_ the bit" (eager)
- 24 type of computer memory (abbr.)
- 25 horse movement
- 26 TX town or NE city
- 27 TXism: "a good man not \_\_\_ with" (mean)
- 49 pos. of former Ranger Alex Rodriguez
- 50 TXism: "you're barn door is \_\_\_" (unzipped)
- 51 TXism: "it'll make your hair stand \_\_\_"
- 52 Henry Wade's longtime job in Dallas Co.
- 53 poppa
- 54 TX A.J. Foyt won "\_\_\_ 500" four times



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40 TXism: "he \_\_\_ sleeps fast" (swift)  
 41 TX Dabney series: "The Days & Nights of Molly \_\_\_"  
 43 Astro or Ranger four-bagger (abbr.)  
 45 dir. to Elgin from Hays  
 47 TXism: "strong enough to float \_\_\_" (coffee)  
 48 TXism: "\_\_\_ water" (soft drink)  
 55 this Tim starred with TX Crystal Bernard on "Wings"

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