



Second chances: Springtown native reflects on starting a new career later in life

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In his late 50s, Mike Carter was asked what was next for him in life, and all signs seemed to point toward going back to school.

Carter, 68, who is a licensed chemical dependency counselor at a local substance abuse treatment center, graduated from Springtown High School in 1971 and graduated from Weatherford College, the first time, in 1973. After that, he was enrolled at the University of Texas at Arlington and wanted to become a Baptist pastor.

However, Carter's educational goals were dashed after he endured a severe accident.

Between his junior and senior year at UTA, Carter took a summer job working at an oil field by transporting mud to drilling sites. Then, two weeks after he had started, his body was crushed between a truck and a loading dock.

"We had been working like 23 hours straight," Carter said.

He described how one of the workers fell asleep at the wheel of a truck with his foot on the clutch, which caused the truck to roll backwards while Carter was trying to jump up into the warehouse from the loading dock. Carter said his pelvis was shattered in 14 places, dislocated both hips, and the muscles in his right leg had imploded.

"The night I got hurt, the family

was called in. The doctor told them that I probably wouldn't make the night, and then a couple of days later, they said, 'Well, he's going to live, but he's never going to be able to walk' because of the damage to my lower spine," Carter said.

He used a wheelchair for a short time, but mainly utilized a walker.

"I was kind of hard-headed and determined that I wasn't going to be that way," Carter said. "I know you can't beat odds that are against you, but you can give it a whole lot of effort. I couldn't do anything for about 13 months. I was declared 70% disabled at the age of 21, but I was determined that wasn't going

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Mike Carter

Courtesy Photo

Tax freeze proposed

Springtown City Council to consider tax freeze for older, disabled homeowners

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The Springtown City Council is considering a tax limitation, or freeze, for homeowners who are disabled or 65 years or older.

City Administrator David Miller said the freeze was previously discussed while the council was putting together the budget. The

council is expected to vote on a tax limitation at its March 31 meeting.

The tax limitation would freeze city property taxes for those who are recognized as disabled by the federal government or are 65 or older. Homeowners who qualify must also have a property subject to the homestead exemption and must reside in that home.

Any improvements made to a

property, other than regular repairs, are not subject to the tax freeze, and extra taxes above the frozen amount would have to be assessed for improvements on qualified properties, according to the agenda background document.

"If somebody is 65 years of age or older, their house is homesteaded and they qualify for this exemption, or this 'freeze' if you would,

that simply means the amount of property tax they pay to the city of Springtown will not increase for the rest of the time that they own that house," Miller said during the Feb. 28 council meeting. "What they pay tax-wise can decrease depending on valuations and things of that nature, but it can never go up above whatever it's frozen at."

However, other taxing entities

that do not have such limitations in place – such as the Parker County Hospital District, the Parker County Lateral Road fund and Parker County ESD 1 – can raise taxes for taxpayers, including those who would qualify for the city's potential tax freeze, Miller said.

Depending on home appraisals,

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Black Balloon Day



Christina Peña takes a photo with the "we ARE our brothers keeper" banner on Black Balloon Day on March 6. She and others took pictures with the banner to honor the memory of loved ones lost to overdose. Courtesy of Jessica Castro

Man arrested in connection with Midway Road shooting

FROM STAFF REPORTS

A man was arrested by Parker County Sheriff's deputies in connection with a Springtown-area shooting on March 2, according to a Parker County Sheriff's Office news release.

Michael Wayne Stearns, 47, was booked into the Parker County Jail where he was charged with felony aggravated assault with a deadly

weapon. His bond was set at \$500,000.

The call was reported as a domestic disturbance that turned into a shooting call



Stearns

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Optimist Club names Young Texan, Texanne for March, Young Texanne for February

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extracurricular activities. Students who achieve this award usually earn mostly A's in school. These students were honored at the Optimist Club meeting on March 1.

The Springtown Optimist Club recognized Brianna Graham as the Young Texanne for February, Brett Burdick as the Young Texan for March and Brinklee Dauenhauer as the Young Texanne for March.

Graham participates in varsity powerlifting and Business Professionals of America. She hopes to attend the University of Texas at Austin and study finance and international business, according to her questionnaire.

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

When asked on the ques-



From left: Brett Burdick, the Young Texan for March; Brinklee Dauenhauer, the Young Texanne for March; and Brianna Graham, the Young Texanne for February.



SHS senior Erin Hall was awarded \$250 for her essay on "How Does an Optimistic Mindset Change My Tomorrow?"

Photos courtesy of Melissa Hutchison

tionnaire how she hopes people remember her time at Springtown High School, Graham wrote, "I want people to remember my genuine nature. I want others to think about this and realize that you don't need to hide your true self to get through high school."

Burdick participates in basketball and track at SHS, and he wants to study geography at either the University of North Texas or Texas A&M University, according

to his questionnaire. In 10 years, he hopes to teach geography and be working toward a doctoral degree.

Burdick said on the questionnaire that one of his great moments at SHS was when he "achieved straight A's (his) sophomore year of high school, during a difficult period of Covid."

Dauenhauer is involved in multiple sports, like volleyball, basketball, track and golf as well as National Honor Society and the Peer

Assistance and Leadership program. In the future, she plans to study forensic accounting at a college where she can also play volleyball. She also said she wants to be a flight attendant after college.

On her questionnaire, Dauenhauer said she hopes to be remembered at SHS as a "major (contributor) to (the) athletic program."

Also at the Optimist Club meeting, SHS senior Erin Hall was announced as the

winner of the essay contest and was awarded \$250 for her essay on "How Does an Optimistic Mindset Change My Tomorrow?" Her win means she will advance to compete at the district level.

The Springtown Optimist Club holds meetings monthly at 7 a.m. on the first Tuesday of the month at Howell's Western Café. The club honors the Young Texan and Texanne at meetings while also discussing club business.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Brief Explanatory Statements of Proposed Constitutional Amendments Special Election, May 7, 2022

Proposition Number 1 (SJR 2)

SJR 2 proposes a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for the reduction of the amount of a limitation on the total amount of property taxes that may be imposed for general elementary and secondary public school purposes on the residence homestead of a person who is elderly or disabled in order to reflect any statutory reduction in the maximum compressed rate of the maintenance and operations taxes imposed for those purposes on the person's homestead from the preceding tax year.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for the reduction of the amount of a limitation on the total amount of ad valorem taxes that may be imposed for general elementary and secondary public school purposes on the residence homestead of a person who is elderly or disabled to reflect any statutory reduction from the preceding tax year in the maximum compressed rate of the maintenance and operations taxes imposed for those purposes on the homestead."**

Proposition Number 2 (SJR 2)

SJR 2 proposes a constitutional amendment increasing the amount of the residence homestead exemption from property taxes for public school purposes from \$25,000 to \$40,000.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment increasing the amount of the residence homestead exemption from ad valorem taxation for public school purposes from \$25,000 to \$40,000."**

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Should you choose muffin, doughnut, or croissant? Make your own decision.

Every single day of our lives, we make decisions that affect our happiness, joy and sometimes our very existence.

I think most of us are raised with preconceived notions concerning the choices we make. Often, decisions are made based on someone else's idea of our happiness like who we should marry, what sort of job we should take, or where we should live. Our thought processes and judgment are influenced by our parents, our friends and the very society in which we live. We fail to consider what we truly want and would prefer.

I saw an interesting clip comparing a 1960 Dallas high school class and a 2020 Dallas high school class. In the poll taken at the time of their graduation, 93% of the women in the 1960 class declared their future goal was to be a "housewife." Not a single woman in the 2020 class made the same declaration.

Please do not misunderstand me, I am very pleased young women have options and choices to make about their lives and are not limited to some archaic thinking that predestines them to be a wife and a mother. My guess is the young women in 1960 felt an obligation to fulfill a role that the world wanted them to choose. Perhaps the young women of 2020 did the same thing; not truly expressing what "they" wanted but rather, what others expected of them.

Over the years, I have seen the same sort of thing happen when people choose a career. They become a lawyer, police officer or a teacher because their family



MY FRONT PORCH

By Sam Houston

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expects them to do so. Their parents might view these jobs as noble or perhaps carrying out a family tradition of service. Not always, but sometimes, these folks find themselves spending their days dreaming of doing something other than what others wanted for them.

I spent a few moments one morning this week, considering if for breakfast I would prefer a muffin, doughnut or croissant. The muffin is a reasonable and practical choice. A bran muffin is good for preventing cholesterol buildup and regulates one's system. It is both filling and satisfying. Without question, a decision my mother would support because she would believe it was the healthy choice. Mothers are always concerned about the health of their baby boys.

The doughnut has its own endearing qualities. Doughnuts come in many delicious toppings and fillings but there is the additional burden of making the sub-choice of cake or glazed, baked or fried. A doughnut is utilitarian and almost workmanlike. It dunks well into a cup of coffee and can easily be carried and eaten in the car. Police officers like doughnuts. Certainly, a tempting choice.

A croissant might best be described as the wealthy cousin to the muffin and the doughnut, who grew up in an upscale neighborhood and went to private schools. A croissant is elegant, crumbly

and made with lots of butter. One feels almost regal when eating a croissant.

All these food choices go well with a morning cup of coffee and prepare a person to face the challenges and decisions of the day. All three bring some degree of pleasure, satisfaction and fulfillment to the consumer. On the downside, consumption of any of these three raises fears and concerns about weight gain, blood sugar levels, and even cavities.

Whether it is casting a vote, choosing to be a housewife, joining a particular profession, or our breakfast selection, we alone make the decision and live with the consequences. My choice is to always choose what I believe is best, not what someone else tells me is best for me. I will listen to others. I will try to make informed, pragmatic decisions. In the end, I will make my own choice. Whether it is about my life, for whom to vote, or even my breakfast; the decision is mine and so are the consequences.

By the way, I figured out I don't have to decide between the muffin, doughnut or the croissant. I can have them all if that is what I want.

Now that is a decision I can live with.

Thought for the day: A good wife always forgives her husband when she is wrong.

Until next time.

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after 4 p.m. in the 1500 block of Midway Road, Parker County Sheriff Russ Authier said. Stearns dialed 911 and reported he and his wife were verbally arguing when he grabbed a .22 handgun from a shelf and shot her in the "side." Stearns told the 911 dispatcher that he would be sitting on the

porch with a shotgun when deputies arrived.

Sheriff's deputies took Stearns into custody without further incident and aided the victim until paramedics arrived. The victim told deputies she and her husband were arguing when he became "irate" and grabbed

the gun from a shelf and shot her in the left side as she sat in a chair. The victim was transported to an area hospital where she received medical treatment.

The incident was investigated by Parker County Sheriff's Office investigators and the Texas Rangers.

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Consolidated Notice of Receipt of Application and Intent to Obtain Permit and Notice of Application and Preliminary Decision

Air Quality Standard Permit for Concrete Batch Plants
Proposed Registration No. 167889

Application. Titan Ready Mix, LP, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for an Air Quality Standard Permit, Registration No. 167889, which would authorize construction of a permanent concrete batch plant located at 3060 West Highway 199, Springtown, Parker County, Texas 76082. This application is being processed in an expedited manner, as allowed by the commission's rules in 30 Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 101, Subchapter J. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and not part of the application or notice. For exact location, refer to application. <http://www.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/hb610/index.html?lat=32.979118&lng=-97.732481&zoom=13&type=r>. The proposed facility will emit the following air contaminants: particulate matter including (but not limited to) aggregate, cement, road dust, and particulate matter with diameters of 10 microns or less and 2.5 microns or less.

This application was submitted to the TCEQ on February 4, 2022. The executive director has completed the administrative and technical reviews of the application and determined that the application meets all of the requirements of a standard permit authorized by 30 TAC § 116.611, which would establish the conditions under which the plant must operate. The executive director has made a preliminary decision to issue the registration because it meets all applicable rules. The application, executive director's preliminary decision, and standard permit will be available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ central office, the TCEQ Dallas/Fort Worth regional office, and at the Springtown Public Library, 626 North Main Street, Springtown, Parker County, Texas 76082, beginning the first day of publication of this notice. The facility's compliance file, if any exists, is available for public review at the TCEQ Dallas/Fort Worth Regional Office, 2309 Gravel Drive, Fort Worth, Texas. Visit www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/cbp to review the standard permit.

Public Comment/Public Meeting. You may submit public comments or request a public meeting. See Contacts section. The TCEQ will consider all public comments in developing a final decision on the application. **The deadline to submit public comments or meeting requests is 30 days after newspaper notice is published.** Issues such as property values, noise, traffic safety, and zoning are outside of the TCEQ's jurisdiction to consider in the permit process.

The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or ask questions about the application. A public meeting about the application will be held if the executive director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing. If a public meeting is held, the deadline to submit public comments is extended to the end of the public meeting.

Contested Case Hearing. You may request a contested case hearing. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court. **Unless a written request for a contested case hearing is filed within 30 days from this notice, the executive director may approve the application.**

A person who may be affected by emissions of air contaminants from the facility is entitled to request a hearing. To request a hearing, a person must actually reside in a permanent residence within 440 yards of the proposed plant. If requesting a contested case hearing, you must submit the following: (1) your name (or for a group or association, an official representative), mailing address, daytime phone number; (2) applicant's name and registration number; (3) the statement "[I/we] request a contested case hearing;" (4) a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the application and air emissions from the facility in a way not common to the general public; (5) the location and distance of your property relative to the facility; (6) a description of how you use the property which may be impacted by the facility; and (7) a list of all disputed issues of fact that you submit during the comment period. If the request is made by a group or association, one or more members who have standing to request a hearing must be identified by name and physical address. The interests which the group or association seeks to protect must be identified. You may submit your proposed adjustments to the application which would satisfy your concerns. See Contacts section.

TCEQ Action. After the deadline for public comments, the executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. The executive director's decision on the application, and any response to comments, will be mailed to all persons on the mailing list. If no timely contested case hearing requests are received, or if all hearing requests are withdrawn, the executive director may issue final approval of the application. If all timely hearing requests are not withdrawn, the executive director will not issue final approval of the permit and will forward the application and requests to the Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled commission meeting. The Commission may only grant a request for a contested case hearing on issues the requestor submitted in their timely comments that were not subsequently withdrawn. **If a hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be limited to disputed issues of fact or mixed questions of fact and law relating to relevant and material air quality concerns submitted during the comment period.** Issues such as property values, noise, traffic safety, and zoning are outside of the Commission's jurisdiction to address in this proceeding.

Mailing List. You may ask to be placed on a mailing list to receive additional information on this specific application. See Contacts section.

Information Available Online. For details about the status of the application, visit the Commissioners' Integrated Database (CID) at www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/cid. Once you have access to the CID using the link, enter the registration number at the top of this notice.

Contacts. Public comments and requests must be submitted either electronically at www14.tceq.texas.gov/epic/eComment/, or in writing to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. Please be aware that any contact information you provide, including your name, phone number, email address and physical address will become part of the agency's public record. For more information about this application or the permitting process, please call the TCEQ Public Education Program toll free at 1-800-687-4040 or visit their website at www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/pep. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040.

Further information may also be obtained from Titan Ready Mix, LP, 1050 Hughie Long Road, Cresson, Texas 76035-4174 or by calling Mr. Josh Butler, Principal Consultant at (214) 334-6954.

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SHS One-Act Play performers advance to bi-district competition

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Springtown High School's UIL One-Act Play, "The Tin Woman," advanced to bi-district following the opening round of competition last weekend.

The cast and crew received the following awards in the district competition: All Star Technician award, Sarah Kinnard; Honorable Mention All Star Cast, Nova Gould and Layla Bryson; All Star Cast, Carolina Williams; and Best Performer, Gentry Phillips.

A news release from the school stated, "The audience and judges were moved by our performance and the judges' feedback was in-

sightful and indicated we may be in for a long run. The actors were praised for handling tough subjects and material like seasoned performers and our technical aspects were not to be changed."

The next competition will be March 12. Springtown High School will join the District 7 advancers - Argyle and Castleberry - as well as District 8. Shows start at 11 a.m., and attendees are instructed to arrive at 1 p.m. or earlier to watch Springtown perform, according to the news release.

"This production is a must see and will not disappoint. Bring tissues," the news release stated.

Pictured are the Springtown High School One-Act Play company in no particular order: Sarah Kinnard, Nova Gould, Layla Bryson, Carolina Williams, Gentry Phillips, Nolan Roark, Michael Merrill, Connor Rykin, Phelo Rogers, Cody Farner, Stetson Wilmeth, Chloe Smith, Taylor Rykin, Jason Patterson, Alexa Teague, Bernard Bast and Theater Director Rebecca Phillips.

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TAX FREEZE, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1A.

residents with the frozen taxes would start to see savings after 2023, Miller said.

According to the Texas comptroller's website, homesteads for people 65 or older and individuals with disabilities are eligible for the tax limitation if the governing body – in Springtown's case, the city council – authorizes it. Voters may also adopt the limitation through petition and election.

If the Springtown City Council moves forward on the freeze, then it would be in place permanently.

"This decision is one of the most pivotal decisions you'll make as a city council because it is irrevocable," Miller said. "You cannot go back on it unless there's a change in state law that allows you to. Once you implement this tax freeze, you cannot go back and undo it."

If passed, the freeze would go into effect during the property tax year 2023 and taxes would be frozen at the tax rate that the city will pass later this year, Miller said.

In the future, the freeze would take effect during the tax year after a homeowner qualifies, according to the agenda background document.

Mayor Greg Hood and Council member Michele Chandler Kelley asked

about the city's current \$15,000 exemption during the meeting. Springtown offers this exemption to the homesteads of property owners who are age 65 or older, disabled or the qualifying survivor of a previously qualified property owner, said Christina Derr, Springtown director of administrative services. Derr also said disabled veteran exemptions are available under state law.

The City Council could vote to change or do away with the exemption, Miller said. There is no current plan to end the exemption.

POTENTIAL IMPACT OF A TAX FREEZE

Springtown's general fund is funded through ad valorem taxes. Currently, about 233 homes, which is about 17.8% of Springtown's residential properties, would qualify for the exemption, which means they would also qualify for the potential tax freeze. If the tax rate stays the same as it is now, the proposed freeze for those 233 homes would amount to a revenue loss of about \$235,109 over six years for the city. Every year, the city would see a higher percentage of lost tax revenue, starting at less than 1% in 2023 and growing to 2.3% in 2028.

However, that loss would be made up by the city's

growth, Miller said. With the potential tax freeze and growth in mind, the city wouldn't see a net loss until 2028 of about \$14,575, which would need to be made up if the city's growth stops, he said.

"Eventually, your revenue stream for new growth will slow down or could decrease dramatically. You just need to be prepared for that," Miller said. "Staring into the crystal ball of the future, it doesn't look like that's going to happen."

Miller said a downside to a tax freeze would be that it would place an extra burden for future needs on taxpayers who don't qualify.

"Your other taxpayers will be making up that difference, and you just need to understand that," Miller said to the council. "The majority of your taxpayers making up that difference will be the majority of the new people who move into Springtown."

Miller said there isn't a financial reason not to pass the tax freeze, thanks to Springtown's growth.

"I don't see any reason why we shouldn't adopt this," he said. "I think it sends a lot of good will to our citizens, and I think it speaks the message that you care about our citizens who are 65 or older, that you care about those who are disabled."

ON FISHING

Spring striped bass topwater strategies

Spring is almost upon us. Last week, we discussed the spawning temperatures for a variety of species. Today's discussion is on the potential spring topwater action for Striped bass. Topwater action will be occurring for many species, but chasing some really large fish on the top is exciting.

Striped bass generally feed all winter, but they will feed even more voraciously with the water warming and of course feeding up for the spawning attempt. Your chances of catching a big fish on top is real good. Even though spring has not arrived officially, the topwater bite is about to explode, especially on those warmer days.

Water temperatures in the shallows will warm up much quicker than the deeper water and that will bring in the baitfish. A couple of warm days in a row, and the bait will be back in the shallows. A couple of cold days and the bait moves back out to deeper water. Just be prepared to try several patterns on these fish.

Generally this time of the year the birds will point out active fish feeding in the shallows. If the birds are not working, work your bait on shallow sand flats or points

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adjacent to deeper water. Big individual fish are roaming these warmer areas feeding up for the spawning attempt. Keep your eyes peeled for surfacing fish and or bait.

Big striped bass feeding in the shallows can be an amazing sight. The splashes from large fish can be tremendous, unlike a school of feeding small fish. Shallow feeding fish are generally spooky, so approach slowly and quietly and cast to them.

This is an exciting time of the year for us anglers. Stay abreast of the lake conditions, weather and fishing reports, and be ready to get on the water on short notice.

I personally will ready some large plugs such as redfins and Rapalas just for the upcoming striped bass action. Chug Bugs, Sassy Shad/storm baits soft plastics work well also.

A soft plastic swimbait retrieved in a steady fashion will draw a bite. Yellow,

chrome, clear, white/bone/glow and chartreuse are the favorite colors for topwater striped bass action. You may have to match the bait they are feeding on but don't be afraid to use large baits when the fish are active. Bigger baits can catch bigger fish.

Live bait drifted with the use of a float/balloon to the surface action will work also. The boat may spook surface feeding fish, so it is best to make a presentation from a distance. Morning action just as the sun rises is usually better for topwater action. They may feed longer in the shallows on overcast days, as most of you know. Striped bass are generally known not to prefer direct sunlight. In fact they tend to go deeper once the sun is bright, so early and late is normally better to find surface feeding fish (usually).

Remember to try a heavier jig or a deep diving suspending crankbait on occasion as the bigger fish may be below the smaller fish feeding on top. Vary the movement of the bait. Slow is still on order on most days, but as it warms the presentation may require more movement.

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Obituaries

Marvin Dunlap 1925- 2022

Marvin Lee "Doboard" Dunlap, 96, passed peacefully from this life at his home in Springtown on March 2, 2022.

Funeral Service was held at 10 a.m., Tuesday, March 8, 2022 at White's Funeral Home Chapel in Springtown. Visitation was held at 6 to 8 p.m., Monday, March 7, 2022 at White's Funeral Home Chapel in Springtown. Interment was Tuesday, March 8, 2022 in Springtown Cemetery following the service.

Marvin was born to B.G. and Ollie Richburg Dunlap on June 5, 1925 in Esteline, Texas on a dry land cotton farm. He married Doris "Tootsie" Brawley on April 15, 1955. Marvin was given his nickname of "Doboard" by a cousin when he was five years old and that was how he was known by friends and family for the remainder of his life.

He was a Navy veteran of World War II, serving aboard the USS Duluth as a gunner's mate. "Doboard" worked in the oil field as a roughneck and pumper until his retirement. He was the last surviving charter member of the Springtown



Volunteer Fire Department which he helped organize in 1948.

Marvin was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Doris; son, Tony Dunlap; sisters, Alma Earl and Viola Allison; brothers, Andy, Lonnie, Wayman, J.B. Dunlap and Billy Ray.

Marvin is survived by his son Terry and wife, Nancy Dunlap of Loving, Texas; daughter, Patti Dunlap of Springtown; grandchildren, Dustin and wife Tessara Dunlap of Fort Polk Louisiana and Derek and wife Riley Dunlap of Dublin Texas. Great-grandchildren, Trinity, Tate, Wyatt, Gunner, Charlotte, Caroline, Jacob and Maggie and numerous nieces and nephews.

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Annie McCloud 1932- 2022

Annie was born in Ft. Worth, Texas to Sallie and William Allcorn on August 21, 1932. She went home to the arms of Jesus on February 21, 2022.

Annie was a beloved mother, granny and great granny. She had one son, Bennie Berle McCloud Jr., who predeceased her in 1979.

She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Janet & Dale; grandchild Brandy and her husband Danny; great grandchildren, Mikayla and Sofia.

Annie was a day care employee for many years and had many more children that loved her. She will be missed very much.

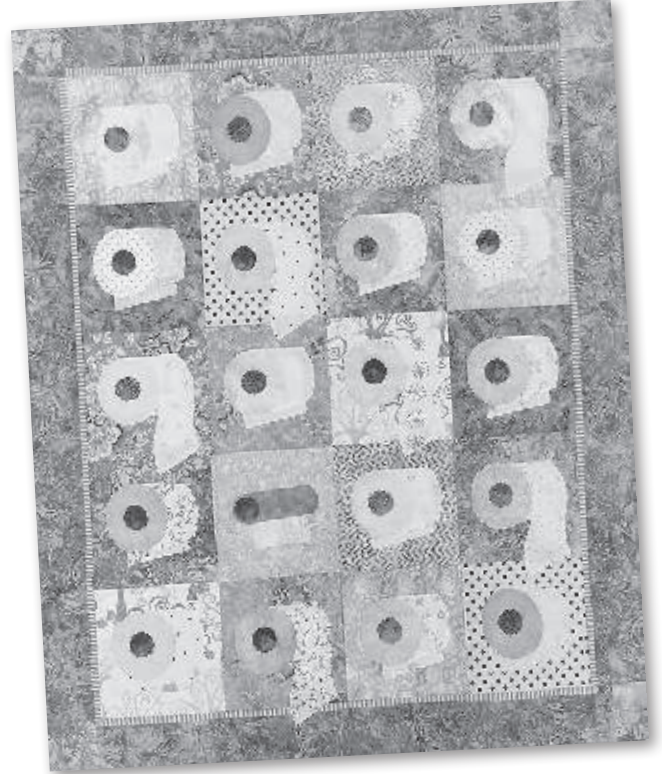
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9, 2022, from 6-8 p.m. Her service will be on March 10, 2022, at 9:30 a.m. The viewing and service will be held at Greenwood Funeral Home, 3100 White Settlement Rd., Fort Worth, Texas, 76107.

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Quilter's Guild of Parker County to meet next week



"We're On a Bigger Roll" pattern created by Karen Brow-Meier of Java House Quilts. Photo courtesy

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The Quilter's Guild of Parker County will meet in-person and via Zoom on March 17 for the guild's monthly meeting.

The meeting is at 6:45 p.m. at Lakeshore Drive Baptist Church at 200 S. Lakeshore Drive in Hudson Oaks. Attendees can arrive earlier to socialize, and visitors are welcome in person and online.

The program will be "Movin' On - Creating Movement in our Quilts" and will feature guest

speaker Karen Brow-Meier of Java House Quilts. Brow-Meier's work has appeared in national magazines, books, catalogs and shows. She will talk about the importance of movement and how to create it often with a bit of humor.

For those wanting to attend online, email your name and telephone number to qgpc2000@gmail.com. To learn more about the Guild, visit the website quiltersguildofparkercounty.org or Facebook page.

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CARTER, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1A.

to be my destiny.”
Because of the accident, Carter didn’t return to school. By the time he could go back, he opted to jump into the workforce to make money for his family. He worked with his uncle constructing metal buildings and then started his own metal buildings company with a partner. Then, for 25 years, he worked in high-way construction.

Then, at age 59, Carter went back to school at Weatherford College, and he graduated there in 2014 as a licensed chemical dependency counselor.

“I went through the school and everything then and took it a whole lot more seriously than when I was 17-18 years old,” Carter said, laughing.

His reasoning for studying chemical dependency counseling was twofold. First of all, he said he had a family member who used drugs and that drug use affected the entire family. The other reason, which Carter called the bigger reason, was that he used pain pills for “the better part of 35 years.” In 2010 he decided to change, and quit using the medication methadone. “I could put them down, but I always went back to them because your brain tells you that you need that,” Carter said. “I was addicted to pain pills.”

Carter described his turning point to get off pain medication was when he had ankle reconstruction surgery in March 2010.

“I was able to lay in the bed after my surgery; that was about it,” he said. “At that point, I was about 415 pounds because the pain killers had just slowed my metabolism down to nothing. I could eat very little or nothing, and I couldn’t lose weight. I was just miserable, as miserable as I could be, and I just felt like I was being told, ‘Mike, you’re killing yourself.’”

Quitting methadone wasn’t exactly easy. Carter recalled having “the nastiest withdrawals that you could ever imagine” as well as depression.

What got him out of depression was volunteering, Carter said. This

work was usually with organizations helping down-on-their-luck people, like kids, people with felonies and those who were homeless.

Though Carter said he still has body pain, he doesn’t deal with the pain using pain pills other than Tylenol.

“I could go to the doctor right now and get all the pain pills I wanted, but I choose not to do that because that’s not the message I want to give our boys and girls (at Clearfork Academy) and it’s not the way I want to live my life,” Carter said.

GOING BACK TO COLLEGE

When Carter was about 58 or 59, his counselor asked him what was next in his life. Carter said he didn’t have any plans, and the counselor encouraged him to talk with a Weatherford College faculty member, who insisted that he enroll at WC. Even when Carter said he didn’t have the money to go back to school, the faculty member stood his ground.

“I said we’ll look at it in a year, and I’ll see if I can get in because I really liked what he had to say, and he said, ‘No, I’m putting you in the program now. You’ll figure out a way,’” Carter said. “And, I said, ‘No, I don’t see that happening.’”

On the way back from WC, Carter called his friend Kelvin Miles and asked him to pray that Carter would be able to go to school in a year. However, Miles declined and said he would instead pray for Carter to go to school that year. Then, Carter said Miles started a fundraiser for Carter’s college tuition on Facebook and within 10 days Carter had \$6,000, just in time for Carter to go back to school.

“Kelvin Miles and those bunch of people basically allowed me to do what I do today,” Carter said, as he teared up recalling the story.

Miles, who is currently serving as Justice of the Peace for Precinct 1, said he met Carter through going to school at Springtown and playing football with Carter’s younger brother.

“He’s a super good guy, (and

he’s got a heart for people,” Miles said.

In addition to helping Carter raise money for tuition, Miles said he tried to encourage and help his friend the whole time he was in school, particularly because of how difficult it is to go back to school as an older adult.

“What I did was just a small fraction, something to try to help him get going. It was mainly on him that he went to school. He went through it and made the sacrifices to get it done,” he said.

Miles said Carter’s best qualities are that he is caring and will sacrifice his time to help others.

“He’s all about service and trying to help people,” Miles said. “That’s what he lives for.”

WORKING AT CLEARFORK ACADEMY

After a series of other counseling-related jobs, Carter began working at Clearfork Academy more than 4 1/2 years ago. The Fort Worth location, near the southwest end of Eagle Mountain Lake, provides substance abuse rehab for adolescent boys and was established over five years ago. Carter helped start up the intensive outpatient program, an area that he still works in currently. As the alumni relations coordinator, he works with the current boys at the academy and alumni as well as current and alumni parents.

“I don’t think there’s anything here that I haven’t done, except be the cook,” Carter said.

Clearfork Academy is rooted in the Christian faith, but Carter said religion isn’t forced on the boys. He also said the academy is welcoming to youth who are gay or transgender.

“We want to give them every opportunity – whether it’s through God, whether it’s through 12 Steps, whether it’s just changing your mindset or whatever – every opportunity to find their path,” Carter said. “Everybody’s path to recovery is different, and you can’t dictate what that path is going to look like.”

Carter shares his own experi-

ence with pain pill addition with the Clearfork Academy boys, who regularly ask to hear his story. Carter said his story shows them that they don’t have to be bound to substance abuse forever.

“They’re interested in hearing about somebody, I guess, defeating the monster that kind of takes over your life,” he said.

Carter said he has a great connection with the boys, which may also be attributed to his age. He calls his connection to the boys “grandpa therapy.”

“They kind of navigate toward me because I think they see some-

thing that they’re missing, maybe that grandpa relationship or something like that,” Carter said. “From nearly the first moment I worked here, I saw that there was something different in the way that I could relate to those boys than a 30-year-old.”

Carter doesn’t plan to stop working at Clearfork anytime soon, but if he does have to retire, he said he’ll either volunteer or open a private practice.

“I’m not going to sit and do nothing when I know there’s so many people out there that need help,” he said.



A photo of Mike Carter from his high school football days.

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Trailblazer: Dorothy Butler Gilliam

Imagine being told you couldn’t do something just because of the color of your skin. That’s what happened to Dorothy Butler Gilliam.

Dorothy wanted to be a reporter at a major daily newspaper. When she first applied, she wasn’t hired. But that didn’t stop her from trying again.

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DETERMINATION Newspaper Delivery

At 9 years old, Dorothy sold and delivered the local newspaper to people in her Kentucky neighborhood. Years later, when she began to attend Ursuline College, she got a job as a secretary at the same newspaper. Use the code to discover the paper’s name.

Number these lines in order to read the paragraph.

REPORTER

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HARD WORK Reciting a Famous Poem

When Dorothy was a young girl, she memorized and recited the entire poem *’Twas The Night Before Christmas* at a church service. It took both the ability to read and hard work to accomplish that.

1942
— **1936**

Dorothy was born in 1936. She recited the poem in church in 1942. How old was she then?

INFORMED A Newspaper in the Home

Dorothy’s father believed in being informed about the community and the world. He read two newspapers every day.

Fill in the missing vowels in this quote by Dorothy:

“My_w_r_ess of the n_wsp_p_r, through h_ving it in our h_m_, was one of the th_ngs that g_ve_m_the c_r_ge to pply for a secretarial_j_b at a n_wsp_p_r.”

Dorothy’s father became ill when she was 14. Their family moved to a small house in the country with no running water.

She was determined to go to school. She walked a half mile to catch a bus to a school for black children. Schools in Kentucky were segregated — they did not allow white and black students to attend the same school.

START Find the way to Dorothy’s school?

ADVENTURE Stories of Africa

After graduating from Columbia University Dorothy received a scholarship to travel to Africa. An editor at *The Washington Post*, was interested in her trip. Few Americans, black or white, had ever traveled to Africa. He asked Dorothy to write articles about her experience. Because her articles were interesting and well written, she was offered a full-time job at the newspaper.

FINISH

PERSEVERANCE Opening the Front Door

The Washington Press Club _____ Dorothy with a Lifetime Achievement Award in 2010. Being the _____ black woman reporter at *The Washington Post* wasn’t easy. When Dorothy arrived at a wealthy Washington woman’s _____ to report on her 100th birthday party, the doorman told her she couldn’t _____ through the front door. “The maid’s entrance is around the back,” he said.

“I am not a maid, I am a _____ for *The Washington Post*,” she replied.

Springtown Area Chamber of Commerce hosts annual awards gala

BY MADELYN EDWARDS
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The Springtown Area Chamber of Commerce's annual awards gala evoked animal prints throughout the event in the cheetah outfits attendees wore, the zebra and cheetah patterns on the vases used in the table centerpieces and the animal themes in the program's slideshow.

This amount of wild animal imagery was appropriate for the theme – Wild About Springtown.

The event, held at Covered Bridge Venue, brought Springtown's business and municipal leaders together on March 4 to honor people in the community as well as

businesses and organizations that have been members of the chamber for more than 20, 25, 30, 35 and 40 years.

- The awards given were:
- Business of the Year: Edward Jones, Carolyn Rocha
 - Judy Smerud Spirit of Springtown award: Denise Taylor
 - Chamber Member of the Year: Barb and Paul Claffey of Still WaterS Retreat Center Texas
 - Springtown Heritage Award: David Ward and Ward Family
 - Organization of the Year: Servolution Network
 - Hometown Hero: Julia Moseley and Melton Harms
- Chamber Board of Directors President Jennifer Conway, who is a native Spring-



Jennifer Conway, Chamber Board president.



town resident, addressed gala attendees about what makes shopping local in Springtown special.

"What makes you stand out? You make your customers feel appreciated," Conway said at the gala.

Accomplishing this goal can mean businesses going beyond customers' expectations and providing clear communication, Conway said.

Lauren Alcala, left, of Goosehead McCulloch Insurance Agency, and Debby Looney of United Country Real Estate Texas Acres and Avenues were among the attendees at the chamber banquet.

Photos by Jim Stevens

"A lot of times we have to step out and do something unexpected. We have to provide our customers with expertise beyond what they expect to come from us," she said. "We have to focus on communication with them, to treat our customers the way that we want to be treated in a business relationship, to provide that clear communication, and many times we do it with a smile which I know is sometimes hard, but that smile goes a long way."

Conway continued to describe what businesses must do to gain customers' appreciation: building sincere, personal connections with customers, managing

expectations and making realistic commitments to customers. They also need to ensure that customers value a business' services and/or products, listen to employees while empower them to improve customer service and respond to customers in a timely manner.

"Everyone needs to remember, you are a one-of-a-kind business," Conway said. "You are an important part to the distinct character of our community. It's what distinguishes the uniqueness of our community compared to the chain store environments. People want to keep their money where their hearts are, so keep being you."

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Springtown powerlifters won the top spot in the regional meet and will send several girls to the powerlifting contest on March 18 in Corpus Christi.

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Springtown girls powerlifting team won the Region 6 Division 2 4A big powerlifting meet last week and many lifters will now head to the state competition.

As a team, the girls scored 70 points to win the Regional Championship, while Gainesville placed second with a score of 55 points and Decatur finished third with 23 points.

All 17 girls who qualified for Regionals finished in the top five and medaled, said coach Missy Castro. Thirteen out of the 17 qualified for state, to be held in Corpus Christi over spring break.

Several lifters won best lifter awards at Regionals:

Myra Castro: Best Squat, Best Deadlift and Best Lifter in the Light Division.

Brianna Graham: Best Bench in the Light Division.

Angela Pando: Best Deadlift in the Heavy Division.

State Qualifiers (First number is weight class and second number is total numbers of pounds):

Second: Sarah Self, 97, 450 total

First: Myra Castro, 105, 785 total

First: Brianna Graham, 114, 805 total

Second: Caitlyn Coleman, 114, 770 total

Third: Britney Tyree, 114, 735 total

First: Skyler Tyree, 123, 775 total

Second: Macy Chavez, 132, 755 total

First: Kylie Wear, 148, 770 total

First: Angela Pando, 165, 1,010 total

First: Abigail Rodgers, 181, 990 total

Second: Savannah Gomez, 181, 935 total

First: Angela Chavez, 259, 1,175 total

Third: Reagan Fortner, 259, 885 total

Regional Medal Winners:

Fourth: Jessica Montgomery 132

Fifth: Hailey Wilmeth 165

Fifth: Lilly Siegel 198

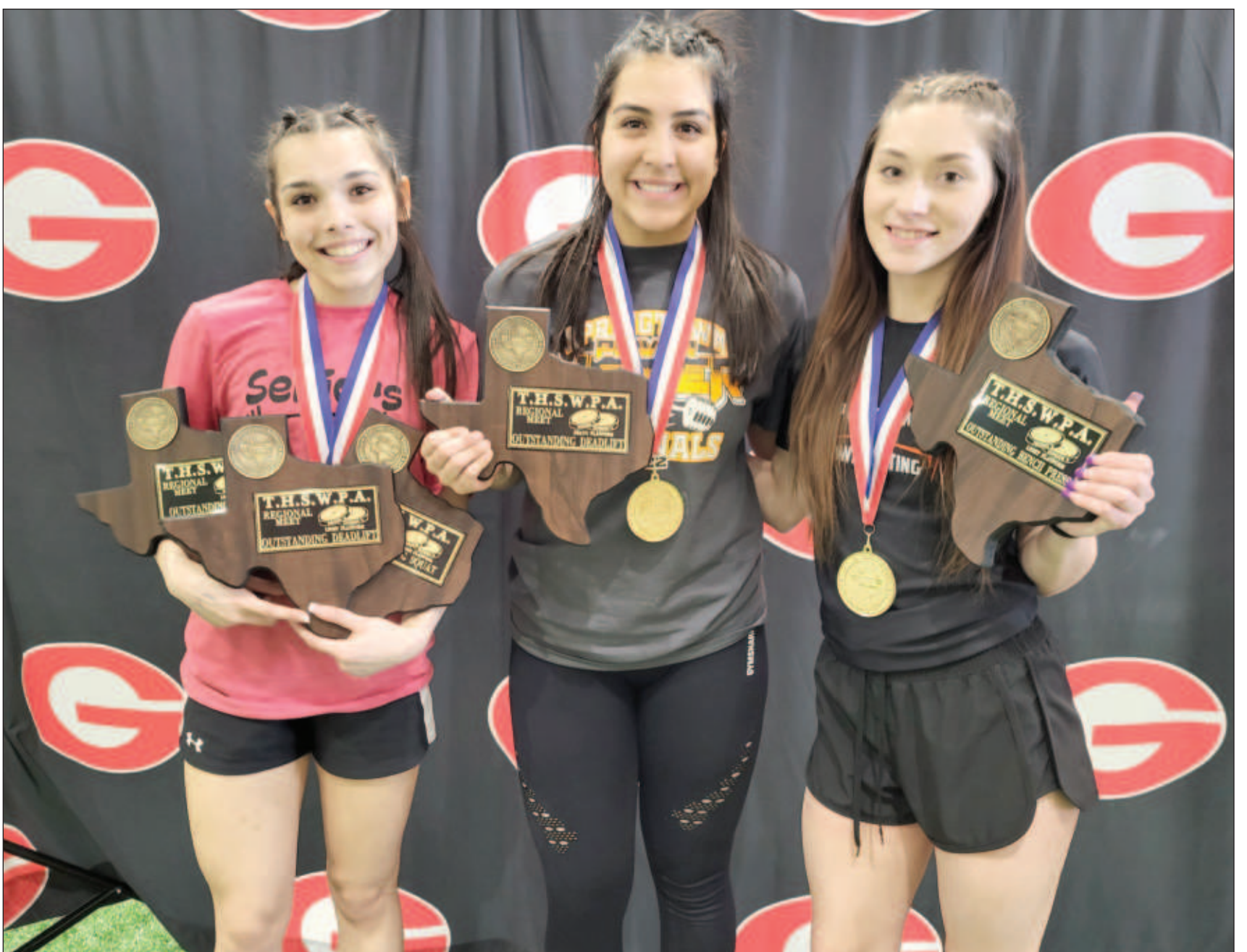
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Springtown powerlifters Myra Castro, Angela Pando and Brianna Graham show the medals and awards they won at the regional meet.

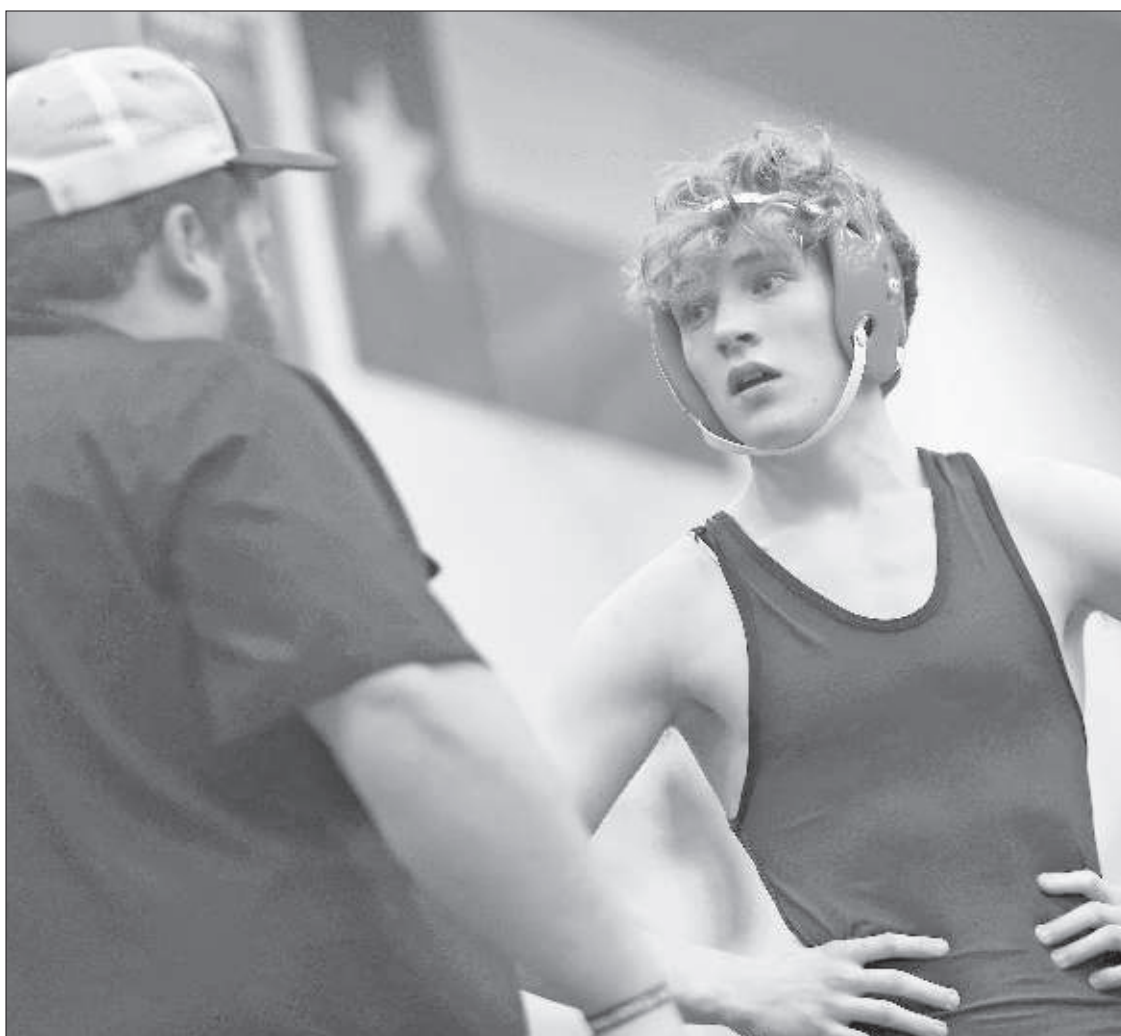
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Photos of young athletes in the heat of battle.



Juan Najera



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Lerin Aquino with Samantha Holder at a recent game.



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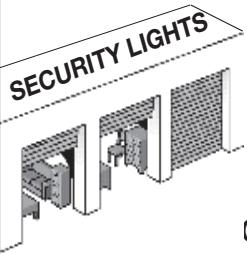
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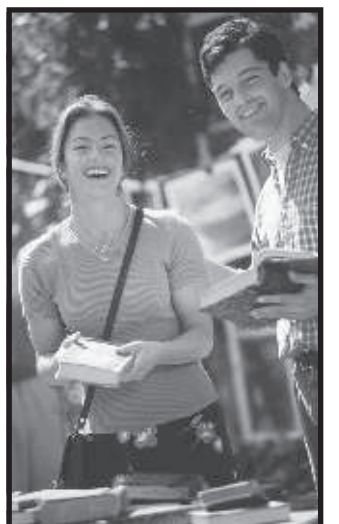
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