



Pilot, passenger survive airplane crash



First responders survey the wreckage of a Cessna C172 in Springtown March 24.

Photo by Carla Noah Stutsman

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No significant injuries occurred after a small plane crashed in a field shortly after 5 p.m. March 24 just north of Springtown Park Re-

habilitation and Care Center.

The pilot and his only passenger escaped the wreckage without major injury. The crash site is near the intersection of Williams-Ward Road and Springfield Road, about

a quarter-mile north of SH 199.

According to a statement from the Federal Aviation Administration, the single-engine Cessna C172 crashed about 5:35 p.m. after the pilot reported engine failure.

“The FAA issued an Alert Notice (ALNOT) Thursday to public safety agencies, pilots and airports to alert them about the missing aircraft,” the statement said.

The FAA and the National Transportation Safety Board will investigate the incident. The NTSB will be in charge of the investigation and will provide additional up-

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SISD reports increase in at-risk students

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Springtown ISD had more students who met the at-risk indicators in the previous school year than the year before.

The term “at-risk” can have several meanings, but generally, students with that label are at-

risk of not meeting standards or dropping out of school. The 14 at-risk indicators represent students who:

- Didn’t advance to the next grade level for one or more school years, except for pre-kindergarten or kindergarten stu-

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Led by a local resident, Family Resource Center opens in Springtown



Jeanne Stevens, second from the right, is the community alignment coordinator at the new Springtown Family Resource Center. Stevens will oversee the center and collaborate with the community. Photos by Madelyn Edwards

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The new Family Resource Center officially opened in Springtown last week and is helmed by a Springtown native and resident.

Jeanne Stevens said she is excited to serve her community as the community alignment coordinator at the new Springtown Family Resource Center. Stevens worked as a specialist for Early Childhood Intervention of North Texas for 10 years in Parker and Palo Pinto counties. She said she is looking

forward to sharing what she knows and learning with the community.

“The things that I’ve learned through the 10 years of serving is that this community is in need of the resources,” Stevens said. “A lot of times they don’t know what resources are out there or how to get their hands on them. That’s what I’m hoping to bring to this community is to help them access those resources that they don’t even know are there ready to help them.”

Stevens has noticed that a lot of the families in the communities she has served have needed

diapers, clothes and food as well as access to resources like the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) or the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), formerly known as “food stamps.”

The Family Resource Center, located at 314 E. Fifth Terrace near the Springtown ISD administration building, will focus on supporting kids ages 0-6 and aims to help families navigate resources.

A navigator will be at the

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Springtown Hop & Shop



Right: Weatherford resident Katana Gratts, 6, visits the Easter bunny at the Springtown Hop & Shop in 2021. File Photo

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Wildfires pose big threat as drought conditions continue

BY CARLA NOAH STUTSMAN

Continued dry conditions, low humidity levels and gusty winds are teaming up against many parts of Texas, resulting in large-scale wildfires that are straining the resources necessary to fight the fires.

Although it's now 80 percent contained, fire crews continue to work to quell the Kidd Fire, just one of the wildfires making up the Eastland Fire Complex in Eastland County. To date, the Kidd Fire alone has burned more than 42,000 acres.

But fires have also plagued Parker County over the past few days, bringing the danger to the forefront of minds across the county.

On March 25, the Veal Fire, located on FM 51 south of Springtown, went to three alarms, and at least five aircraft from the Texas Forestry Service were called

in to service. The Veal Fire burned about 150 acres between FM 51, Hutchison Hill Road and J.E. Woody Road. Parker County ESD 1 was in command. This fire is thought to have started from sparks from a trailer chain.

On March 27, PCESD 1 responded to eight fires along with fire companies from throughout the county, according to a report from the ESD. Those fires included:

- Pepperbush Fire: two acres, with five structures threatened and saved
- Murr Road at FM 1886: four acres, one structure threatened and saved
- Oak Circle in Peaster: 10 acres, one structure damaged, another structure saved
- Jenkins Road/Becky Drive in Aledo: 2.5 acres, two structures threatened, one structure received minor damage
- Turpin Lake: one-half acre
- Kalinga Drive: one-quarter

acre, two structures threatened, one structure with minor damage

• Veal Fire: crews extinguished and controlled new active fire within containment lines from the previous fire.

All eight fires were 100 percent contained and all personnel and equipment from PCESD1 were back in quarters by 11 p.m. that day.

On March 28 shortly before 2 p.m., a wildfire broke out in the 300 block of Advance Road between Poolville and Whitt. This fire quickly went to three alarms. Texas Forestry Service air support was unavailable; it's likely those resources were committed to the 700-acre Bosque River Fire and/or the 32,000+-acre Crittendon Complex of fires in Coryel County, near Fort Hood.

However, two TFS bulldozers were operating along the fire's west flank by 2:45 p.m. By 3 p.m., forward progression of the Fondren Fire, as it has been named, was



A firefighter performs a controlled burn to create a firebreak. The Veal Fire burned about 150 acres between FM 51, Hutchison Hill Road and J.E. Woody Road. Photo courtesy Texas A&M Forestry Service

believed to be stopped, but there was no word on containment. At that time, an estimated 75 acres had burned.

The Azle Fire Department responded to assist with the Murr Road fire at FM 1886

on March 27; the department also tapped a large dumpster fire in the 11,400 block of FM 730 South and a grass/brush fire in the 700 block of Park Street. On March 28, Azle FD extinguished an RV

fire in the 12,600 block of FM 730 South.

Information gathered for this story came from various sources, including media, agency social media, internet sites and scanner traffic.

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Both Tarrant and Parker Counties are currently under emergency burn bans. In short, this means no open flames, sparks or embers are allowed. Residents in rural areas should keep an area of at least 30 feet mowed around homes, outbuildings and other structures to prevent fire from reaching structures.

Highway cleanup



Volunteers pick up trash on State Highway 199 in Springtown on Saturday March 26. The overdose awareness group "We ARE our brothers keeper," the organizer of Saturday's cleanup, adopted a section of SH 199 near Springtown High School and extending two miles west. Courtesy of Jessica Castro

Voter registration deadline for local elections is next week

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The last day to register to vote for municipal elections is April 7.

Election Day is May 7, and early voting will take place from April 25 through May 3. Places on the Springtown ISD school board, Reno City Council and Walnut Creek SUD are on the ballot.

In Springtown ISD's school board election, incumbent Damon Liles is running against candidate

Chad Tedder for Place 2.

In Reno, council member Shelli Swift is running against Jason Holden for Place 3.

For Walnut Creek Special Utility District, three seats on the board are available. Incumbents Mike Gilley and Frank Henderson have filed for re-election, as well as Beth Correll, who is currently filling an unexpired term left by Brian Sexton. Rene Esteves, Jim Cox, Jeff Carter and Candice Chandler also filed as candidates.

To register to vote, residents must submit a voter registration application and return it to their county election office. For Parker County, applications should be mailed to: PO Box 639, Weatherford, TX 76086. Applications can be found at <https://www.parkercountytexas.com/DocumentCenter/View/4369/Application-PDF?bidId=>

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dates, the statement said.

A spokesperson from the NTSB said the aircraft sustained substantial damage. However, a preliminary report will not be available for about two weeks. Initial reports are that the pilot reported a power failure and attempted an "off airport" landing in a field, where it flipped over, the spokesperson added.

Springtown Police Department, Parker County ESD1 and the Parker County Sheriff's Office responded to the scene immediately.

The aircraft's tail number is N733KP, the FAA said. A Cessna C172 bearing that tail number took off from Bridgeport Municipal Airport at 5:09 p.m. Thursday en route to Weatherford. The plane's flight path

ends at the approximate location of the crash. The same plane had been in the air three times previously that day: from Fort Worth Meacham International Airport to Hicks Airfield; back to Meacham; and from Meacham to Bridgeport before its ill-fated flight that afternoon.

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dents who didn't advance at the parent's request.

- Are in grades seventh through 12th who failed two or more foundational curriculum subjects with a grade of below 70 during a semester in the previous or current school year.

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- Have limited English proficiency.

- Are in the custody or care of the Department of Family and Protective Services or have been referred to the department during the current school year by a school official, officer of the juvenile court or law enforcement official.

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year in a detention facility, substance abuse treatment facility, emergency shelter, psychiatric hospital, halfway house, cottage home operation, specialized childcare home or general residential operation.

- Have been incarcerated or has a parent or guardian who has been incarcerated within the student's lifetime.

As noted by the 2020-21 Texas Academic Performance Report, SISD had a more than 4% increase of students meeting these indicators, growing from 50.5% of the student population in 2020 to 55.3% in 2021, said Wesley Thomas, SISD Assessment and Accountability director. Over the past five reporting years, the state's averages have been 50-51%, but last year, the state's average dropped by 1.4%, meaning 49.2% of students in the state met the indicators.

In the past nine years, SISD saw a high of students labeled at-risk in 2014 with 57.6% and a low in 2013 of 45.1%, Thomas said. Meanwhile, the state reported a high of 51.2% in 2015 and a low of 44.7% in 2013.

"The district at-risk rate has remained relatively stable over the last nine years, although the rate did increase over the last two years," he said. "In regards to how we can stop the growth, many of the indicators are outside the control of the district. The at-risk indicator simply allows our staff the awareness a student may need a little extra in order to stay engaged and successful within the learning process."

Thomas also said that more students may have

been identified as at-risk because of the addition of new indicators, one of which was added in 2019. It is uncertain whether the district's at-risk rate will continue to increase.

The data at the district level isn't analyzed at the indicator level, Thomas said, so it's unclear what percentage of students are labeled at-risk because of personal issues or because of academic performance.

However, just because a student is labeled as at-risk doesn't mean that they won't graduate. During the Feb. 28 school board meeting, Director of Elementary Curriculum and Instruction Tiffany Cano said that last year 90% of seniors with the at-risk label graduated, which is just shy of the 92% of seniors who were not at-risk and graduated.

"Ninety percent is never enough, but 90% of our at-risk kids currently as of last year, considering everything that happened, were graduating," Cano said during the meeting. "Our number keeps getting smaller and smaller - our gap - when it comes to graduation rates for that group of kids."

Cano said during the meeting that the label of at-risk allows the district to provide extra support for those students.

"It's a good thing because we're able to not only generate funds and use these funds to target these students, but we're extra careful to make sure there are plenty of supports, regardless, for every one of these kiddos," Cano said.

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Springtown Family Resource Center to talk with families about concerns regarding pregnancy, child rearing, parenting, child development and resources, said Stephanie Norton, Help Me Grow North Texas regional-statewide director, in a previous Epigraph article. Navigators will also handle developmental screenings and follow up with families about their concerns and if the resources provided were successful. The center will also help families meet basic needs and provide group activities for parenting and child development.

"We are so thrilled that the community has just embraced this with open arms and are very excited about the services that we're going to provide for families and young children," Norton said during the center's grand opening.

Stevens' new role will

be overseeing the Family Resource Center as well as collaborating with the community. She started working in Early Childhood Intervention after some of her own children used ECI for speech therapy.

"I just had a passion. I saw what that program brought to my own personal family, and I wanted to share that with others," she said. "It was just huge for me to be able to give back what the program gave me."

One of Stevens' initial goals as FRC coordinator is to form a parent advisory committee of six to 10 parents to give input on community needs.

"It's really important for the Family Resource Center. We want that community involvement," she said. "We want parents' input. We don't want to just say, 'This is what you need.' We want them to tell us what is

needed in this community so that we can help them."

Parents interested in being on the committee can contact Norton at 817-569-5722 or Stephanie.Norton@mhmrtc.org, or Stevens at 817-682-3731 or Jeanne.Stevens@mhmrtc.org.

The Family Resource Center is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. The central Help Me Grow North Texas intake phone line to reach navigators is 844-NTX-KIDS or 844-689-5437.

"If I can't meet their need, I'm going to help them find what they need," Stevens said about families who seek assistance through the Family Resource Center. "If I don't have the answer, I'm not going to lie to them and tell them I do. I'm going to be honest and upfront with them, and we're going to work together to find what they need."



Landon Pemberton, 4, plays with a truck during the grand opening for the Family Resource Center on March 24. Landon has used Early Childhood Intervention services and his grandparents, Linda and Roger Pemberton, are advocates for children with disabilities and autism. Photo by Madelyn Edwards

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Public notices are critical to government accountability

Editorial cartoonist Ben Sargent once penned a masterful sketch of a newspaperman — a skinny, bug-eyed fellow in a baggy suit with a press card in the band of his porkpie hat.



The unnamed journalist was depicted in the simple act of entering a dark room at city hall and switching on a light. The cartoon had no caption. It didn't need one. In your mind's eye you could see cockroaches scurrying for cover.

Sargent's message to Austin American-Statesman readers was clear and timeless: Light is the best disinfectant, and nothing shines light on the activities of government like a newspaper. That's especially true in this era of real-time news coverage, instantaneous online commentary and partisan electronic echo chambers.

Governments today are larger, more pervasive and more powerful than any time in our history. Fortunately for those of us who believe in self-governance, newspapers are still around. And they're the best source for information on how government spends your money and what government plans to do to you. That's because newspapers still cover the behind-the-scenes goings-on at city hall and not just the horse-race aspect of political

campaigns. It's also because newspapers are still the home of public notices, and some of the most important journalism in your newspaper arrives in the form of public notices.

Public notices are mandatory announcements of what a governmental body plans to do or what it has already put into motion. They are not universally popular among government officials. Public notices are printed in newspapers — the civic journals of their communities — because they're required under scores of laws passed over the past two centuries. The idea behind those public notice laws was to foster transparency to keep government open and accountable.

If you're a parent and you need to know ahead of time that the school district is drawing up new school attendance zones, you should appreciate public notices. The law requires the district to print that plan in a newspaper. Without even knowing you should look, you can stumble across new information on where Little Johnny

may be attending school next year while sipping your latte and reading the morning paper. You become aware of this important development in your family's existence whether or not you follow the superintendent's social media posts. If you don't like what you see, you can take action to oppose it.

If you're a taxpayer and you want to learn out about property tax rates planned for next year before they're passed, you can appreciate public notices. State law requires cities, counties and school districts to notify you of their intentions before tax rates are set in stone. How? In a public notice printed in the newspaper.

And if you're a property owner like the folks of Fayette County, you'd appreciate knowing if an out-of-town company is seeking a permit to dump Austin sewage sludge in a field beside the Colorado River. A modest legally required public notice in the Fayette County Record brought that plan to light. It didn't pass the smell test with citizens, and they

raised a stink with state officials. The permit application was quickly withdrawn.

Public notices in newspapers get noticed. When they do, readers may decide to share a thought or two with the officials involved. Let's face it: those officials' jobs would be ever-so-much less stressful if they didn't have to interact with upset voters who pay the taxes that fund their paychecks. Some officials are particularly galled that state law requires them to pay newspapers to publish these notices. They complain to legislators that it's a waste of money — that the notices could simply be posted on the governmental entity's website without paying newspapers to spread the news.

Their argument doesn't mention the fact that public notice rates are among the lowest charged by newspapers. It also fails to note that creating, operating and maintaining a government-public notice site would also cost taxpayers money. And it conveniently ignores the immense watchdog value of a newspaper serving as an independent, verifiable and archived third-party source for these important notices.

Today, newspapers are making their notices more visible than ever, and it doesn't cost the taxpayer

an extra dime. In addition to printing the notices for a fee, Texas publishers make public notice information available at no extra charge online. Citizens can even sign up at no charge to electronically receive notices by subject matter and by jurisdiction.

A few months ago, the state of Florida updated its public notice laws by requiring newspapers to provide this additional electronic service for public notices at no additional charge. But only eight weeks after the new law went into effect, the Florida legislature backtracked. It passed another law allowing governmental entities to post notices on their own government websites and bypass newspapers altogether. In doing so, the state of Florida legalized the concept of the fox guarding the henhouse.

If you think that sort of thing can't happen in Texas, think again. Like Texas, Florida is a conservative state with voters who want to hold government accountable. That's a good thing. But some overeager legislators committed to cutting taxes, supporting local control and promising to "work with" local officials can be misled by a local official's suggestion to eliminate newspaper notices and

put the money into pothole repair. That, combined with the reckless labeling of all traditional media as "fake news," means a toxic environment for newspapers that have faithfully served their communities for a century or longer.

Not only should government not be in the business of disseminating their own public notices; government shouldn't want to. By handling the publication, verification, distribution and archiving of official notices, newspapers keep government from serving as its own publisher, distributor, certifier of the record and archivist. By handling public notices, newspapers give government officials legal protection from accusations of releasing incomplete or untimely information — or of surreptitiously changing the record for the officials' convenience.

So, it comes down to this: If you want to know what's going on in your hometown, tell your local officials and your legislators to keep public notices in newspapers. It's the civically healthy thing to do.

Don't risk waking up one morning to the aroma of something foul being spread in your neighborhood.

Call me Dr. Flautenstine

Have you ever said something that you didn't really mean, but you really did - kinda - but you really didn't?

As I write this today - March 28, 2022- I'm celebrating the 38th anniversary of when that happened.

My allotted word count doesn't permit me to tell the whole backstory, but here's the abbreviated version.

I knew I was going to marry Mrs. Sweetie before we ever had our first date. I just did. I was already smitten when a friend in the college choir suggested that we would make a great couple.

We'd already been friends for a couple of years and hung out in the same group. I was never - I mean ever -



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confident in asking girls out on dates. So, I started dropping hints around her that girls practically have to ask me out on dates.

She later told me that she was interested at the time, but she was not about to let me be a chicken. So, she determined that if it were ever going to happen I would be the one asking.

So as we continued to hang out, I started casually saying things like, "after

we're married, we'll ... " whatever the subject was at the time.

Finally, she looked at me and said, "If we're ever going to get married, you're probably going to have to ask me out."

That was all the encouragement I needed. It only took me another month to work up the courage to officially ask her out. (Insert eye roll here.)

At the time of our first

date, I was taking a required woodwinds instrument class for my music degree. My degree was in music education with a focus on voice and choral conducting. Why I had to learn to play the flute, clarinet, oboe and bassoon is still baffling to me.

I was learning flute at the time and she asked me when I was going to play it for her. I went back to the well of marriage jokes and said "on our 50th wedding anniversary."

Not long after we officially started dating, our college choir was preparing to go on a concert tour of Austria and Hungary.

She warned me before we left that I should not get

caught up in the romance of the places we'd be and start talking crazy marriage stuff.

I heeded her warning. For about half of the trip. And then I started talking crazy marriage stuff.

She looked deeply into my eyes and said, "Do you know for certain that I'm the one God wants you to spend the rest of your life with?"

I looked back and said, "Yes. And when God convinces you, you can let me know."

What a proposal!

Just over two weeks later, she showed up at my apartment and handed me an envelope.

Inside was a piece of flute music.

That was 38 years ago today.

So I have just over 12 years to learn how to play the flute again.

Either that, or I'll need to build a "flute" out of instruments that I can actually play.

And that, my friends, is how you can call me Dr. Flautenstine.

There is no great or deep lesson for today. I just wanted to share something that made me smile - and hope it's contagious.

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Springtown Hop & Shop to take place next week at the Tabernacle

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With Easter Sunday right around the corner, the city of Springtown will hold the Hop & Shop on April 9 for families looking for child-friendly Easter activities and to support local businesses. The second annual Hop & Shop will take place from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Springtown Tabernacle on the Square. The event encourages at-

tendees to visit local businesses. Event patrons can pick up postcards at the Tabernacle or participating businesses and visit businesses to receive a stamp on the postcard. For each stamp, children can receive a filled egg at the Tabernacle, and they can get 21 filled eggs if all participating businesses are visited, said Denise Taylor, city secretary/downtown coordinator. A completely stamped postcard will be entered

into a drawing for adult door prizes, Taylor said. The drawing will take place at 1 p.m. Unlike last year's Hop & Shop, this year's event allows businesses outside the Springtown Square to participate, Taylor said. Some of those businesses will be set up by the Tabernacle, and others will use pastel balloons to draw people in. The participating businesses are AV Western Wear, Gemstone Jewelry,

Grace Fellowship, Lloyd's Candies, Maddie Lou's, Market 76082, Miriam's Barber Shop, NRS Feeds, Nutrition Shack, POJO Coffee Shoppe, Quilting is My Cup of Tea, Roots Soap Company, Sissors & Co, Springtown Chamber of Commerce, Springtown Flower Shop, Springtown Garden Center, Springtown Library, Springtown Pharmacy, Tangled Salon, Tried & True Candle and Vintage Vaquera.

Children's activities include seeing the Easter Bunny, a jelly bean guessing game, inflated obstacle course, coloring station, face painting and large Connect Four games on the lawn. Kids can also compete for bicycles in the egg decorating contest, which has a division for 2-to-5-year-olds and another for 6-to-12-year-olds, Taylor said. Decorated eggs must be submitted by 10:30 a.m. at the Tabernacle to be en-

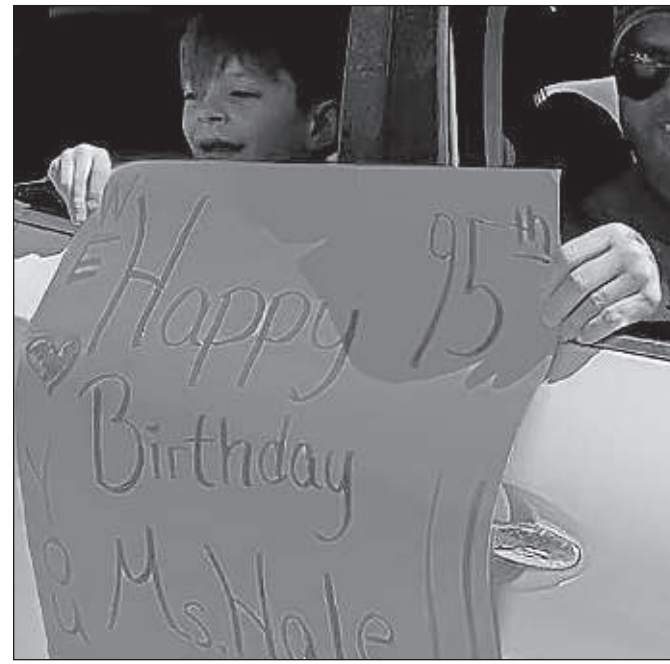
tered into the contest. "The Hop & Shop was sponsored by the Downtown Advisory Board last year to bring people into the Square to help the businesses affected by the (Farm-to-Market Road) 51 construction," Taylor said. "It was deemed a success by the 11 participating businesses. I think families will enjoy seeing the Easter Bunny and taking pictures along with the games and prizes offered."

Community celebrates birthday of 95-year-old Springtown woman

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Friends, family and neighbors of Bettye Hale recently gathered for a parade to celebrate her 95th birthday. The parade on March 19 started at First Baptist Church and proceeded toward the Square, passing by Hale's home. All five of Hale's children – Darlene Davidson, Diane Hester, Buddy Hale, Debra Jackson and Sherri Courtney – participated in the parade as well as the Springtown Police Department and Parker County ESD 1. The family handed out cupcakes from Slice Dessert Bar to parade attendees

to thank them for their participation. The family thanks those who participated as well as the city of Springtown, Springtown Police Department and the fire department. Hale is a longtime Springtown resident, having lived in the city for more than 22 years. "Ms. Bettye is described by those who know her best as having a sweet, sweet spirit and a powerful reputation for being a 'prayer warrior,'" Courtney said, one of Hale's children. "She loves to witness and pray for others. If you ask her what her secret for a happy life and longevity is, she will tell you one word: Jesus!"



Kade May and Craig Whitlock cheered on Bettye Hale during her birthday parade. Courtesy of Sherri Courtney



Bettye Hale dressed up and watched the parade held in honor of her 95th birthday on March 19. Courtesy of Sherri Courtney



Parker County ESD 1 was represented at Bettye Hale's birthday parade. Courtesy of Sherri Courtney

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Obituaries

Rudolph Werner Louwien Jr 1937- 2022

Rudolph Werner Louwien Jr., 84, passed away Wednesday, March 23, 2022 in Decatur.

A Celebration of Life service will be held Saturday, April 2, 2022 at 11 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Springtown, Tx, led by Rev. Jake Wade and Rev. Larry Van Zile.

Memorials may be made to First United Methodist Church, 109 W 3rd St, Springtown, TX 76082.

Werner was born November 1, 1937 in Galveston, Texas to Rudolph Werner Louwien, Sr. and Ruth Johnston Louwien. He was predeceased by his parents, one sister, and his beloved wife Alma Louwien on May 3, 2020.

Werner graduated from Bishop High School and received his Business degree from Texas A & I University in Kingsville. He then joined the United States Air Force as a commissioned officer serving as a Navigator. Werner was a devoted husband to his wife Alma Estelle Louwien and father to their five children. Werner was an active member of Springtown FUMC for over 55 years. He served the church as Sunday School teacher, Choir Director, choir member, Bell Choir,



Quartet and Church Treasurer. Werner shared his gifted woodworking skills by making several pieces of furniture for the Lord's Acre each year. He also served as Boy Scout troop leader as his four sons were growing up. Werner was a car and motorcycle enthusiast.

He is survived by daughter, Venice Simmons and husband Harold; sons Jay Louwien and wife, Suzanne, Robert Louwien and wife, Cherylanne, Steve Louwien and David Louwien and wife, Sherry; grandchildren Celeste (Clay) Taylor, Clint (Julie) Simmons, Kirk (Jennifer) Louwien, Amanda (Matt) Farmer, Brelin (Kasey) Louwien, Devin Louwien, and Dawson Louwien; and fourteen great grandchildren.

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Reno City Council approves development agreement for Donna's Place subdivision

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The residential subdivision Donna's Place is moving forward in Reno after the city council unanimously approved the development agreement.

Council made this decision at the March 28 meeting. The agreement was previously passed by the Planning and Zoning Commission at its March 7 meeting.

Donna's Place will be a 78-acre subdivision at 625 N. Cardinal Road. The subdivision is expected to have 42 one-acre lots built on that property.

One resident, Scott Yowell, addressed council about several concerns regarding the subdivision, including debris ending up on his property, a property line dispute over an existing fence and surveyors putting stakes and rebar on his property without notifying him. He also said there isn't silt fencing on the east side of the

subdivision property and expressed concerns about runoff onto his property.

During the meeting, City Administrator Scott Passmore asked for the missing silt fence to be put up at the Donna's Place property.

Yowell argued that the work on the subdivision should be done correctly the first time and said he thinks his concerns have been overlooked.

"We're at a loss here. We've been fighting this uphill battle the whole time," Yowell said during the meeting.

Yowell said he placed an open records request in January for the Donna's Place development agreement and emails about the development and didn't receive a response. He said he filed a complaint with the Attorney General's office.

Council members Katie Tucker and Deputy Pro-Tem Hernando Herrera assured Yowell that the council heard his concerns.

"I want you to know, though, you're being

heard," Herrera said during the meeting. "We do have our limitations as far as what we can and can't do, but you do need to be heard and so do your neighbors."

Yowell also questioned why work is being done before the development agreement had been passed by the council.

Passmore said that by state law, the development agreement must be made in 30 days after being requested or else the developer can sue the city. The development agreement was delayed by several months after the agreement ended up being attached and hidden with the plats.

Jim Thomason, the owner of the Donna's Place land, said the development strives to meet the city requirements and follow the rules. He acknowledged that stakes were set over property lines and apologized for the development upsetting neighbors.

Thomason said during the meeting that the intention of Donna's Place is "build-

ing something that the city of Reno can be very proud of and that I can be proud of having something to do with it. I'm very sorry that we got off on the wrong foot with the neighbors. That's not a good deal. Looking at hindsight, I should've gone out and met with them, I suppose."

The Donna's Place conversation ended on a positive note as the city, developer and Yowell agreed to work together moving forward.

Mayor Sam White said neighborhood change can be difficult for people "if you walk out your front door and you're used to seeing cows, and next thing you see a house."

"The Metroplex is coming to us," White said. "Once a developer buys land, he can build to your ordinances. You can't stop that. You just can't. All you can do is try to make it the best you can and manage that."

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Porcupines fall to Alvarado



BY JEFF PRINCE
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The Springtown Porcupines had won four games in a row – all of them against district rivals – leading up to Tuesday’s home game against the Alvarado Indians.

The Indians aren’t a district foe, but the Porcupines would have liked to beat them anyway and keep the win streak alive.

They almost succeeded.

The Porcupines were winning 2-1 after four innings. Then, Alvarado’s bats woke up. The Indians scored two runs in the fifth inning, three in the sixth and a final one in the seventh to take a 7-2 lead.

Springtown’s bats went cold during those final innings, and the Porcupines notched a rare loss. Final score was 7-2.

The Pines play another nonconference game at 11 a.m. Saturday at Mineral Wells before resuming district play.

Springtown (10-5) plays at 7:30 p.m. April 5 at Castleberry (3-2-2).

Cristian Hernandez isn’t fooled by this low pitch.

Photo by Jeff Prince



Kylie Wiens, left, was a ball hawk against Gainesville.

Photo by Jeff Prince

Springtown soccer girls lose playoff, find excitement for future

BY JEFF PRINCE
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A playoff loss can be easier to swallow when it happens in a tight, hard-fought game against a district champion and No. 1 seed.

“It was a good loss – 1-0,” said Caydence Parker, the strong-legged Lady Porcupine who will graduate high school soon and head to Oklahoma Wesleyan University to play more

soccer.

Losing the bi-district battle to Gainesville on March 25 at Hornet Stadium in Azle was hard, but the Porcupines (8-13) played aggressively and had no regrets, she said.

“Wins don’t always come, but it’s a good learning experience for these younger girls,” she said. “They have a bright future in front of them. I’m glad I got to play with this team.”

The Lady Pines ended the regular season in a battle to Gainesville on March 25 at Hornet Stadium in Azle was hard, but the Porcupines (8-13) played aggressively and had no regrets, she said. Then, their first postseason game pitted them against a Gainesville Leopards team that had gone 7-1 to win District 5-4A.

GOALKEEPER

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MERRIMAN SIGNS WITH BETHEL COLLEGE

Springtown senior Landree Merriman signed a letter of intent March 29 to study academics and play volleyball at Bethel College, a private Christian liberal arts college in North Newton, Kansas. Merriman wants to become a high school teacher after she graduates from college.

Photo by Jeff Prince

Springtown softball falls short of stunning Alvarado



Promise Crews enjoyed a strong outing in the circle against Alvarado.

Photo by Jeff Prince

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The Springtown Lady Porcupines were ahead 6-5 when the final inning began at Pojo Field, with the visiting Alvarado Lady Indians taking the plate first.

The Indians are a powerhouse team that came to town with a 16-2-1 record and a confident swagger that comes from winning with consistency.

Alvarado smacked in four runs to take a 9-6 lead.

In the bottom of the seventh, Springtown would need to score at least three runs, or the game would end, and the Pines would lose their third contest in a row.

The Porcupines put three runners on base, scored a run and had the potential winning run at the plate before a foul-out ended the game.

“We fought and competed for the most part,” said head

coach Scott Mann.

The coach praised pitcher Promise Crews for how she “battled for us out on the mound.”

Crews and Co.’s strong effort was impressive but fell short in a 9-7 loss.

The nonconference game didn’t count against Springtown’s district record; nor will Friday’s nonconference game at Sanger. District competition resumes the following week.

Six district games remain on Springtown’s schedule, with two apiece against Castleberry, Bridgeport and Argyle.

“We are hitting the ball well at times, just not stringing together some timely or big hits when we have runners in scoring position,” Mann said. “Right now, we just have to focus on getting better each time out and cleaning up the mistakes we are making in the field. If we

do that, then we have a good shot to make a great final push in district.”

Whether the Pines make it to the playoffs could depend on the Bridgeport games in a couple of weeks, based on current district records.

Argyle: 5-0
Decatur: 6-1
Krum: 5-0
Springtown: 2-4
Bridgeport: 1-4
Castleberry: 1-6
Lake Worth: 1-6

“We are doing some really good things, just having to re-position some players due to some injuries, but I have the utmost faith in this group to turn it around and get back on track to playing our best ball as we get to these last six games,” Mann said.

Springtown (9-10-3) plays district foe Castleberry (0-9) at 6:45 p.m. April 5 in Fort Worth. The teams play again at 6:45 p.m. April 8 at Springtown.

Mack Flaughter breaks Springtown High School long jump record



Mackenzie "Mack" Flaughter, a freshman, set a Springtown High School record with a long jump of 17 feet 5 inches at a recent home meet. The previous record was 17 feet 3.5 inches, set by Jessica Gentry in 2003. Earlier this month, Flaughter set the girls triple jump school record at the Argyle Eagle Relays with a jump of 38 feet 2.25 inches. The previous record was 36 feet 11.75 inches, set by Kendyl Dean in 2013. Flaughter also competes in the 4x400m and 800m events. "Mack is a super kid that puts in a lot of extra work to have the successes that she has had," said coach Tye Adams. *Courtesy photo*

Showstoppers finish Top 5 in three events at nationals

BY JEFF PRINCE
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The Springtown Showstoppers "left it all on the floor" and came home with "no regrets" after competing at the ShowTime National Contest on March 26 and 27 in Galveston, said coach Jammie Horton.

The Showstoppers won fourth place in pom, fourth place in contemporary dance and fifth place in jazz.

"The competition was extremely tough," Horton said. "I believe everyone is glad COVID issues are lessening, because 21 schools were there competing."

That's about twice as many schools as competed last year, she said.

The last time the Showstoppers won the national contest was in 2011.



The Springtown Showstoppers made a strong showing against tough competition at nationals. *Courtesy photo*

The Springtown girls had hoped to take the title after dominating at regionals on March 5.

Now, the dance team

will resume practicing and preparing to make another championship run next year. Established in 1968, the Showstoppers perform

throughout the year at football halftimes, pep rallies, competitions, musicals, Christmas on the Square and other events.

SOCCER, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 8A.

GALLANTRY

Once again, Springtown goalkeeper Allison Kimball was a beast at the net, blocking shot after shot for 80 minutes of fierce competition between two driven teams.

The one goal that found paydirt and won the game for Gainesville came two minutes into the second half. The Leopards were awarded a free kick, which was deflected into another Gainesville player, who punched the ball high into the top left corner of the net, a nether region known as the Upper 90.

"No keeper can save that," said head coach Katherine Kummerfeld. "It's where nobody can re-

ally get."

Kimball said she was nervous during the game but knew what she needed to do to keep her team in the game.

"I just wanted to win," the goalkeeper said. "I do what I do for my team."

Kimball, a sophomore, is expected to shine on the Springtown soccer field for two more years and is eager to begin working toward next season.

"There is a lot of room for improvement," she said. "We've got some great girls here."

SENIORS ON MOVE

Kimball's excitement for next season was tempered by the realization that five of her friends and team-

mates won't be back.

Seniors Ashley Dysart, Madysen Fry, Brook Hoppel, Parker and Marlen Plascencia will transition to their post-high school careers and leave Kimball and the rest to carry on the tradition.

"I am a little sad," Kimball said. "It's their last time they get to play."

Kummerfeld expressed sadness over her seniors, too.

"They were some of my strongest defenders," she said. "It will be another year of trying to find some girls that can step in."

Those seniors were part of a team that Kummerfeld considers as epic. She has referred to them as "my most coachable team"

several times this season, which is her sixth as head coach.

"It's like a miracle year for me with these girls," Kummerfeld said. "They were something different. I feel like it was a spark that boosted Springtown soccer for the future."

Playing No. 1 seed Gainesville to such a tight game spoke volumes, the coach said.

"That's a big deal," she said. "That just shows you how good these Springtown girls are. The fact that I saw tears and everything just shows you that their heart was in it. They are fighters, competitive. That's why they were so good this year."



Aubrey Mueller is among the talented underclassmen expected to return to the team next year. *Photo by Jeff Prince*

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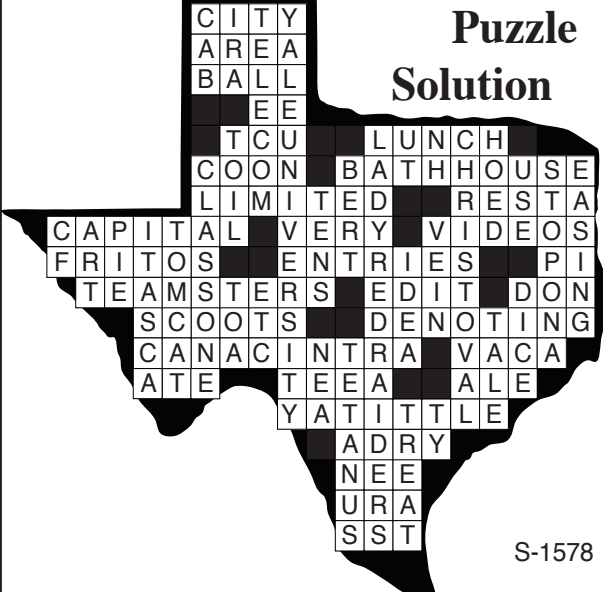
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- Wolfe ____, TX
- Texas is 2nd biggest state by ____
- TXism: "the ____ and chain" (spouse)
- boot width
- Fort Worth univ.
- TXism: "I'm gonna eat your ____"
- TXism for this ringed tail animal
- dressing area for swimmers
- mediocre ability
- TXism: "sit and ____ spell"
- Tyler, TX: "Rose ____ of the World"
- "V" of "VIP"
- today, these are mostly streamed
- corn chip created by TX Charles Doolin
- roads into Texas
- TX Hillerman TV show: "Magnum ____"
- truck drivers union
- prepare for publication
- TX "Eagle" Henley
- TXism: "boot ____" (dances)
- indicating
- "____ USA" supports commerce between Mexico and our country
- one of the earliest explorers in Texas: Cabeza de ____
- TXism: "____ some gravel" (fell)
- golfing start: "____ ball up"
- restaurant started in Texas: "Steak and ____"
- TX QB whose jersey was retired by the NY Giants (init. + name)
- TXism: "sounds like ____ axle" (bad singer)
- word used to indicate the maiden name of a married woman
- Ima Hogg's fictional sister
- very fast plane (abbr.)

DOWN

- Dallas or Houston conveyance
- personal retirement nest egg (abbr.)
- TX-based AT&T company, e.g.
- alma mater of TX George W. for his B.A. degree
- work strenuously
- Texas Tech's women's basketball team (3 wds.)
- Austin univ.
- Dallas sportscaster Hitzges (init.)
- in Tom Green County on U.S. 277
- chopped weeds
- Lone Star Park in Grand Prairie is a ____ track
- TX "Dandy Don" won the ____ Bell Award in 1966
- TXism: "____ your head for something besides a hat rack"
- "____ dime" (good brakes)
- lessening discomfort
- TXism: "sawbucks"
- this Cal started TX Boy's Ranch (init.)
- Dallas Museum of ____
- TXism: "could sell sheep shears ____ cattleman" (persuasive)
- and so forth abbr.
- TXism: "shoots ____ over the phone" (risk taker)
- Tall Texas ____
- org. for some TX teachers (abbr.)
- lockjaw
- TXism: "____ it with kid gloves"
- this TX Detmer won Heisman in 1990

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