



Hometown Heroes

Cub Scouts meet local first responders



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A room full of Springtown Cub Scouts in Pack 303 waited patiently inside the Springtown First United Methodist Church until Cubmaster Holly Lowe allowed them to go outside.

“I know y’all are done listening to me talk,” Lowe said to the scouts after the pack had finished recognizing the scouts’ achievements and hearing announcements at last week’s meeting. “Let’s get to what we came here for. Let’s get to the fire-truck, the ambulance, the police car and then we have Ms. Ashley Gross in the back, our registered nurse, so make sure you stop and see her.”

From there, scouts were released by den, filtering outdoors to take tours of the first responder vehicles. Firefighters from Emergency Services District 1 attended, as did licensed paramedics from Life Care Emergency Medical Services, Springtown Police Sgt. Katy Wacasey and Gross, who is the director of the emergency department at Medical City Weatherford.

As promised, Gross was

ESD 1 part-time firefighter Brandon Burke demonstrated the jaws of life tool, which he used to cut a piece of metal, to an audience of Cub Scouts. Photo by Madelyn Edwards

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Reno Planning and Zoning Commission

Tables special use permit for storage shed, hunting on land

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The Reno Planning and Zoning Commission at the regular meeting on Monday decided to table authorization of a special use permit for a tool storage shed at 624 South Reno Road.

However, the special use permit will be discussed by the Reno City Council at its meeting this month, City Administrator Scott Passmore said.

David Gappa spoke on behalf of his father, Charles Gappa, who was out of town at the time of the meeting. David Gappa told the commission that his father intended to install a shed on the property. David Gappa indicated that his father also wanted a water tap on the property and to use the

about 70-acre tract of land for hunting.

The size of the shed’s floorplan is 16 feet by 16 feet and is 18 feet from the floor to the roof, David Gappa said.

Passmore said during the meeting that Charles Gappa had previously approached him and Mayor Sam White about using the land as a place for his relatives to spend time on the weekends and that he would like to have recreational vehicles on the property.

White said Charles Gappa told him that he’d like to bring out 10 RVs to the property and install concrete pads for them to be parked on.

David Gappa described the intended use of the land as his “father’s hobby.”

“He’s retired, and he just

wants to have a place to hang out for the most part, not even stay for the most part,” David Gappa said.

Because people would be occasionally staying on the property, P&Z Chairperson Brian Schrader questioned what provisions would be made for sewage and septic. David Gappa said his father was exploring how to resolve septic issues and would not allow overnight stays if that issue couldn’t be resolved.

Schrader also questioned if hunting would be legal at the property, which is about a mile from Reno Elementary School and Walnut Creek Baptist Church.

Passmore referenced the Parker County law that generally prohibits discharging

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Car Show Fundraiser

Springtown overdose awareness group to host Cars for the Cause Car Show

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A new car show is rolling into Springtown next week to raise money for people who need help accessing substance abuse treatment.

The Springtown overdose prevention and drug addiction awareness group We ARE our brothers keeper will host the Cars for the

Cause Car Show on May 14.

The show will take place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at The Springtown Square. Registering a car in the show costs \$20, and registered cars will be judged for the Best in Show award.

Jessica Castro, who leads We ARE our brothers keeper, said last week that the show is still accepting cars

to participate in the show, and cars can be registered as late as the morning of the show. Castro said any kind of car will be accepted in the show.

“I just wanted to involve the whole community, and there’s a lot of different types of cars out there,” she said.

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NTSB releases findings about March plane crash in Springtown

BY CARLA NOAH STUTSMAN

The National Transportation Safety Board has issued a preliminary report regarding the crash of a small airplane March 24 in Springtown.

Two people emerged from the crash with only minor injuries.

According to the report, the Cessna 172N air-

plane, bearing tail number N733KP, was being operated as a Title 14 Code of Federal Regulations Part 91 instructional flight at the time of the incident. The flight instructor and student pilot aboard the flight each suffered minor injuries.

A Federal Aviation Administration inspector who responded to the scene

said the airplane had been refueled at Bridgeport Municipal Airport (XBP) in Bridgeport, Texas, and departed to the south to continue its instruction flight, the report said. About seven minutes after departure, the airplane’s engine experienced a loss of power. The

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Springtown Area Chamber of Commerce monthly luncheon



Brooklynn Hatton from Held Ministries spoke at the Springtown Area Chamber of Commerce's monthly luncheon on April 28.




The Springtown Area Chamber of Commerce recognized three vocational students at the monthly luncheon on April 28. From left are teacher David Owens, Lane Smith, teacher Cheryl Brouchard, Rachel Farnsworth, teacher Stephanie Taylor and Connor Ryken.



The Springtown Area Chamber of Commerce cut the ribbon for The Palavicini Group at the monthly luncheon on April 28. From left are Dene Berry, Paige Peason, Tootie Hall, Mary Harms, Sandra Palavicini, Patrick Palavicini (The Palavicini Group), Tina Gibson, David Miller and Corey Davis.




The Springtown Area Chamber of Commerce cut the ribbon for Texas Blue Skies Construction at the monthly luncheon on April 28. From left are Dene Berry, Amy Walker (in the back), Mary Harms, Paige Peason, Tootie Hall, Christopher Vinson (Texas Blue Skies Construction), Tina Gibson, David Miller and Corey Davis. Photos courtesy of Marcia Garcia

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Springtown police chief gives annual report

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The Springtown police chief reported that the department received more service calls last year than the previous year.

Chief Cres Salazar presented the department's 2021 Annual Report during a March city council meeting. The department responded to 10,867 calls for service, which is an increase from about 10,000 calls in 2020, Salazar said.

"We are seeing the growth, especially with new housing developments being built," he said.

According to the report,

the top five calls for service were for assisting other law enforcement or emergency response agencies, vehicular accidents, reckless drivers, animal complaints and alarm calls, in that order. The top self-initiated calls, which are not a direct response to service calls, were for extra patrols/security checks, traffic stops and suspicious persons or vehicles. Officers completed 4,300 extra patrols and security checks last year, Salazar said.

The number of Class C misdemeanor citations issued also increased by 14% from 2020, Salazar said. Class C misdemeanors are for traffic violations as well

as other violations like minors in possession of alcohol or tobacco.

According to the report, there were 2,556 total Class C misdemeanor encounters in 2021, with 1,321 citations and 1,235 warnings issued. In 2020, there were 2,248 total Class C misdemeanor encounters, with 1,118 citations and 1,130 warnings issued.

PERSONNEL

Another result of the growth is the size of the police department. Springtown Police Department is one officer shy of being fully staffed, Salazar said. The report noted that personnel salaries are competitive with

surrounding agencies.

"We have done very well in keeping our employees," Salazar said. "They want to stay because they enjoy the work environment, and they're getting paid fairly well."

Six new officers were hired last year to fill vacancies in the roles of school resource officer and patrol officer. During the last budget process, the Springtown City Council approved adding two more patrol officer positions to "increase our ability to continue to provide a high level of service to the community as it continues to grow," according to the report.

Salazar also promoted three officers as department supervisors – Jason Cobb as lieutenant over operations, Jamie Oliver as Criminal Investigation Division sergeant and Katy Wacasey as patrol sergeant.

Salazar said during the council meeting that he was "very proud" of his promoted officers.

In the 2021 fiscal year, more than 81% of the police department's \$1.19 million budget was related to personnel costs, totaling \$975,222. The rest was spent on material and supplies, services and equipment.

Salazar's goal is to offer incentive and certification

pay to officers to help retention. One of the ways to do that is to incentivize pay for intermediate, advanced and master certified peace officers as well as employees with associate's, bachelor's and master's degrees. Salazar would also like to extend incentive pay to those who are multilingual translators and field training officers.

To view the rest of the annual report, visit the city's website at <https://cityof-springtown.civicweb.net/document/9868/Police%20Chief%20Salazar%20will%20present%20the%20Annual%20Re.pdf?handle=780FC1FD2D2F47BF8EBF67FDA4E81463>.

School district considers schedule changes because of bus driver shortage

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Because the shortage of school bus drivers at Springtown ISD has persisted, district leaders are considering altering the start times between the secondary and elementary campuses next year to ensure students get to school and back home.

Superintendent Mike Kelley brought up potential scheduling changes at the school board meeting last week.

"We have talked about for months now the shortage of available bus drivers, and there is nothing out there that makes me think that's going to change," Kelley said. "If we can't get more drivers, then we're going to have to stagger our start and stop times between the elementary and secondary campuses."

Kelley talked about the potential of moving up the elementary start time from 7:40 a.m. to 7:30 a.m. The superintendent said bus drivers who agree to have a double route could get all the elementary students to school while allowing them to spend less time on the bus with fewer students on the bus. Then the drivers could pick up secondary students.

With that plan, the secondary campuses would have to start somewhere between 8:40-8:55 a.m., Kelley said, but then school would also end late. Kelley mentioned the possibility of decreasing the number of lunch periods at the high school, and that way, the day could start at 8:50 a.m. and end at 4:15 p.m.

Currently, Springtown Intermediate School starts at 7:55 a.m., while first period at the middle school and

high school starts at 8 a.m. The high school currently ends classes for the day at 3:55 p.m., and the middle school ends at 3:45 p.m. The intermediate school ends at 3:35 p.m.

Student Services Director Micheal Chavez talked about the logistics about covering the routes during the meeting. Chavez said there are more students who have ridden the bus this year than last year, increasing from about 1,700 registered bus riders to about 2,200, and the number of bus drivers have decreased. He also said the crowding on the buses is also an issue.

Chavez said he'd like to establish a "rolling pickup," meaning "once a bus is done, they're able to go back to the campus, not restage."

School board Vice President Amy Walker asked what impact of later start

times would have on extracurricular activities, especially in the fall when it gets dark earlier. Chavez said with the start times set back, bus drivers would finish by 6-6:15 p.m. at the latest, though he isn't sure.

School board Secretary Chris Gilley said during the meeting that he had received several questions and concerns from people about schedule changes, and plenty of people were not in favor of the potential changes. Kelley also mentioned that scheduling changes could be challenging for employees who also have children in the district and other staff members may have to work overtime to accommodate parent-teachers.

COST FACTORS

Kelley said with the double routing plan, the secondary buses won't be as full,

so the district will lose efficiency.

"If we have a bunch of elementary drivers who have already dropped off their kids, if we have those guys available to run a secondary route, none of the secondary routes should take as long because they're not as full," Kelley said. "We lose some efficiency in terms of the number of kids on the buses. We're going to lose a little efficiency, which means it's more expensive to operate, but right now, with the staff we have right now, we can't get all of our kids back and forth to school next year."

Fuel costs will also increase as a result of double routing and operating more buses, Chavez said.


Kelley said if the school district could increase bus driver pay and hire six more drivers, then the current schedule could remain.

However, the superintendent wasn't sure what wage would be enough to attract drivers, especially because neighboring districts are offering significant wages and are still having difficulty hiring, he said.


"We're going to need to pass on a pretty good raise to these guys just to keep what we have," Kelley said.


According to a previous Epigraph article, Springtown bus driver pay starts at \$16 per hour with the most-experienced drivers making \$22 per hour. Bus drivers work part-time for at least four hours per day.

However, giving drivers a chance to work a seven-hour day as opposed to four through double routing may be attractive to some, Kelley said. Pay for drivers will be further discussed during upcoming budget meetings, he said.



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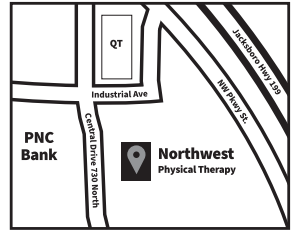
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Weatherford College to host Taste of Parker County

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The 13th annual Taste of Parker County will take place next week and benefits scholarships for students at Weatherford College.

The event is scheduled for 5-8 p.m. May 12 at Weatherford's Heritage Park.

The food tasting event benefits the Weatherford College Foundation, which funds scholarships and provides other support for the

college and its students, according to a college news release.

The event will include tastings from local restaurants, caterers, bakeries, coffee shops and several breweries.

Confirmed vendors for this year's event currently include Aaron's Catering, Amy's Original Hot Sauce, Antebellum Ale House, Back Home Bakery, Ben E.

Keith Beverages, Caitlyn's Catering, Cari's Bakery, Chicken Express, Cooksey's Cupcakes and Confections, Downtown Cantina, Edgewise Eight Brewing, Emjay's Delights, Firefly Grilling Co, Flavor on 51, Good for the Soul, HTeaO, Ironworks Coffee, Major Perk Coffee, Mr. Wally's Pickles, Nothing Bundt Cakes, Rahr & Sons Brewing Company, Salt Horse Culinary, Shep's,

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The Weatherford College Jazz Orchestra will also perform on two separate stages. "Our vendors have made

this event one of Parker County's favorites," event organizer Jaci Edwards said in a college news release. "We're excited to add several new vendors this year as well as many who have been with us for all 13 years. In addition to all the wonderful food, Taste of Parker County is a great way to enjoy live music in our community."

The event is sponsored by Gilchrist Automotive,

Mike's Westside Rental, First Bank Texas, Texas Health Neighborhood Care & Wellness in Willow Park, Plains Capital Bank and H-E-B.

Tickets are \$35 through May 11 or \$40 on May 12. To purchase tickets online, visit wc.edu/taste or contact Edwards at jedwards@wc.edu or 817-598-6272.

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So far, one of the more unique cars that is expected to be at the show is a low-rider Impala, Castro said.

Snow Wizard Snow Cones and Buff's BBQ and Grill are expected to be at the event to provide food. The show will also include raffle items made up of donations from local businesses, Castro said.

The proceeds from the event will go into a scholarship fund to help people pay for long-term substance abuse treatment. Castro said she realized how expensive treatment can be and that insurance doesn't always cover the full cost. The goal is to raise money for those who can't afford treatment and then begin

taking applications.

"If there is a fee that they need to pay to get into treatment, hopefully this money can help get him or her into that treatment center," Castro said.

Castro was inspired to have the fundraising event be a car show because her son Joseph, who died of an overdose in 2019, was a "car fanatic."

"He loved to work on them; he loved to look at them. And so, my first thought was why not a car show?" she said.

Castro said the goal of the show is to bring the community together and spread awareness about We ARE our brothers keeper.

"That's my whole purpose with the group, is just to let

the community know one another, really get to know each other and love on one another, whether they've been affected by addiction or not," she said. "We all just need to encourage and be there for one another and this will be a great way for people to meet and just be like that, be a family-type atmosphere again."

The show's sponsors include Clearfork Academy, That's So Fetch Boutique, realtor Redonna Dunlap of JPAR Real Estate, April's Pet Grooming, Springtown Septic Service, SKS Custom Designs and Layne's Automotive Machine Shop.

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pilot was unable to restart the engine and elected to complete a forced landing to a field. During the forced landing, the airplane "nosed over" and came to rest inverted, which resulted in substantial damage to the fuselage, empennage and both wings, according to the report.

The FAA inspector reported that the XBP airport fuel source was quickly checked for contaminants, but none were discovered, the report said. The airplane has been retained for further examination.

The incident occurred about 5:20 p.m. March 24 in a field just north of Springtown Park Rehabilitation and Care Center near the intersection of Williams-Ward Road and Springfield Road and about one



A flight instructor and a student pilot each received only minor injuries after this Cessna 172N crashed in a field near Williams-Ward Road and Springfield Road on March 24. Courtesy photo-FAA

quarter mile north of State Highway 199. The FAA said at the time of the crash it issued an Alert Notice (ALNOT) to public safety agencies, pilots and airports to alert them about the air-

craft, which went missing from radar after the pilot reported engine failure.

NTSB's investigation of the incident could take up to two years before a final report is issued.

Running with scissors

BE AMAZING
By Gerry Lewis



Azle resident Dr. Gerry Lewis guides explorers to discover their AMAZING. He is an author, musician, and speaker, and a coach-sultant for individuals, churches, and organizations. More at www.discoveryouramazing.com.

What's the best warning you ever got?

I'll let you interpret "best." You could go with most memorable, most helpful or most ridiculous.

Most warnings begin with some form of "don't."

Don't swim after a big meal. Don't eat food beyond the expiration date. Don't drink and drive. Don't run with scissors.

Some warnings are based on fables, others on preferences, and still others on legitimate dangers.

I think the best warning I ever got is "Don't do stupid stuff."

That one seems to cover most of the bases – if only there were a consistent definition of "stupid."

I saw a great meme recently that explained the difference between a severe weather watch and a severe weather warning. The meme used tacos.

A taco watch was a picture of a head of lettuce, a tomato, an onion, a block of cheese and a pound of ground beef.

A taco warning was a picture of ... wait for it ... a taco.

It's all about how close the "danger" is.

I have obviously digressed a long way from the headline about running with scissors. I promise I'm winding my

way back.

This morning, I read a portion of Psalm 119. At 176 verses, this psalm is the longest of the 150 psalms in our Bible; it is actually the longest chapter in our Bible as it now appears (chapter divisions were not in the original documents).

This verse caught my attention today: "I run in the path of your commands, for you have broadened my understanding." (Psalm 119:32).

I do not in any way consider myself a "runner" unless the definition of "runner" is "one who sometimes – on rare occasions – runs. I have, however, done a bit of running over the course of my life.

One thing I know about running is that if I'm running an unfamiliar path, I'm more likely to move tentatively and hesitantly. I'm looking for potential hazards and dangers. I approach corners cautiously because I don't know what it looks like around the bend.

If I've learned the path, I can run with confidence and

freedom. That doesn't mean that I'm not paying attention to the surroundings. It just means that having learned the course allows me to pick up the pace, keep moving forward and push myself a bit more toward the goal.

I've been following Jesus for 53 years. I've been seriously seeking to learn, grow and guide others on the path for over 40 years. My understanding of how to "run" has been broadened and I'm still seeking to learn more because my race is not completed.

That's the running part.

Now, back to the scissors. "Don't run with scissors" is not an inviolable law. There are ways to run with scissors safely, but none of us is born with that innate understanding. We have to learn – to have our understanding broadened.

The moment we think we have learned everything there is to learn is the moment we put ourselves – and others – at risk.

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Parker County Democrats to meet next week

FROM STAFF REPORTS

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Weatherford College's Doss Student Center in the Strain Room. Hunt is seeking to represent the newly redrawn U.S. House of Representatives

District 12 in the November general election. For more information, visit parker-countydemocrats.org.

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a firearm on less than 10 acres of land. David Gappa said his family would abide by the laws in place.

The commission voted to table a decision on the special use permit until July, which would allow neighbors to be notified again of the item being discussed. P&Z Commissioner Kevin Vandenberg was the only one to oppose tabling the decision, but he declined to explain his vote.

If the city council makes a decision on the special use permit at the May meeting, then the item probably won't return to P&Z, Passmore said.

OTHER RENO NEWS

The Reno City Council held a budget workshop last week, and Mayor White said tax revenue was more than \$300,000 than projected. In total, White said revenue was about half a million dollars more than projected.

White said reviewing the budget each quarter has helped city leaders have a more accurate idea of how much revenue from growth is coming into the city.

"When we walked into this system here, they built a budget on, 'Next year, we're going to get 200 houses or a hundred houses.' It didn't come, so now you went in and you had a huge budget in workforce that depended on that," White said.

The extra money will be utilized for street reconstruction and other infrastructure projects, White said. High-traffic thoroughfares will be considered for reconstruction, but specific roads have not been decided on yet. He said some of the roads are beyond repair, so the city has to rebuild these roads with the cost-effective chip and seal roads.

"We're going to take the next highest traffic areas, what has the most potholes

per se, (and) we're going to have to grind it up and redo it," White said. "We're not doing just overlays; the base is so bad, we're having to grind it."

White said the city aims to switch to electronic water meters by the end of this year, which will allow customers to find their daily usage and is more efficient for the water department staff. He said with the new software, city staff will be able to spend less time reading meters and more time dealing with leaks, and leaks is expected to be better reported to the city and customer with the new software.

"It's going to be a win for the city taxpayers, (and) a win for the consumers on the end of that, too," White said.

The city will pay for the water meters, but the monthly cost of the software for the meters may make water bills increase by a dollar or less, White said.

I get no respect

DEAR FRANKIE,

I am a Chihuahua and a genuine service dog. I'm not one of those make-believe emotional support dogs. My mom has a hearing disability. She is not deaf like she can't hear anything, but she does have a hard time hearing voices and sounds. Some of the services I provide are alerting her to someone at the door, indicating a text has pinged on her phone, or motioning that someone is talking to her. I provide many more services, but you get the idea.

Here's my problem: I don't look like a service dog, and often people don't treat me like one. Let me give you an example.

Yesterday, we were in the grocery store. My mom was driving a shopping cart, and I was sitting on her lap. My mom is not crippled like she can't walk but walking around a big grocery store isn't easy for her. We were looking over the apples when a lady came over and started petting me and, before we knew it, picked me up.

My mom is very polite, so she quietly told the woman I was a service dog and asked her to put me down.



DEAR FRANKIE

By Geneva Woodruff

Frankie is a rescue dog and an emotional support animal for Geneva Woodruff. Woodruff is a retired educator.

I wanted to bite her, but rule number one in service work is remaining calm and acting like a professional. The woman was mortified. They always are embarrassed when this happens.

Before you ask, yes, I do wear a service vest, and no, it doesn't always help. More than once, someone has asked my mom if it was an old Halloween costume. When I told my friends, they thought it was hilarious. I wasn't amused. If you have any suggestions on how I can get the respect I am due, I would be very appreciative.

Aggravated,

Beth

DEAR BETH,

I'm so sorry that you encountered such insensitive and uninformed people. This is just another example of stereotyping. If you don't look like a German shepherd or a golden retriever, you couldn't possibly be a service dog. Those dogs, of course, wouldn't be sitting

on your mom's lap, so their vest would be more visible and probably taken more seriously. Perhaps your mom could get you a brighter-colored vest printed in large letters, "Service Dog."

Another idea is to hang a sign on the shopping cart stating "Working Service Dog, Please Don't Pet." She could do both. You could also bark to alert your mom that another one of those hyper dog lovers is heading our way.

You might also go back to the organization that trained you and ask for advice on how other small dogs have handled similar situations.

Beth, keep up the excellent work; you are a heroine to your fellow canines.

Best,

Frankie

P.S. You know, I am an ESA (emotional support animal) for Geneva and far from being a make-believe one. Just saying.

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Obituaries

Don Truman Springfield 1929-2022

Don Truman Springfield, age 92 of Springtown, Texas passed away peacefully to be with his Savior Jesus Christ in his home on Sunday, May 1, 2022.

A celebration of Don's life will be held at 11 a.m., Thursday, May 5, 2022 at his church, First Baptist Church of Springtown. Visitation will be at 10:00 am, prior to the service. Interment will follow the service at Jaybird Cemetery. Dr. Hal Kinkeade will officiate the service.

In lieu of memorial donations, please give to the First Baptist Church of Springtown in Don's memory. He loved his church and they were like family.

Don was born on December 19, 1929 in Reno, Texas to Thelma Etta Williams and Jesse James Springfield. He weighed only 2 pounds at birth.

Don lived in the Springtown area all of his life and graduated from Springtown High School in 1951. In High School, Don was a leader in the school. He was active in Future Farmers of America, elected Mr. Springtown High School, Future Homemakers of America Beau, a member of the choir and manager of the basketball team.

Don served in the Air Force from 1951 to 1953 and received an honorable discharge in 1959. He was proud that he served his country and had good memories of his time.

In 1955, he married the love of his life, Mary Ruth Prather. They had two children, James Keith and Nancy Jane. Don was an ordained deacon in the Baptist Church from 1969 until his death. He loved his church, and he loved his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. He has always been a leader in his community, his church and to his many friends and family.

He served on the Springtown School board and Parker County hospital board for many years. He was passionate about good education and healthcare. He wanted to bring healthcare to the Springtown area and was instrumental in facilitating the first doctor's clinic built in Springtown.

He loved being outside gardening, farming, and raising livestock. His family



loved to hear stories about the people and times he grew up, and places he had been throughout his life. He had many funny quotes that will always be remembered. He loved adventure and enjoyed life every day. He especially enjoyed sitting on his porch looking out over his green fields and livestock. We know he is having a heavenly adventure beyond what we can ever imagine. This gives us much peace and hope in our future.

Don was preceded in death by his wife of 65 years, Mary Ruth Prather; his parents; four sisters and four brothers.

He is survived by his son, Keith Springfield and wife, Gina; daughter, Nancy Bayouth and husband, Mark; five grandchildren, Alyssa, Dillon, John Mark, Luke, and Matthew; one great-grandson, Lawson; his sister, Marzella Stephens; as well as numerous nieces, nephews and friends.

We want to thank our many families and friends who have prayed and supported us during this time. We are so grateful for our caregivers, Jaylee Barbee and Cindy Latta, his pastor Dr. Hal Kinkeade, the wonderful doctors, nurses and Heart to Heart Hospice who have given dad excellent care with such compassion and kindness.

Don's grandsons and nephews will honor him as pallbearers.

We will all miss him so much, but we know this is just the beginning of his eternal life. The biggest adventure of his life is just starting in heaven with his Savior Jesus Christ! What a glorious day!

Services are under the direction of Biggers Funeral Home, Lake Worth, Texas.

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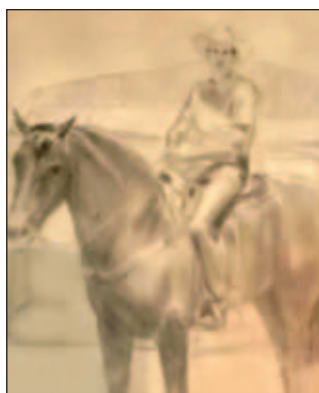
Douglas Wayne Higginbottom 1950-2022

Douglas Wayne Higginbottom, 71, passed away April 29, 2022 in Rhome.

He was born August 9, 1950 in Talihina Oklahoma to Wesley and Doris (Morris) Higginbottom. Douglas was a life long cowboy. He was a truck driver and retired from Roadway after 30 years of service. Douglas loved spending time with his family and adored his grandchildren.

Douglas was preceded in death by his parents and brother Sherman; sister Shirley and daughters Shelly and Chrissy.

He is survived by his wife of 50 years Glenna Higginbottom; daughter Sandra Anderson; grandchildren Dustin, Johnston, Austin,



Kaytlin and great granddaughter Laykin, numerous nieces and nephews and extended family and friends.

He was a loving husband, father and grandfather who will be dearly missed by all who knew him.

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Frederick Clifford Weaver Jr. 1934-2022

Fred Weaver, Jr. went to his heavenly home on April 22, 2022. He was born October 14, 1934. A lifelong resident of Azle, he graduated from Azle High School in 1953.

Fred married his high school sweetheart Jacqueline Emanuel on September 3, 1954. In 1987 Fred founded Community Bible Fellowship.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Fred and Bessie Weaver, and by his son, Fred Weaver III.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 67 years, Jacqueline, son Clinton and



wife LaDonnya, son Bryan and wife Crystal; six grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

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Obituaries

Dianna "Sue" Richardson 1945- 2022

Dianna "Sue" Richardson, 76, passed away May 1, 2022 at Medical City Hospital in Fort Worth.

Funeral service is at 11 a.m., Friday, May 6, 2022 at First Baptist Church in Springtown.

Visitation: 10 to 11 a.m., Friday, May 6, 2022 at First Baptist Church in Springtown. Interment: 1 p.m., Friday, May 6, 2022 at Wizard Wells Cemetery in Jacksboro.

She was born on October 11, 1945 in Fort Worth to J.N. and Edith Byrom Morrow.

Her family moved to La Junta in 1952 where she was raised. She graduated from Azle High School in 1964, and attended both Weatherford and Tarleton College. She married Richard "Red" Richardson in 1968 at the La Junta Baptist church, and later moved to Springtown where they raised their family. She worked as a bookkeeper for several different companies, most recently the Hickman Company in Fort Worth. Sue was an active member of First Baptist Church of Springtown for over 21 years. She loved being around family, especially her granddaughter, Lauren. She also enjoyed



crocheting, and loved the city of Springtown and would support their volleyball, basketball, and other sports teams. Lately, she was on the Board of the Senior Citizen Center in Springtown and loved to play "42". Over the years, Sue has touched many lives and she will be missed by all who knew her.

She is preceded in death by her parents, as well as many cousins, nieces and nephews.

Sue is survived by her husband of 53 years, Richard "Red" Richardson of Springtown; son, Scott Richardson of Springtown; granddaughter, Lauren Richardson of Fort Worth, and a host of other family members and friends.

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Sherry E. Larimore 1952- 2022

Sherry E. Larimore, age 69, passed away May 1, 2022 surrounded by family at Texas Health Arlington Memorial Hospital, in Arlington Texas. She resided in Fort Worth, Texas having spent much of her life in Dallas, Texas and, later, Springtown, Texas.

Funeral service is at 3 p.m., Saturday, May 7, 2022 at White's Funeral Home Chapel in Springtown.

Interment: 4:30 p.m., Saturday, May 7, 2022 in Springtown Cemetery.

Sherry was born November 13, 1952, in Austin, Texas, the daughter of June Everitt and the late Patrick Everitt. She graduated from W.T. White High School in 1971, and married the late Steven J. Larimore on May 1, 1982 in Dallas, Texas.

During her life, she founded & built Sherry's Shirt City in Dallas, Texas within the Bishop Arts District. She made shirts for many different organizations, groups, events, like KLIF music festivals, and even at one point, the Dixie Chicks. She subsequently moved to Springtown where she settled and raised her children. There she worked for the Springtown School district as a substitute teacher, where she found one of



her great passions. Like most teachers, there was no moment she loved more than when she saw a child finally grasp the subject that she was trying to teach them. That ah-ha moment and light of recognition was something that she really enjoyed seeing. Later, she moved to Fort Worth & worked as a Lyft/Uber driver. She enjoyed meeting people on their travels and often came home with interesting and sometimes amusing stories.

She is survived by her son, Brett Larimore of Whitehouse, Texas; daughter, Kelsey Larimore of Fort Worth, Texas; grandchildren, Lydia and Allison Larimore of Whitehouse, Texas; and mother, June Everitt of Springtown, Texas.

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Active spring predators willing to chase



ON FISHING By Michael Acosta

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

The water is warming up, and water temperatures are in the desired range where the fish are really active. The water temperature is not too cold or too hot and the fish are feeling it. Just like us in the outdoors in comfortable 70-degree weather.

It is also a time that many folks start using live bait for a variety of species and for most days, live bait is a great choice. Recently, on Possum Kingdom for Easter weekend, we had live bait looking for striped bass and sand bass near the state park. We located a bunch of fish in the back of Cedar Creek in about 20 feet of water, but they would not take the live shad. However, if you dropped a jig/slab, they would hit it on most every drop.

You never really know what to expect, but you go with what works. We loaded the boat with fish by vertically jigging slabs. The fish were biting on movement (reactionary bite) but would not touch the live bait.

Not only did we catch striped bass, sand bass, but we also caught yellow catfish and drum on jigging slabs.

I can only attribute this activity to fish willing to chase as they were in their desired "comfortable" water temperatures (upper 60s). You would figure that they would eventually hit a live shad, but we did not catch one fish on a live bait and sacked up a limit on artificials.

Another thought is that these large schools compete with each other, and the rapid movement of a jigging slab draws the strike.

Easter weekend was also around a full moon, which as many of you know can have the fish feeding at night which may slow the bite during the day. Not sure this was the case, but it is something I follow and noted.

The moral of the story is if something is not working, try another option. You may be surprised. Each day is a new adventure on the water.

FISHING REPORT

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On other reservoirs, Lake Whitney continues to boast on limits of striped bass to 12 pounds on live bait and Alabama rigs. Possum Kingdom striped bass and sand bass are excellent on live bait, Alabama rigs and jigging slabs/spoons. Possum Kingdom largemouth bass are good to 10 pounds on soft plastics worked in the backs of sloughs.

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Who can understand the real reason we bite our lip or stub our toe?

Life is made up of a series of routine or repeated tasks. Since the age of 16 or 17, I have shaved most every morning. Getting dressed, I always put my right sock on first and then my left, but curiously put on my left shoe before the right. I consume a single large cup of coffee when I first wake up, and then drink several more once I arrive at the office. I make sure I have a pen in my shirt pocket, and I almost always wear a watch.

All these acts are normal everyday tasks, which over the years have become my habit or routine. Since I am currently 65 years old, by estimate I have shaved nearly 17,720 times, put on a pair of shoes more than 23,725



MY FRONT PORCH

By Sam Houston

Sam Houston is a newspaper executive, a columnist, author, actor and entertainment promoter.

times and drank more than 54,750 cups of coffee. Most of these actions occurred without negative consequences.

We never consider how many times we breathe each day, blink our eyes, or lick our lips. They are natural acts that we commit without a conscious thought. Humans breathe on average 15 times a minute which means I have drawn a breath over 512,460,000 times! Most of these breaths were drawn with no conscious thought:

my body simply performed the task. Remarkable!

So, tell me, how is it with the hundreds of thousands of times I have eaten and chewed food, I occasionally manage to bite my lip? What demon takes over my brain and somehow interrupts the normal, routine process of chewing, and suddenly causes my teeth to jump to one side of my mouth and snag a piece of my cheek or a lip?

Is it a political conspiracy or an alien invader who in-

terrupts the solace of the universe to affect my bio-rhythms and cause such a seemingly random act? I can be having a ham and cheese sandwich, chewing away as usual, and “WHAM,” the next thing you know I just got a bite of lip! It hurts, and the worst part is trying to understand why it happened in the first place. What made my mind jump off the tracks like a runaway, out-of-control train? Surely there must be someone or something to blame for this sudden biological malfunction.

I have walked from the bathroom to my bed thousands of times. I am very familiar with each piece of furniture in the room, how the room is laid out, and the

distance from the doorway to where I slide into bed. I regularly make the journey without incident or giving way to the evil forces that might cause action contrary to norm. So why are there occasions when my foot suddenly decides to introduce one of my toes to the framework of the bed and do so with such vigor as to make it feel like my toe was just hit with a 40-pound sledgehammer? I cannot imagine what wrong my toes have committed to lead my brain to punish my foot with such apparent lack of mercy or sympathy. Why do we stub our toe?

It would seem in life, we have habits and routines where we operate comfort-

ably, but for some unexplainable reason, we occasionally inflict pain upon ourselves. No matter how much we prepare, how much we plan, or how we try to train our mind, we will still occasionally have an issue. Some of the pain is just fate, or bad luck. Some of it is simply the forces of the universe that make us wonder how much control we really have.

Don't even get me started talking about having the hiccups!

Thought for the day: When people tell me I am going to regret something in the morning, I always sleep till noon, because I am a problem solver.

BOOK REVIEW

Go hog wild and read this beastly book

Sometimes, you're such a goose.

And that's okay; a little horsing around never hurt anyone and times with friends are the best. You can chatter like monkeys, laugh like hyenas, get a little squirrely, and memories are made like that. You need your friends to get wild every now and then, and in “The Social Lives of Animals” by Ashley Ward, you'll see that flying, running, climbing, and crawling creatures are really no different at all.

Anyone watching a few dogs playing in a park, or a clowder of cats in a windowsill, would likely agree that animals can form relationships. But how does that matter to humans?

Says Ward, being able to “trace direct... parallels between our own societies and

those of the animals... [can] help us to appreciate how sociality shapes our lives....”

We love to gather in groups, for instance, and Antarctic krill likewise hate to be alone. As it turns out, gathering in large groups helps keep krill alive because it confounds whales, who enjoy krill for dinner. Being in groups keeps locusts alive, too: locusts can be cannibals, and the innate desire not to be eaten keeps them all moving “in the same direction.”

Teamwork may be essential at your job, just as it is with army ants. One bite from a single army ant hurts like crazy but it won't kill you. A bunch of army ants, though? That's a different matter entirely.

Flocks of birds have influenced the making of self-driving vehicles. Fish

have taught scientists how many influencers are needed to move a crowd. Studies with rats show the effects of dense crowding on mental health, and cows are good at recognizing friends by their portraits. Hyenas communicate to the pack which prey they plan to hunt for the day. Whales play, and dolphins play with them. Monkeys lie to get what they want. Animals innovate, reason, have a culture, and communicate, Ward says, and they have a lot to tell us....

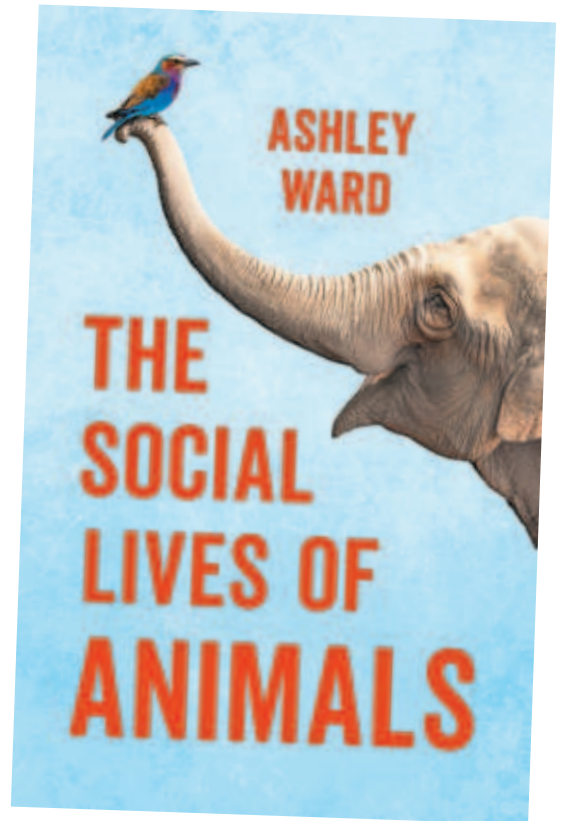
So, you say that someone called you a birdbrain the other day. What a compliment, as you'll see when you read “The Social Lives of Animals.”

Chances are – especially if you're an animal lover – you've already an observer of animal behavior and, if so, you'll be happy that au-

thor Ashley Ward extends your knowledge. There are, it seems, dozens of facts on each page that will delight lovers of fin, feather and fur, as well as new findings and fascinating anecdotes.

But this book isn't all serious bull. Ward is a lively writer who is obviously interested in his subject – he's a professor of animal behavior at the University of Sydney, after all – and his personal tales of exploration and discovery are academically lighthearted, like cocktail party banter that'll make you chuckle.

Perfect for armchair biologists and animal lovers of all kinds, this is one of those “hey, listen to this” kinds of books that you'll want to share out loud. Start “The Social Lives of Animals” and you'll go ape over it.



“The Social Lives of Animals” by Ashley Ward c.2022, Basic Books, \$30.00, 373 pages

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Springtown Middle School FCCLA represent at state

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Springtown Middle School students in FCCLA qualified for the national conference during the state meet.

Ten middle school students in Family Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) attended the 2022 State FCCLA Leadership Conference in Dallas last month. These students qualified for the state conference by placing in the top five for their events at the regional conference in March.

SMS had three teams compete in Students Taking Action for Recognition events, and all 10 students took Family Consumer Science Assessments. SMS had all three teams place in the top two at state, which qualifies them for the national conference.

First place national qualifiers all received a \$4,000

scholarship to Texas Tech University. SMS will have nine students who will travel to the National FCCLA Leadership Conference on June 28 through July 3 in San Diego.

Students who placed at state were:

First place and Qualifying for Nationals – Savannah Hall, Dakota Pippin and Rylen Passmore in Level National Programs in Action.

First place – Skylar Albright, Kallie Gray and Wesley Wyatt in Level 1 Professional Presentations.

Second place – Allie Altom, Aubrey Hallum and Faith Styles in Chapter in Service Project.

Ten students took the assessments, and all received a gold medal – Skylar Albright, Kylie Altom, Aubrey Hallum, Savannah Hall, Kallie Gray, Rylen Passmore, Dakota Pippin, Beth-

any Smith, Faith Styles and Wesley Wyatt.

SMS students are led by their adviser, Natalie Hill.

The middle school students are continuing to raise money to cover expenses for nationals. To help support their fundraising efforts, please contact Hill by email at nhill@springtownisd.net or call at 817-220-7455. Donations are also being taken online at <https://springtownisd.revtrak.net/MS/sms-fccla/fccla-national-conference/#/list>.

“Springtown ISD is very proud of these students and their leadership on a job well done,” according to a SMS press release. “We look forward to many more great things in the future. Congratulations to all the FCCLA students that competed at both the Regional and State Levels this year.”



Professional Presentation team (from left): Kallie Gray, Wesley Wyatt and Skylar Albright



National Programs in Action team (from left): Dakota Pippin, Savannah Hall and Rylen Passmore



Chapter Service Project team (from left): Faith Styles, Kylie Altom and Aubrey Hallum

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HEROES, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1A.

at the first station to greet scouts as they came outside, and she handed out Medical City water bottles, pencils, pens, keychains, bracelets and buttons. Though she is a registered nurse with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing, the kids probably know Gross as a scout parent who often attends Pack 303 events.

Gross said the interaction with first responders allows kids to think about future career options and can help reduce fear during emergencies by showing kids that those in public service are there to help. Gross said educating the kids about emergency services helps better the community.

"I am a scout parent, but I also believe that taking care of our kids and teaching them the right way and to not be afraid of these things and to embrace them is going to be make our community better," she said.

When scouts boarded the ambulance for a tour, licensed paramedics Marita Pruet and Steven Richards said they answered questions about what was inside the vehicle.

"The main question is, 'What is that?'" Richards

said.

Richards continued, "The biggest thing that we just try to get across to them is we're here to help if they need it and they know that they can trust us."

That trust can be helpful if the kids ever find themselves in an emergency, Pruet said.

"The majority of the time, if somebody's interacting – especially at a young age – with somebody in an ambulance, they're scared; they don't know what's happening. They're no longer in control; their parents aren't in control," she said. "It's just helping them understand that we're there to help, not hurt anybody."

ESD 1 firefighter Tommy Bond has given tours to groups of kids before and said it's one of the best parts of his job.

"We get to show all the little kids what we do and what we enjoy doing, and it inspires a lot of them, hopefully, to become what we are one day and help other people," Bond said.

When a child approached Sgt. Wacasey about getting a police badge sticker, she made sure to sneak the kid one even though her sticker supply is low, and she didn't



Preston Jones, 6, covers his ears when the fire truck siren goes off at the Springtown Cub Scouts' Hometown Heroes event.



have enough for everyone. She said getting to visit with the kids makes her job fun.

"They love it when we come out. Just to see their joy, it makes the job worth it," Wacasey said. "You hear some of them say, 'I want to do that when I grow up. I want to do that when I grow up.' Hopefully, they get the chance to do it."

The firefighters were showing the kids the common tools of the fire truck, like the hose and the saws. Part-time firefighter Brandon Burke demonstrated the jaws of life tool, which he used to cut a piece of metal, to an audience of scouts. The audience erupted into a chorus of "woah" and excitement when the metal rod was cut in half.

Demonstrations like that

can help the scouts trust that the tools used will work in an emergency, Bond said.

"That's one of the biggest things in accidents is kids get worked up, parents get worked up and you start hearing loud noises and popping," he said. "That's showing them that you're going to hear some loud noises and popping, but that's letting you know that this tool is doing its job."

Having a first responder-related event is something that the pack tries to have every year to show kids "who's going to be there for them in an emergency," Lowe said.

"It gives (the scouts) a chance to say, 'thank you' and see some stuff that they wouldn't normally see," she said.

Ashley Gross, a registered nurse with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing, handed out Medical City water bottles, pencils, pens, keychains, bracelets and buttons. Photos by Madelyn Edwards

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Springtown softball ready for area playoffs



Haylee Sanborn and the Springtown Porcupines will take on Burkburnett in the area softball championship this week.

Photo by Jeff Prince

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The Springtown softball team became bi-district champions after beating Benbrook in a best of three

series in Cleburne.

On April 28, Springtown won the first game in bold fashion, 12-2. Cheyanne Atchley went 3-for-3 at the

plate and picked up two RBIs. Pitcher Noelle Fernandez earned the win in the circle, going the distance while striking out seven bat-

ters and allowing three hits.

On April 29, the Porcupines fought through adversity to earn a 14-8 victory and the bi-district title.

Next up is the area championship.

Springtown plays Burkburnett at 7 p.m. Friday at Graham High School. A sec-

ond game is set for noon Saturday at the same location.

A third game, if needed, will be played after the second game.

Springtown baseball boys demolish Decatur in primer to playoffs



Seth Lopez is headed to Ottawa University after his high school career ends this year. Photo by Jeff Prince

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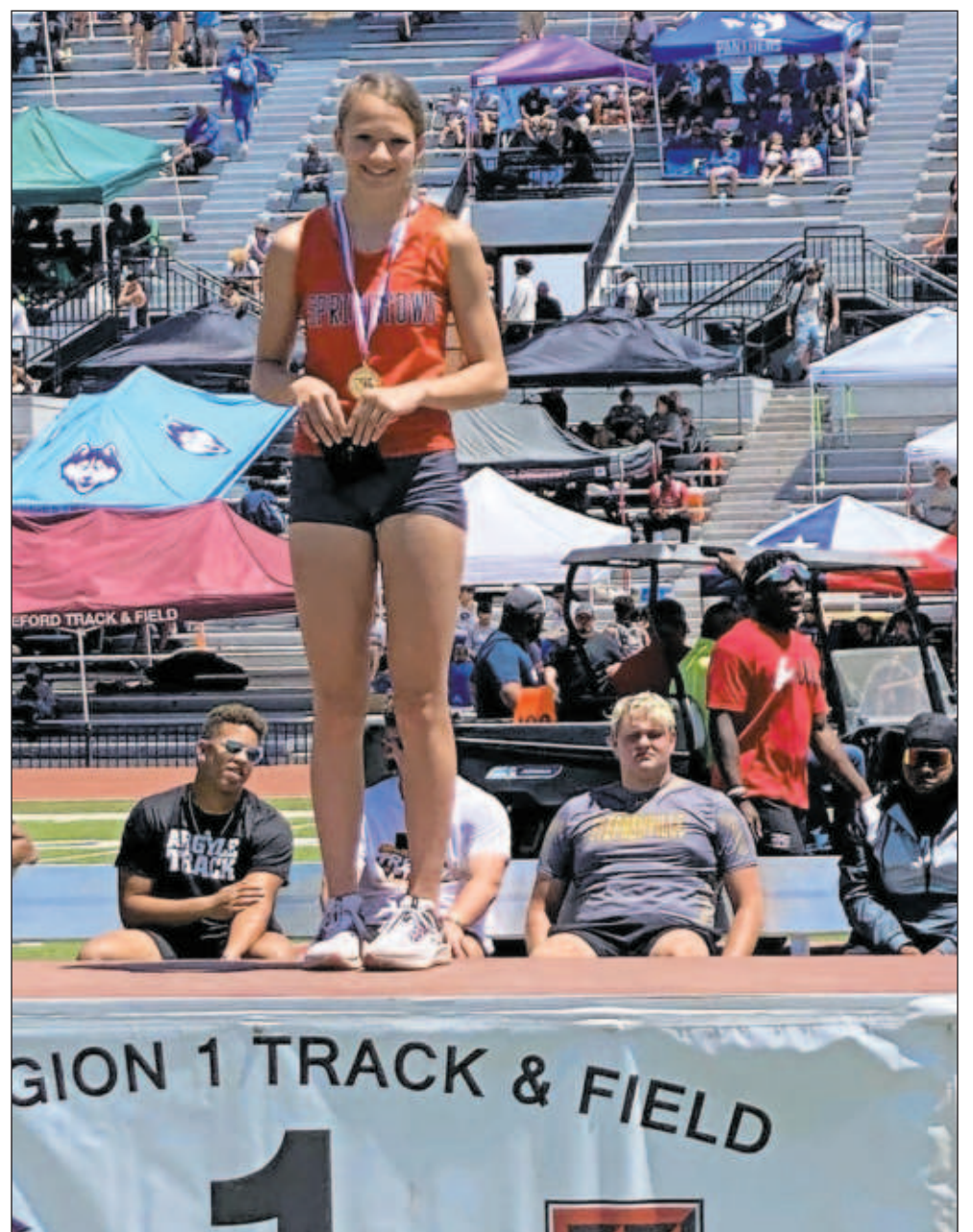
Entering the baseball playoffs on a five-game losing streak wouldn't have

been too inspiring.

Instead, the Springtown Porcupines ended their losing streak by whipping district rival Decatur in the final game of the regular season.

Now, the fourth-place Porcupines can ride the momentum from their 12-0 walloping of second-place Decatur.

SEE **BASEBALL**, PAGE 2B.



Mackenzie "Mack" Flaughter sailed through the air and into Springtown's record book. Courtesy photo

UP, UP AND AWAY

Springtown freshman qualifies for state tournament in triple jump

BY JEFF PRINCE
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Mackenzie "Mack" Flaughter won the triple jump at last week's region-

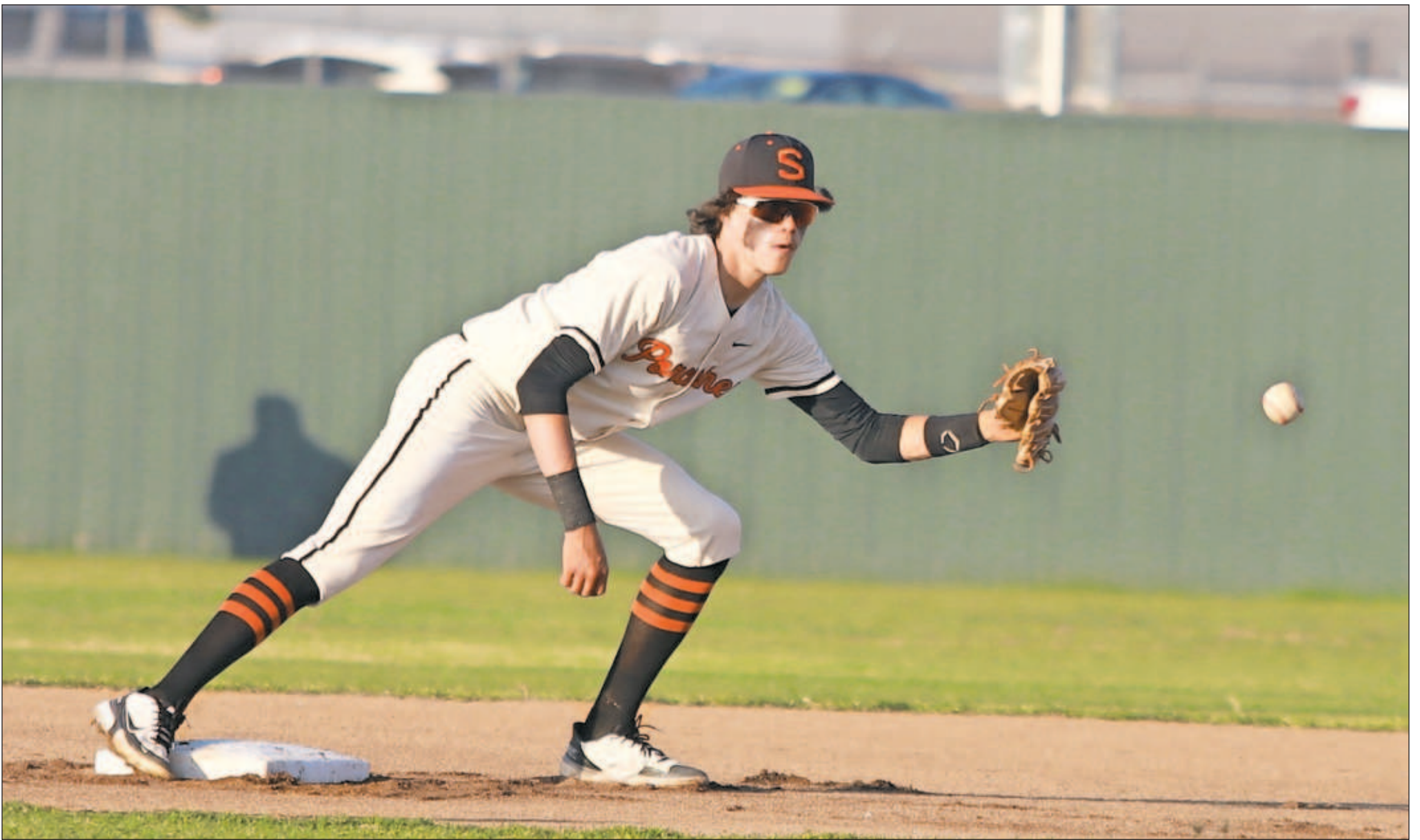
al track meet in Lubbock, making her Springtown's only high school athlete to qualify for the championship meet.

Flaughter will vie for the

Texas title on May 12-14 at the UIL Track & Field State Meet at Mike A. Myers Stadium in Austin.

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BASEBALL, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1B.



William Gleason is one of three Springtown senior baseball players planning to attend Tarleton State University.

The playoffs begin Friday.

The two teams met twice last week. In the first game, Springtown struggled at the plate, and Decatur prevailed 5-2. On April 29, the second game was played in Springtown, and Pojo mojo triumphed.

Springtown started Cristian Hernandez, a senior, at pitcher. He proved almost unhittable on Senior Night, with many relatives and friends in the stands.

Before meeting Decatur, Springtown had lost its previous four games, including two to district leader Argyle. The Porcupines wanted to put on a good showing for the hometown crowd on Senior Night, and, boy, did they ever.

The Pines set the tone during a remarkable first inning.

Hernandez struck out the first batter, walked the second, forced the third batter to hit into a double play and plowed down the fourth.

In the bottom of the first inning, Springtown batters took their turn at the plate.

Leadoff hitter Matt Lockard watched his first pitch pass by for a strike before powdering the next pitch into left field for a single. William Gleason singled and moved Lockard to second. Hernandez was hit by a pitch, which loaded up the bases with no outs.

Aaron Tidwell, batting cleanup, hit a long fly ball to left field, which was caught for an out but drove in a run. Brayden Fox hit a double to knock in two more runs. Scout Richards followed with a double to score Fox and gave Springtown a 4-0 lead.

Decatur called for a timeout to change pitchers.

"Ruh roh!" a Springtown player yelled from the dugout in his best Scooby-Doo voice.

"Fresh meat!" yelled another.

Decatur's new pitcher fared no better than his predecessor.

Marco Barrera hit a double, and then Lockard was back at the plate again. Springtown had batted around the order and was ready for seconds.



Senior Matt Lockard tosses a ball before the Decatur game began. He started a seven-run rally in the contest.



Lockard hit a double to score Barrera.

By the time the first inning ended, Springtown led 7-0.

"That's a decent start," head coach Josh Ward told his players.

During the next few innings, the Porcupines would add more runs while shutting down Decatur's offense completely to take a 12-0 victory.

Springtown plays Benbrook at 7 p.m. Friday at Chisholm Trail High School in a best-of-three series. Games two and - if necessary - three will be played beginning at 1 p.m. Saturday at Chisholm Trail.

SO LONG, SIX

The team's six seniors were escorted onto the field by parents just prior to the game. It would be the last time the seniors would play a regular season home game as a Porcupine.

Each player received a baseball signed by their teammates, and a jar filled with dirt from their home field.

Lockard, the leadoff hitter who would soon begin the night's first-inning rally, was the first senior introduced to the crowd. Lockard, nicknamed "Mr. Everything," has excelled at numerous sports for four years in Springtown and plans to attend Southwest Baptist Uni-

versity to play football and earn a degree in sports business.

Gleason, another multi-sport standout, will attend Tarleton State University and study science and nursing. His favorite baseball memory was "hitting batting cage bombs every day in practice," he said.

Barrera is ahead of the game when it comes to college. He will receive his associate degree at his high school graduation and attend Tarleton to seek a bachelor's degree in business. His favorite baseball recollection is the "Wiffle ball home run derby we had at practice last year," he said.

Another future Tarleton student is Aiden Vickers, who plans to major in kinesiology. His favorite memory? "Hitting a home run against Lake Worth last year," he said.

Seth Lopez will play baseball at Ottawa University and study sports management. His favorite baseball memory is the bus rides.

Hernandez wants to play baseball in college but hasn't decided where. He will major in kinesiology and "hopefully coach baseball and teach somewhere," he said.

His favorite memory? "Coach Ward breaking his clipboard against the dugout my freshman year at Kennedale," he said.

Cristian Hernandez shut out Decatur batters during his stint on the mound.

Photos by Jeff Prince

Springtown rodeo riders to compete at finals



Stephanie Heil will participate in team roping at the finals on May 12-14.

Photo by Jeff Prince

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Several Springtown rodeo team members have qualified to compete at the finals this season.

The finalists include:

Cade Walker: calf roping, ribbon roping, steer wrestling, chute

dogging, rookie cowboy and all-around cowboy.

Camdon Alvarez: steer wrestling and chute dogging.

Matthew Delacruz: bulls.

Jet Braswell: team roping header and team roping heeler.

Parker Koterba: team roping header and team roping heeler.

Landon Pitts: calf roping.

Delaney Harris: ride-up goat tying.

Stephanie Heil: team roping. "I feel great about our finish,"

said team sponsor James Heil.

More than 80 teams participate in the association's rodeo events.

Heil described Springtown's team as "a great group of kids that worked their tails off to get us in the top 10 of all schools. I'm very

proud of them."

The North Texas High School Rodeo Association finals event will be held May 12-14 at the association's arena in Saginaw.

TRACK, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1B.



Britney Tyree, Brinklee Dauenhaur, Madysen Fry and Ashlynn Dickey earned medals at the area track meet in April.

Photo by Jeff Prince

At the regional meet, Flaughter's jump of 38 feet 4.5 inches broke her own school record and beat every other triple jumper. Earlier this season, Flaughter

made her best jump by sailing 38 feet 2.5 inches. She beat that jump by two inches at regionals.

Other Springtown athletes who competed at regionals included

the 4x100m relay team of Britney Tyree, Madysen Fry, Brinklee Dauenhaur and Shayne Greenwood, who finished in fifth place with their best run of the year at

50.03.

Dauenhaur and Skyler Tyree were regional finalists in the triple jump, with both jumping 36 feet for personal records.

Ashlynn Dickey tied her personal best by clearing 5 feet in the high jump.

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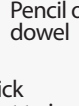

What is an **idiophone**? **Idio** means **self** and **phone** means **sound**. Idiophones are instruments of solid materials that vibrate when hit, shaken, plucked, scraped, rubbed, stamped or crashed together. But who's to say what's an instrument?


Stomping your foot on the floor turns the floor into an idiophone. Tapping a pencil on your desk uses the desk as an idiophone. Think of other things that could be idiophones.

Standards Link: Performing Arts/Music: Students perform a varied repertoire of music on instruments.

Make a Gutbucket!

STUFF YOU'LL NEED:

-  A sound box (you can use an empty coffee can, bucket or cardboard box)
-  Pencil or dowel
-  String or wire



A stick about twice the height of your sound box

File a notch on one end of your stick. The notch will help hold the stick in place on the rim of the can.

On the other end of the stick, have an adult drill a small hole. Feed the string through and tie to secure.

Turn the coffee can upside down. Have an adult punch a small hole in the bottom of the can. Feed the string through and tie a pencil or dowel on the end of it. Set the notch end of the stick on the rim of the can. Hold the gutbucket as shown here pulling the string taut. Then, start plucking!

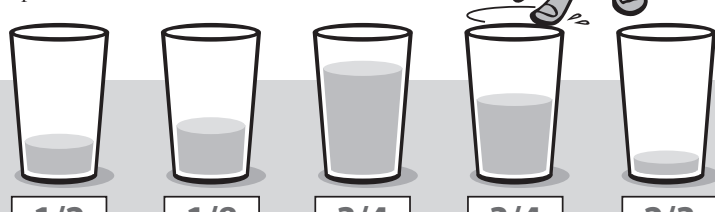
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The more water you put in the glass, the deeper the note it will play.

Fill some glasses with different amounts of water, and see what kinds of sounds you can create. Try tapping the rim of each glass with a pencil or spoon for another kind of sound.



1/2	1/8	3/4	3/4	2/3
1/4	1/3	1/2	1/2	1/8


Under each glass, circle the fraction that best describes how much of the glass is filled with water.

Standards Link: Math/Number Sense: Identify and use fractions.

Mini Maracas

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Match the marbles.



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Look through the newspaper for ten or more words that describe your country and how you feel about it. Put these words into alphabetical order.

Standards Link: Spelling: Arrange words in alphabetical order.

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Ocean Sounds

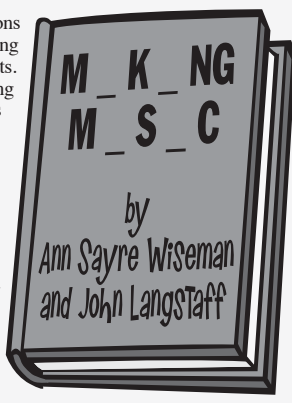
Find five to ten words to describe the sounds of ocean waves. Write a paragraph describing the sounds using these adjectives.

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This book gives directions for making and playing simple musical instruments. Readers will see that letting out their inner musician is fun and easy!

Fill in the missing vowels to reveal the title of this book. Then, check it out at your local library!

- Bert Bookworm



Standards Link: Spelling: Spell grade-level appropriate words correctly.

Double Double Word Search

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

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Word List

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POPULAR	THEME
PASTA	FEATHER
FANCY	BUMPKIN

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Use context clues to determine the meaning of words.

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Complete the grid by using all the letters in the word **FOUND** in each vertical and horizontal row. Each letter should only be used once in each row. Some spaces have been filled in for you.

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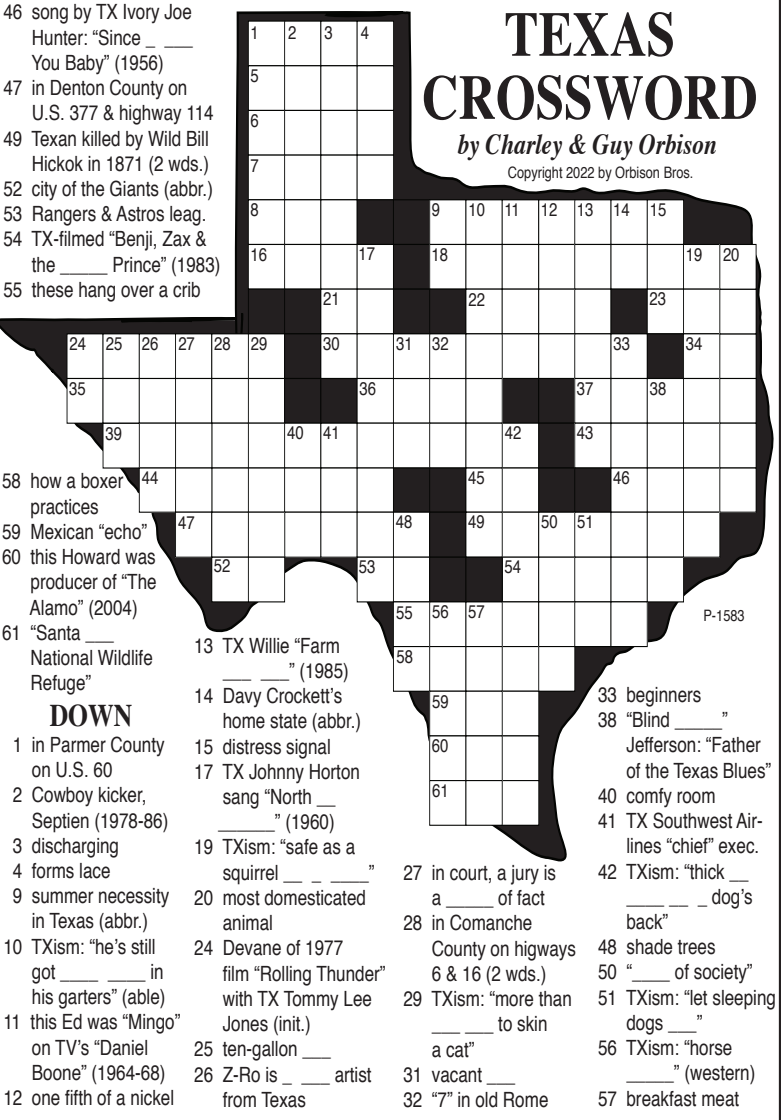
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1 visibly worry
 5 spring event in Austin: "Flora ____"
 6 TXism: "____ ain't true, there ain't a cow in Texas"
 7 "feelin' his ____"
 8 Gulf shrimp catcher
 9 TXism: "high ____ back" (costly)
 16 got off the horse
 18 TXism: "doesn't know enough to ____ of the rain" (dumb)
 21 TX Willie song: "____ Place for Me" (1957)
 22 "____ our fences"
 23 health resort
 24 TX Tanya's "____ I Do With Me"
 30 Glen Campbell hit about a Texas city before noon (abbr.)
 35 McGavin of "The Natural" with TX Joe Don Baker
 36 this TX Chiles was in "Moonraker" film
 37 Nick of TX-based "North Dallas Forty"
 39 TXism: "nervous as a long-____ room full of rocking chairs"
 43 TX Martindale of "Ghosts of Mississippi" about death of this civil rights activist, Medgar
 44 TX-filmed "____ Big Adventure"
 45 TXism: "old ____ dirt"

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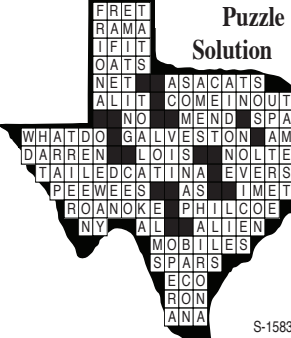
1 in Parmer County on U.S. 60
 2 Cowboy kicker, Septien (1978-86)
 3 discharging
 4 forms lace
 9 summer necessity in Texas (abbr.)
 10 TXism: "he's still got ____ in his garters" (able)
 11 this Ed was "Mingo" on TV's "Daniel Boone" (1964-68)
 12 one fifth of a nickel

46 song by TX Ivory Joe Hunter: "Since ____ You Baby" (1956)
 47 in Denton County on U.S. 377 & highway 114
 49 Texan killed by Wild Bill Hickok in 1871 (2 wds.)
 52 city of the Giants (abbr.)
 53 Rangers & Astros leag.
 54 TX-filmed "Benji, Zax & the ____ Prince" (1983)
 55 these hang over a crib

13 TX Willie "Farm ____" (1985)
 14 Davy Crockett's home state (abbr.)
 15 distress signal
 17 TX Johnny Horton sang "North ____" (1960)
 19 TXism: "safe as a squirrel ____"
 20 most domesticated animal
 24 Devane of 1977 film "Rolling Thunder" with TX Tommy Lee Jones (init.)
 25 ten-gallon ____ a cat"
 26 Z-Ro is ____ artist from Texas

33 beginners
 38 "Blind ____" Jefferson: "Father of the Texas Blues"
 40 comfy room
 41 TX Southwest Airlines "chief" exec.
 42 TXism: "thick ____ dog's ____ back"
 48 shade trees
 50 "____ of society"
 51 TXism: "let sleeping dogs ____"
 56 TXism: "horse ____" (western)
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