



## Incumbents come out on top in local elections

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Incumbents were largely successful in Springtown-area races during the May 7 elections.

On the Springtown ISD school board, incumbent Damon Liles won his race against Chad Tedder for Place 2. Liles garnered 466 votes, according to the combined unofficial results from Parker and Wise counties, while Tedder had 384 votes.

Current Board President Rick Beall and former board member Jay Grubis ran unopposed in the school board election for Places 1 and 3, respectively.

Likewise, the Reno City Council had one contested race in Place 3 in which incumbent Shelli Swift, with 100 votes, defeated challenger Jason Holden, with 82 votes, according to the Parker County unofficial results. Mayor Pro Tem Granville "Randy" Martin III and council member Jeff Davis did not draw opponents and therefore won their spots back in Places 1 and 5, respectively.

Walnut Creek Special Utility District board of directors will have one new face on the board and two familiar ones. Three spots were open on the board, and according to unofficial results from Parker and Wise counties, the winners are Board Secretary Mike Gilley with 288 votes, board member Beth Correll with 188 votes and challenger Jim Cox with 161 votes.

Other Walnut Creek SUD board of directors' candidates finished

out with the following number of votes: Rene Esteves with 94 votes, Candice Chandler with 131 votes, Jeff Carter with 126 votes and current Board President Frank Henderson with 150 votes.

Parker County Emergency Services District 8 won its election for an increase of the local sales and use tax imposed by .50%, with 251 votes for the proposition and 122 against. According to a previous ESD 8 press release, the proposition gives authority to ESD 8 to increase the district's sales and use tax from 1% to 1.5% in unincorporated areas where the rate is not already at the state minimum sales tax rate of 8.25%.

The proposition will help ESD 8 implement a long-range plan that includes hiring staff for support and training and sharing the burden of funding public safety with all who receive service including visitors and non-property taxpaying residents, according to the press release.

### WALNUT CREEK SUD

During his first term on the board, Cox said he hopes to do a lot of learning.

"I will begin to develop knowledge of operations and things of that nature. I'm obviously very interested in the transparency of the corporation and future planning and things of this nature," Cox said. "I do feel like I can make a difference. Obviously, I wouldn't have put my hat in the ring if I didn't, and I've got a lot of past ex-

perience I think that I could draw from that would really bring a lot of benefit to the corporation and the customers."

Cox said he wants to focus on having more transparency from the district and board by having board meeting minutes posted online as well as financial statements on a quarterly basis. He also said he'd like to see more information being spread about the technical issues behind the faulty transmitters that customers have been dealing with.

Gilley received the most votes in both Parker and Wise counties. He has been on the board since 1988.

"The main reason I kept doing it is trying to make sure, not only me as a customer but everybody else, to be sure there's an adequate water supply that's good water," Gilley said. "We hope that we are still going to be able to serve the needs of the community."

Gilley's goals also include improving infrastructure and adding production capacity at the plant.

Correll previously joined the board to fill an unexpired term left by Brian Sexton, and she was elected to a full term on May 7.

"I am looking forward to serving our community and learning more about one of the most precious natural resources we have," Correll said.

Some Walnut Creek SUD customers said they were not allowed to vote in the board election. SUD Office Manager Paula Spence said only customers who live inside

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## Council approves new officers

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The Reno City Council last week gave its OK for the city to hire three full-time police officers.

Council also approved a new animal ordinance at the meeting, held May 4.

Reno Police Chief Scott Elsner told council that hiring new offi-

cers represents the wishes of residents.

"They wanted 24-hour service; we want to provide it to them, to the best of our ability," he said.

Also, new officers are needed to help with staffing at night, as Elsner said he didn't want one officer working by himself during those hours. The closest response

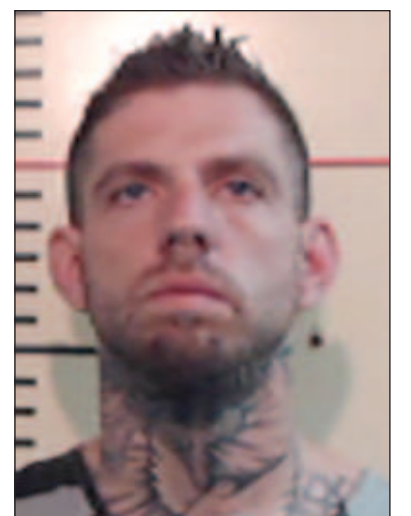
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## Man arrested following high speed chase through Springtown, Azle

### FROM STAFF REPORTS

Parker County Sheriff's deputies arrested a Kerens man following an attempted traffic stop around 12:30 a.m. Tuesday in the 4600 Block of East Highway 199, in northern Parker County.

Parker County Sheriff Russ Authier said deputies attempted to conduct the traffic stop on a 2002 silver Honda motorcycle and activated their emergency lights and siren. The driver led deputies in a high-speed pursuit reaching speeds up to 90 miles-per-hour on Midway Road. The driver turned back eastbound on Highway 199 leading deputies onto Northwest Parkway into Azle, where he crashed into a ditch at the intersection of Lakeview Drive and South



Chase Ellis Poe

Broadway.

Sheriff's deputies took the

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## Annual Randy's Benefit Ride takes place in Springtown

The 13th Annual Randy's Benefit Ride was able to raise more than \$2,000 in assistance for Conner Landers.

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# State minister discusses work in Austin during Day of Prayer speech

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Scot Wall wants to tear down walls instead of allowing them to continue to separate people.

Wall, state minister for the Capitol Commission, spoke at the National Day of Prayer event May 5 at Hilltop Family Church in Springtown. He prays for, ministers to and encourage state leaders through the Capitol Commission, which says on its website that its mission is to “reach the Capitol community for Christ, one person at a time, to disciple them, and to prepare them for a lifetime of ministry, wherever God chooses to place them.”

The morning event included prayers for everything from the military to first responders to schools. Leaders from local churches were among those praying. Patrons feasted on a breakfast served at the church.

Wall ministers to 150 House members and 31 senators, and he connects with the executive and judicial branch and state law enforcement and others at the Capitol. He holds Bible studies, prayer times, counseling sessions and other events. His ministry is non-partisan, non-lobbying and non-denominational.

“I minister to all the R’s and the D’s,” Wall said. “We

have no I’s – independents – right now. But we are mostly Republican in the House, mostly Republican in the Senate and our top officials are Republicans, so it’s mostly a Republican state, but we have a quite a few Democrats as well, and I’m involved with them.”

Wall said his ministry is non-denominational, but he said his work is not “watered down” and that his focus is on Jesus Christ. He avoids “talking about the political side of things” in his work, he said, and he won’t talk about people on either side of the legislative aisle. He will discuss Scripture, but he avoids discussing a bill or “particular political point of view.” If someone asks about what the Bible says on a certain topic, he will try to answer that question based on God’s word. Wall’s discussion included how he ministered to a lawmaker who went to prison.

Despite all the hardships and challenges in the world now, Wall said there exist “many, many things to be thankful for.” He encouraged people to pray for all members of the House and Senate by praying for five representatives each day for a month and a senator each day of the month. Doing so, one will have covered each of them: 150 reps and 31 senators.



Scot Wall, state minister for the Capitol Commission, speaks at the National Day of Prayer event May 5 at Hilltop Family Church in Springtown. Wall ministers to people who work at the Capitol in Austin, including lawmakers. Photo by Don Munsch

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Trust: "To rely upon or place confidence in someone or something."

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"Most of us consider trust to be built slowly, with verification, and in degrees. ...trust is created by a combination of things and, while the end result is almost magical, the process cannot be rushed." (Mac Richard, The Trust Protocol)

"When a person has integrity you can trust what they say and that they live according to their values." (Jodi Flynn, Accomplished: How to Go from Dreaming to Doing)

"Trust is hard to earn and it can be ten times harder to earn back once broken." (Kevin Allen, 10 Guiding Principles of The Ethical Entrepreneur)

"Why waste time and energy worrying about something when instead we could put all our energy into prayer and trust." (C. L. Griffin, Practical Daily Devotions)

"Life without trust is a life in turmoil." (M. K. Soni)

That's just a sampling of what I found with a quick google search of "quotes about trust."

Why am I thinking about that today?

One reason is my reading this morning from Psalm 119. There was a verse that stuck out for me.

"I am worn out waiting



## BE AMAZING

By Gerry Lewis

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for your rescue, but I have put my hope in your word." (Psalm 119:81)

I think I know a LOT of people who are worn out. I think I AM sometimes one of those people.

The world can be discouraging, disappointing, disheartening, depressing—and plenty of other words that start with other letters besides "D."

Political division, gas prices, inflation, conflicts around the world ...

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"I have put my hope in your word."

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But the original Hebrew word means "to wait, hope, expect, stay, trust."

So, hoping IN something is not the same as hoping

FOR something.

To put my hope IN is to trust that the object of my hope is trustworthy.

So, the psalmist is saying, "I have placed my trust in the trustworthiness of your word."

But that shouldn't be understood to say that If we simply read the Bible more or do more of what the Bible says, we will be cured or rescued.

Our trust is in God—His character—as He has revealed Himself through the Scriptures and, ultimately, in Jesus.

"Long ago God spoke many times and in many ways to our ancestors through the prophets. And now in these final days, he has spoken to us through his Son. God promised everything to the Son as an inheritance, and through the Son he created the universe." (Hebrews 1:1-2).

I love the Bible and I believe the Bible to be trustworthy, but the Bible is not the ultimate source of my trust or my hope.

In the midst of all the junk, all my disappointment, all my doubts and fears ...

I. Trust. You. God.

Would you join me and be amazing today, my friend?

# City to host cleanup event on May 21

## FROM STAFF REPORTS

While spring cleaning may have started for some Springtown residents, the city of Springtown will host the annual City Cleanup Event next week.

The cleanup will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. May 21. Residents will be able to get paper shredded at the Municipal An-

nex Building at 200 N. Main St., and junk will be collected at the Citizens' Collection Center at 1361 Walnut Creek Drive.

According to the city's website, items that will be accepted are furniture, appliances, yard debris, fencing, clothing and other household items, but oil, gas, petroleum products,

tires, paint or any labeled or unlabeled chemicals will not be accepted.

Any Springtown resident can participate in the cleanup, and residents will have to bring a driver's license or utility bill to verify proof of residency, according to the city's website.

# Public hearing held next week for UTGCD board

## FROM STAFF REPORTS

Upper Trinity Groundwater Conservation District's public hearing and regular board meeting are set for 5 p.m. May 16 at the District office or via Zoom video-conference. In addition to their regular board meeting agenda (begins at conclusion of public hearing), another item of interest includes a public hearing regarding application for Operating Permit Amendment for a Commercial water well in Montague County.

The public is welcome and encouraged to remotely attend via online video-conference/teleconference.

The mission of UTGCD, established in November

2007, is to develop rules to provide protection to existing wells, prevent waste, promote conservation, provide a framework that will allow availability and accessibility of groundwater for future generations,

protect the quality of the groundwater in the recharge zone of the aquifer, ensure that the residents of Montague, Wise, Parker and Hood counties maintain local control over their

groundwater, respect and protect the property rights of landowners in groundwater, and operate the district in a fair and equitable manner for all residents of the District.

For more information about UTGCD, including meeting dates and well registration forms, visit their website at [www.uppertrinitygcd.com](http://www.uppertrinitygcd.com) or call the District's office in Springtown, 817-523-5200.

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the district's boundaries can vote in the board of directors election.

"The state rules and regulations, that is written by the legislature, (dictate) that if you live in the district boundaries, you are eligible to vote and you are eligible to run as a director. It also allows those who live outside of the district boundaries to run as a director and would have voting rights as a sitting director on the board. However, they do not have voting rights outside of the district to vote in the election," Spence said.

Spence also said these boundaries have been in place since the 1970s, and the district's boundaries don't change.

**LILES TO SERVE THIRD TERM**

Liles said it is an "honor and privilege" to be re-elected to a third term on the SISD school board. As for his goals, he named two priorities: attracting and retaining educators with competitive pay and being able to support the student enrollment growth with sufficient facilities. Though he said he understands residents' concerns about school property taxes, he said the community must come together on a decision to support the growth.

"We at Springtown are at capacity," Liles said. "We need to come to common ground on a plan to grow our

facilities in conjunction with population growth."

Liles also strongly supports vocational programs for students and said more facilities for those classes are needed.

"We also have to recognize that vocational programs are a viable path to a solid career, and we need more vocational facilities to offer these aspiring students," he said.

The school board has previously sought to build more space for students by asking voters to pass a bond election, but voters struck down two bond proposals last year. Liles said calling for another bond election isn't out of the realm of possibilities, but he doesn't know when that may happen.

"I don't see our pursuit of a bond going away by necessity," he said. "Whether or not it's going to be this year or next year, we're going to have to reconvene and regroup, and figure out how we're going to approach that bond and the proper time to approach it."

**SWIFT TALKS PRIORITIES**

Swift was surprised to be re-elected to the Reno City Council.

Swift said she was hearing from newer residents that didn't seem to be on board with her leadership on council, and she didn't know if she'd make it for another

term.

"I was just kind of like, well, God's going to put me where he wants me. If I need to be back up there, that's where I'm going to be, and if it's time for me to be done, then I'll be done," Swift said. "It just worked out that I wasn't done with whatever I'm supposed to be doing. I'm not done with it yet."

Swift's priorities for her next term are fixing the roads and city water pipes as well as finding alternate water sources.

"The pipes are so old and some of them need to really be replaced, not just patched here and again," she said. "We need to get the water under control, and we're going to have to find more sources of water. The more housing developments we have put in, (the more) we're going to have to find more water to get to them."

Swift is also adamant that homes should not be built on lots that are less than one acre.

"We're getting so stacked up, and I moved out here almost 30 years ago, it's just getting so congested. There's so much traffic," she said.

Swift described her last year and a half on council as a "learning curve." Now that she has more experience on the council, she hopes to be more proactive.

**Quilter's Guild of Parker County to meet next week**

**FROM STAFF REPORTS**

The Quilter's Guild of Parker County will meet in-person and via Zoom on May 19.

The meeting will begin at 6:45 p.m. at Lakeshore Drive Baptist Church, 200 S. Lakeshore Drive in Hudson Oaks. Attendees are encouraged to come

earlier to socialize. Visitors are welcome to attend in person and online. To join online, email your name and telephone number to [ggpc2000@gmail.com](mailto:ggpc2000@gmail.com).

The program will be a Schoolhouse where several of the Guild Mates will share new ideas, tips, new tools or some other "quilt-

ing magic," according to a guild news release. Attendees are welcome to "come join the fun and learn something new."

To learn more about the Guild, visit the website at [quiltersguildofparkercounty.org](http://quiltersguildofparkercounty.org) or the guild's Facebook page.

**RENO**, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1A.

is from the Parker County Sheriff's Office, and Reno backs up PCSO, and vice versa, as much as possible. At least two officers will work night shift from now on.

Full-time capacity would bring the department to eight officers. The department has three part-time officers.

"We would vacate one of those (part-time) positions to move that person up to a full-time position," Elsner said. Two other full-time officers would be hired for the total of three officers.

The positions are posted

on the Texas Municipal League website.

During the animal ordinance discussion, council member Katie Tucker gave and discussed several amendments, such as factual mistakes to be corrected in the ordinance. Suggested fees for animal control would have to be approved by the Planning & Zoning Commission.

Reno Deputy Police Chief Nathan Stringer said in an email that council had some recommended amendments for the attorneys to make, which is why the ordinance was approved

with proposed amendments.

Once those amendments are made, the ordinance is in place and doesn't need further approval. Council will have to set the fee schedule for the ordinance so they have sent the appendix to P&Z for recommendations. Once the council receives their recommendations, the council will ratify the appendix setting the fee schedule, Stringer said. In the motion, the council approved Tucker approving the document in ordinance form.

Council approved the hiring of one position for the water department.

**CHASE**, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1A.

driver into custody and located a 9mm handgun in his possession. The driver was identified as Chase Ellis Poe, 31, of Kerens. Deputies confirmed Poe is a convicted felon, and had an outstanding warrant out

of Tarrant County for aggravated robbery.

Poe was taken to a local hospital as a precaution where he was treated for minor injuries and released.

Poe was booked into the Parker County Jail on the

aggravated robbery warrant and for unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon and evading arrest detention with vehicle. As of Tuesday morning, he remains incarcerated and his bond has not been set.

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# Springtown ISD approves employee pay raises for next year, moves forward on some projects

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Employees at Springtown ISD, teachers and bus drivers alike will be making more money next school year.

The SISD school board voted to raise pay for salaried and hourly employees during the first budget meeting of the year last week.

Teachers, nurses, counselors and librarians will all receive a raise of at least \$2,250 per year, depending on where they are on the pay scale. Starting pay will increase from \$50,000 to \$53,000.

Paraprofessionals, including instructional assistants, clerical staff and child nutrition staff, will receive a raise of \$1.50 per hour, which amounts to a little more than \$2,600 annually.

SISD bus drivers starting pay will be raised to \$22 per hour. Each bus driver is expected to get an increase of at least \$3.25 per hour. In the current year, the lowest wage for a bus driver was \$16.75.

Superintendent Mike Kelley said the significant raise for bus drivers is an effort to recruit more drivers, which has been difficult for SISD in the past school year. The

driver shortage has made the district consider changing school schedules and getting drivers to double their routes.

“We have to find drivers,” Kelley said. “At the last meeting (in April), we talked about double routing. We don’t want to do that if we can possibly help it. It’s not going to be convenient for parents or anybody else. This is an effort to solve our bus driver shortage that will keep us from having to address it in much less convenient ways.”

The bus driver raise will also “hopefully show the drivers that we value those guys,” he said. The maintenance staff is expected to get a raise of at least 75 cents per hour, but Kelley said the maintenance crew would receive “individual adjustments based on skills and contributions.”

Kelley said board may also consider giving retention bonuses to staff in August.

## PROJECTS

The school board also approved initiating projects to create more space at SISD schools, some of which will happen at Springtown Intermediate School.

The plan is to convert

the old archery room into a new choir room. The current choir room is planned to be divided into two classrooms. Also at the intermediate school, the former multipurpose room is expected to be divided into two classrooms. This will add three classrooms to the intermediate school.

The projects at the intermediate school will require updates to heating, ventilation and air conditioning-related systems, new lighting and new partitions, among other objectives. The cost of the intermediate school projects is expected to be about \$192,000, Kelley said.

The board permitted Kelley to purchase a portable building for Goshen Creek Elementary School not to exceed \$115,000, though the portable is expected to cost under \$100,000. Some portables at Reno Elementary School are expected to be renovated with improved foundation, new carpet and replaced ceiling tiles, Kelley said.

A book room at Springtown Elementary School is also expected to be renovated to create two classrooms for small groups, and a storage space will be created to keep the books, Kelley said.



SISD bus drivers starting pay will be raised to \$22 per hour. Each bus driver is expected to get an increase of at least \$3.25 per hour. Photo courtesy Springtown ISD

## EXTRA REVENUE

Kelley reported that SISD is expected to have close to \$2.5 million in additional revenue by the end of the current budget.

“Because the state allowed us to use the prior year attendance rate, we ended up with a lot more money,” he said during the budget workshop.

The superintendent said that expenses were also higher than expected. The

current year’s budget included contingency funds in case maintenance repairs or adding employees were needed.

Having this extra money allows the district to tackle projects and expenses that have been put off in years past, Kelley said.

“I’m not saying that we’ve skated by, but we’ve been very conservative on how we’ve spent money for a long time,” he said.

The district is also ex-

pecting to hire at least 14 new teachers by the start of next year, Kelley said. This would include eight at the elementary schools, two at the middle school, two at the intermediate school and two at the high school.

The budget is still a work in progress, and it is usually finished and approved by the board by Sept. 1. By that time, the school board will also have to set a tax rate to support the budget.

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# Obituaries

## Johnnie Brunette

1943- 2022

Johnnie E. Brunette passed away Thursday, May 5, 2022, in Fort Worth.

Funeral service was at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 11, 2022, in Greenwood Chapel. Visitation: One hour prior. Entombment: Greenwood Mausoleum.

John was born Aug. 1, 1943, in San Angelo to Elton and Jean Brunette. John graduated from Texas A&M University - Commerce in 1989. He retired from Lockheed Martin in 1998 to manage his real estate investments.

John was preceded in death by his parents, and his brother, Jimmie Brunette.

Survivors include his wife, Sue Brunette; daughters, Kim Ware and husband, Mark and Johnna Bridges and husband, Blair; step-son Jimmy Caldwell; grandchildren, Kristen



Lindner and husband, Chris, Adam Campbell and wife, Angie and Kyle Ware; three great-granddaughters, Kayla Lindner, Baylor Lindner and Lily Campbell; sister, Beverly Geurin and husband, John; sister-in-law, Linda Brunette Redfield; nieces, Marnie Geurin and Misty Brunette; and mother of his children, Joan Brunette.

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May 12, 2022 Edition

# Springtown Optimist Club names Young Texans, Texannes for April, May



The Springtown Optimist Club recognized four students as the Young Texans and Texannes for April and May on May 10 at Howell's Western Cafe. From left, Molly Worthington, Blythe Bell, Oliver Hobbs and Clark Coplen. Photo by Madelyn Edwards

BY MADELYN EDWARDS  
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The Springtown Optimist Club recognized four students on Tuesday morning as the Young Texans and Texannes for April and May at Howell's Western Cafe.

Blythe Bell was named the Young Texanne for April, Clark Coplen was the Young Texan for April, Molly Worthington is the Young Texanne for May and Oliver Hobbs is the Young Texan for May.

The Young Texan and Texanne are high school juniors who are honored for their academic achievement, community involvement and extracurricular activities. Students who achieve this award usually earn mostly A's in school.

Bell is involved in Future Health Professionals at Springtown High School. She hopes to study nurs-

ing at Texas Wesleyan University and become a nurse anesthetist and work in a hospital.

Bell named Darci Cosentino as the teacher who has had the greatest impact on her life "because of the opportunities she has fought for us to have," Bell wrote on her questionnaire.

Coplen participates in UIL calculator at SHS. He hopes to attend Howard Payne University to study youth ministry and computer science. According to his resume, Coplen is very involved with his church, where he plays the piano, has gone on a mission trip and repaired people's homes for free, among other activities.

Coplen wants to become a youth pastor "due to my heart for the age group and the drive to help them through the struggles of adolescence."

Worthington participates on the varsity dance team and student council at SHS, among other activities. She aims to attend a prestigious school, like Harvard University or Yale University, to study fine arts and game development. In 10 years, she hopes to be animating her own cartoons. She also would like to travel the world.

"After I graduate, I want people to think of my positive attitude and my dedication and passion to the arts and my studies," Worthington wrote on her questionnaire.

Hobbs plays football at SHS and is involved with powerlifting and field events. He aims to attend Texas Christian University to study law or business. Hobbs wants to become a business lawyer and open his own firm someday.

On his resume, Hobbs

wrote that he has participated in charity projects for multiple years, and he wants to continue that work "as I enjoy helping people." Another one of his goals is to "keep playing the guitar and hopefully write songs with my grandfather."

The Springtown Optimist Club holds meetings monthly at 7 a.m. on the first Tuesday of the month at Howell's Western Café. The club honors the Young Texan and Texanne at meetings as well as hosts speakers and discusses club business.

In other business at the meeting, former Optimist Club president Denise Taylor said the club is raising money over the next two weeks to sponsor a third \$500 scholarship for a SHS senior. Taylor said those who are interested in donating can contact her by email at dtaylor@cityofspringtown.com.

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# Baked Potatoes: Food for Tot

NANCY PRICER  
npricer@hcnews.com

If you're looking for potato puns, you can count on me to chip in. Sorry if some of you don't find puns to be appealing. Sad to say there are tater haters out there.

My husband and I both love potatoes. We're spuddies. Most of the time, we just make mashed taters, but all of a sudden, I have had cravings for Cattlemen's Club Twice Baked Potatoes. These super spuds are creamy and full of flavor. You just can't go wrong adding sour cream, bacon, onions, mushrooms and cheese with the fluffy inside of a baked potato. They are perfect to make ahead of time for a meal and ready to pop in the oven before putting your steaks on the grill. Add a salad of your choice and boom – dinner is ready.

## CATLEMEN'S CLUB TWICE BAKED POTATOES

- 5 large potatoes, scrubbed and baked
- ½ cup half-and-half
- 1 cup sour cream
- 3 tablespoons green onions or 3 tablespoons chives, minced
- 4 slices bacon, fried and crumbled
- ½ teaspoon parsley
- 1 cup cheddar cheese, grated
- 1 ½ – 2 teaspoons salt
- ½ teaspoon pepper
- ¼ teaspoon garlic powder
- 1 egg, beaten
- ½ cup butter
- ½ cup mushroom, sliced and sauteed in butter
- Extra grated cheddar cheese

Bake potatoes for 1 hour in at 350°F or until tender in center.

Cut potatoes in half lengthwise and scoop out potato being careful not to tear skins.

Mash potatoes with electric mixer, adding half and half and beating until smooth.

Stir in remaining ingredients and mix well. The mixture will be somewhat softer than regular mashed potatoes.

Fill potato shells with the mashed potato mixture and place on cookie sheet. Top each potato half with extra grated cheddar cheese.

Bake 20 minutes at 350°F.

# Unrequited love

DEAR FRANKIE,

Harriet is a cocker spaniel and my best friend. We have been meeting up every day at the park for years. On the days I arrive before she does, I often chat with Jeffrey, who is a beagle. Recently, I was told Jeffrey had a crush on me. At first, I didn't give it much thought. Then I realized that Jeffrey was always at the gate waiting to greet me as soon as our car pulled into the parking lot. I think Jeffrey's mom and my mom haven't helped the situation by saying what an adorable couple we are and what a shame it was that we were fixed. Yesterday, they were talking about Jeff and I having playdates on the weekends. I like Jeffrey well enough for a bit of chit-chat, but I have no interest in our relationship going any further. How can I nip this situation in the bud and tell him how I feel without hurting his feelings?

Cordially, Celeste



DEAR FRANKIE  
By Geneva Woodruff

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

DEAR CELESTE,

You are getting many pushbacks from all sides. Jeffrey wants a girlfriend, and your mom and Jeffrey's mom want a happily ever after and granddogs.

Perhaps Harriet could speak to Jeffrey and tell him what's what. If she feels uncomfortable speaking to him directly, she might talk to one of his pals and suggest he pass the message on to Jeffrey. From what you tell me, Jeffrey has a lot to offer as a boyfriend. He can carry on a conversation, has a purebred pedigree, and comes from a good family. Many parents would kill to have him as a dog-in-law.

You might discretely ask around the park to see if anyone has her eye on him. I would be surprised if there weren't several of the ladies that would be thrilled to date him. Jeffrey may be so focused on you, Celeste, that he may not realize he is a good catch. All it might take to divert his attention from you is to have someone say to him: "Jeff, Penny the poodle or Ginger the whippet thinks you are adorable. She would love to know you better." If Jeffrey is still crestfallen when he learns that you are a no-go, at the very least, he will know there are lots of canines in the sea.

Best, Frankie

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**PK - 12th GRADE** **BREAKFAST: Everyday** - Various Juices & Cereals, Toast, Milk Variety, Fruit, Jelly Assortment, Buttermilk Biscuit, Variety of milk is offered every day for breakfast and lunch.

**Monday** No school **Tuesday** Sausage Biscuit, Toast, Variety of Cereal, Fruit, Juice **Wednesday** Scramble Eggs, Toast, Variety of Cereal, Fruit, Juice **Thursday** Breakfast Stick, Toast, Variety of Cereal, Fruit, Juice **Friday** Breakfast Sandwich, Toast, Variety of Cereal, Fruit, Juice

**PK - 8th GRADE** **Lunch: Everyday** - Choice of one meat, two vegetables, and one grain/bread with milk. Variety of milk is offered every day for breakfast and lunch.

**Monday** No school **Tuesday** Stuffed Breadsticks, Corndogs, Fiesta Sticks, Green Beans **Wednesday** Chicken & Waffles, Fresh Baby Carrots, Broccoli, Applesauce **Thursday** Steakfingers, Cucumber & Tomato Cup, Roll, Strawberries **Friday** Pizza, Popcorn Chicken, Roll, Chili Style Beans, Fresh Broccoli

**9th-12 GRADE** **Lunch: Everyday** - Choice of one meat, two vegetables, and one grain/bread with milk. Variety of milk is offered every day for breakfast and lunch.

**Monday** No school **Tuesday** Stuffed Breadsticks, Crispy Chicken Sandwich, Fresh Baby Carrots, Green Beans, Apple Slices, Blueberries **Wednesday** Chicken and Waffles, Corndogs, Broccoli, Chili Style Beans, Grapes, Pineapple **Thursday** Steakfingers, Popcorn Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Roll, Cucumber & Tomato Cup, Blue Applesauce **Friday** Pizza, Glazed Carrots, Fresh Broccoli, Orange Smiles, Blueberries

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### CHART YOUR PROGRESS

Give yourself a star each time you complete one of the 10 outdoor activities listed here. Give yourself a cool reward for completing them all.

### DISCOVER THE PAST

Your state, city, town or community has a rich heritage. Do some research to discover some local history and visit locations that have evidence of a rich cultural past. Take a photo of an old building, statue or tree and do a rubbing or a sketch.

### SPLASH IN THE WATER

Visit a local lake, river, stream or a nearby ocean. Observe the wildlife around you and list them in your notebook with notes on where, when and what was happening.

### LEARN TO SWIM

Swimming is great exercise and will improve muscle strength and flexibility. Your local pool will provide lessons throughout the summer months. If you can't swim, sign up now. If you can swim, enjoy some time at a pool.

### CAMP UNDER THE STARS

Camping out takes organization. If you are going to a campground, you probably need to book your space. Make a list of the things you'll need to take. If you can't go away, camp in your backyard. Take time to look at the stars. Can you spot the North Star and the Big Dipper?

### FOLLOW A TRAIL

Make a map of a local trail or bike path. As you follow the trail, mark points of interest along the trail. The next time you take that hike, see what's changed at your points of interest.

### GO FISHING

Sit quietly on the banks of a river, lake or stream. You may not catch a fish but what do you see? Are there tadpoles or frogs, water striders, dragonflies?

### PLAY ON A TEAM

Playing on a team is a good way to make new friends and get some exercise. If there are no organized sports in your area, make your own team and create a game of Frisbee or catch.

### PLAY IN A SAFE PLACE

Find a local park with playground equipment. Take a picnic and enjoy the sunshine.

### CELEBRATE SUMMER

Pick one feature of your outdoor summer and draw a picture showing the event. Mail it to a friend.

### EXPLORE NATURE

Be a nature detective. Look at a field guide or go online to identify birds, wild flowers, insects and trees. List them in your notebook.

### Scavenger Hunt

Look through the newspaper to find:

- A picture of someone playing a sport
- A place to exercise
- A local park
- A fun place for the whole family to visit together

### Write On!

## Junkyard Sports

Invent a game using something you would normally throw away. Turn trash into fun!

### Kid Scoop Puzzler

The answer is "sunburned zebra!"

To find the question, cross out the words that ...

- start with the letter i
- rhyme with sips
- are the name of an insect
- contain the letter m

INK	TRIPS	WHAT'S
BLACK	SWIM	IGLOO
AND	CHIPS	TIME
WASP	WHITE	BEE
AND	RAM	GNAT
NIPS	INCH	RED
ANT	ALL	RIPS
INTO	STEM	OVER

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow written directions.

### Double Double Word Search

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

SWIMMING	S	F	P	V	W	G	L	O	L	G
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Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

### Kid Scoop FIT & FUN

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Clip the coupons below and put them in a hat. Without looking, pull one coupon from the hat and read it to your friend. Can they perform that activity? If so, they get 1 point. If not, YOU have to do it to earn a point. (For even more fun, gather more friends and form two teams.)

Run in place for 60 seconds while loudly singing your favorite song.

Stand on one foot while saying the alphabet backwards.

Walk on your hands and feet like a dog or cat for at least 60 seconds.

Stand perfectly still like a statue. Do not giggle or smile if your friend tries to make you laugh.

Kick a ball as far as you can. Leave a marker where the ball stopped. Have your friend try.

Do jumping jacks as you call out as many state capitols as you can.

Fill a plastic cup to the brim with water. Balance it on your head and try to walk 10 feet.

Use a laundry basket and throw rolled up socks into it from as far away as you can.

Hop backwards while counting backwards from 50.

Drizzle a basketball with your left hand for 30 seconds, then your right hand for 30 more.

Try to roll an orange across the room without using your hands or feet.

Standards Link: Physical Education: Understand the health benefits of physical exercise.



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# Annual Randy's Benefit Ride takes place in Springtown

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Riders on 51 motorcycles traveled May 7 to Rockin' S Bar & Grill in Granbury from Springtown High School for the 13th annual Randy's Benefit Ride.

The proceeds from the event, which totaled to more than \$2,000, benefited Conner Landers, a 7-year-old boy who was attacked by a dog earlier this year.

The benefit ride, which started in 2009, was named after Randy Horton, a Springtown man who died in 2007 of leukemia at age 38.

Ride organizer David Vaughan said Conner was able to ride in a sidecar on one of the bikes during the journey to Granbury. Vaughan described Conner as full of energy during the event.

"He was having a good time seeing all the bikes and bouncing around like a kid should," Vaughan said.

Conner's mother, Cassandra Ware, in a previous Epigraph article praised Randy's Benefit Ride for the assistance it provides to families. Ware said the money raised will help her continue taking him to his doctor's appointments in downtown Fort Worth as well as pay for other needs related to the attack.

Top, Darrell George prays before the annual Randy's Benefit Ride in Springtown.

Bottom, Tom Lewis, left, and Samantha Beedlow, right, chat at the ticket table at Randy's Benefit Ride.

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Mack Flaughter won the regional championship in triple jump in April.

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## Springtown triple jumper Mack Flaughter ready to stretch legs 'really far'

BY JEFF PRINCE  
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Springtown's only track athlete to qualify for the state meet is among the school's youngest, but her skills are improving rapidly in both jumping and interviewing.

On May 2, Mackenzie "Mack" Flaughter won the regional championship in the triple jump by sailing 38 feet 4 inches.

In April, after winning the area championship, Flaughter was interviewed by the Springtown Epigraph. The 14-year-old freshman became self-conscious with her friends and family looking on, and she clammed up.

Her one quote to appear in the paper - "It's fun."

Last week, the Epigraph

approached her for another interview to discuss her upcoming trip to the state meet.

This time, she was ready.

"I was warned that you were coming, and so I thought maybe I should have some more in-depth answers," she said with a grin. "I kind of practiced a little bit. I had never been interviewed by anyone before, so I was not very good at answering questions."

How does it feel to be heading to the state meet?

"I'm very excited about it," she said. "It was my goal at the beginning of the year. It feels great. It feels awesome."

She will enter the state competition as the fifth best jumper, based on previous attempts. She wants to make

top three, even though she will be competing against several jumpers who have surpassed 40 feet.

Flaughter would have to jump about two feet further than her best jump, which is a tremendous amount of distance.

"I believe I can do it," she said.

She will compete against girls who are older, taller and more experienced but believes the spirit of competition will give her the boost she needs to jump further than ever before.

How does a freshman become good enough to compete against the best high school jumpers in Texas?

"I just listen to my coaches and stretch my legs out there really far," she said.

## 'BE LIKE RAILEY'

# Springtown Lions Club presents inaugural Railey Druxman Scholarship to namesake

BY JEFF PRINCE  
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Avery Miller has known Springtown High School star athlete Railey Druxman for as long as she can remember.

"When I first met her, she was our babysitter, and I was really young," Miller said.

Miller was one of two dozen girls hiding at Springtown Lions Club, waiting to surprise Druxman when she arrived for what she thought was just another volunteer assignment on May 6.

For the past two years, Druxman has spent many hours teaching young girls how to play volleyball at Lions Club. The nonprofit group decided to recognize her efforts by establishing the annual Railey Druxman Scholarship and donating \$3,000 toward her college

fund.

Glorianna Theisen, a fourth grader, met Druxman two years ago at Lions Club.

"I thought she was very inspiring and that she could help me a lot," Theisen said. "We went to a game and saw Railey play, and I was like, 'Oh - she's really good.' I've learned how to serve better and move to the ball and set."

Druxman taught her about handling life as well as volleyball.

"She's always funny and happy," Theisen said. "She is always smiling."

Well, not always. Miller predicted Druxman would weep when she saw the large gathering of girls waiting to celebrate their mentor.

She was right.

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Railey Druxman has been volunteering at the nonprofit club for two years.

Photo by Jeff Prince

# Springtown softball wins area championship



Noelle Fernandez keeps her eye on the ball.

Photo by Jeff Prince

### FROM STAFF REPORTS

Springtown softball overcame adversity to topple Burkburnett, win an area championship and qualify for the regional quarterfinals for the first time in nine years.

"It was an unbelievable couple of days in Graham," said Springtown head coach Scott Mann.

On May 6, Springtown and Burkburnett squared off for Game 1 in a best-of-three series held at Graham High School. A couple of bad innings tripped up the Porcupines, and the girls fell 7-2.

"We opened up game 1 a little too tight, and after the bad 4th inning, I felt we were pressing when we came up to bat trying to get it all back in one swing," he said.

The second game was played at noon the next day, and the Lady Pines hit the

field eager for redemption.

They found it.

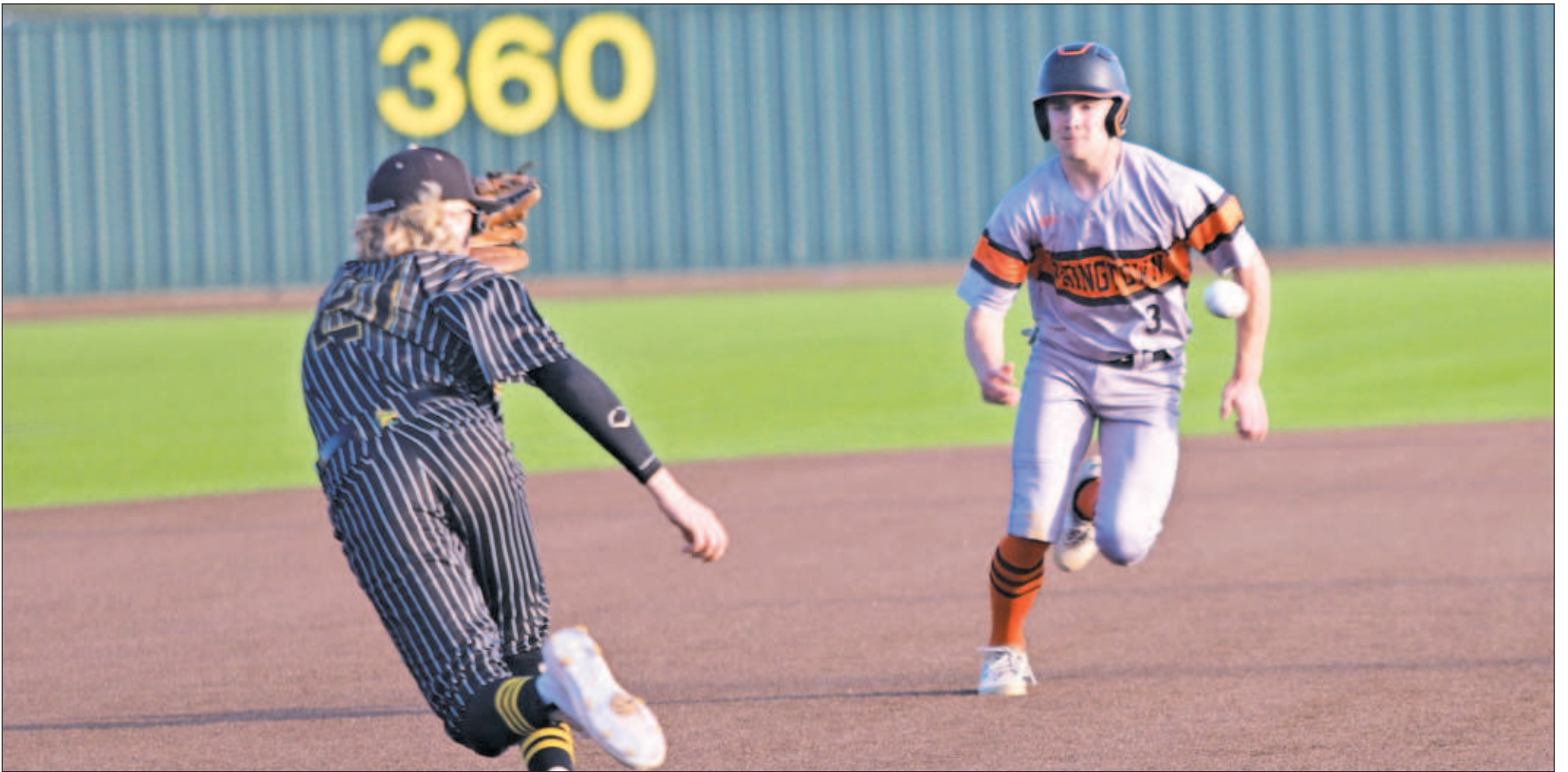
Springtown played with heart - and clutch hitting and fielding - to come from behind and beat Burkburnett 11-9 to even the series. Burkburnett had taken a 6-1 lead in the first inning.

"We came out after their big first inning, settled in and started making the pitcher throw a lot of balls and working her long in the count to get the pitches we wanted," he said. "We took advantages of some mistakes they made and came away with a huge 11-9 win to force a deciding game 3."

Summer Conway scored four runs and an RBI, and Cheyanne Atchley, Noelle Fernandez and Katrina Ray logged two hits apiece to punch more runs across.

SEE SOFTBALL, PAGE 3B.

# Springtown baseball skins Bobcats for bi-district title



Matt Lockard heads toward third base while Benbrook's shortstop tries without success to field Aaron Tidwell's RBI single.

Photos by Jeff Prince

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The Springtown Porcupines defended their bi-district championship over the weekend and earned the right to compete in the area championship.

In 2021, Springtown won the bi-district title after a near 20-year drought.

This year, they wanted to defend that title, advance to the area round and win that tournament.

So far, so good.

On May 6 against Benbrook, Matt Lockard opened Game 1 at the plate by falling into an 0-2 count.

Anyone who has seen Lockard bat, however, knew better than to count him out.

Benbrook's pitcher kept trying to force Lockard to swing at bad pitches, but the

savvy senior wasn't biting. He took four straight balls to earn a walk.

Then, he stole second base. Springtown had two outs when batter Aaron Tidwell approached the plate. He smashed a line drive single to score Lockard from second base and put the Porcupines on the scoreboard.

In the bottom of the first, Springtown pitcher Marco Barrera retired Benbrook's batters three in a row. Barrera's strong pitching would frustrate the Bobcats for the entire game.

In the second inning, Springtown's Scout Richards led off with a line drive to centerfield. As he rounded first base, he collided with Benbrook's first baseman.

Richards was awarded a double on an interference call.

Seth Lopez followed with a single up the middle to put runners on the corners. Carson Cox hit a fielder's choice grounder that forced out Lopez at second but scored Richards to make the score 2-0.

The Pines' bats remained hot in the third inning. Cristian Hernandez led off the inning with a double. Tidwell drew a walk to put men on first and second.

Head coach Josh Ward inserted Todd Smith as a pinch runner for Hernandez. Smith stole third base and then scored on a wild pitch.

Benbrook's pitcher continued to struggle, and a balk allowed Tidwell to score from a third to increase Springtown's lead to 4-0.

The Porcupines would add two more runs in the fourth inning and win the game by a



Marco Barrera, shown tossing out a runner at first base, pitched a one-hit shutout against Benbrook.



Third baseman Brayden Fox cocks his arm to throw to first base.

convincing score of 8-0.

Springtown logged a dozen hits, while Barrera and Co. held Benbrook to just one hit.

Barrera's complete game shutout victory gave the Porcupines a shot of adrenaline that carried through to May 7.

In Game 2, Springtown's clutch hitting and strong pitching continued, and the Porcupines toppled Benbrook 4-1 to win the best-of-three series.

"I am proud of how our kids showed up and competed against a very talented Benbrook team," Ward said. "They have been three or four rounds deep (in the playoffs) in each of the past several seasons, so I knew going in that they would be a formidable opponent. Our kids had a very good week

of preparation and carried some momentum from the final regular season game against Decatur. We came out swinging the bats well and used our speed to our advantage to jump out to an early lead."

Strong pitching helped the cause.

"Our pitchers Marco Barrera and Cristian Hernandez did a great job on the mound," he said. "They kept the Bobcat hitters off balance all weekend. The defense behind our pitchers was solid all weekend as well, so that really helps our pitchers feel comfortable on the mound."

Springtown will face Vernon in the area championship that begins this week.

"Vernon will be a solid opponent, as well," Ward said.

"They will try to put pressure on you by bunting, stealing bases when they get guys on and playing good defense. They have a couple of pretty good pitchers that do a good job of giving them chances to win. They finished second in their district behind Iowa Park, so they have been pretty battled-tested. If we can just play like we are capable of playing, then I like our chances."

Springtown will face Vernon in the area championship that begins this week.

Springtown plays the Vernon Lions at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 12, at Henrietta High School in Henrietta.

Game 2 is scheduled for 4 p.m. Friday, May 13, at Henrietta. Game 3, if necessary, will be played a half-hour after game 2 is finished.

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



Railey Druxman, center, is swamped in a group hug by some of the girls she coaches at Springtown Lions Club. Photo by Jeff Prince

Druxman walked into the Lions Club expecting to coach a volleyball session but noticed quickly something was up. Druxman's parents and sister were there, and numerous kids flocked to her for a group hug.

Druxman's tears began flowing immediately. She hadn't realized yet that a scholarship was included in her special day.

Jamie Miller, the Lions Club volleyball commissioner, praised Druxman as devoted, dependable and trustworthy. The teenager has coached six teams in two years while helping out with various other chores, large and small.

"She locks up and does all the extra duties for us," Miller said.

Druxman's efforts have inspired other girls to volunteer with club, and the Lions Club board wanted to show their appreciation.

"We decided to name a scholarship after her because, since she's come on, several kids have come in and started volunteering," Miller said. "She led the way. We are proud of her."

Druxman's athletic ac-

complishments at Springtown High are impressive. For four years in a row, the Texas Girls Coaches Association named Druxman to its All-State team. The group picks 50 volleyball players throughout the state for this honor.

This season, Druxman hit her 1,500th kill shot on the volleyball court to set a school record. She has committed to continue her education and play volleyball at Park University in Gilbert, Arizona.

During the scholarship presentation, Miller handed Druxman a giant check for \$3,000 and urged the girls in the crowd to follow in their volunteer coach's footsteps.

"This program would not be what it is today without her," Miller said. "We are just so grateful. So all you little ones that are here ... I hope you all follow her footsteps and keep doing good, play volleyball and come back and volunteer for us."

She concluded her talk with a simple request: "Be like Railey."

Druxman's tears were contagious, and Miller

and most of the girls were dewy-eyed.

Her dad, Chad Tedder, expressed pride in Druxman and marveled at her energy and efforts. In addition to Lions Club, Druxman plays numerous sports, maintains high grades and serves as a mentor with the high school's Peer Assistance and Leadership (PAL) program that helps young people tap into their potential, increase resiliency and achieve success.

"She loves working with the kids and playing with them," Tedder said. "She works very hard. Doesn't get home until late and then still has to get up and go to school and do all her chores around the house. She does get tired, but she always goes back to it. You can't keep a volleyball out of her hands."

After receiving the scholarship check, Druxman posed for photos with the kids. Someone asked for her thoughts, and Druxman paused a moment before saying, "I'm just in shock. I wasn't expecting anything in return."

Then, her tears began flowing again.

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

The third game couldn't have been more tightly matched, but Springtown rose to the challenge again.

"In the final game it was all heart, determination and just playing solid defense," Mann said. "I told the girls, if we can get them into a third game, I think they will wear down. I felt like at that point our mental end of the game would propel us."

The pitching was strong for both teams, and neither side's batters could put many balls in play.

Noelle Fernandez threw a three-hitter, allowing just one earned run.

In the fourth inning, Karley Haynes "came up huge" with smart base running, stealing second and third bases and scoring on a passed ball to put the Porcupines ahead by one run.

Final score: Springtown 2, Burkburnett 1.

"To say I am proud of these girls would be a huge understatement, as they battled in every game and never quit," Mann said. "They believed in each other. They came together as a team and really pushed themselves to another level on Saturday. We have preached all year to keep battling until the very end and let whatever happens happen, and they did that."

Springtown will continue its playoff run this weekend at a field closer to home. The girls face a powerhouse team in Argyle. The Eagles went undefeated during the regular season against District 7-4A foes and beat Springtown twice.

"We know what they can do and how well rounded they are," the coach said. "Having said all of that, I feel we are different team than we were three weeks

ago. We have flipped a couple of people in the batting order to a more power/contact kind of line up sprinkled in with some kids who can move runners when needed, and it has made our lineup deeper in some instances."

Few softball teams from Springtown have advanced this far in the playoffs, and this year's team could go even farther, Mann said.

"There is no reason we could not pull off an upset," he said. "These girls are peaking at the right time. In the game of softball, anything is possible. That's why you play the game. Hopefully, we can have a huge crowd, be loud and continue this awesome run in the playoffs that these girls are getting to experience."

Springtown and Argyle begin their regional quarter-finals series at 7 p.m. Friday at Brewer High School.



Lauren Brandt catches a fly ball. Photo by Jeff Prince

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- TX "Tarzan" Ely, et al.
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- Scottish "little"
- Six Flags has 300-foot-tall one (2 wds.)
- TX George H.W. to George W. (abbr.)
- data trans. for optical fiber(abbr.)
- access Bacall of "Duke's" last film "The Shootist"
- emphasis typeface
- Canyon High football class
- male deer
- TX Nolan Ryan has record for \_\_\_-hitters
- burger option: "put a \_\_\_\_\_"
- Santa Anna's San Jacinto disguise
- a meeting between a teacher, mom, and dad (abbr.)
- raider, plunderer
- Davy's home st.
- TX Roddenberry's "Star \_\_\_\_\_"
- Florida resort complex (2 wds.)
- male pigs

**DOWN**

- located in the Permian Basin of West Texas (2 wds.)
- in Texas, this person is called a medical examiner
- the easternmost city in Texas
- whip used to spank Scottish school kids
- give a silent ok to another (2 wds.)
- TXism: "\_\_\_\_ little horse trading" (negotiated)
- UT grad Wallach
- TXism: "play possum"
- "Big Texan" will not charge for a 72-ounce steak if you can \_\_\_\_\_
- they mark navigation lanes near Galveston
- Scotland's longest river
- cowboy's shout: "\_\_\_\_pee ki yay"
- TX Steve who wrote and sang "Guitar Town"
- defrauded
- Galveston, e.g.
- \_\_\_\_pei, Taiwan
- moon to Houston: "The Eagle \_\_\_\_\_ landed"
- TX Zellweger does this for a living
- he was "Gus" on TX-based "Lonesome Dove" (init.)
- middle name of TX singer Roy Orbison in Pecos County on U.S. 190
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**33** poem of praise  
**34** animal fur beseeched God  
**37** TXism: "boring as a fishing \_\_\_\_\_ game warden"  
**38** TX Annette O' \_\_\_\_\_ was in 1990 TV horror drama "It"  
**40** this TX Williams founded "The Temptations"  
**41** actor lives of epic "The Big Country"  
**44** "bid" past tense  
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Mack Flaughter won the regional championship in triple jump in April.

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## Springtown triple jumper Mack Flaughter ready to stretch legs 'really far'

BY JEFF PRINCE  
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Springtown's only track athlete to qualify for the state meet is among the school's youngest, but her skills are improving rapidly in both jumping and interviewing.

On May 2, Mackenzie "Mack" Flaughter won the regional championship in the triple jump by sailing 38 feet 4 inches.

In April, after winning the area championship, Flaughter was interviewed by the Springtown Epigraph. The 14-year-old freshman became self-conscious with her friends and family looking on, and she clammed up.

Her one quote to appear in the paper - "It's fun."

Last week, the Epigraph

approached her for another interview to discuss her upcoming trip to the state meet.

This time, she was ready.

"I was warned that you were coming, and so I thought maybe I should have some more in-depth answers," she said with a grin. "I kind of practiced a little bit. I had never been interviewed by anyone before, so I was not very good at answering questions."

How does it feel to be heading to the state meet?

"I'm very excited about it," she said. "It was my goal at the beginning of the year. It feels great. It feels awesome."

She will enter the state competition as the fifth best jumper, based on previous attempts. She wants to make

top three, even though she will be competing against several jumpers who have surpassed 40 feet.

Flaughter would have to jump about two feet further than her best jump, which is a tremendous amount of distance.

"I believe I can do it," she said.

She will compete against girls who are older, taller and more experienced but believes the spirit of competition will give her the boost she needs to jump further than ever before.

How does a freshman become good enough to compete against the best high school jumpers in Texas?

"I just listen to my coaches and stretch my legs out there really far," she said.

## 'BE LIKE RAILEY'

# Springtown Lions Club presents inaugural Railey Druxman Scholarship to namesake

BY JEFF PRINCE  
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Avery Miller has known Springtown High School star athlete Railey Druxman for as long as she can remember.

"When I first met her, she was our babysitter, and I was really young," Miller said.

Miller was one of two dozen girls hiding at Springtown Lions Club, waiting to surprise Druxman when she arrived for what she thought was just another volunteer assignment on May 6.

For the past two years, Druxman has spent many hours teaching young girls how to play volleyball at Lions Club. The nonprofit group decided to recognize her efforts by establishing the annual Railey Druxman Scholarship and donating \$3,000 toward her college

fund.

Glorianna Theisen, a fourth grader, met Druxman two years ago at Lions Club.

"I thought she was very inspiring and that she could help me a lot," Theisen said. "We went to a game and saw Railey play, and I was like, 'Oh - she's really good.' I've learned how to serve better and move to the ball and set."

Druxman taught her about handling life as well as volleyball.

"She's always funny and happy," Theisen said. "She is always smiling."

Well, not always.

Miller predicted Druxman would weep when she saw the large gathering of girls waiting to celebrate their mentor.

She was right.

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Railey Druxman has been volunteering at the nonprofit club for two years.

Photo by Jeff Prince

# Springtown softball wins area championship



Noelle Fernandez keeps her eye on the ball.

Photo by Jeff Prince

## FROM STAFF REPORTS

Springtown softball overcame adversity to topple Burkburnett, win an area championship and qualify for the regional quarterfinals for the first time in nine years.

"It was an unbelievable couple of days in Graham," said Springtown head coach Scott Mann.

On May 6, Springtown and Burkburnett squared off for Game 1 in a best-of-three series held at Graham High School. A couple of bad innings tripped up the Porcupines, and the girls fell 7-2.

"We opened up game 1 a little too tight, and after the bad 4th inning, I felt we were pressing when we came up to bat trying to get it all back in one swing," he said.

The second game was played at noon the next day, and the Lady Pines hit the

field eager for redemption. They found it.

Springtown played with heart - and clutch hitting and fielding - to come from behind and beat Burkburnett 11-9 to even the series. Burkburnett had taken a 6-1 lead in the first inning.

"We came out after their big first inning, settled in and started making the pitcher throw a lot of balls and working her long in the count to get the pitches we wanted," he said. "We took advantages of some mistakes they made and came away with a huge 11-9 win to force a deciding game 3."

Summer Conway scored four runs and an RBI, and Cheyanne Atchley, Noelle Fernandez and Katrina Ray logged two hits apiece to punch more runs across.

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