



Springtown High valedictorian, salutatorian named

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Jacob Phillips said he is adept at computer programming and will pursue a major in that field for college.

"It's math-based, and it's why I picked it," he said. "I'm really good at math."

He will finish as valedictorian of the Springtown High School class of 2022. He will attend Texas A&M University and major in computer science.

His grade point average is 105.8 in the graduating class. At SHS, he played sub-varsity football for a couple of years. He was in UIL academics this year in social studies, making it to regionals. He also participated in track this year.

Phillips said he picked A&M because he has been a fan of the school for a decade.

"They're a good school for engineering and computer science," he said. "It was mainly a childhood thing. I had been admitted to Texas – UT-Austin – and A&M. I didn't really want to go to UT-Austin that much because I didn't really like Austin and just couldn't imagine myself in burnt orange."

Phillips grew up in the Springtown area and said he will miss some of his friends as he heads off to college, where he looks forward to having new experiences and becoming more knowledgeable. Outside of school, he is a big football fan, as he follows the Aggies, TCU and Baylor.

He is the son of John and Stephanie Phillips.

His mother said her son's academic success is "amazing – I



Jacob Phillips, valedictorian, left, and Sarah Kinnard, salutatorian, are the top two students in the Springtown High School class of 2022. Graduation is set for 8 p.m. May 27 at Porcupine Stadium.

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Reno sees delays in emergency medical services

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Emergency medical response times in the Reno area have been delayed, with one ambulance taking almost an hour to get to the scene.

At the Reno City Council meeting on Monday, Briar-Reno Fire Chief Moses Druxman addressed three high-priority calls that have occurred since May 10 in Reno where the ambulance response time was more than 25 minutes.

"On one of those instances, which was an accident with traumatic injury ... from the time we got the call until an ambulance arrived, it was 54 minutes," Druxman said.

The fire chief said he will be working on a solution to this issue with Life Care Emergency Medical Services, which is the ambulance service for Parker County.

He also mentioned that Life Care EMS is supposed to add two ambulances to the county, in Silver Creek and the south part of the county, and that may help with this issue.

"In my opinion, that's too long of a response time on ambulance," he said.

Reno Mayor Sam White also called these response times "unacceptable."

"It's just unacceptable when you get into 30-50 minutes and you've got a critical crash before somebody comes in," White said. "We've got to get that down, and we've got to look at what are our options on the table to do this."

Druxman said the delayed ambulance response times are likely because Life Care EMS staffers

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Frustration at the polls

Walnut Creek SUD customers talk about not being allowed to vote in the board election

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When Walnut Creek Special Utility District customers spoke out about billing issues last December, some of them set their sights on a surefire way that they thought would prompt change – electing board members who could better tackle the issues at hand.

However, some voters arrived at the polls to realize that they weren't eligible to cast votes in the Walnut Creek SUD board of directors election in early May.

Robin Kidd went to the polls expecting to cast her vote and saw that the SUD election wasn't listed. She ended up not casting a ballot at all after being told that she wasn't in district and couldn't cast a vote.

"I'm in Agnes. I'm not too far from here (at the SUD office), and I have Walnut Creek water, so how



Walnut Creek Special Utility District board members get sworn in for their new terms at the board meeting on May 19. Standing from left, Jim Cox, Secretary Beth Correll and President Mike Gilley.

Photo by Madelyn Edwards

is that fair?" Kidd said. "And that's what we were told when we first started coming up here. If you have Walnut Creek water, you are able to vote, that makes you eligible to vote. I call (expletive)."

After she left the polls, Kidd found out via Facebook that other Walnut Creek SUD customers also were having the same issue with

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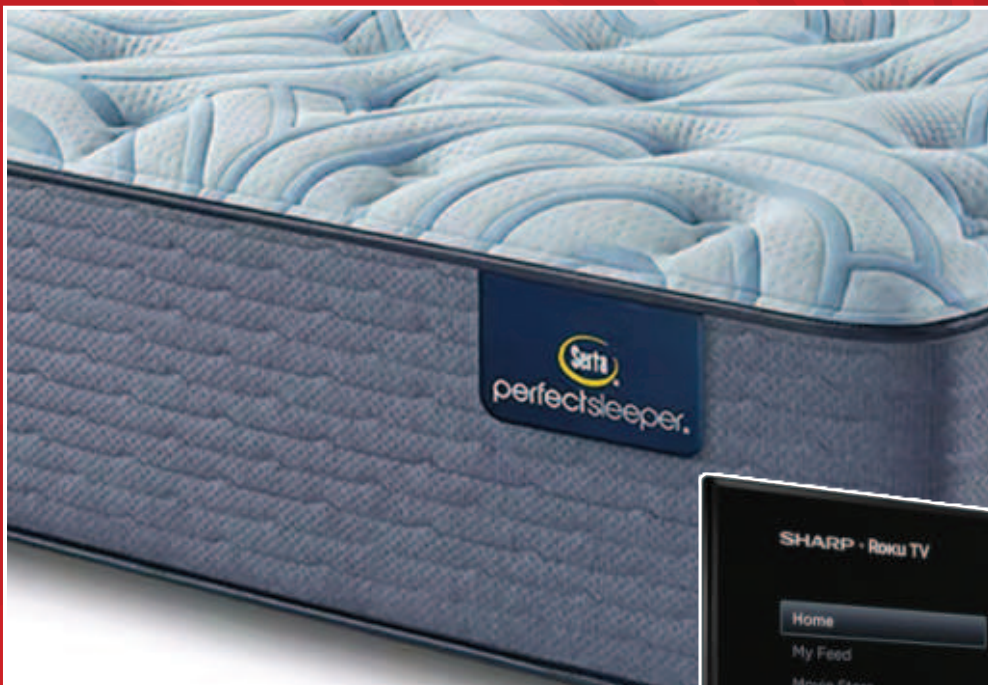


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Springtown ISD awarded Best Communities for Music Education for fifth time

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Music education in Springtown is humming along and here to stay.

For the fifth year in a row, Springtown ISD has received the Best Communities for Music Education designation.

According to The NAMM Foundation's website, the Best Communities for Music Education Award "recognizes and celebrates school districts and schools for their support and commitment to music education and efforts to assure access to music for all students as part of a well-rounded education." On its website, The NAMM Foundation said it seeks to advance active participation in music making across the lifespan by supporting scientific research, philanthropic giving and public service programs.

SISD is among 738 school districts in the country, including many Texas districts, that were named Best Communities for Music Education in 2022.

To apply for the designation, school districts must complete a survey that requires lots of data about students, music education requirements, participation rates, music education assessments, music facilities and budget, among other information, according to The NAMM Foundation's website.

Music and fine arts education is available throughout a student's progress through SISD, starting with music classes in elementary school. From sixth grade onward, students are required to have fine arts credits, Springtown

High School band director Scot McPhetridge said.

Music classes teach kids skills like teamwork, time management, being responsible for materials like instruments, accountability and leadership, Springtown Middle School band director Alexis Wells said.

"It's fundamental, it's necessary," Wells said about music education. "It gives students a place to belong, especially when maybe they struggle with academics, but they can find their home base with our programs. It is fundamental to their development. It is not just a piece that can be removed. Every child really does need music education as part of their education."

For McPhetridge, it's also important for students to put their hearts and emotions into music, and he aims to help them develop that emotional connection.

"I tell a lot of stories and kind of try and create a film in their mind that they are playing the soundtrack for and just to try to help them tap into their feelings, and try and express those in an instrument," he said.

The emotional connection to music is also part of elementary curriculum in which students are taught to be tuneful, beat-ful and artful, Springtown Elementary School music teacher Sally McPhetridge said. This means students are taught to sing in tune, recognize the rhythmic beats and be able to appreciate art.

Receiving the Best Communities for Music Education Award means more publicity for SISD's music programs and the possibility of attracting more students,



Springtown Middle School beginner band students hold the framed certificate for SISD's Best Communities for Music Education designation. From left, eighth grader Virginia Washington, seventh grader Kylee Sherwood, seventh grader Kalynn Caswell, seventh grader Brian Lee and seventh grader William Pennington. SISD is among 738 school districts in the country, including many Texas districts, that were named Best Communities for Music Education in 2022.

Courtesy of Alexis Wells

especially new ones moving into town, Scot McPhetridge said. Wells also said the award shows school leaders that music programs are a good investment.

Getting the award this year is particularly special after teachers in Springtown, and across the country, had to make it through operating in virtual and in-person hybrid classrooms last year, Scot McPhetridge said.

"We did the best we could, but it was tough to do that," he said. "To still get the recognition as a Best Community for Music Education was like, well, cool. We navigated that as well as anybody else did if we're still the best."

Wells pointed out that the kids who joined band in the virtual classroom stuck around to be a part of the program in-person this year.

Scot and Sally McPhetridge along with Wells said the Springtown community

tends to be supportive of SISD music programs. Specifically, they mentioned how people from the community will donate instruments for students to use or sponsor band activities for a student in need.

"Sometimes somebody will say, 'Somebody gave me this instrument when I was young, and now I want to give this to a deserving kid in your program,'" Wells said.

Sally McPhetridge said Springtown is where she and Scot McPhetridge were meant to be. She was hired on in Springtown just after her husband got his job in the district.

"I always say that was just God putting us in this community, and it was part of where we were supposed to

be," Sally McPhetridge said. "The people here are supportive. The administrators are beyond supportive."

Scot McPhetridge originally wanted to have a job in ministry as a trumpet player, but then he found that his purpose is to be a teacher.

"For me, this is what my ministry is, is working with these teenagers and trying to be an example and a role model and teach them how to play music, of course. That's the primary role. The secondary role is to help them navigate life," Scot McPhetridge said.

McPhetridge has found that he and other SISD music teachers, including his wife Sally, have a lasting impact on students, including former students who still contact him or those who praise

his wife's music class. He has even been the person who those former students will reach out to during tough times.

Some SISD students who participated in music programs will pursue music-related careers, even music education careers, but others may turn to various other career choices. Scot McPhetridge's hope is that those who don't choose music careers will be strong supporters of their own children's music education.

"When you grow up, support your kids as they want to do musical things," he said. "Be a good band parent and support your kids and find ways to help."

Attention Men and Women Who Want To Remain Independent...

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By Balance Expert Dr. Robert Moss

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are being overworked.

“I know it’s not their fault,” he said after the meeting. “They’re trying.”

Response times should be less than 10 minutes on average, Druxman said. The Briar-Reno Fire Department responds to calls in about six and a half to seven minutes on average. The closest Life Care EMS ambulance station is in Springtown, and Life Care usually responds in nine to 12 minutes on average, based on priority.

When Briar-Reno fire-

fighters arrive at a scene, they can provide basic life support. Druxman said he may recommend that firefighters provide advanced life support to stabilize those with critical medical needs until an ambulance can arrive on the scene. This plan would require the department to have more paramedics on staff as well as medications and equipment. Druxman said he would have to discuss this plan with Life Care EMS and the council before moving forward.

Druxman also addressed staffing at the Briar-Reno Fire Department at the council meeting. He said the department is receiving multiple calls at once but doesn’t have the staff to reliably respond to more than one call at a time.

“We are getting hammered with calls,” Druxman said. “It is a regular basis now that we are having two to three calls at a time.”

Last year, the department was getting 3.75 calls per day on average, but that

average is currently 5.65 calls, the fire chief said. If the trend continues, the department will be answering 1,600 calls per year.

The department operates with two staffers per shift, and they team up to respond to calls, Druxman said. When firefighters are addressing one call and another comes in, one of three options will happen.

“We have to request mutual aid, hope for a volunteer or if I’m off-duty or at home ... I come in,” Druxman

said. “But you have a delay in care to your citizens when that happens.”

Druxman said he will present an amended contract to council to address this issue. Druxman said the department may need to increase staffing to three or four paid firefighters per shift to respond to more than one call at a time.

Druxman also mentioned that he was waiting to hear back about the department’s application for the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emer-

gency Response (SAFER) grant. If awarded, the grant would help the department pay for more staffing for three years.

The solution to these issues, which are motivated by growth, is still unknown at this time, White said.

“We don’t have the answers,” White said. “We see the problem, and now we’re working on the solution.”

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would’ve never guessed this.” She said when her son sets his mind to do something, he succeeds. He will like the challenge of attending A&M, she said.

“He’s excited to leave – it’s just a landmark for him. He was very driven to get that first place,” she said, noting that he looked at the courses he would take his senior year and estimated the maximum points he could earn from each class, as far as his AP courses.

Sarah Kinnard finishes as the salutatorian of the class of 2022, with a GPA is 105.6. She will attend Colgate University in Hamilton, New York, and is receiving a full-ride scholarship. That scholarship is from QuestBridge, which covers everything, including living expenses, Kinnard said.

“So, I got really lucky,” she said. “I did a really intensive application process and I got accepted that way. I knew as early as December where I was going to end up going to school because I was, like, oh my God, I get to go to school and I don’t have to worry about money.” More on the scholarship program can be found here: <https://www.questbridge.org/about>.

She considered other schools, but she didn’t apply to any because she knew the QuestBridge scholarship would be a binding decision if she received it. She said Harvard – her dream school

– and Middlebury were two of the other schools on her radar.

Kinnard plans to dual major in Arabic studies/international affairs. She wants to be an interpreter one day.

“It depends on the opportunities I get, but I could go into government interpretation with the military or organizations like that, or go into the private sector, because there’s lots of opportunities with like oil and other things in the Middle East,” she said.

She’s always liked languages and thought her talent in that area could turn into a career for her. She doesn’t know Arabic yet, but she expects to speak it eventually.

Kinnard said she picked Arabic because she said liked challenging herself. She wants to be a polyglot one day, and she thought she would start with what she said was the hardest language first – Arabic.

Among her favorite classes at SHS were Spanish, theater and English. She said her academic success can be attributed to her siblings, as there is a seven-year age gap between her and next oldest sibling.

“When they were in school, they were always trying to teach me what they were learning,” she said. “Then that combined with just having the support of my teachers and my peers has really helped me,

I think.”

She said in an interview earlier this month she wanted to finish school strong. She gradually moved up to the second slot in the class.

“It was entirely unexpected but it’s still like, wow,” she said.

Most of her classes were dual credit at SHS, and she will have one more course, which she is taking over the summer with Upward Bound, and then she will have her associate degree. She enjoyed UIL One-Act Play and appreciates being back on campus this year, as she stayed at home her junior year. Theater helped her branch out and meet new people, she said.

At SHS, in addition to theater, her other activities included UIL academics, Business Professionals of America, National Honor Society, Upward Bound, Spanish Club, FCCLA and Tech Club.

Originally from Florida, Kinnard has been here since the sixth grade. She will enjoy having independence when she moves on to college.

“I look really forward to kind of being able find my own way of doing things and my own structure to my life as well as really discovering who I am outside of where I grew up and the people I grew up with,” she said.

Kinnard is the daughter of Ronda Skinner and Michael Reed.

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Section 7. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication as provided by law, and it is so ordained. DULY PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Springtown, Texas, on this the 12th day of May 2022.

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-O-1031

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SPRINGTOWN, TEXAS, AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SPRINGTOWN BY APPROVING A SPECIAL USE PERMIT TO AUTHORIZE A CONSTRUCTION TRAILER TO BE UTILIZED AT 776 BROOKSIDE DRIVE; PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE CUMULATIVE OF ALL ORDINANCES; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR VIOLATIONS HEREOF; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Section 8. Any person, firm or corporation who violates, disobeys, omits, neglects, refuses, or fails to comply with, or who resists the enforcement of any provision of this ordinance shall be fined not more than Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) for each offense. Each day that a violation is permitted to exist shall constitute a separate offense.

Section 11. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication as provided by law, and it is so ordained. DULY PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Springtown, Texas, on this the 12th of May 2022.




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Obituaries

James Brewster 1939- 2022

James David Brewster, 83, passed away May 8, 2022, in Paradise.

No services will be held. He was born Jan. 21, 1939 to Ida Bernice (Emily) Brewster in Flat River, Missouri.

James worked for Delta Brands as a Mechanical Designer for 18 years. He was a loving husband, father, and grandfather. He will be dearly missed by all who know him.

He was preceded in death by his mother, three brothers and three sisters.

James is survived by his wife of 50 years, Arleen Brewster; children, Phline Russell, Ray Bradley and his wife Connie, Lannie Bradley and his wife Diane, Marc



Bruster, Robert Bruster and his wife Shanna; grandchildren, Christian, Jenni, Lance, Aaron, Andy, Jeffery, Ricky, Randal, Rusty, Jessie; several great grandchildren; along with numerous nieces, nephews and extended family.

*The Springtown Epigraph
May 26, 2022 Edition*

Tina Granger 1964- 2022

Tina Robin (Bronsema) Granger, 57, passed away May 20, 2022 in Springtown.

She was born Aug. 21, 1964 in Poteau Oklahoma. Her parents Bobby Gene Bronsema and mother and stepfather Jo Ann and Frank Wesberry; sister, Jeanie Merck preceded her in death.

Tina was in home decor sales and was a medical transcriber for several years. She was a member of First Baptist Church of Springtown.

She is survived by her husband of 39 years, James Granger; son, Corey Granger and his wife Gabby; daughter, Lauren Martin and her husband Mitch; sister,



Judy Lane and her husband Wayne; grandson, Brayden Martin, and one on the way; many nieces, nephews and extended family.

Tina was a loving wife, mother and grandmother. She will be dearly missed by all who knew her.

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Bridgett Moore 2000- 2022

Bridgett Danial Moore, age 22, passed away May 22, 2022 in Fort Worth.

She was born April 25, 2000 in Bedford. The world lost an angel as heaven gained one.

Bridgett is survived by her parents David and Jamie Ferriman; son, Kai Crist; daughter, Nevaeh Tunnell; brother, D J Hayes and his wife Amber; sisters Cheyenne and Savannah; grandparents, Dan and Pam Crist and Mike and Marsha Ferriman along with many ex-



tended family and friends.

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Shelley Skaggs 1957- 2022

Shelley Skaggs of Springtown, died on May 15, 2022 at home. She was 64.

Shelley was born in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma to Samuel and Shirley Davidson. She lived in California, then Texas most of her life. She made friends easily and was never shy about speaking her mind.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Willie Skaggs, parents, Samuel and Shirley Davidson.

She is survived by daughters, Kindra Davidson and Ashley Feemster and husband Andrew; son Justin Skaggs; granddaughter Scarlet Feemster; brother



Mike Davidson and wife D'Andra; sister Terri Davidson and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and nieces.

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Hershal Dohoney 1951- 2022

Hershal Dwight Dohoney, 70, a loving husband, father and grandfather, passed away, Wednesday, May 18, 2022 in Fort Worth.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, May 24, 2022 at Alexander's Midway Chapel, Springtown. Burial followed at Jaybird Cemetery.

He was born Dec. 24, 1951 in Hillsboro to Jack and Lucille (Roberts) Dohoney. They both were there to welcome him home along with his mother and father in law, Jessie and Jean Hall.

Hershal loved animals, camping, fishing, antiquing and spending time with his grandkids.

He is survived by his loving and devoted wife, Lockwanna (Hall) Dohoney; sons, Christopher Coomer, Michael Coomer and wife,



Kristye and Jason Coomer and wife, Shannon; grandchildren, Haydn, Mikayla, Emerson and Deklan; brother in laws, Jessie Hall and wife, Joyce and Roger Hall; numerous nieces, nephews and extended family.

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Stella Barbara Hall 1933- 2022

Stella Barbara (Brown) Hall, 88, went home to be with her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, Tuesday, May 17, 2022 in Springtown.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m., Monday, May 23, 2022 at First Baptist Church Springtown. Burial followed at Springtown Cemetery.

She was born Sept. 24, 1933 in Parker County to Arthur Brown and Stella (Hinkle) Byers. They both preceded her in death along with her husband of 50 years, Billy W. Hall, and sister, Delta Krause.

She is survived by her daughters, Cathy Dodd and husband, Mike, Bren-

da Strickland and Christy Grady and husband, Jon; brother, Don Brown; sister in law, Mayme Jo Sisk; grandchildren, Andrea (Ronnie) Polston, Chris (Jill) Dodd, Jaclyn (Chris) Torrez, Stryker (Chelsea) Strickland and Harley Grady; great grandchildren, Taylor (Nate Rosales) Strickland, Tristan Guidry, Luke, Ally and Sawyer Dodd, Oliver and Jonah Torrez and Loudon and Kinsey Strickland; great great grandchild, Jamie Rosales; and extended family, all of whom will miss her.

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'A café person'

Harold Buffington to take over family business this year

BY MADELYN EDWARDS
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In Harold Buffington's family, working at Howell's Western Cafe is basically a given.

Buffington's family has owned the café since it opened 60 years ago on May 18, 1962. His first job at Howell's was washing dishes at 15 years old.

"My whole family has helped work here at least once in their lives," he said. "Pretty much everybody in my family. I mean, cousins, aunts, uncles, everybody."

But just because working at Howell's was a family tradition didn't mean that Buffington pictured working at the café as his long-term career. He didn't start committing to working at the restaurant until his freshman year at the University of North Texas when he started working on the weekends at his grandmother's behest.

"When I went to college – because I went to UNT – I thought, man, I am never coming back, and it was my grandmother that told me to, pretty much got me to (come back)," he said. "She told me that I was a café person."

Buffington doubted his grandmother's words at the time, but now he concedes that she was right. He said he ended up enjoying the

work and the people at the café.

Buffington, whose mother Shirley Fletcher owns the café, works at Howell's as the manager and also runs the adjacent food truck, Buff's BBQ & Grill. Fletcher is expected to fully retire this year by her birthday in September, and the café will be handed down to Buffington to run.

Buffington said his mom has been trying to retire for about five years now but has stuck around for the people at the café and getting to see them every day.

"I told her she could still do that. That's the way my grandmother was. When she retired, she still came up here every day, just about, just to see everybody," he said. "I think (mom will) do the same thing."

The people of Howell's – the dedicated employees and loyal customers – are what has kept the restaurant running for 60 years, Buffington said. Some of the employees had worked at the café for more than 30 years, and Buffington remembers them working at the restaurant when he was young.

Buffington remembers being at the café as a 5- or 6-year-old boy. The waitresses were another group of parents who scolded him for getting into things. He

remembers the old men sitting around the café drinking coffee with his grandparents.

"Running around in here, I've gotten plenty of whoopings in here," Buffington said while letting out a belting laugh. "My grandparents lived next door, so when I was young, I was always back and forth, back and forth."

Now at age 41, Buffington said that not much has changed about Howell's from when he was a child. The made-from-scratch recipes created by his grandmother and her sister – like the gravy used for chicken-fried steak – are still used today.

"As far as food and recipes and all of that, I don't know if any of that will ever change," Buffington said.

However, change might be right around the corner as Buffington hopes to rebuild the restaurant someday. The building is older than the café and hasn't been added onto in about 30 years.

"I don't want to lose the original aura," he said. "As far as a new building, I'm going to try to keep it as country and local as I can."

Running a restaurant can be stressful work, but Buffington said the last two years have been harder than ever with shortages in staff and food supplies. He re-



Harold Buffington and his wife, Cassie, at Howell's Western Cafe. Buffington is the manager of the café and is expected to take over running the restaurant once his mother fully retires. Photo by Madelyn Edwards

called how the customers supported Howell's through the COVID-19 pandemic by continuing to pick up to-go orders.

"We didn't know how we were going to do it, but we had a lot of to-go orders. Everybody kept coming," Buffington said. "We were really appreciative of that."

And when Howell's and other restaurants were allowed to open to 25% capacity, customers arrived at the café in droves. Buffington said the staff tried to maintain

social distancing by putting chairs on closed tables, but customers came in and took down the chairs themselves.

"That first day, it was like we hadn't been open in 10 years," he said.

Buffington described the café's customers as diverse, ranging from older adults to school-aged kids who visit the restaurant. He has had the chance to watch as younger generations experience Howell's.

"I've seen kids when they were babies, and now

they're in their 20s," Buffington said. "They used to tell me, 'I remember when you were this big,' and now I'm getting to see all of that, so it's pretty neat."

Without Howell's, Buffington said Springtown would lose "a lot of history, a good place to eat." He hopes the café will be open for 100 years.

"Being local and being started here and everything, I think it looks good for a little town to have places like that," he said.

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Reno Elementary Roller Skating

Left: Reno Elementary School pre-kindergarten students take a picture in their skates with teacher Shelby Huddleston during the school's roller-skating classes held earlier this month.

Bottom left: Reno Elementary School pre-kindergarten students practice skating during the school's roller-skating classes held earlier this month.

Below: Second graders Reagan Reeves and Gavin Haffman pose for a picture in their roller skates with Springtown Police School Resource Officer Victoria Waldrop during Reno Elementary's roller skating classes.

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Your future is bright

I had no phone, no cash, no gas but, as it turned out, no problem

Do you recall the days before cell phone service and electronic money? Everyone nowadays has a cell phone that gives them the ability to communicate with others. We have all gotten so accustomed to being able to instantly connect. We forget the time before cellphones and how troubling it could be. The same goes for debit and credit cards. In today's world, few young people carry cash in any form. They simply carry a "card" and transact their business. Such was not always the case.

It was my freshman year in college, and I had traveled home to see my folks during a vacation break. Before I left to go back to school, I wanted to make a quick trip to see my grandparents who lived in a rural part of the state some four hours away. My mom liked my idea and happily agreed to allow me



FROM MY FRONT PORCH

By Sam Houston

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

the use of her car. Being a college kid, I was broke, but Mom gave me a check to cash. My folks still banked at their old hometown bank and once I got to where the grandparents lived and cashed it, I would have enough money to fill the car back up to drive home. As I got in the car, Mom assured me the vehicle had plenty of fuel and waved as I drove off.

I got down the road about three hours and began noticing the gas tank was creeping lower and lower. Mom had assured me I had plenty of fuel to arrive with gas to spare, but the fuel gauge in her car did not seem to af-

firm her declaration. I became more and more nervous. I did not have a single penny in my pocket; not even a dime to make a telephone call. What was I going to do?

After 20 minutes of driving slower, coasting down hills, and praying for divine intervention, the car's engine sputtered and coughed and let me know it was starving for fuel. I pulled off to the side of the highway and immediately began to ponder how I was going to get out of the pickle I was in. I had stopped smack dab in the middle of rural America. There was not a town for 12 miles, and I was

40 miles from my grandparents' house. The only thing I could think to do was to walk to the farmhouse I had passed about half a mile back and see if they would let me use their phone to make a collect call to my grandfather. Once I communicated my situation, I knew he would come and bring gas.

I made the stroll to the farmhouse, where an elderly gentleman slowly opened the door and asked what I needed. I explained my situation, how I had a check but no cash, and if I could use his phone to call for help, I knew my grandfather would come and rescue me. The old man wore overalls like the other farmers of the area. He looked at me, nodded his head and said, "I don't 'spect we need to bother your grandfather. I bet we can get you fixed up."

I had no idea what the old man had in mind, but he motioned me to follow him as we walked to his barn. He retrieved a five-gallon fuel can, filled it with gasoline from the tank he used to fill his farm equipment, and then told me to get in his pickup. We drove back to my mom's car where he proceeded to pour the gasoline into the fuel tank. I cranked up the motor, and with the fresh fuel, it fired right up. I looked at the man, thanked him profusely, and told him I would be back on this same road the next day and I would be happy to stop and pay him for the five gallons of fuel and his trouble. I showed him the check I had in my billfold and told him I would have it cashed and would be able to reimburse him.

The old man smiled and then looked at me and said,

"Son, it is just a little gas, and everybody needs help sometimes. I bet you would do the same for me if I was in a jam. Just remember the next time you see someone who needs some help."

I went on my way that day, but here I am nearly 50 years later, and I have never forgotten what the old man told me. I am sure he passed on many years ago, but he is still a bright shining light. The whole world needs to know about my old acquaintance and the lesson he taught me. It is a good lesson to learn. I have tried to practice the lesson as often as I can.

Oh, and by the way, never trust your mother on how long your fuel will last!

Thought for the day: Helping others is the secret sauce to a happy life!



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DEAR FRANKIE

By Geneva Woodruff

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

Dear Frankie,

The other day everyone at the dog park talked about what was happening to the dogs in Ukraine. Marco said thousands of families were leaving the country because of the war. Many of these families had to leave their dogs behind because they weren't allowed on the trains, buses, or airplanes. Skipper said he heard that many dogs were being rescued, but not all. I can't stop thinking about the dogs that weren't saved. What must it be like, being on their own, wondering when their family was coming back? How would they find food and a safe place to sleep? I'm just heartsick. Why don't humans understand how brutal war is for innocent animals?

Distraught, Allie

Dear Allie,

In this day and age, you do wonder why the humans would even consider war as a possible solution to their problems. What happened to "use your words"? Can you imagine if beagles got upset with chihuahuas and took it upon themselves to attack and kill one another? How long do you think the breeders would put up with that? But who is there to tell the humans what to do? What gets me is that the dogs, cats, birds, rabbits, etc. must bear the brunt of the humans' decisions, without a say in the matter. Sometimes it's hard to understand the reasons for the humans' decisions. Whatever the reason, war is a tragedy for both man and beast.

We didn't just show up here

I may or may not be suffering from jet lag as I attempt to compose this post. (Actually, there is no doubt whatsoever after a 10-hour transatlantic flight yesterday).

I mentioned a few weeks ago that my family — including Mrs. Sweetie, my mom, our daughter, son-in-law, and two granddaughters — would be taking a cruise to Norway together (along with 79 other friends included in the North Texas Singers).

We got home last night from an amazing adventure that will be cherished lifetime memories.

Our group had the incredible privilege of presenting two hour-long concerts on board Royal Caribbean's Anthem of the Seas to an international audience of vacationers.

We also had the unique privilege of presenting a mini-concert at Stavanger, Norway, as part of the full-



BE AMAZING

By Gerry Lewis

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day Norwegian Constitution Day celebration. It included parades, food, costumes, music, dancing and all the other things that accompanied their May 17 celebration that is the counterpart of what we Americans celebrate on July 4.

How amazing is that? If you follow me on social media, you'll get to see lots of photos over the next few days. (If you don't follow me on social media, consider this your invitation to connect).

I have lots of photos and stories to share, but here's my reflection for this week's post: None of us just showed up here at this time and place. We all have a history. We're all part of an ongoing story.

Our family has a couple of connections to Norway and those connections resulted in seven of us making the trip (instead of just Mrs. Sweetie and me).

My mom's favorite uncle was from Norway. He died when she was a child (about 80 years ago), but she remembered him and his stories.

My son-in-law's great-grandmother immigrated from Norway to the United States in 1917 at the age of 10, so part of this trip was to allow him and his wife (my daughter) and his children (my granddaughters) to connect to part of his heritage.

My favorite photos from this trip will always be the ones of our family together especially with my mom and my granddaughters.

But the photo that inspired today's thoughts is one of those two little girls standing in front of Johanneskirken (Saint John's Church) in Bergen, Norway. At this church, in 1907, their great-great-grandmother was christened.

Though they may never visit Norway again, they would not be alive today in Canyon, Texas, apart from the life of an infant girl in that church 115 years ago.

I wonder what their descendants in the year 2137 will be doing. I wonder where they will be living. I wonder how the lives of my granddaughters and the choices they make will open doors of opportunity for their great-great-grandchildren.

We are all part of an ongoing story and the choices we make today will influence how the story is written.

How amazing is that? Be amazing today, my friend.

WALNUT CREEK SUD, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1A.

voting.

Walnut Creek SUD officials, on the other hand, said the rules about who can vote in the elections have been in place for decades and can't be changed by the district. In a previous Epigraph article, SUD Office Manager Paula Spence said these boundaries have been in place since the 1970s, and the district's boundaries don't change.

"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.

After the board of direc-

tors' meeting last week, Walnut Creek SUD general manager Steve Harris said the district boundaries operate in a similar way to a city's extraterritorial jurisdiction.

"If you live in a city's ETJ, you can't vote at city council. You can get some city services, and you have to pay for city permits, for anything to do on your place, but you can't vote until the city limits measures out to you," Harris said.

The difference is a city's boundaries can change. Harris said according to the district's lawyers, Walnut Creek SUD's boundaries aren't subject to change.

"It's been tried and tested at the attorney general's office, and the boundary of the district stays the same," he said.

Candice Chandler, who was running to be on the SUD board, described the is-

sue at the polls as voter suppression at last week's SUD board meeting, and she also claimed that some customers don't have another option for water service.

Chandler said she received calls from neighbors on Election Day saying that they couldn't vote for her, that Walnut Creek SUD wasn't even listed on their ballots. She tried to go vote at the Springtown Area Senior Center and said the Walnut Creek SUD election was not listed on her ballot.

"How can we be a customer, but we are not allowed to vote?" Chandler said. "We basically have no voice at all."

Chandler asked the board if they knew that some customers wouldn't be able to vote in the election. Newly elected Board President Mike Gilley answered that he was aware that those outside the district's boundaries

would not be able to vote and said that information was included in customer packets.

Rene Esteves was also a candidate in the election and was upset when his neighbors told him that they couldn't vote for him. Esteves accused the SUD of lying and not being accountable because during a previous SUD board meeting, he said he was given the impression by the SUD board and staff that all customers would be able to vote in the board election.

"It just makes you think, the transparency, how can you trust a board like that?" Esteves said.

SUD customer Caryn Kelley also tried to vote in the SUD election but found out that she couldn't. She casted a provisional ballot in the SUD election, and she figured that the elections office didn't have her address in-

cluded because she lives in a new subdivision.

When asked if she knew about the district boundaries, Kelley said she was aware but didn't know being outside the district boundaries meant she couldn't vote.

"I knew that there was some kind of difference," she said. "I didn't think it was a difference that would allow us not to vote."

Kelley expressed frustration at not being able to vote in the election and decried what she called a lack of transparency at Walnut Creek SUD.

From the audience at the meeting, former Board President Frank Henderson said this issue hadn't come up before because candidates usually run unopposed.

Jim Cox, the only newly elected board member who wasn't an incumbent, suggested that the board should look into the voting rules.

"I don't think it's fair, certainly don't think it's fair, that we have customers that cannot participate within the governing of it," Cox said. "We need to put that on the agenda next month and have some research done (and) brought to us, so that we can at least discuss it and talk about that. I think it would be certainly in the board's best interest, certainly in the corporation's best interest, the community's best interest, to get that cleared up one way or the other."

Esteves plans to continue working with Chandler to change the law that prevents some customers from not being able to vote or to add more seats on the board.

"I'm going to keep fighting and helping Candice or whatever I can to get this changed to actually be there for the people, help the people out," Esteves said.

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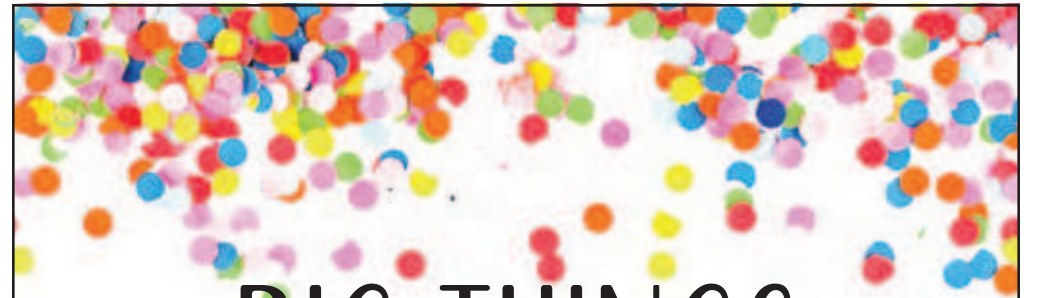
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Springtown High School honored for blood drives



Springtown High School received an award for the Most Outstanding North Texas 4A High School at a Carter BloodCare Banquet at The Marq in Southlake on May 19. The Springtown National Honor Society hosted three blood drives during the 2021-22 school year and collected 244 units of blood. Springtown High School plans to host three more blood drives during the 2022-23 school year. A few of the SHS National Honor Society members were able to attend the banquet and accept the award. From left, NHS Advisor Cindy Haugen, Carter BloodCare's Field Recruitment Consultant for SHS Colleen Horan, SHS NHS president Kylee Northrup, NHS treasurer Britney Tyree and NHS reporter Aubrey Mueller.

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SPORTS

Springtown baseball finishes as area champion in historic season



BY JEFF PRINCE
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The Springtown Porcupines set a school record by winning an area playoff championship in baseball for the first time in school history, but they wanted more.

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Brayden Fox pitched relief in Game 2 against Argyle.

Photo by Jeff Prince

Myra Castro powerlifts her way to college in Nebraska



Myra Castro wipes away a tear while parents Jessica and Joe Castro take their turns signing her letter of intent to attend Midland University in Nebraska.

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Springtown's Myra Castro has never traveled far from her hometown.

That's about to change. On May 27, Castro will receive her high school diploma. Afterward, she will head 700 miles due north to Fremont, Nebraska, to start a new life. The senior at Springtown High School received an athletic scholarship at Midland University because of the powerlifting skills she developed as a Porcupine.

Castro doesn't resemble a typical powerlifter. She barely tops 5 feet and 100 pounds. Put some cast iron in her hands, however, and she becomes a giant.

In March, she competed in the 105-pound class at the state meet in Corpus Christi and won an individual

championship in squat lift, setting a state record with 350 pounds. (The previous record was 340 pounds). She tied the state record in total weight with 830 pounds.

Castro began powerlifting as a freshman after a friend invited her to lift weights one day.

"I was like, OK, why not?" she recalled. "I tried it, and I never stopped. I'm used to it now. I like to do it. If I'm not doing it, it feels weird."

In the past four years, she gained strength while dropping in size. As a freshman, she lifted in the 123-pound class. Now, she competes in the 105-pound class.

"I just train really hard," she said. "I've gone down a few weight classes."

Dropping weight required reducing the size of her main meals and cutting down on

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BASEBALL, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1B.

Winning a regional title would have required hammering their way past the Argyle Eagles, and that's been a difficult task in recent years. The Porcupines lost to the Eagles twice this year in the regular season in district play, although one of those losses came in a 5-4 squeaker.

On May 20, the two teams met again in the regional quarterfinals in Justin. The Pines were fired up to take another shot at the Eagles. Top pitcher Marco Barrera was on the mound, and he had a passel of Porcupine brethren backing him up. Most of the team's starters are seniors who have been competing with one another since grade school.

Barrera began a bit shaky. He walked the second batter he faced and hit the third with a pitch. Then, he walked another to load the bases. Still, the Eagles couldn't punch a run across the plate. The next two batters fouled out, and the Porcupines escaped the top of the first without giving up a run.

The stands were filled at the neutral site at Northwest High School with an equal number of fans supporting both sides. A wind blew heavy across the field, but the temperature remained mild and baseball friendly.

Solid fielding and smart pitching from both teams kept either side from putting up runs. Goose eggs remained on the scoreboard for six innings until the top of the seventh, when Argyle put runners on the corners and scored two runs on in-field grounders.

Springtown came close to bouncing back in the bottom of the seventh. Matt Lockard opened the inning with a single, beating out the throw by sliding headlong into first base. On the next play, the Argyle pitcher tried to pick off Lockard but overthrew first base. Lockard took off running and didn't stop until he reached third base.

The Porcupines loaded the bases that inning but couldn't bring anybody home, and the game ended 2-0.

The teams met the next morning for Game 2. The Pines, who batted first as visitors, needed to win the game to force a third and deciding game.

Springtown ended up out-hitting Argyle 8-7, but three errors by the Pines proved insurmountable. The Eagles led 6-3 by the end of the

fourth inning. Neither team scored in the latter part of the game, and Springtown watched its monumental season end.

After the game, the two teams met in the middle of the field to form a line and shake hands. An Argyle coach slapped Aiden Vickers on the back as he walked past.

"Great job, guys," he said. "You make the district proud."

MEETING EXPECTATIONS

Goals were set high this year after the Porcupines tied with Decatur for second place in 2021 and won the first round of playoffs.

"We have high expectations to not only repeat that, but to play even further into the playoffs," head coach Josh Ward said after a scrimmage in February.

His prediction came true.

After the final loss to Argyle, the Springtown players gathered around an emotional Ward, who told his players he loved them, enjoyed coaching them and took pride in how hard they played.

"These guys have come a long way," Ward said afterward. "We have shown that we can play with just about anybody. We fell short this weekend, but we were in it the whole time. It's a credit to these kids. They work hard. They put themselves in this position to be successful and to go where no Springtown team has ever gone before. That's something to be proud of."

He credited the seniors for leading by example. Barrera, Lockard, Vickers, Seth Lopez, Cristian Hernandez and William Gleason will graduate this month and make way for younger players on next season's roster.

"These seniors are great leaders and some great kids to be around," Ward said. "We appreciate all that they've done for us. The seniors set the bar high and set the standard for where our expectations are going to be now."

In the 1992 movie "A League of Their Own," the Tom Hanks character declared famously that "There's no crying in baseball." Ward proved him wrong, choking up while addressing his players after the final game.

"It's never easy when it comes to the end," he said



Scout Richards runs for first base after hitting a grounder.



Aaron Tidwell beats an attempted pickoff throw to first base against Argyle in game 1.



Aiden Vickers gets a hug after losing the regional quarterfinals to Argyle on Saturday.

later.

MARCO POJO

Barrera was reserved after the loss.

"It's emotional for all of us," he said.

The senior recalled this year's magical season and remembered even farther back, when he was a skinny freshman with much to prove.

Now, he is about to graduate high school.

"It comes faster than expected," he said. "I remember when I was a freshman, I didn't expect to be here, but it's a very special moment."

He and the other seniors made it their mission to push the baseball program to its highest level.

"We really, really put a lot into it," Barrera said. "Hopefully, the younger guys can

carry it on."

He thanked the coaching staff for the "experience they gave me and all these other seniors."

VICKERS' TICKER

Few athletes at Springtown play with as much heart as Vickers, the senior first baseman who also excelled in football, basketball and track.

After the Argyle loss, Vickers said he was feeling "sad and excited at the same time."

He had hoped to beat Argyle and qualify for another round in the playoffs, but he is also ready to move on to the next stage of his life.

"We have worked really hard to get where we were since we were freshmen," he said. "It's good to know that we did something positive for our baseball program."

CASTRO, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1B.



Myra Castro, center, signs a letter of intent to study and powerlift at Midland University while parents Jessica and Joe Castro watch with pride.



Myra Castro — flanked by coach Missy Castro and husband Lance Castro — is surrounded by her powerlifting teammates.

Photos by Jeff Prince

snacks. Castro snatched the chance to powerlift at Midland University, where the powerlifting team has been the reigning national champion for the past two years with a long history of success. "I was thinking, why not?" Castro said after receiving her invitation. "They were

the first ones that called me, so I did it." Reaching her new home in Nebraska will require 10 hours of driving on I-35 — each way. Fremont is northwest of Omaha, about 45 minutes away. "I've never really been outside of Texas," she said. She is nervous but eager. "I'm going to be excited

to go up there and meet new people," she said. Meeting fresh faces will mean leaving good friends behind. "I'm going to miss everybody and all the support," she said. "I can always FaceTime, but it's not the same." While at Springtown, girls powerlifting coach Missy Castro provided Myra Cas-

tro with workouts to follow. (The two are not related.) The small but strong Castro stuck to her regimen day in and out. Some days were harder than others. No days were easy. "There are hard days, but the days that we are at meets, that's the day my adrenaline is going," Myra Castro said. While at Springtown, Cas-

tro was a regional qualifier for four consecutive years and a two-time regional champ. In 2019, she was a member of the team that won a state championship. "Myra has made a huge impact on the program," coach Castro said. In addition to powerlifting, Castro plans to buckle down with the books at col-

lege. She wants to become a pediatrician after she finishes her education. That's years away, and for now, she is focused on graduating high school, packing up her belongings and heading to Nebraska. "I'm going to miss everybody, but it will be fun," she said.

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Game Faces



Carson Cox



Todd Smith slides into second.

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- Dallas' "_____ Bang Theater" (1959-72)
- pickup rubber
- TXism: "play possum"
- Dallas-born Bebe of 1941 "Hi Gangl"
- prophet
- across Rio Grande from Eagle Pass: _____ Negras
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- TX Tanya's "San Antonio _____"
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- TXism: "it's Katy bar the _____"
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- "I" topper
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- TXism: "high tail _____" (flee)
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- "hasta _____ vista"
- aborted atom smasher in Waxahachie (abbr.)
- TX Willie hit: "On The _____"
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