Got milk? Here are some resources for families looking for baby formula



A small amount of baby formula was available on Tuesday afternoon at Neighbor to Neighbors food pantry at 413 S. Main St. Among other factors, the recent baby formula shortage is a result of Abbott Laboratories, the leading infant formula manufacturing plant, shutting down its Michigan plant in February because of contamination concerns. Photo by Madelyn Edwards

BY MADELYN EDWARDS

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The baby formula shortage is continuing in the U.S. and may be getting worse.

The New York Times reported on June 1 that an increasing number of formula retailers and online sellers were posting out-of-stock notices. Among other factors, the shortage is a result of Abbott Laboratories, the leading infant formula manufacturing plant, shutting down its Michigan plant in February because of contamination concerns.

According to The New York Times, President Joe Biden "invoked the Defense Production Act to help other manufacturers, and promised to use the military to speed up imports of formula from around the world" last month. Last week, the president also met with "executives of five baby food companies, and announced new shipments of formula from Europe to help restock American shelves." The Biden Administration reportedly has had the equivalent of 1.5 million eight-ounce bottles of formula delivered to the U.S. since last month.

Retail software company Datasembly reported that the out-of-

May 8.

In Springtown, those in need of formula may be able to find a small supply at Neighbor to Neighbors at 413 S. Main St. The food pantry was in stock with formula on Tuesday afternoon, Executive Director William Boyd said. Neighbor to Neighbors is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays and noon to 7 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

The Parker County Center of Hope in Weatherford – at 1318 Clear Lake Road - also has a small amount of formula, Center of Hope Springtown Coordinator Misti Johnson said on Tuesday. Johnson said she is also referring people to Grace House Ministries in Weatherford for baby-related

As of May 27, Help Me Grow North Texas Regional-Statewide Director Stephanie Norton said the Parker County Family Resource Center does not have formula to give out. Norton recommended calling a Help Me Grow Family Navigator at 844-NTX-KIDS (844-689-5437) to find support during the shortage.

"We are checking on all of our families that we serve. We are fol-

stock percentage nationwide was lowing public health guidance on at 43% for the week ending on where to help families find formula, temporary solutions and unsafe alternatives," Norton said. "We know without solutions families are making tough choices and we are mindful that judging and shaming is not the answer but helping find solutions."

The WIC office - the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children – in Springtown at 446 E. Highway 199 may also be a resource for finding formula.

Here are some tips from the Administration for Children & Families and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for families during the formula short-

• Try a new brand of formula that's similar to the baby's regular version or try formula from another country.

· Parents may consider breastfeeding or getting human milk from a milk bank, like the Mothers' Milk Bank of North Texas near Benbrook. If the baby is fed on a combination of breast milk and formula, consider switching more of the baby's diet to breast milk.

Consult a pediatrician or

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A rockin' time at the library

Springtown Public Library hosts rock painting, movies, crafts during summer



Many families showed up the Springtown Public Library's rock painting event on June 1.

Photo by Madelyn Edwards

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Parents and their children formed a long line behind the Springtown Public Library on a hot and humid Wednesday morning last week. On that day, the library kicked off well." its 2022 Summer Events, starting with rock painting.

A long set of tables was prepared for kids to paint their rocks in the library's back parking lot. As the children approached, they were asked which paint colors they wanted to use and were given a on certain Wednesdays as well.

palette of paint, a rock and stickon googly eyes, among other necessary tools.

"The rock painting is very popular," library clerk Janet Witter said. "It's actually our first event, and it's going to be our last event as

The library's summer events calendar includes other craft activities, like tie-dyeing and frisbee decorating, at 10:30 a.m. Wednesdays throughout June and July. The library also is planning to show movies for young children

"It gives them something to do. It gives the kids a place to go and a safe place to be and have fun," Witter said. "One of the big things is it gives parents a chance to interact with each other, and they get to meet other parents and such."

The movie screenings are new this year, and Library Director Andie D'Avignon said showing movies has been something the library staff has wanted to do for a while. D'Avignon also hopes to start showing movies for preteens

SEE LIBRARY, PAGE 3A.

SISD Teachers of the Year



Brad Legan, left, and Erica Jones, right.

Photo by Don Munsch

SHS educator builds lasting relationships with students

BY DON MUNSCH

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The phone call comes every year on the same day – Father's Day.

Springtown High School coach and teacher Brad Legan receives the time," he said. "Sometimes that call. It's from a former student, Mykeal Cummings.

That student who calls Legan on Father's Day each year does so for a specific reason.

The young man sees Legan as a father figure, Legan said, noting that he gets occasional calls from other students, as they help Legan realize he made a difference in students' lives.

"You don't always know it at you don't know until five years have gone by."

One of his other students who

SEE **LEGAN**, PAGE 8A.

Teacher: No student should be written off

BY DON MUNSCH don@azlenews.com

Goshen Creek Elementary School third grade teacher Erica Jones tears up when she thinks about the young girl she taught years ago.

Jones taught special ed, and she was a big proponent in the concept of growth. She was especially proud of a third-grade student who was showing good progress. She told a fellow teacher - the

SEE JONES, PAGE 8A.



Summerfest in Springtown



Deric Merrill played at Summerfest.

Shelly Cooksey shows off a cupcake at Summerfest. Cooksey's Cupcakes is based in Springtown.

Photos by Jim Stevens

You call that noise music?...I'll tell you why, because I said so!... What? Do you



Summerfest was held June 4 in downtown Springtown and featured music, a car show and other activities. The City of Springtown, Sweedee Sweets, Pojo Coffee Shoppe and AV Ranch on the Springtown Square oversee Summerfest, said organizer Marcus Morris. The first Summerfest event was held in June 2019 to help celebrate and spread awareness to all the businesses on the Springtown Square.



Michael Brown stands in front of his vehicle in the car show.



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win with a smile...If 'ifs' and 'buts' were candy and nuts then we'd all have

LIBRARY, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1A.



Kora Beth Rice, 4, dips her brush in water while painting a rock at the Springtown Public Library's rock painting event on June 1. Photo by Madelyn Edwards

and teens on Saturday after- afternoon showing. noons starting around July.

do," she said. "That way we said. can do an activity one week; we can do a movie on the alternate weeks. We can do summer."

Kids and families coming to the movies are asked to get a free ticket at the library beforehand so the library staff can manage the crowd size. D'Avignon said the library staff isn't allowed to publish the names of the movies beforehand for licensing purposes, but she intends to make a game in which folks can call in, get included small drones, clues to which movie will be board games, small speak- about the library's summer shown and be able to guess.

If the library is at capacity for the movie screenings, Friends of the Library group springtownlibrary.com/. D'Avignon said tickets will raises money for the prizes

"We want to make sure "We want to give kids as as many kids get to have as courage them (to read), and many outlets of things to much fun as possible," she sometimes - I'll be honest

ing challenge.

hours, even more than that," everyone can enjoy, and it D'Avignon said.

Prizes in the past have pastime." ers and Kindle Fire tab- activities, visit the library's lets, D'Avignon said. The website: be handed out for a second and all summer activities

throughout the year.

"I think it's good to en- you kind of need to bribe The library is also host- them a little with some ages. ing the Summer Reading But I firmly believe that if Challenge, in which kids get you can find a kid the right something throughout the prizes based on the number book, they will be a reader of hours they spent reading for life," the library direcover the summer, D'Avignon tor said. "So, you just got said. The challenge ends in to find that right book. And July, and reading logs are sometimes if they're comdue the first week of August. peting for a prize, maybe Children ages 4-17 can sign that's what gets them to up at the library for the read- where they find that right book. But reading is some-"We've had kids read 400 thing that I think anyone and can be a lifelong enjoyment,

> For more information https://www.

Safety tips for summer pet care

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Parker County Sheriff Russ Authier is reminding residents proper summer care for pets.

"All outdoor animals require extra care and monitoring in high temthe water source in the too long. shade and change it daily."

law and owners should make certain pets are contained securely within the owner's property with adequate shade, Authier said.

"Keeping any animal outdoors without clean water and proper shade during extreme temperatures will pet," Authier said.

Authier said shade and it comes to the care of pets.

well-ventilated," he said. be vigilant in monitoring

not allow proper ventilation county." in high temperatures."

The No. 1 cause of pet heat-related deaths and heat CARE FOR YOUR strokes are due to lack of **OUTDOOR PET:** water and inadequate shade. Another leading cause of peratures," Authier said in a heat-related deaths in aninews release. "They require mals is leaving them inside fresh water in a container of a vehicle or in the bed of that will not tip over. Place trucks. Even two minutes is

"You wouldn't leave your Parker County has a leash child in a car or truck," Authier said. "The consequence for leaving an animal in your vehicle will result in not only the death of your animal, but in criminal • Panting prosecution as well. Leav- • Dehydration ing a dog in the bed of your • Excessive drooling pickup can be dangerous as well. There is a risk of acresult in a grim outcome cidents, hangings if they are • Reddened gums regarding the life of your tied or strapped down, but . Vomiting it can also lead to scorch- Rapid heart rate ing the pads of their paws, water are not enough when and heat stroke as well. We • Black stool are asking for the public to • Muscle tremors "Make certain dog be diligent in the care of houses and pet shelters are your pets because we will

"Dome-type dog houses do animal care throughout the

TIPS FOR PROPER

- Adequate shade · Clean, fresh water changed daily
- Properly contained within your property
- Proper tether, not chained or staked
- Check on your pet for signs of heat trauma

ANIMAL HEAT-**STROKE SYMPTOMS:**

- Increased body temperature

- Seizure(s)

- Ataxia wobbled, uncoordinated gait or

Parker County Active Democrats to meet next week

FROM STAFF REPORTS

6:30 p.m June 13 in the thanks to all the party's org.

The Parker County Ac- ford College's Doss Stu- chairs. More informative Democrats will hold dent Center. The meet- tion is available at https:// their monthly meeting on ing will feature a special parkercountydemocrats.

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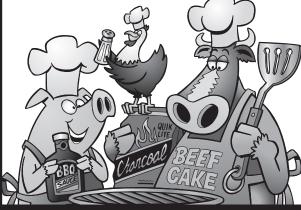
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By Balance Expert Dr. Robert Moss

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CDC Reports: Falls Are The Leading Cause of Injuries In Seniors

If you have ever seen the Life Alert commercials then you have a picture in your mind of an elderly lady laying on the floor desperately trying to get up only to discover she is not able to.

Whether she is just weak, has broken a hip or caused some other serious injury this is a major concern for our elderly patients.



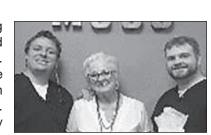
Working with seniors over many years it has become apparent that the greatest common fear is the fear of falling and not being able to get back up. This is not unreasonable as 1/3 of all adults over 65 will fall this year and each fall is potentially life changing.

Don't Let A Fall Ruin The Life You've Worked So Hard For...

Falls often lead to hospitalizations, serious injury or the need for assisted living of some sort. In the most severe cases a fall can lead to death. If the fall, injury, and hospitalization isn't bad enough, frequent falls lead to loss of independence, limits in your daily activities, and increase your reliance on friends and family members to complete basic everyday tasks.

With the right information and the right guidance many falls can be prevented, keeping you out of the hospital and Nursing Homes. Here is what one of my patients had to say:

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Growing a bond

Parker County FRC starts up Summer Learning Garden for parents, children

BY MADELYN EDWARDS

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After story time and a brief lesson on plants, several young children finally had time get their hands on some dirt.

Last week, the children and their parents marched out of the Parker County Family Resource Center in Springtown and proceeded to till soil with little shovels in the learning garden set up for them. Then the adults planted marigolds on opposite sides of the garden, and the kids helped water the new plants.

This gardening project is part of the center's Summer Learning Garden group that takes place from 9:30-10:30 a.m. on Tuesdays. The class on May 31 was the first in will run through Aug. 2.



the series, and the program Children and their parents tilled the soil with little shovels in the learning garden set up for them at the Parker County Family Resource Center on May 31. Photo by Madelyn Edwards

Early intervention specialist Mieke Brock allowed Knox Ford, 3, to sniff one of the marigolds before it was planted in the learning gar-Photo by Madelyn Edwards

ist Mieke Brock led the children through a series of activities during the program and we have a garden at Brock relayed basic plant at https://www.eventbrite. on May 31. Brock showed home," Dial said. the kids the marigolds they would be planting and al- March near the Springtown even when it doesn't seem lowed the kids to sniff the ISD administration build- like they are. Teaching kids the gardening one, aim to flowers to find the fragrance. ing. Since starting up the about gardening and plants encourage the bond between She talked to the kids about programs for families with opens the door to helping parents and their children by what a plant needs to grow, kids ages 0-6, Brock said kids grow developmentally, the parts of a plant – the last week that the gardening Brock said. flower, the stems, the roots, group on May 31 was the them the picture book "If at the FRC building. You Plant a Seed" by Kadir Nelson.

at the library and decided to books from the library to tion. It helps with sharing,

Ford to the group.

"He enjoys being outside,

Early intervention special- bring her 3-year-old Knox read to the kids during the about these programs and

information, Brock told The FRC opened in late the parents that kids learn <u>ter-47191513283</u>.

"Children are just like the leaves - and read to biggest group they had so far sponges developmentally," to the groups, I don't want she said. "It hits on all the them sitting to the side. I The gardening group got developmental groups. It want them interacting, hand started when Cook Chil- hits on the cognitive skills. It over hand or hand under Afterward, some of the dren's Healthy Children hits on gross and fine motor hand, talking back and forth parents said they liked bring- Coalition for Parker County skills because they're mov- to the kids, letting them and ing their kids to the class. donated the materials for ing and jumping and digging working with them," she Tracy Dial found out about the learning garden. Brock and planting. It helps with said. "I want to encourage the learning garden program is also using plant-related back-and-forth communica- that bond."

team playing."

The class can also raise parents' expectations of activities they can do with their children, Brock said.

"I also want parents to know that they can do things that they think they can't with their children. Like cooking with their kids in a safe manner, planting a garden," she said. "A lot of parents when (their kids are) little, (say), 'I can't do it. They won't do it. They take so much of my attention.' And this is a way of saying, hey, look, you can do this with your children."

The learning garden program isn't the only developmental group that the FRC has to offer. Other free developmental groups offered are Healthy Eating, Healthy Reading on Thursdays throughout June and Baby 101 in July and August. For more information to register for them, visit During the class while the FRC's Eventbrite page com/o/family-resource-cen-

All the groups, not just making parents active participants, Brock said.

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Prescription drug abuse cases on the rise

iff's Office has recently said during a news release distribution in several of the out the source and supply. responded to numerous marking May 10 as Nationreported drug overdoses. al Fentanyl Awareness Day. There is a market for oxycodone and Xanax predomi- iff's Special Crimes Unit active investigation in co- outright," Authier said. "We nately among teens and has responded to five overyoung adults that has led to dose cases since Novemone known fatality and sev- ber 2021, SO officials said. eral near-death calls locally, SCU investigators think adthe SO stated in a news re- ditional overdoses may ex-

codone and Xanax end up enforcement intervention. buying counterfeit drugs manufactured on the street died in November 2021 to send out is to make the ducted where controlled that are "cut" or mixed with from mixed drug intoxicafentanyl and other contion of cocaine and fentanyl. is here in our backyard be Xanax and oxycodone trolled substances. Illegal drug manufacturers and dosed in December from ter these suspects," Authier sults showed the drugs contrafficking organizations are streets drugs containing adding fentanyl and other fentanyl. controlled substances to illicit drugs to compete with and a 15-year-old overdosed each other in distributing a on Xanax purchased off the more potent and addictive streets containing Phenazolproduct, SO officials said.

opioid purported to be ics containing fentanyl. 50-times stronger than heroin, the release stated. dose was May 7, of an of illegal narcotics decreas- tional-fentanyl-awareness-According to Federal Drug Aledo 20-year-old from in- ing by nearly half over the day https://www.foxnews. Enforcement Agency Ad- gesting fentanyl. Sheriff's past year. Sheriff's SCU com/us/dea-launches-naministrator Anne Milgram, SCU members arrested two investigators are actively tional-fentanyl-awareness-"Fentanyl is the single dead- individuals, within hours investigating several cases day-highlight-overdosesliest drug threat our nation of learning they were the and working with other drug-overtaking-us

The Parker County Sher-Buyers looking for oxy- because of the fear of law

An Aledo 17-year-old

am. A 17-year-old Aledo Fentanyl is a synthetic male overdosed on narcot-

The latest reported over-

overdose incidents. The susvestigations.

tions.

are tragic incidents which compounds." In April, an adult female can be avoided. Education seek help immediately."

Another reason for the covid-19

The Parker County Sher- has ever encountered," she sources of counterfeit pill agencies in efforts to take

"We do not believe those pect's identities are current- who have overdosed were ly being withheld due to the looking to purchase fentanyl operation with the Federal believe they were actually Drug Enforcement Agency seeking to purchase oxyand Homeland Security In- codone or Xanax. The distributors are selling coun-Sheriff Russ Authier said terfeits and the pills contain ist but are going unreported additional arrests are pend- additional toxic substances ing the ongoing investiga- or deadly combinations. Several local undercover "The message we want operations have been conpublic aware that fentanyl buys of pills represented to An 18-year-old man over- and that we are going af- were made; however, lab restated in the release. "These tained fentanyl and/or other

> For more information, and awareness are keys in log onto: https://www. prevention. We urge those foxnews.com/us/familiesstruggling with addiction to against-fentanyl-bidenadmin-overdose-deathshttps://www. uptick in overdoses can be justice.gov/usao-sc/pr/deaattributed to the street costs recognizes-first-ever-na-

Parker County to meet next week

Quilter's Guild of

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The June meeting of the Quilter's Guild of Parker month. County will feature a guest release.

Jane Bromberg, a quilt de-Moderne magazine. Her presaid she likes to make the qgpc2000@gmail.com. edges of her quilts just as interesting as the tops by using guild, visit the website at unique bindings and edge quiltersguildofparkercounty. finishes. She will share over org or find the guild on Face-40 quilts with ideas about accents, facing and edge

There is no workshop this

The Quilter's Guild of speaker who is a quilt de- Parker County will meet signer, according to a press in person and via Zoom June 16 at Lakeshore Drive The guest speaker will be Baptist Church at 200 S. Lakeshore Drive in Hudson signer, teacher and lecturer Oaks. The meeting will bewho loves to teach and in- gin at 6:45 p.m. but attendspire. She has had quilts in ees are encouraged to come national AQS shows, Quilt- earlier to socialize. Visitors con and on the cover of Quilt are welcome in person and online. If you wish to join sentation will be on the best us online, email your name way to finish your quilt. She and telephone number to

To learn more about the

Democratic Women to meet on June 12

FROM STAFF REPORTS

the Parker County Texas government and politics. Democratic Women will be at 2 p.m. on Sunday, June genders. 12, in the Strain Room of Weatherford College's Doss available at https://parker-Student Center.

wide organization whose goal is to increase the par-

ticipation and influence of The monthly meeting of Democratic women in Texas Membership is open to all

More information is countydemocrats.org/park-PCTDW is part of a state- er-county-texas-democraticwomen/.

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twenties is OUR music. That us to a time when we began doesn't mean we can't ap- to discover our identity.



BE AMAZING

By Gerry Lewis

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

Psalm 136.

I just wanted to get your preciate, enjoy, or connect with music of other eras. It just means that there is a "coming of age" connection between our physical, psychological, and emotional development.

There are certain words who are younger would lean "refrains" — which, when There are 26 verses in the repeated, give us a sense of general, the music of rightness, balance, and equilate teens and early librium because they return

What are some of yours? These are my ponderings on life this morning, most likely inspired by reading

This psalm is unique among the collection of 150 psalms we find in our Bibles. psalm and in each of them a common refrain is repeated: "His love endures forever."

ment is made by one person tions that have shaken and His love endures forever.

swers each statement with than I can enumerate. I've this truth: "His love endures had big questions for which

way it is delivered through betrayed and wounded by this psalm — has the effect those I trusted. on me that I described earand eternal in the midst of sending His Son. uncertain times and unstable feelings.

In my 60 years of life, I His love endures forever. have experienced the truth of that refrain more times than I can enumerate.

In my 60 years of life, It's almost as if a state- I have experienced situa- ment may cloud your mind.

and the congregation an- discouraged me more times I've not received answers. That statement — and the I've had deep pain. I've been

But the solid rock on which lier. It gives me a sense of I've been able to crumple rightness, balance, and equi- even when I could not stand librium because it reminds is this: His love endures forme of a truth that is constant ever. And He proved it by

> My friend, I'm holding out this hope to you today.

No matter what may come your way. His love endures forever.

Confusion and disappoint-

You may search for things you never find. His love endures forever.

You've been abandoned, betrayed. His love endures forever.

In your heart, hold onto this refrain. His love endures forever.

That's not much of a poem, but I hope you can receive it in the way it is intended.

Life is amazing, but not because I say so. It's amazing because — even in the most unamazing of times our amazing God's amazing love is unending.

Sing it over and over again.

Be amazing today, my

Opposing opinions: Perception is personal; problems are universal

Now that we have gotten through the political primaries, perhaps we will get back to some degree of reasonableness and civility. Emotions were running so high before the election. I found myself not wanting to look at social media posts or even begin a conversation with people. Whatever happened to talking about an issue and agreeing to disagree?

It seems to be a tradition that politics in Texas are unorthodox. During this last election cycle, I saw social media posts and television ads that were so lacking in truth and substance as to make me shake my head. I saw several TV ads that went on and on about why not to vote for someone, but failed to provide me a single reason why to vote for the candidate who paid for the ad.

I guess we voters were to be left with the impression the opposition was so bad, so corrupt, so whatever, the needs of the community, it remaining choice had to be rings rather hollow. Who the right choice. Does that doesn't want lower taxes? frustrate you like it does The question is how do we me? Seems like a lot of fin- pay for the things we truly half-truths, and few thoughts provements made to High-



FROM MY FRONT PORCH

By Sam Houston

Sam Houston is a newspaper executive, a columnist, author, actor and

about solving the problems way 377 to lessen the traffic we face. Please allow me to

My observations were not limited to one party, one candidate or one election. When do we start holding people accountable for making outlandish comments? There was a time when a politician made a false statement or tried to mislead the voters, they were punished at the ballot box because voters felt like the candidate could not be trusted. Now candidates seem to be rewarded for such behavior.

When I hear and see candidates spout off gibberish like "I am for lower taxes" without spelling out how a reduction will be accomplished and the effect it will have on the budget and the gers pointing, many times need? I imagine a lot of folks based on dubious facts or believe there needs to be im-

issues. How do vou lower taxes and pay for massive improvements such as road improvement?

When local candidates seem to focus on national issues, it makes me believe they have no understanding or vision on fulfilling the obligations of the office they are seeking. National issues are important, but why can't local candidates focus on the issues for which they have responsibility and control instead of some national political agenda? I assume it is

for which they seek my vote. ground that works to make They want power and con- the situation better. Seems trol. They seem not to want like for voters it is "my way" to find solutions. It is much or you are the evil enemy. easier to find blame than to The heck with compromise. resolve problems.

discussion, or heaven forbid based on your own percep-

I remember my dad tell-Politicians of both parties ing me that having the courstretch the truth, twist facts age of your convictions is to support their positions, a wonderful thing. On the and "spin" information to other hand, being stubborn is the very nature of polibetween the two. When I the line we stopped having said, "It is all a matter of differences of opinion, and perception. If you agree with those who think different a man and he takes a strong election this fall. Perhaps we than we do became the en-stance, he has the courage of conviction. If you disagree The rhetoric has never with the position someone been stronger or more heat- takes, then they are a stubed. There is no room for born son of a gun. It is all

because they have little to no there be reasonable comprotion. The problem is that plan on how to fulfill the job mise in search of a middle each person's perception is limited. To understand and truly appreciate a problem, you have had to experience the consequences."

It took me a few years and some life experiences to understand what Dad was talking about. It is why we need to listen more, try and understand, and seek knowledge damage their opponents and is a bad thing. He then asked before we have contempt. strengthen their case. Such me if I knew the difference It is the difference between having an opinion and maktics. But somewhere along shook my head "no," he ing a judgment based on facts.

> There will be another will all do better. We need to.

Thought for the day: When you only know one side of a story, you are only half smart.

Until next time.







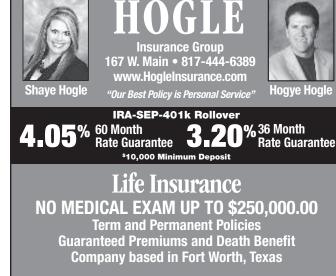






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Springtown educators receive good news on preliminary test scores

BY DON MUNSCH

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Educators and parents alike sought preliminary scores from the STAAR exam.

The demand to see scores shut down the state website at one point May 23, the Springtown ISD board heard at its meeting May 23.

Springtown ISD Superintendent Mike Kelley said the scores arrived a few days previous.

"There's so much traffic trying to get to see the scores that it's locking down the system," Kelley said at the board meeting.

As far as the scores he had seen, "our track is very encouraging." But, he quickly added, the district is not where it wants to be but it is year. on the right path. He called the scores a snapshot that appears encouraging.

In a subsequent email, Kelley released more information, noting the 20 areas of testing:

3rd Grade Reading / Math 4th Grade Reading / Math 5th Grade Reading / Math / Science

6th Grade Reading / Math

/ Science / Social Studies

End-of-Course Algebra End-of-Course English/

Language Arts I (9th grade) End-of-Course English/ Language Arts II (10th

End-of-Course Biology End-of-Course US His-

Based on the preliminary results, across 18 of the 20 tests, Springtown ISD students met the "Approaches" level at higher percentages than in the prior year. Across 17 of the 20 tests, students met the "Meets" level at higher percentages than in the prior year. Across 16 of the 20 tests, students met the "Masters" level at higher Tedder in the May 7 elecpercentages than in the prior

Kelley emphasized that the results are preliminary and that there will be some fluctuation over the next few weeks as more data are enlooks like we met or exceeded 'passing' averages at the now," he said. state level on 17 of 20 tests."

7th Grade Reading / Math iterate that district teachers 8th Grade Reading / Math focus has been to "provide solid instruction covering the state standards for what students should know and be able to do in each subject and grade level (aka the 'TEKS'). Our goal has not

ever been to 'teach the test,' but it is true that one of our primary responsibilities is to help students master the specific knowledge and skills outlined in the TEKS (established by Texas' State Board of Education)." TEKS is Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills.

Also at the meeting, three trustees were sworn in: Rick Beall, Place 1; Damon Liles, Place 2; and Jay Grubis, Place 3. Liles defeated Chad tion, while Beall and Grubis ran unopposed. Amy Walker did not run again for Place 3.

Beall, the board president, lauded Walker for her contributions to the board.

"Over the years, she's retered (on TEA's side), "but it ally helped guide the board into where we are right

In the board reorganiza-He added that when SISD tion, Beall was voted to rescores are relatively good, it tain the president position, presents a great time to "re- while Chris Gilley was voted salaries increased approxi- bus monitors and food ser-



Jay Grubis, Rick Beall and Damon Liles are sworn in as trustees to the Springtown ISD board at the board's May 23 meeting. Grubis is new to the board, while Beall and Liles are incumbents. They were sworn in by Kendra Hutchison, board secretary. Photo by Don Munsch

was voted to be secretary.

After an executive session, trustees approved the mately 9.6% and mainteproposed salary schedules and other pay went up approximately wage scales not previously 4.2%. Administrators' pay determined in the budget increased workshop. Aside from in- 3.1%, according to district dividual employees taking information. on new roles and/or responsibilities, average teacher increases for bus drivers,

assistants' instructional salaries increased approxiadministrative nance/grounds employees' approximately

Double-digit percentage

to be vice president. Grubis mately 4%, while classroom vice employees were previously approved.

> Kendra Hutchison, communications coordinator for the district, said the "board looks forward to providing 'retention' awards for teachers returning next fall and expects to determine what those dollar amounts might be during their next budget workshop."

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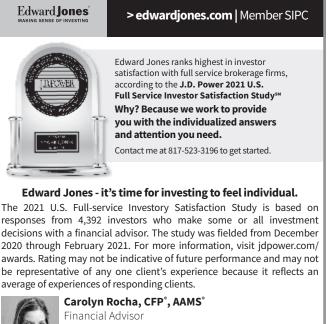
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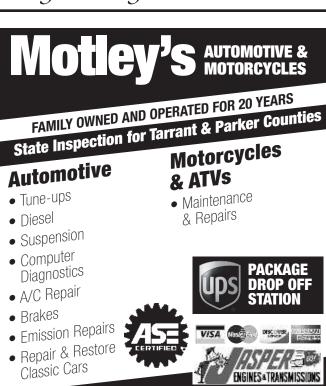


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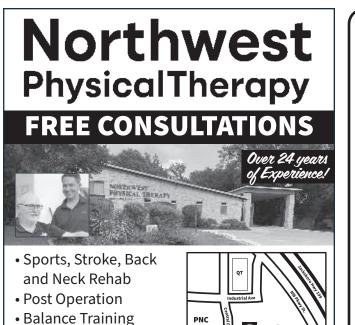
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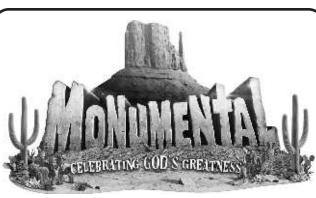
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JONES, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1A.

girl's primary teacher - how excited she was about the student's growth. The teacher heard the positive news but told Jones she didn't think the student would pass the STAAR test and was dismissive of her chances.

But the student did pass.

"I was elated when she could have earned the award. passed," Jones said. "We that I just felt vindicated, somebody off."

Passing the test made that student "feel so powerful and strong and smart, and (in) her entire educational that," Jones said.

she gave to Jones.

got to believe in yourself."

Jones was named Elementary Teacher of the Year by Springtown ISD. She described receiving the Elementary Teacher of the Year award as "overwhelming," noting that she is surrounded finds the method more enby "fantastic teachers" who

"We are so proud to have had worked together so hard Erica Jones represent Goshen Creek Elementary as our because you can't just write Teacher of the Year," said principal, in an email. "She building relationships can is one of the most humble teachers I've had. She is always going above and build a relationship with a career, she had not believed beyond to help others. She kid, they will do amazing is consistent and follows That student made a through with her words and her number one priority. She you can do it." "I still have it," Jones said. has not only made it a prior-"I tell my kids – before we ity to build a classroom fam-

family."

teaching style as evolving, explaining that teachers are now conducting more handson learning and discussions, among other styles, and she gaging.

"I think that's really important for any teacher is to keep learning and changing themselves," she said.

Kelly Jones, Goshen Creek with her students and that bring dividends.

"I found that If you can things," she said, adding that

Erica Jones grew up in

erford College – where she bigger, and they're still get- for two years. Erica Jones described her met her husband – and eventing bigger," she said. "I Texas. She and her husband create their resource promarried in 2003. The couple gram. After two years, I restopped going to school for quested to have a general a while, and Erica worked ed classroom because I felt with Winn Dixie grocery like I could make an even stores through the time that bigger difference, and they Brookshire's bought the gave me a third-grade class, company.

tute gig, and while working as a third-grade teacher for a strength in being able to re-She enjoys having fun in long-term sub gigs, she three years." decided in the middle of the last decade that she then another job in spring 2020 She earned her degree in integrated studies, and her first job was in Poolville in August 2015. She was hired as was "elated" but also "so "they're more willing to be- a special education teacher nervous." The interview was bracelet out of thread that actions. Relationships are lieve you when you tell them and she worked for the dis-conducted over Zoom, and trict for five years.

Springtown, graduated from program, and they needed she liked the campus addo the STAAR, I show them ily but has also helped lead Springtown High School in a resource program as well

which was fantastic. And

She started looking for wanted to become a teacher. because she and her family needed a change. Springtown called her for an interview, and she said she she characterized the inter-"They had a life skills view as "amazing" and that fruit. ministration. She has been

"We partner-teach, so I tually University of North came in and I helped them teach ELA - English Language Arts - and social studies," she said, noting that her partner teacher, Whitney Lowery, oversees math and science instruction.

Erica said the school community is supportive and there are "fantastic teachers" in Later, she took a substi- then I was with Poolville SISD, noting the district has cruit and retain good teachers.

She loves children and said they are eager to learn, and she enjoyed the time that she had at the last day luau. They tried different foods, including dragon fruit, pineapple and kiwi, and she noted how students stopped watching a movie to learn about cutting dragon

Erica is married to Kyle Jones and they have two boys: the bracelet - that you've the charge with our work 2001 and attended Weath- because they were getting teaching at Goshen Creek Auron, 12, and Griffin, 10.

LEGAN, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1A.

has stood out over the years School and then attended ognized for an award that's that niche, that role that you hurdles. Legan became close to Springfield and saw he five years for the Rams. had potential to win hurdles early in his junior year.

working towards that goal, and it's just fun watching that happen for a kid," he lege, my defensive coorsaid. Both Cummings and dinator from high school Springfield graduated in 2015.

Building relationships with students and coaches provides satisfaction for Legan, and those relationships are where teachers find their rewards. Legan was named Springtown ISD's Secondary Teacher of the Year for Legan and Gilbert played to-2021-22.

Legan just finished his 18th year at SHS. He coaches football (linebackers) and is the head boys track coach at SHS. He attended Sonora High School for most of Secondary Teacher of the his high school but graduated from Abernathy High

won state his senior year in where he played football and a humbling experience," he making a difference in it is was a linebacker. He played said. "Especially when you

else but Springtown High "We spent a lot of time School, as he came to the school right out of college.

> "When I got out of col-(Mario DeSantiago) was called and asked me what I was doing. I told him I didn't kids. know yet."

Another coach, Sterlin Gilbert, was at SHS, and gether at Angelo State.

"That made it an easy transition for me," said Legan, who teaches college prep English at SHS.

Year award is humbling.

"Any time that you're rec-

know you're in a building He has not taught anywhere with as many great people as so much time with athletes we have here."

> In describing his teaching style, he said his classroom demeanor revolves around respect for his students.

"I teach seniors," he said. "They're young men and the defensive coordina- young women, so we have tor here in Springtown," he more a mutual respect relasaid. "When I graduated, he tionship than you might get from dealing with younger

> "I try to treat them as young me," he said, chuckling.

in kids' lives," he said.

Legan said receiving the go to this high school, so what helps one kid isn't nec-

was Dillon Springfield, who Angelo State University, voted on by your peers, it's can play in their life, and always rewarding."

With coaching, he spends that he can form deep, lasting relationships with those kids.

"I spend as much time with those kids out there as I do with my own," he said.

In an email, SHS Principal Melissa Hutchison said, "Coach Legan supports all Porcupines. He holds high expectations for his students while still building them up and having compassion and understanding. He often acts adults as long as they'll let as the voice for others and is not afraid to step up, ask The most enjoyable aspect questions, seek informaof teaching is "seeing the tion and share with his coldifference that you can make leagues. He truly is willing to help in any situation." "We've got kids from all She added that school and different backgrounds that district are better because of coach Legan.

Legan is married to Holly essarily what helps another and they have a son, Rhyder, kid," he said. "So finding 10, and a daughter, Aubryn, 8.

Campus teachers and paraprofessionals of the year for Springtown ISD:

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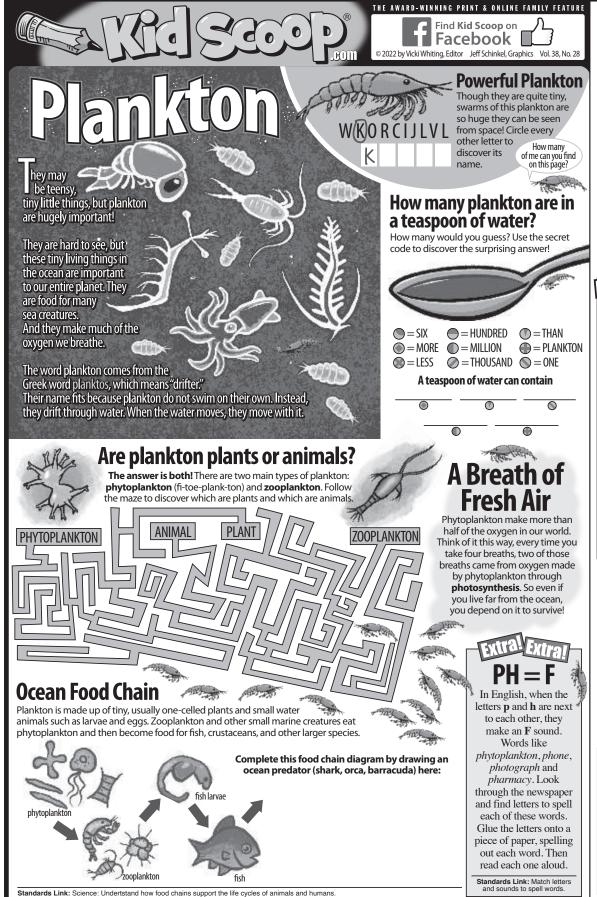
paraprofessional. Springtown High School: state level." Brad Legan, teacher. Christy Hass, paraprofessional.

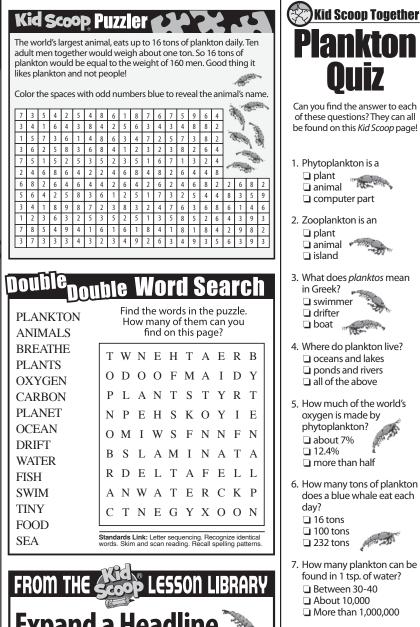
the year are selected by our campus, he added.

District Leadership Team,"

Goshen Creek Elemen- said SISD Deputy Superintary: Erica Jones, teacher. tendent Shane Strickland, Ashleigh Ward, parapro- in an email. "Each campus teacher of the year is Reno Elementary: Shel- sent an application built by Huddleston, teacher. off of the application that Patricia Green, parapro- the Texas Association of School Administrators use Springtown Elementary for their statewide elemen-School: Merle Wester- tary and secondary teacher haus, teacher. Lindy Hern, of the year award. This application is also used for the Interme- Region XI Teacher of the diate School: Madison Year. Our two recipients af-Kearby, teacher. Erica ter being awarded the district level awards then have Middle the opportunity to apply for Natalie Hill, the Regional award. If they teacher. Martha Canchola, are selected for that award, then they may apply for the

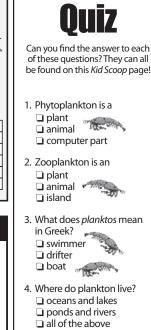
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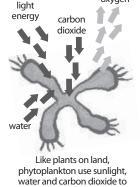
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SPORTS

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Springtown enjoys spectacular spring of sports

BY JEFF PRINCE

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The first half of 2022 was a productive and fun ride for athletics at Springtown High School, and summer vacation has now settled over the

Football and volleyball seasons begin in August, and they will have tough acts to follow. This year's spring sports were exciting, fun and well-attended events.

WRESTLING

On the first Saturday in January, the Springtown boys wrestling team began its season by finishing among the leaders at the Nest Boys Invitational Wrestling Tournament at Azle. Thirteen schools participated, and Springtown tied with Argyle for fourth place.

A week later, Springtown wrestled Azle and Argyle at a tri-meet, and the fight of the day belonged to Springtown's Kyle Rose and Azle's Billy Spratt. The two big guys had battled twice before at other tournaments in the 220-pound class, and each had taken a victory. The third match would determine who had the edge.

Both wrestlers dominated at times, but Spratt led in points as the third round began. Rose overcame nearexhaustion, made a bold move and tossed Spratt to the ground with 10 seconds left, earning three points and a slim victory.

In February, Rose became Springtown's only wrestler to compete at the Texas UIL state wrestling tournament, where he finished in fourth place. Rose has graduated, but one of the team's best prospects has two years remaining in high school. Joe Newman began wrestling as a freshman and proved to be a natural and a hard worker. This season, he placed sixth at regionals in the 132-pound class and barely missed qualifying for state.

Newman will help lead a talented wrestling team into

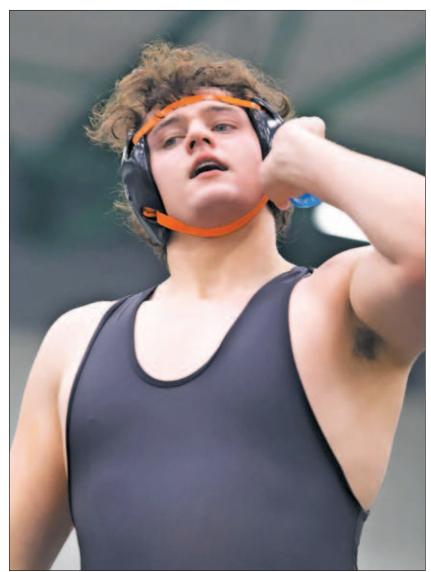
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Reagan Kelley and her teammates showed a knack for attacking the soccer ball.

Photos by Jeff Prince





SEE SPRINGTOWN, Hendrickson Persoma-Reyes helped push the soccer team through an exciting action- Springtown wrestler Kyle Rose qualified to compete at the state tournament.

Summer band camp



From left, Emilio Pla, a guest percussion instructor from Irving High School, works with Sound of Springtown snare line members Nickolas McCabe and Ryan Webster at summer camp. Watch for a story on the marching band in next week's Springtown Epigraph. Photo by Jeff Prince

Springtown golf tourney set to raise money for education

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The 28th Annual Springtown Education Foundation Golf Tournament is at 8 a.m. June 10 at Cross Timbers Golf Course in Azle.

Registration begins at 7:30 a.m.

Entry fee for the four-person team scramble is \$55, which includes green fee, cart, lunch and refreshments. A team entry fee is \$210.

The tourney features door prizes and special awards for closest to the pin and longest drives for men and

Tournament packets are available at Springtown ISD Central Services Office and the Chamber of Commerce.

Springtown Education Foundation's mission is to provide academic scholarships, leadership opportunities and innovative teaching grants in the school dis-

For information, contact Tootie Hall at (817) 789-2008.

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2023.

BASKETBALL

Boys roundball fought to the final second of the regular season in hopes of making the playoffs.

That final game of the regular season was played against Castleberry, and the Porcupines needed a win to qualify for the playoffs. Lose, and they would go home.

The fourth quarter began with Springtown down by seven points. The Pines battled back to within one point of Castleberry with time running out. Zane Bell's last-secbut bounced off the backboard. The electrified crowd gave the players a warm round of applause for their efforts.

The Lady Porcupines also fell short of the playoffs, in part because of an injury to star player Brinklee Dauenhauer. The team, however, shows promise for next season. Dauenhauer will be back with ample support coming up from the junior varsity and eighth grade teams.

The late-season addition of talented newcomer Allison Ford was another boost. She improved the team down the stretch as a sophomore and will return next season as a more experienced junior who has developed chemistry with her teammates.

"I'm really excited about the future," said head coach Kyle Sivadon.

SOCCER

The fancy-footed boys opened their season in January with a new head coach and an eagerness to prove their talents on the soccer

They lost that first game and most of the others and, by late March, had missed the playoffs. Still, the Porcupines won five games, played with passion and established themselves as a competitive team poised for more victories

The young and inexperienced girls soccer team exceeded expectations and fought its way into the postseason after beating Lake Worth in a tiebreaker on March 22. The Lady Pines would lose their playoff series to Gainesville but not by much - 1-0.

Several of the younger players stepped up to lead the team, including sophomore Allison Kimball, who established herself as a standout goalkeeper. They feel ready to improve even more in 2023.

Head coach Katherine Kummerfeld characterized the season as a "spark that boosted Springtown soccer for the future."

POWERLIFTING

In January, the 4A Porcupine boys team kicked off the powerlifting season by challenging two bigger 5A teams – Azle and Brewer.

The Pines finished in second place, which might have surprised a few folks. Springtown had registered 22 boys at the meet, and 20 of them were competing for the first time.

By the time the district meet had arrived in late February, several boys had established themselves as strongmen. Ethan Jackson won the district championship in the 123-pound class and was named best lifter even though Springtown competes in Region 6, Division 1, where seven of nine teams are larger Division 1 5/6A schools.

The girls team soared even higher this season. By March, the Lady Pines had been named state runners-up. They outlifted every 4A school in the state except Port Lavaca Calhoun, a powerlifting dynasty that has won state titles for more than a dozen years in a row. Still, the Lady Porcupines finished just four points behind the champ, and nearly every girl on Springtown's team finished with her highest totals of the year.

The Lady Pines earned four individual state championships. Two girls earned overall best bench awards. Myra Castro set a new state record and tied another, and Angela Pando tied a state record, as well.

TRACK

teams had established themselves as tough competitors heading into the district track meet.

The jumping events were their specialties.

Mackenzie Flaugher, just a freshman, won the long jump and triple jump for the girls, and Ashlynn Dickey won the high jump. William Gleason won the triple jump for the boys.

Seven boys and seven girls would go on to qualify for regionals in various events.

By the time May rolled around, just one track member had earned ond shot from midcourt came close the right to compete at the state competition, and she was the youngest of them all – Flaugher. She would go on to finish as the seventh best 4A triple jumper in Texas and the only athlete from Springtown or Azle high schools to compete at state.

RODEO

The rodeo season that began way back in 2021 was still going strong when 2022 arrived, and Springtown was riding hard as usual.

Last year, the Porcupines had finished in second place in the North Texas High School Rodeo Association, nudging out 85 of 87 teams. This year, the team lost some valuable members to graduation and would have to scramble to mirror the previous year's success.

"We got big shoes to fill," sponsor James Heil said early in the

By May, the team hadn't matched the previous year's success but had finished in seventh place, performing better than 80 other teams. Four members qualified to perform at the finals.

Most of the kids from this year's

team are set to return, and Heil predicted Springtown "will continue to be a top 10 team in the association - something we have not seen in years."

SOFTBALL

The softball girls knew as far back as February that their team was special.

Eight girls had returned from the previous year's squad that reached the playoffs, and they knew they had the experience and talent to go far this season.

They were right.

By mid-May, the girls had secured an area championship for the first time in a decade. Five juniors were a big part of that success, and they will return next season as seniors and team leaders to make another run for diamond glory.

BASEBALL

Early this season, the baseball boys played an inter-squad scrimmage that featured a mixture of varsity and junior varsity players. The skill of players was on full display, and everyone involved felt like a magical season was about to

The team had an impressive lineup of seniors, including strongarmed pitchers Marco Barrera, William Gleason and Cristian Hernandez and team workhorse Matt Lockard.

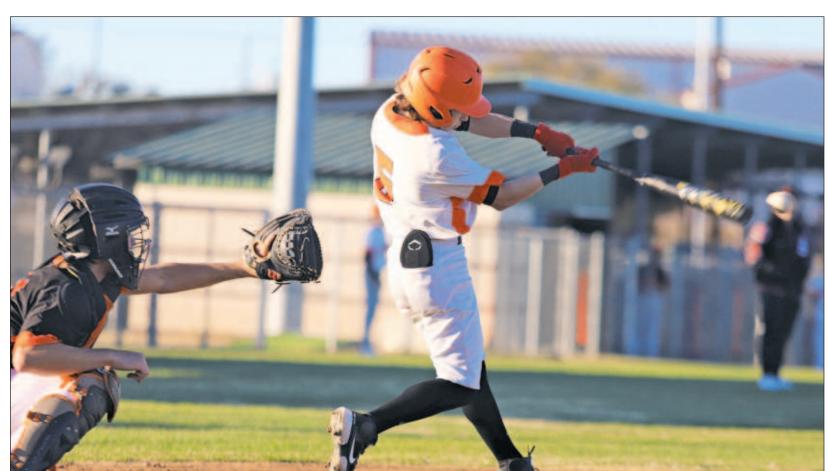
By the end of May, the Pines had gone deeper into the playoffs than any other baseball team in Springtown history, earning an area championship.



Madison Terrell jumps for high fives.



Parker Koterba's roping skills helped the Springtown rodeo team to a seventh place finish out of 87 teams.



By April, the boys and girls track Carson Cox and the Springtown baseball team made school history.



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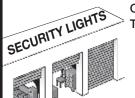
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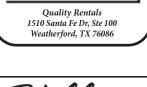
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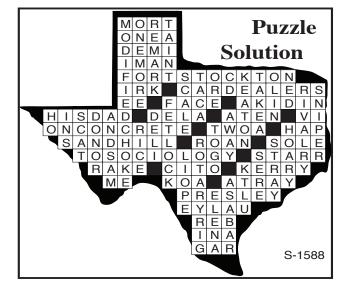
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