



Springtown police chief resigns



David Miller, left, presents Cres Salazar his badge upon his promotion to police chief in 2021. Photo courtesy of City of Springtown

City administrator takes on interim chief role

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Springtown's police chief resigned his post last week. Cres Salazar's last day at the Springtown Police Department was July 22, Springtown Administrative Services Director Christina Derr said. City Administrator David Miller has taken on the role of interim police chief.

"I would like to thank the city of Springtown for the opportunity to year as a police officer to administrator," Salazar wrote in his letter of resignation. "The almost eight years I spent at this department are the best in my career of 22 years as a peace officer." His letter continued, "Thank you to the staff, department heads and most importantly to my coworkers at the police department. By far,

the best team you could ask for." The Epigraph left a message with Salazar. Derr said Salazar told her that his reason for resigning was related to the death of his teenage daughter in April. Evalina "Lina" Celia Teresa Salazar, 15, died after being injured in an off-road ATV accident that occurred on

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Missing headstone for toddler returned to Veal Station Cemetery

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After moving into her Lakeside home about 20 years ago, Kendra Whitson found a headstone for a child's grave in her backyard.

Whitson said the previous owner of her home was "flamboyant" and had decorated various parts of the yard. During the next year after moving in, Whitson found the headstone in the back corner of her yard, hidden by bamboo.

At first, it seemed like the headstone was placed in the backyard. Whitson said it was surrounded by irises and birdbaths. The baby headstone was for the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W.M. Wagner. The baby lived two years, from 1877-1879.

Throughout the years, Whitson pondered this headstone and spent time looking for more information on the child. She said at first, she was at a loss for how to start her research.

"I just wasn't really able to put anything together,"



The headstone reads "Daughter of Mr. & Mrs. W. M. Wagner, Feb 2, 1877-Jan. 12, 1879. Suffer the children to come unto me." The headstone had to be repaired before being reset in the Veal Station Cemetery. Courtesy photo

she said. "I didn't know who really to talk to, and I also thought, 'Well, I don't know, maybe it's not even real.'"

Eventually, Whitson found the website findagrave.com and was able to place the grave in Veal Station Cemetery. She then made multiple calls, including to the

Parker County clerk's office and White's Funeral Homes. She found success when she got connected with Helen Parker, a local genealogist, who found where the headstone was supposed to be and oversaw its return to

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A headstone for a deceased toddler has been returned to the Veal Station Cemetery earlier this month. It has been missing for about 20 years. Courtesy photo

City of Springtown moves to Stage 2 water restrictions



Under Stage 2 restrictions, city of Springtown customers have designated days and times to water outdoors. Metro Creative Connection

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The city of Springtown has moved to Stage 2 of the water conservation and drought contingency plan, and new water restrictions are in effect.

At an emergency Springtown City Council meeting on Monday, City Administrator David Miller said the change to Stage 2 was not because of lack of water but because of a lack of pumping ability. He said the city lost a filter, and repair work

was scheduled to begin this week.

"Because of the heat, it put huge demands on our water supply over the weekend, and so we've been drawing from Walnut Creek to help

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Water system improvements

Walnut Creek SUD applies to use surplus, new bond funds

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Walnut Creek Special Utility District is getting ready to start some projects to improve the water system.

The SUD's board of directors approved two resolutions authorizing applications to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality for approval to use certain bond funds at last week's meeting.

First, the board approved a resolution to use no more than \$5 million – including surplus bond funds of about

\$2.5 million and remaining funds from the district's general fund – for urgently needed water system improvements related to elevated storage and distribution. The other resolution was for approval of bonds and water system improvement projects not to exceed \$25 million.

For the \$5 million improvements, Walnut Creek SUD general manager Steve Harris said the money would go to improve water pressure and flow in the SUD's southeast area. The funds would pay for a 16-inch water line from

Jay Bird Lane, down State Highway 199, to Newsom Mound Road and then south to Veal Station Road as well as moving an elevated storage to the area of high growth and where there are pressure problems, said Bill Lohrke, senior project manager from E.S.&C.M. Inc.

Harris described the pressure issues as an emergency because of the pressure complaints the SUD has received. Because it's an emergency, the SUD is expected to get the funds quicker.

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Springtown FFA members receive Texas FFA's highest degree



Five students from the Springtown FFA Chapter received their Lone Star FFA Degrees at the 94th annual state convention. Pictured from left are Tye Goree, Tate Haight, K Dee Dowdy, Garner Perkins and Wyatt Hasty. Courtesy Photo

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Five members of the Springtown Future Farmers of America Chapter received their Lone Star FFA Degrees at the 94th annual Texas FFA State Convention.

Tye Goree, Tate Haight, K Dee Dowdy, Garner Perkins and Wyatt Hasty were awarded with their Lone Star FFA Degrees, which is the highest degree bestowed by the Texas FFA, at the convention earlier this month.

The Lone Star FFA Degree recognizes FFA members who have received the chapter degree, been active FFA members for at least

two years, completed at least four semesters of agricultural science at or above the ninth-grade level, maintained a supervised agricultural experience program, demonstrated their leadership skills and have shown a commitment to the FFA through involvement at the chapter level and above. These students were just a few of more than 2,200 FFA members to receive this esteemed degree.

The 94th annual Texas FFA Convention had about 15,000 members and guests. Members of the state's largest agricultural youth leadership organiza-

tion spent the week attending leadership workshops, participating in events and activities, being recognized for their achievements and serving as the legislative body for the Texas FFA Association.

The Texas FFA is the nation's largest state FFA association with a membership of more than 156,000 people. FFA gives students the opportunity to apply practical classroom knowledge to real world experiences through local, state and national competitions. For more information about the Texas FFA, visit www.mytexasffa.org.

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supplement that supply," Miller said. "When we get the pump up and running, we'll reevaluate everything."

The emergency meeting was called to amend the city's ordinance regarding the drought contingency plan, which contained a crucial typo that needed to be fixed as well as other needed clarifications and changes, Miller said. The city council approved these changes.

Under Stage 2 restrictions, city of Springtown customers have designated days and times to water outdoors. Customers are limited to watering from 8 p.m. to 8 a.m. on specific watering days. Residents with even-numbered addresses can water on Wednesdays and Saturdays, and those with odd-numbered addresses can water on Thursdays and Sundays. Commercial/non-residential properties can water on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays.

Miller said the restrictions would likely be in place for at least two weeks, and the restrictions could be in place longer if drought conditions continue.

OTHER STAGE 2 RESTRICTIONS INCLUDE:

- All irrigation with hose-

end sprinklers or automatic irrigation systems is limited to designated days and times. Irrigation by hand-held hose, faucet-filled bucket, less than 5-gallon watering can or drip irrigation system are still permitted at all times.

- Except at a commercial car wash, use of water to wash any motor vehicle, motorbike, boat, trailer, airplane or other vehicle is prohibited except on designated watering days between the hours of 8 p.m. and 8 a.m. Such washing, when allowed, shall be done with a hand-held bucket or a hand-held hose equipped with a positive shut-off nozzle for quick rinses. Washing vehicles for the purpose of health or safety, such as garbage trucks, are exempt.

- Filling of jacuzzies, wading pools, indoor/outdoor swimming pools is prohibited except on designated watering days between the hours of 8 p.m. and 8 a.m.

- Ornamental fountains/aesthetic and scenic ponds are prohibited except where necessary to support aquatic life or where such fountains or ponds are equipped with a recirculation system.

- All restaurants are prohibited from serving water to their patrons except when requested.

- It is prohibited to wash-

down any sidewalks, walkways, driveways, parking lots, tennis courts or other hard-surfaced areas as well as use of water to wash down buildings or structures for purposes other than immediate fire protection.

- It is prohibited to use water for dust control except for construction purposes as allowed by the city and/or required by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

- Flushing gutters or permitting water to run or accumulate in any gutter or street is prohibited, as is failure to repair a controllable leak(s) within a reasonable period.

The city's goal of the Stage 2 water restrictions is to decrease demand by 5%, according to a post on the city's Facebook page.

"It is important to note that these restrictions are due to emergency repairs and not drought conditions," read the city's Facebook post. "It is imperative that our residents comply with the restrictions to prevent the city from having to implement a higher phase of the plan which brings additional restrictions."

Customers with questions or concerns can contact city hall at 817-220-4834 or email utilities@cityof-springtown.com.

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"I'm not kidding myself before summer is over, but at least we're taking steps toward fixing the problem in as fast a method as we can," Harris said during the meeting.

Harris hopes the project will start before the end

of the year and be finished within the next year.

Lohrke agreed after the meeting that the issue is an emergency since there are residents on a hill who could have better water pressure.

The \$25 million would fund multiple projects for

water treatment, water distribution and water tanks, Lohrke said. Harris said there isn't an exact timeline for these projects yet, and the SUD has been working on getting approvals for these projects for the past two years.





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Reno P&Z proposes workshop to update ordinances regarding platting of acreage

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Reno Planning and Zoning Commission has scheduled a workshop on topics related to platting of acreage to update the city's ordinances.

The P&Z tentatively scheduled the workshop for 9 a.m. Aug. 16.

At last week's meeting, P&Z Chairperson Brian Schrader recommended adding definitions to Reno's ordinances, including:

OSSF, or onsite sewage facility: a field line, aerobic or anaerobic septic system for single residential households, not to exceed 5,000 gallons per day.

Centerline platting, which is when the measurements of lots would start

in the middle of the road. Schrader recommended using this practice when a parcel has more than 10 acres, but it shouldn't be used in residential subdivisions.

Gross acreage versus net acreage: Gross acreage is the total surveyed property, and the net acreage is the area that is subdivided for the individual property owners that they can fence in and build upon, excluding required offsets from roads and other city or county ownership. Schrader said the term gross acreage is "inappropriate" in this context.

Sanitation acreage: the amount of acreage included in septic area. Certain water features on the property, like some streams and ponds, would not count toward the

lot size for sanitation purposes.

The workshop would focus on creating new sections in the ordinances to discuss onsite septic facilities with lot sizes that can meet the requirements, that those receiving city water must be living on at least one sanitation acre and those using well water with an onsite sewage facility must be living on at least two acres, Schrader said.

"It is everything to do with platting of acreage," the P&Z chairperson said after the meeting. "I want to make certain we get it written into ordinances that centerline platting doesn't give you an acre. I want to make certain that all of our septic stuff is

compliant, mimics – for lack of a better term – the county regulations on acreage and just make certain that we have good permeability and ground percolation of septic waters."

Also regarding ordinance updates during the meeting, Schrader discussed the issue of residents wanting to build additional homes on their properties.

"The scenario is a homeowner – a resident (who) wants to build a mother-in-law's house, wants to build houses for their children. They want to build multiple residences and without the houses being so close together that they can reach out their kitchen window to borrow a cup of sugar,"

Schrader said during the meeting.

Schrader's suggested solution was to allow these multi-acre property owners provided that they build no more than four additional units on their property and the property has to be platted like a subdivision. Each unit would have to have an individual septic system and individual driveways, among other rules.

Being platted with the required property setbacks would allow for 50 feet of space between these homes, Schrader said.

P&Z member Christopher Reeves questioned the definition of multiacre properties and why residents on

particularly large properties wouldn't be allowed to build more homes without replatting.

"To me, they need to replat it. If they're going to deed the property to their children, their children need to pay taxes on that," Schrader said. "There should be a tax assessment against that property and the improvements on that property."

Ultimately, Schrader's goal with the workshop is to clear up contradictions and close loopholes in the city's ordinances.

"There's too many different areas of the ordinances that contradict each other, and I want to resolve the contradictions and close the loopholes," he said.

Springtown to host overdose memorial, family day

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Springtown's overdose memorial event, hosted by the overdose awareness group "We ARE our brothers keeper," has returned for another year.

But this time, the event is taking on a new approach by helping families get ready for the new school year.

The event – from 11 a.m.

to 3 p.m. Aug. 6 at the area of the park adjacent to the Springtown Square – is being advertised as a "family day" and will include free haircuts for kids, bounce houses and refreshments, such as hot dogs, popcorn and snow cones from Snow Wizzard Snow Cones. A limited amount of free school supplies for students in kindergarten through eighth grade as well as children's

clothes, diapers and formula are expected to be handed out at the event, said Jessica Castro, a founder of "We ARE our brothers keeper."

For the overdose awareness part of the event, there will be a purple pinwheel display with the names of loved ones lost to addiction written on the pinwheels. People who attend will also be able to receive information on addiction counseling

at the event, Castro said.

Castro's goal for the event is to extend help to the Springtown community.

"I'd already heard people talking about school supplies and how stressed they were about them, and I thought, it's really close to the beginning of the school year. So, let's help," she said. "This was like the perfect opportunity. You get more people to attend the event, and they get more conversations about what is going on and the impact of overdose in our community."

The event is also an oppor-

tunity for families to meet their neighbors and fellow community members, which is important to Castro, especially as Springtown grows.

"People are forgetting who their neighbors are or how important their neighbors can be to them because that's how you are a community. You take care of one another, you love one another, and that's how you keep that down-home feel, that small town vibe that you always get from small towns," she said. "I think it's just important that we all continue to grow and know each other and love

each other through whatever hard times we may have."

Donations of school supplies, particularly binders and notebook paper, and children's clothes are still being taken for the event, Castro said. People can donate at city hall, the police department, the library, the Springtown Area Chamber of Commerce, The Nutrition Lodge or 3-W's Smoke Shack.

Those wanting to add their loved one's name to a pinwheel can call Castro at 817-629-6129 or contact her on Facebook.

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Student exchange organization looking for host families

BY DON MUNSCHE
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Shana Wentzell can definitely attest to the positive experiences that being a host family to exchange students can provide.

"It changes your life," she said, noting that once a family finishes hosting a student, those people can't wait to host again, dreaming of the next time they can have a student from a different country. "It's a very fun program, and it just gives so much to families."

She hopes others can have those same experiences, and her organization needs host

families in preparation for the upcoming school year. She has had more than 500 exchange students in her home over the last two decades, and some of those students were not just there during the academic year but also two-week programs in which there were four students at a time.

Wentzell, executive director of nonprofit United Cultural Exchange U.S., said 19 families are needed for homes in the Metroplex. Azle ISD caps its exchange students at three, and is now full, whereas Springtown does not have a maximum, Wentzell said.

UCEUS has placed 21 families so far. Wentzell has contacted churches and other entities to find people who can be host families. In explaining why her organization has had difficulty finding families, she thinks many people in this area may not know much about her program. She said one way she approaches finding host families is that people want to give back to the community, and being a host family is away to give back to the global community.

"These kids are scholarship kids, and they really worked hard to be accepted into this program," she said.

"I just think it's not as familiar a thing (hosting families) as much as in California, where I came from."

She advises people that students come with their own spending money and they are not a cash burden on families. Families provide breakfast and dinner, while the students pay for their own lunches and snacks. Students also handle providing their own health coverage.

People who host students will broaden their horizons and introduce American culture to others, Wentzell said. Host families can introduce a different culture into their

family, too.

"These are leaders," she said about the exchange students. "When we pick them, they've been chosen because of certain things they've done in their own schools, awards they have gotten. We have chosen them to come here to share their culture, as well."

Relationships are formed between the students and families, and an impact can be made on the family, school and community.

"When mine would leave, I would just bawl my eyes out," Wentzell said. "I still talk to mine, (including) the ones I hosted 20 years ago."

Host families can select the student for their homes, and they can pick the student based on shared interests. Host families also can introduce the students to activities the families enjoy, and those activities might be new to the students. Host families are vetted before they are allowed to accept students into their homes. Vetting can take from a few days to a week.

People interested in the program may contact Wentzell at shana@uceus.com or 817-217-6618.

Children's Advocacy Center of Parker County to host fourth annual Sugar Rush Fundraising Event

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The Children's Advocacy Center of Parker County provides young victims of abuse with counseling for free, among other resources.

In order for the center's staff to continue its goal to help child abuse victims, the center will need support from those in the community.

The center will hold the 2022 Sugar Rush Fundraising Event on Aug. 4. The fourth annual fundraiser will be a come-and-go event from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the

Children's Advocacy Center of Parker County, located at 1224 Clear Lake Road in Weatherford.

The Sugar Rush event will include a tour of the center's facility and allow attendees to learn more about the center. Also, one of the center's clients will share their story at the event.

The Children's Advocacy Center of Parker County helps with the investigation process of child abuse cases through performing forensic interviews, the center's associate director and forensic interviewer Brit-

tany Lain said. Staffers at the center also are involved in facilitating sexual assault exams of children with Cook Children's. The center also provides counseling for children who are victims of abuse as well as for their siblings or family members who have been affected by abuse.

In 2021, the center performed 194 forensic interviews, and 163 of those were regarding sexual abuse, Lain said.

The Children's Advocacy Center serves all of Parker County, including Spring-

town.

"It doesn't affect just one person in the community. This is something that affects the entire community of Parker County," Lain said when explaining why people should support the center at the fundraiser. "You see what is happening in your community when you're here and you're visiting, and you hear the numbers of the children that we see, you realize just how close it hits to home."

The money raised at the Sugar Rush event will go to support the needs of the cen-

ter's counseling clients, the family advocacy program and forensic interviewing, Lain said. She said there isn't an exact fundraising goal, but staff would like to raise \$50,000, which is about how much was raised last year.

"The money from this helps us to make sure that we can get all of our counseling clients anything that they need. So, if they are doing something special in therapy, we can get all of the items needed, whether it's art supplies or anything like that," Lain said. "It also

helps fund our family advocacy programs, so if a family needs diapers or clothes or anything like that that we need to purchase, we are able to purchase those items. And then it also helps with our forensic interviewing in case there's any equipment or DVDs or anything like that. So, this is just extra money that really helps us keep the center up and running."

For more information about the Sugar Rush fundraising event, contact Lain at brittany.lain@cacparkercounty.org or call 682-615-1992.

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Veal Station Cemetery.

"Helen was instrumental in picking it up. She delivered it to the monument place," said Dena Wright Hall, a director on the Veal Station Cemetery Association board. "The cemetery is so old, and in the older part, there's no record. So, we basically had to walk the cemetery to locate the name."

She said they found the spot where the ground was indent-

ed, and there was a plate with the Wagner name on it.

After being repaired and cleaned, the headstone was put back in its place at Veal Station Cemetery earlier this month.

Parker said the previous owner of Whitson's home was called "the cemetery stone lady because she had more than that stone in there at one time." How the headstone wound up in Whit-

son's backyard is unknown. Parker found out that the headstone had been missing since after 1999.

"The Cemetery Association did not walk that part of the cemetery that much. And in fact, the lady that I contacted said she didn't even know anything about it," Parker said. "The only reason why I knew about it is because of the books that Parker County had done

in 1999 because they read every cemetery in Parker County at that time."

Parker said she didn't find any living relatives to contact about the headstone's return.

Wright Hall said she was shocked to learn about the missing headstone, and she's thankful that it has returned to the place where it belongs.

"She was pretty young, so we wanted to get it placed

back and, in her honor, in her memory. She deserved to have that back where it was originally supposed to be," she said.

Wright Hall expressed gratitude for Parker and for Memorial Monuments for only charging the cemetery association \$200 to repair and deliver the headstone.

Whitson said she felt relieved that the headstone was returned, and she said she

is thankful to everyone who helped her. Her drive to continue searching for answers about the headstone in her backyard came from the fact that it was for a little girl's grave who didn't have a first name listed or a marker to recognize her life and death.

"I think because it was a little baby girl, and I just felt like I would hope she's with her family somewhere," she said.

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Back in the traces

OK, hopefully I'm "back in the traces." For those of you who don't know, we have been in the process of moving; moving from a place that my entire lifetime was spent on in addition to the years that my parents were on the "home place" – that's a lot of moving to get done. I would like to express my appreciation to the Azle News and Springtown Epigraph for having the patience with me to allow me the time to get this done and still have a spot for me to write in as we finish our move. If someone would have told me last winter that it would take anyone more than one-third of a year to pack up and move from one place to another, I would have laughed out loud. Well, it has and I'm not laughing out loud.

I wanted to revisit the original purpose(s) for my writing the Agriculture 101 column. But while we're reviewing let's first consider a little agricultural history. If you know the origin of the phrase "back in the traces" that I used in the first sentence, raise your hand. If you don't know then let's do



AG 101

By Jack DeShazo

Jack DeShazo has decades of experience in the agriculture field.

something about that.

Traces refers to the equipment used with draft or work animals. With horses and mules that were used for plowing, pulling up tree stumps, pulling wagons, etc. the trace chains or tugs as they were sometimes known as were attached to the hames which were in turn secured to the collar around the draft animal's neck.

The traces/tugs then ran along each side of the work animal's sides and were attached to the singletree behind the animal and ultimately hooked to the plow, wagon, etc. In case there were two animals providing the source of power each animal had a singletree behind it and then the singletrees attached to a doubletree and then attached to the work. So, long story short, if the work animal was in "the traces" he or she was ready for work.

Now I would like to re-

view the reasons for writing this column. Less than 2% of the people in the United States are involved in the production of agricultural products. These are the agricultural products that help to feed, clothe, provide shelter, and produce energy for a high percentage of our citizens in addition to much of the world.

We are all consumers of these essential products, so it is important that as many people as possible have some knowledge and understanding of the workings of agriculture. I am attempting to pass along that knowledge with this column. Writing this column also gives me the opportunity to sneak in some personal thoughts every now and then. I know that someone who writes for a newspaper is supposed to be unbiased, but I'm not. Obviously, I am an amateur writer who has spent a lifetime involved in several

phases of agriculture and also served as a high school agricultural science teacher/FFA adviser for 34 years. I am not unbiased when it comes to agriculture and old-fashioned ideals.

So, I want this week's column to prime your thoughts about the importance of agriculture to our lives, nation and world.

Every type of product is influenced by so many things. Just one example would be the way that the U.S. economy and our citizens' lives have been affected by one tiny automobile part that is produced by China. Supply and demand rules our lives when it comes to prices, quality and availability; and sadly enough there are many times when that supply and demand have intentionally influenced humans to their benefit.

Agriculture probably has less of this intentional influence than most businesses/industries, at least primary influence. Some of agriculture's influence factors cannot be manipulated by humans — such as drought. Without precipitation seed germination is affected, if it does germinate the plant

growth is limited and thus quantity and quality of the fruit decreases.

Droughty conditions also contribute to grass fires. This year anyone who lives in or produces agricultural products in Texas has had to deal with lack of rain and its effect on crops along with grass fires. My first week back I just wanted to try and get people started thinking about the importance of agriculture and how many outside influences there are in producing our products. We'll continue this topic next time.

PERSONAL THOUGHTS

Now for the personal thoughts that I promised you. What has happened to the state of Texas and even more to the state of humans? I was driving down Highway 287 Monday and spotted smoke along the road, just doing what I was trained to do by the example set for me as "kid." I turned around at the closest crossover and went back to help. As I got back to the smoke, of course there was a fire. It hadn't gotten big yet but was moving in that direction. I'm sure not

"tooting my own horn," but myself and one other man stopped to try to put out the fire. Neither one of us was very well prepared. His fire extinguisher didn't work, and all I had in the back of my truck for firefighting equipment was a shovel and hoe (where was my five-gallon bucket of water and wet tow sack). Luckily enough the fire department showed up and snuffed out the fire before it got bigger and out of hand.

Here's my question and concern: There were easily 100 vehicles that passed by in those five minutes, and two of us stopped to help. That's not the Texas that I grew up in and I don't care for what has become of it. What has happened to the "pitch in and make a hand" way of life that we once had? Instead, we've got people speeding by not even noticing what's happening or they just slow down to look and wonder and/or just point while going on about "their" business. To quote my folks and the other people I grew up around, "make a hand!" Folks, we have work to do.

Until next time.

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private property near Tolar. Derr said he needed to take more time to recover from the trauma of his daughter's death.

"We would have loved for him to stay, but I think anybody with children understands the position that he's in after losing his daughter," she said.

In February 2021, Miller

announced that Salazar was appointed as the police chief, according to a previous article in the Epigraph. Salazar had been serving as the interim chief since October 2020 following former chief Tony Motley's resignation.

Salazar has more than 20 years of law enforcement experience. He joined the Springtown Police Depart-

ment in 2012 and has served as a patrol officer, investigator, sergeant, lieutenant, interim police chief on two occasions and police chief.

Miller's background is in law enforcement, and Derr said he has experience being an interim police chief and city administrator.

"It's not something that he's unfamiliar with," Derr

said while also recognizing the challenge of handling both roles. "He's lucky in that he's got a very good command staff at the police department that he can depend on for a lot of the supervision and other administrative needs."

More details about Springtown's search for a new police chief are expected to be

available after Thursday's city council meeting. So far, the job has not been posted, and there are no candidates for the position, Derr said. The city council is expected to meet in executive session, which is closed to the public, to seek the advice of the city attorney regarding the police chief. The council is also slated to discuss or act

on this topic in open session.

Derr said there won't be an impact on public safety during this interim period. The police department is functioning as usual. Miller has made himself available to police staff, and he has regular contact with the police department's lieutenant and sergeants.

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Obituaries

Perry Neal Hall

1932-2022

On Saturday, the 16th of July 2022, Perry Neal Hall of Weatherford, Texas, passed away peacefully and joined the Lord our Savior in heaven. He was 89 years old.

Mr. Hall was born in Chico, Texas on the 18th day of December 1932 to parents, Forrest Leslie Hall and Ptelea Poteet Hall. Mr. Hall was a gospel preacher and life-long member of the Church of Christ. He proclaimed the gospel with great zeal for over 50 years. He married his high school sweetheart, Eva Laree Hartsell on August 10, 1951 and they were married 67 wonderful years.

Perry's hobbies included wood working, photography, running a printing press, camping and public speaking, for which he received many awards. Mr. Hall was a shining example of God's love in that he touched so many lives during his time on earth. Though he is gone in body, his influence lives on in all those souls he touched and led to Christ.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Forrest and Ptelea Hall; his wife, Eva Laree Hall; his son, David Hall; his brothers, Forrest Leslie Hall, Jr., Keith Hall and Ralph Hall; and his sisters, Eola Rhine and Oleta Lambert.

Those left behind to cherish his memory are his daughter, Cathy Allison and husband Ricky of Sulphur Springs; his son, Alan Hall and wife Magali of Weatherford; his daughter-in-law's, Kanetha Hicks of Spring-



town and Karen Hall of Austin; his grandchildren, Tiffany Brown, Heather Bell, Alexander Hall, Michelle Hall, Brent Allison, Amber Chauncey and Ryan Allison; numerous great-grandchildren and other family members.

The family wishes to thank Autumn Hill Manor & College Park Rehab and Care Center.

Funeral service was held 1 p.m. Friday, July 22, 2022 at Hawkins Funeral Home Chapel in Bridgeport with burial to follow in Thomas Cemetery. Brandon Bell and Chad Chauncey will officiate.

Pallbearers included Brent Allison, Hayden Allison, Ryan Allison, Robert Brown, Chad Chauncey, and Alex Hall.

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John William Hall

1937-2022

John William Hall, 84, went home to be with his Lord and Savior, Thursday, July 21, 2022 in Springtown.

Funeral was 10 a.m., Tuesday, July 26 at Alexander's Midway, Springtown. Visitation: 6-8 p.m., Monday at the funeral home. Burial: New Hope Cemetery, Boyd.

John was born Aug. 4, 1937 in Reno to Ray Dillard and Dela (Sisk) Hall. He was a life long member of the Springtown Community. John was a deacon of New Hope Baptist Church. In 1955 he married the love of his life, Bette Haugen, they were married for 65 years and had four children together. They opened their hearts and home to many teenagers and children in need. Later in life they adopted four of their own grandchildren. John was a giving man with a big heart.

He was preceded in death by both parents, his wife,



Bette (Haugen) Hall, son, Johnny Joe Hall, son-in-law, Mike Lesko, grandson, Joshua Hall, brother, Jack Hall, and sister, Dorothy Wrinkle.

Survivors: Son, Ray Hall and wife, Paula; daughters, Lyni Weaver and Robin Smith and husband, Brad; sister, Bonnie Henry and husband, Bill; 19 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; one great great grandchild and extended family and friends.

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Betty Green

1942-2022

Betty Green, 79, passed away Monday July 25, 2022 in Glen Rose.

Visitation is from 9-10:30 a.m. Friday July 29, White's Funeral Home, Springtown, Texas.

Graveside service is at 11 a.m. Friday at Veal Station Cemetery.

Betty was born Nov. 3, 1942 in Fort Worth; daughter of Roger and Bonnie Latham.

She is preceded in death by her parents, husband, Leeroy Green, and son, Kenneth Green.

Survivors include her daughter, Eva Sitton and husband, Robert of Granbury; grandson, Robert Lee



Sitton and wife Madison of Texarkana; granddaughter, Tiffany DJ Hau and husband Hoklan of Madison, Wisconsin; and eight great-grandchildren.

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Is it time for fireworks for personal use to go up in smoke?

One of the great traditions of the Fourth of July is fireworks.

Going to a parade or spending the afternoon grilling hot dogs and eating watermelon is fun but the most exciting part of the Fourth comes later in the day. Come dark, folks get together to watch and listen to an explosive demonstration of our patriotism.

Observers spend a great deal of time seeking the perfect location from which to watch the demonstration, sometimes strategically placing chairs or vehicles as early as midafternoon to reserve their spot for the show that night. Just prior to its commencement, people spread out blankets, set up lawn chairs or sit on the back of a truck. Friends and neighbors sit and converse as darkness falls, impatiently waiting for the thunder of explosions and for the sky to become illuminated.

There is something satisfying about the “ooooos” and “ahhhhhhs” released by the audience as each shell explodes. Being colorblind, I always hated I could not distinguish the different colors of the explosions — but I could still appreciate their beauty and majesty. The echoing sounds and sights continue until they conclude in a grand finale that lights up the sky from one horizon to the other.



FROM MY FRONT PORCH

By Sam Houston

Sam Houston is a syndicated columnist and newspaper executive. He is also an author, actor, playwright and entertainment producer/promoter.

I hope community firework displays never stop. They are an expensive proposition for the civic organizations and municipalities that present them, but I think it is something folks believe is worthwhile to continue. After all, fireworks displays are an instrumental part of the Fourth of July tradition.

On the other hand, isn't it about time we stop selling fireworks for personal use?

I am for individual freedom as much as the next Texan, but why the heck are fireworks even legal to sell or possess? As is the case most years, the explosion of fireworks comes with a risk of kindling a fire that could create significant damage, endangering property and lives. Every year, emergency rooms handle cases involving burns, missing appendages, and even death, all because unknowledgeable users improperly set off fireworks.

In urban settings, when fireworks are set off, it can cause a huge amount of discomfort to pets and surrounding neighbors.

As a boy, I remember getting a package of “Black

Cats” and removing the gunpowder from the firecrackers and placing it in a small medicine bottle. I placed my homemade bomb in a metal model car, lit the fuse and stepped back a few feet to watch the toy blow up. When the bomb went off, it sounded like a cannon and blew the car into tiny pieces. One of those pieces struck me on my right forearm, and I still carry the scar today. My arm bled profusely, and I had a lot of explaining to do with my folks. It could have been much worse; it could have just as easily been an eye. I was maybe 10 and thought fireworks were fun. After that day, I appreciated the damage they could cause.

The personal use of fireworks is too risky for the community at large. Sometimes individual pleasure must be weighed against the potential harm to others. Isn't it time we simply said, “No more?”

Thought for the day: Fireworks can make us both happy and sad. It depends if we are talking about fireworks in the sky or fireworks with another.

Until next time.

BE a blessing

It was July 28, 1982. I had just finished my second year of college and was home for the summer in Andrews, Texas.

The First Baptist Church of Seminole — just 28 miles away — was having revival services with a different guest preacher and soloist each night. I happened to be the guest soloist that night. I can't remember the first couple of songs I sang before the sermon, but after the sermon I was to sing one more.

I also can't remember what I had planned to sing, but when I sat down at the piano I had the overwhelming sense — unlike any such sense I had ever experienced at the ripe old age of 20 — that I was supposed to sing a particular song by Keith Green.

For anyone unfamiliar with that name, he was an amazing Christian artist whose songs powerfully influenced the lives of many people (particularly in my age group) in that time period.

The song was “Make My Life A Prayer to You,” from which came the title of his 1978 album, “No Compromise.”

Some of the lyrics: *Make my life a prayer to You I wanna do what you want me to No empty words and no white lies*



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.

No token prayers no compromise

I wanna shine the light You gave

Through Your Son You sent to save us

From ourselves and our despair

It comforts me to know You're really there

I wanna thank you now

For being patient with me

Oh it's so hard to see

When my eyes are on me ...

The next day I learned that Keith Green and 10 other people had been killed in a plane crash the day I had sung his song.

I've sung that song many times in many places in the past 40 years and I always remember those circumstances. I've also sung it many times alone and made it my own prayer: “Thank you, Lord, for being patient with me. Help me not be so focused on me. Help me shine Your light.”

This morning I thought of another song from the same album. Some of the lyrics from “Asleep in the Light” often refocus me:

Bless me, Lord. Bless me, Lord

You know it's all I ever hear

No one aches, no one hurts

No one even sheds one tear

But He cries, He weeps, He bleeds

And He cares for your needs

And you just lay back and keep soaking it in

Ouch!

So what triggered that memory this morning? I read Zechariah 8:13.

“Just as you, Judah and Israel, have been a curse among the nations, so I will save you, and YOU WILL BE A BLESSING. Do not be afraid, but let your hands be strong.” (emphasis mine)

The original context of this is obviously a message to a particular group of people, but I see in it a principle that is always true: Our blessings are never simply for our own benefit or enjoyment. They are for the transformation of our identity.

Any way God blesses us is for the purpose that we see ourselves as a blessing God gives to the world. When we are amazed by God and determine to join Him in His amazing activity in the world, we will be conduits — not reservoirs — of His blessing.

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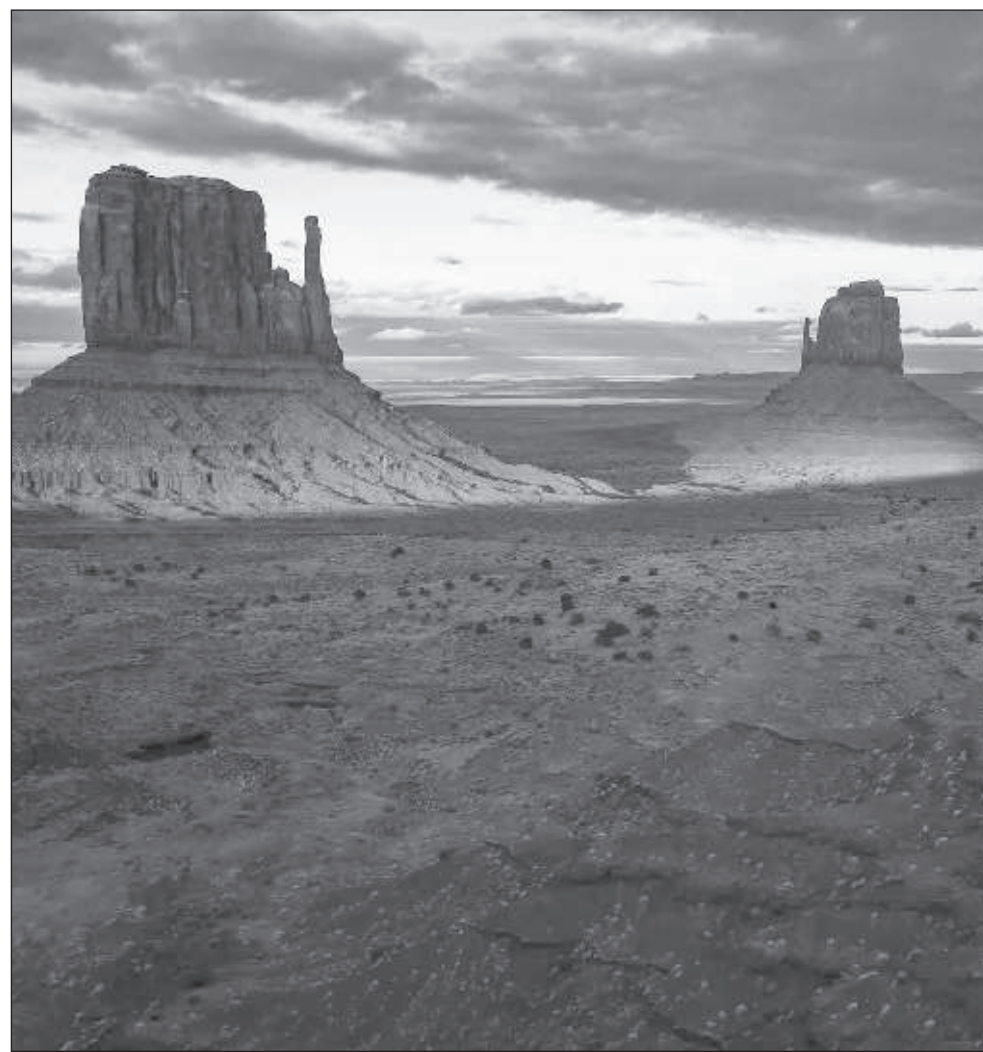
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ON FISHING

Dog days of summer presents a chance to do maintenance on equipment

The avid fisherperson is out early, and few will venture out mid-day. What can you do if you get some free time during this unreal blistering summer? One option is to get your fishing gear ready for when the weather will cooperate. If you fish for bass, stripers or whatever, I bet you may carry more rods and reels than you need and they all require some maintenance sooner or later. Good quality fishing gear is not cheap and is definitely worth taking care of. Taking care of your equipment will take care of you on the water.

One maintenance item is to check your fishing poles. The biggest problem with fishing poles is the guides. Guides can be nicked or bent, and if the fishing line is in contact with these damaged guides it will fray and eventually break. You don't want your line to break when that fish decides to



ON FISHING

By Michael Acosta

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

bite. Check your line frequently and if you notice a frayed line, check the guides closely. New braided line can pick up dirt and actually groove the top guide on the pole. Use replacement guides made of silicon carbide that are extremely hard and resistant to damage.

Cleaning and servicing a fishing reel can be complicated on some baitcasting models. Little springs and plastic sleeves easily get lost. Parts will fall out and you may not be sure what order to put them back together again. Start your work with the manufacturer's manual/parts list/drawing and have a clean workspace that will

allow parts to fall where you can find them. Also a good set of small tools is recommended. If you feel uncomfortable with servicing your own equipment, take your reels to a qualified repairman.

Sand, grit and dirt are your enemies. The performance of your equipment will definitely be better with your reels clean. One small grain of sand can disable an audible click alarm. As you take apart your reels, clean the outer surface with soap and water. Internal parts can be cleaned or rinsed in a mild solvent or WD-40. Dry the internal parts with a lint-free rag/cloth and grease

with the manufacturer's recommended grease/oil. This is usually light grease or oil that won't interfere with the equipment's operation and won't cake up in the winter. Light liquid oil is used on reel handles and other parts that turn/move. Some reels use light oil everywhere.

If you notice any damaged or worn parts, replace them. Common problems on baitcasting reels include bent handles, worn drag parts, and dirt in the pawl on the level wind. On spinning reels, the biggest problem is with worn bail rollers where the line comes off the spool. If you are not going to use your reels for a while, back off the drag to minimize stress on the drag parts. If you happen to need parts, be prepared to order these parts and they may take several days to receive.

Keep your reels free of moisture as best as you can, as moisture is probably the

No. 1 cause of damage (corrosion). Saltwater requires special care and special equipment that is resistant to corrosion. Serious saltwater anglers have to do much more maintenance on their equipment if they expect it to last. Remember the Brazos River has a high salt content as well and will rust anything that comes in contact with it — including

reels. If you don't have the time to work on your equipment, grease and clean where you can and periodically take your equipment to a qualified service. I like to lubricate my reels each time I replace the line. That is probably more than is needed, but this forces me to get it done and I usually don't forget.

FISHING REPORT

Pray for rain. Lake Granbury water levels are approximately two feet low and falling. Water temperatures are in the upper 80s to low 90s. The water is hot. Lake Granbury sand bass and small stripers continue to be good to excellent most days. Schooling fish are surfacing generally real early and late near Indian Harbor and near DeCordova. Crappies are good to excellent on small minnows and jigs fished near submerged timber and bridge pilings. Catfish are good on cut bait fished near creek entrances and in the back of sloughs.

On other reservoirs, Lake Whitney is reporting limits of striped bass to 10 pounds plus on the lower end of the lake on live bait. Possum Kingdom Lake continues to boast on big striped bass on live bait and trolled jigs.

BOOK REVIEW

The thrilling secrets of dancer, singer and spy – Josephine Baker

BY TERRI SCHLICHENMEYER

Buttoned up, lips sealed, under wraps. The secret's safe with you.

No matter how others beg, tease, or try to trick you into telling, you can hold something on the Q.T. until the day you die. You're trustworthy, dependable, discreet, and you don't blab. People admire that and seek you out. And as in the new book "Agent Josephine: American Beauty, French Hero, British Spy" by Damien Lewis, they might kill you for it.

When Josephine Macdonald was a small child in St. Louis, Missouri, she grew to understand that her mother resented her for merely being born. Though Carrie Carson worked hard to keep the family fed, there was never enough money so little Josephine proudly contributed to the family by working as a maid and by dancing and street-performing for coins. That made her happi-

est. Later, after she realized that she could actually make a living performing, she found stage work but Jim Crow laws were a constant in her life. Believing that leaving America was her best option, she headed for Europe in the 1920s, where she knew that racism wasn't as entrenched.

Alas, most European countries were not welcoming, either. Everywhere but in France, she was looked upon with disgust. And so, says Lewis, Josephine married a Frenchman, took his last name, relinquished her American citizenship, and gave France her heart.

In the later part of the 1930s, when it became obvious that Hitler and the Nazis were becoming dangerous to the rest of Europe and to the world, authorities began looking for what they called "Honorary Correspondents" to help collect covert information and to pass messages. "HCs" possessed intelli-

gence. They were calm and patriotic people of means. With her star power and her people skills, Josephine Baker was considered immediately; officials were surprised when they interviewed her to find that she was "a natural."

And so Josephine became a spy, fighting the Nazis until danger made her temporarily flee to a small village in France. In a chateau there, waiting word from her associates, was "the world's most famous woman of colour, who hungered to fight."

The very first thing you'll notice about "Agent Josephine" is that it's a brick. That should alert you immediately to what's in store for you: author Damien Lewis dives deep.

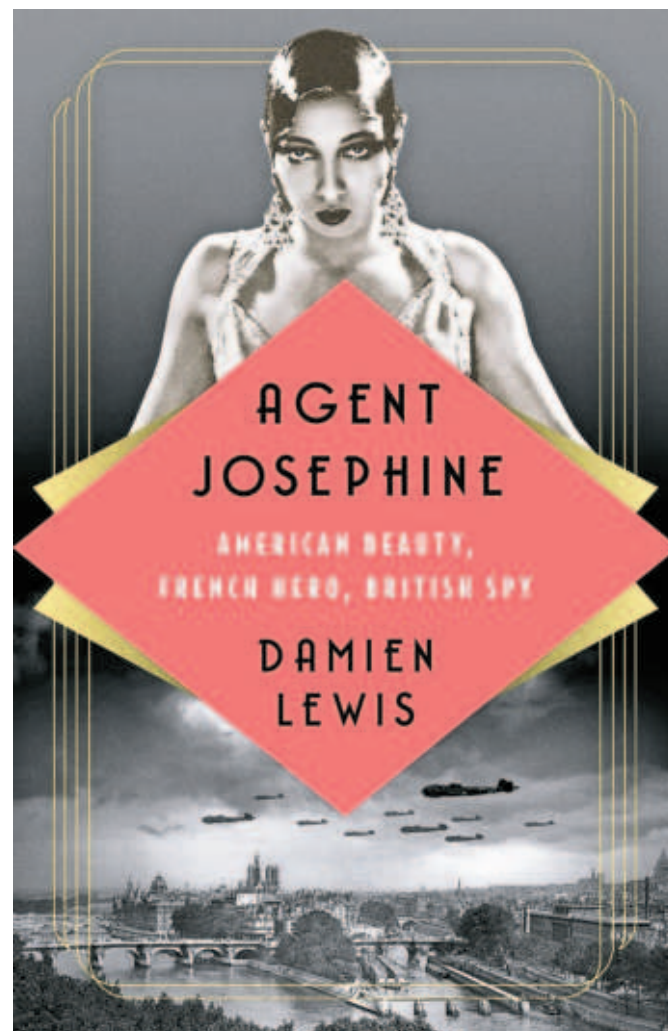
In his introduction, he explains what spurred him to write this book and the turns his research took, from America to Europe and into the darkest of corners of nearly-century-old history.

There are jaw-droppers in what he found, and questions that still remain classified. Readers can take that as an alert, too: there's a lot of European history to unpack to get to the biography for which you grabbed this book. Baker's story is there, but it's eked out amid a long, complicated story of World War II espionage, and a more-than-basic knowledge of Europe, 1933-1945, is a must.

Without it, you may flail — although a love of a good spy story could redeem this book for fans of thrillers. If that's you, there's no need to keep "Agent Josephine" under wraps.

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Sound of Springtown takes synchronized steps to success

BY JEFF PRINCE
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Operation Dot was a triumph despite an engineering miscalculation caused by a crisis.

A dozen members of the Sound of Springtown marching band showed up at the high school at 7:30 on a recent morning to paint orange dots – about 600 of them - spaced with precision on the parking lot outside the band hall.

The reference dots help the band members practice their marching steps.

“When we learn our sets, we have these dots to help us with our spacing and whatnot,” said Benjamin Cannon, a drum major.

Spray cans of Rust-Oleum in bright orange made the dots easy to see against the black asphalt. The fabricated forms made measuring a breeze.

“It helps us with spacing,” Cannon said.

Work had begun early before temperatures hit the 100-degree mark, and the kids were enjoying a slight breeze that made the work almost pleasant.

“It’s a lot of bending over, but it’s not real difficult,” Cannon said. “Just moving around some wood is all.”

Everything was going fine.

Until it wasn’t.

Mackenzie Paseka’s fingers were dripping with paint, some of which ended up in her mouth. She wondered whether Rust-Oleum was harmful if swallowed. While she searched for a warning label, the others debated her prospects, up to and including death.

“This is the end,” one suggested.

Paseka wasn’t convinced. Not much paint had gone in

her mouth.

“I think I’m fine,” she said. “If I can survive band camp, I can survive this.”

Amidst the crisis, the kids had become distracted. They placed the two-by-fours incorrectly. Spacing between the dots went awry. About a dozen had been painted erroneously.

Schools are for learning, and this was a school parking lot. The kids put on their thinking caps, found a can of paint remover and sprayed over the dots. This solution didn’t work well since the orange paint was still wet. So, the kids redonned their thinking caps, found a can of black paint and covered up their mistakes.

Problem solved.

Band director Scot McPhetridge was satisfied. He was proud of the kids for rising early during summer vacation and volunteering to work on a hot day.

“They did a pretty good job,” he said. “We will be able to use (the dots) to set our shapes pretty quickly, get our look refined, get it all learned, get it in their feet and get it on the field. It will be a big help.”

McPhetridge and other band staff were preparing to attend a convention for the rest of the week. Spray painting hundreds of dots in a parking lot takes time, and so the director had group-texted some of his student leaders for help.

“We needed to get it done,” McPhetridge said.

Summer band camp began this week, and those dots needed to be painted and dried beforehand.

Mission accomplished - for now.

By September, the dots will be faded and ready for a fresh coat.



Aaron Martin is an accomplished dot maker.



Mackenzie Paseka looks for a warning label.



From left, Aaron Martin and Karina Cox move their form to a new spot to help them paint dots in the parking lot.

Photos by Jeff Prince



Springtown volleyball athlete wins preseason award

STAFF REPORTS

The Springtown volleyball team is preparing for the upcoming season, and one of its players is receiving kudos before the first ace has been slammed.

VYPE Media, an online magazine that distributes scores, news and images for amateur sports, con-

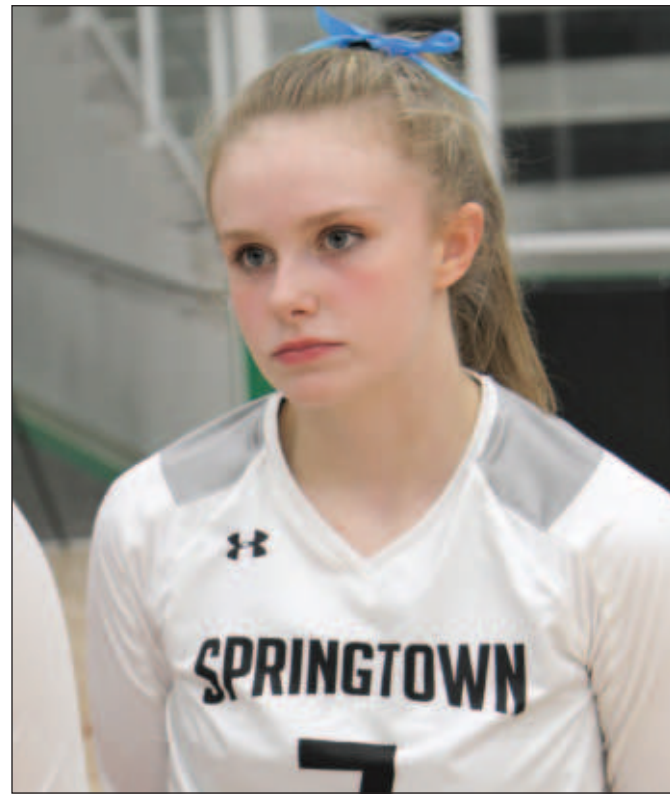
ducted a survey to determine its DFW Preseason Public School Libero of the Year.

Springtown's Sterlyn Smith earned the honor after receiving 15% of the votes cast.

Others receiving votes included Jasmine Quinn, Crowley, 12%; Adamari

Hernandez, Frisco, 11%; Kylie Ramirez, South Grand Prairie, 10%; McKenna Brand, Lucas Lovejoy, 10%; McKenna Gildon, Frisco Liberty, 9%; Brooke Rifkin, Richardson, 8%; and Ryan Henderson, Mesquite, 8%.

Votes were cast by fans online.



Springtown High School volleyball athlete Sterlyn Smith, a junior, was named Preseason Libero of the Year.

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Clams and Shellfish

Seashells you find on the beach were once homes to small, soft-bodied creatures called mollusks. Hard shells protect the soft bodies inside. When the mollusk dies, its shell washes up on shore.

Mammoth Mollusk
 The giant clam can weigh 440 pounds (200kg) or more! When healthy, they can live up to 100 years.

Long ago, people thought giant clams could eat people. The truth is that a clam moves its shell way too slowly to trap a person inside. Circle every other letter to see what giant clams eat.

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Mollusks and Their Shells

Do the math to label each of these shells.

| | |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| 3 + 3 + 4 = Clam | 15 + 6 + 7 = Triton |
| 17 + 2 + 3 = Oyster | 11 + 11 + 7 = Whelk |
| 15 + 5 + 7 = Periwinkle | 3 + 6 + 6 = Cowrie |
| 9 + 2 + 2 = Cone | 14 + 1 + 6 = Nautilus |

Standards Link: Life Science: Animals have unique structures that aid in survival.

Mollusks with shells keep them their whole lives. But not all mollusks have shells. Unscramble the letters to discover a familiar mollusk that doesn't have a shell.

U S T O P C O

How to Build a Shell

A few days after baby mollusks hatch from tiny eggs, they start building their shells, layer after layer.

They mix salt and minerals from the sea with other ingredients from their own bodies to build their shells.

When a mollusk grows, it needs a bigger shell. That's no problem! A mollusk adds to its shell every day.

Scientists can tell the age of a mollusk by counting a shell's rings!

Finders Keepers

When a mollusk dies, its soft body disappears but its shell remains. Sometimes other animals, like hermit crabs, move in. Other empty shells wash up on the beach.

Pretty Irritating

When a bit of sand gets inside an oyster shell, it scratches and bothers the oyster. To protect itself, the oyster covers the sand with the minerals it uses to make its shell. Over time, it forms something that humans use for jewelry. Unscramble the letters to find out what it is.

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Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow written directions.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

How many clam shells can you find? Have a friend try, too. Who found the most?

Double Double Word Search

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

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Standards Link: Letter sequencing; Recognize identical words; Skim and scan reading; Recall spelling patterns.

Kid Scoop Together

How Many Seashell Facts Do You Know?

Read each statement and choose. Then check your answer by doing the math. A true statement will have a math problem that adds up to an even number. If the math problem adds up to an odd number, that statement is false.

- Seashells were the first money! A small white shell called a cowrie was once used as money worldwide.
 TRUE FALSE
 $6 + 10 + 4 =$
- The ancient Greeks used crushed seashells to clean their teeth.
 TRUE FALSE
 $9 + 9 + 4 =$
- A giant clam can kill people.
 TRUE FALSE
 $7 + 3 + 9 =$
- A shell's color is determined by the food the animal eats and things in the water where it lives.
 TRUE FALSE
 $6 + 10 + 4 =$
- Conch shells have been used as trumpets by people for thousands of years.
 TRUE FALSE
 $8 + 8 + 8 =$
- The official name of a shell collector is a "conchologist."
 TRUE FALSE
 $14 + 2 + 2 =$
- Clams have no eyes, ears, or noses, so they cannot see, hear, or smell.
 TRUE FALSE
 $16 + 7 + 3 =$
- The giant clam can live more than 100 years.
 TRUE FALSE
 $13 + 13 + 2 =$
- Giant clams can snap their shells closed very quickly.
 TRUE FALSE
 $11 + 1 + 1 =$

Standards Link: Math: Calculate sums and differences up to 30.

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Game: What's Missing?

Cut out a newspaper photo. Then cut out a piece of that photo. Give the picture with the missing piece to a friend and have them ask you "yes or no" questions to figure out what is missing.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow written directions.

Write On! Shell Story

While walking on the beach, you find an unusual seashell. Write a paragraph describing it and whether you will keep it or throw it back into the ocean.



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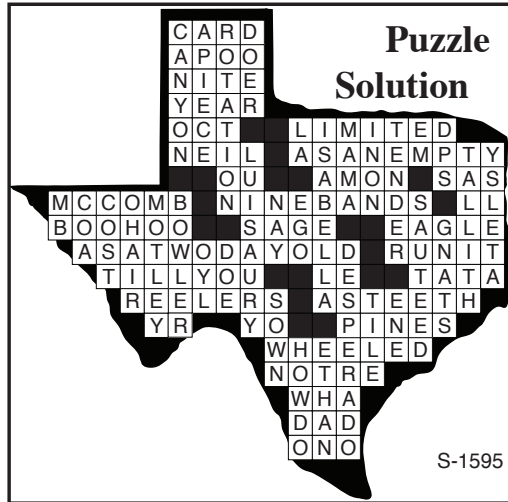
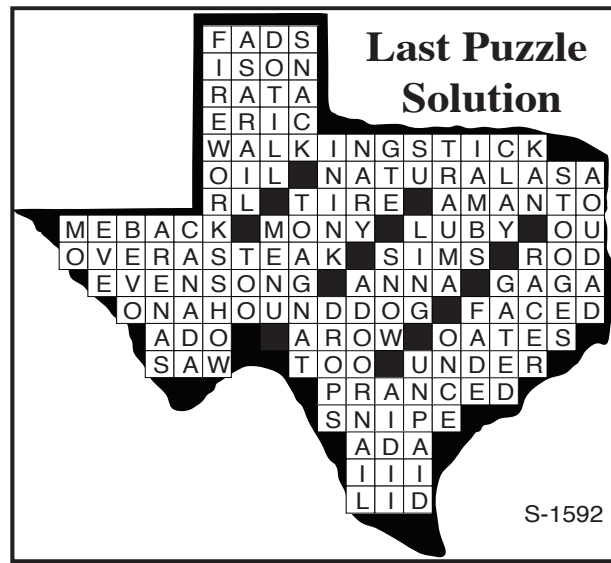
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- a brother of George W. and Jeb Bush
- TXism: "light _____ egg shell"
- UT opponent in the "Red River Shootout" in Fort Worth: "_____ Carter Museum of American Art"
- shoemaker in the Alamo City
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- Texas armadillos generally have _____ of armor
- TX Sissy Spacek played this Loretta in a 1960 film (init.)
- crying sound
- old wise person
- _____ Pass, TX
- TXism: "weak _____ kitten"
- TXism: "_____ by a lawyer" (finalize)
- TXism: "don't cross the river ' _____ come to it"
- Joan Crawford was born in Texas as Lucille Fay _____ Sueur

DOWN

- British goodbye (hyph.)
- fishermen with rods?
- TXism: "hard _____ enamel"
- 365 days (abbr.)
- cowboy song: "whoopie ti-yi-____, get along little doggies . . ."
- "Lake O' The _____"
- a motorcycle is a two-_____ vehicle
- _____ Dame University
- "he's _____ it" (involved)
- "_____ Mercies" film was written by TX Horton Foote
- "Gig ' _____ Aggies!"
- law enforcement agcy. in Texas
- first governor of Galveston (2 wds.)
- Jewish prayer shawl
- "_____ Mission" in El Paso
- board game manufacturer (abbr.)
- appellate court in Texas (abbr.)
- TXism: "_____ an arm and a leg"
- fried quickly in a little hot fat
- flyng annoyances
- TX Duvall was Olive _____ in "Popeye"
- female deer
- TX Don Henley sang this hit
- the seed has been _____
- kitchen floor surface
- dir. from Coleman to Comanche
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