

Started from the bottom

Ashley Juarez talks about her career at Comet Cleaners

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Not everyone can say that their first job is also their current job. Ashley Juarez is one of those few.

Juarez, who was raised in Springtown and is a Springtown High School alumna, started working at the Springtown Comet Cleaners when she was 14 years old. Her mother, Nancy Brandon, has been working in the dry cleaning and laundry industry since she was 18 years old. Juarez's mom moved to Springtown in the 1980s, worked at the Comet Cleaners and then bought the store in 2003 when Juarez was a sophomore in high school.

Juarez said her mom operated the cleaners while her dad, Clark Brandon, who died in 2012, served as the face of the business and

interacted with the public. Her mother still works at the cleaners to this day.

"She basically showed me everything I know," Juarez said about her mother. "I was born into it. I remember being a little girl going up while she was working and pretending that I was doing stuff. It's just carried on."

In 2017, Juarez took over the family business. When she worked at the store as a teen, she handled customer service at the counter. She worked about 15 hours a week and earned minimum wage, even while her parents owned the store.

"I started from the bottom and worked my way up," Juarez said.

Something that people who haven't worked at a dry-cleaning business may not know is that the job is hard work and fast-paced, Juarez

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Welcome to Hogwarts

POOLVILLE HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER BRINGS WIZARDING WORLD TO HER CLASSROOM



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Madison Bobo's classroom at Poolville High School is filled with references to the Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry as well as other parts of the Wizarding World, including banners with the sigils of each Hogwarts house, wooden chairs and tables with lanterns reminiscent of the films, wallpaper that looks like a brick wall, a mystical-looking door and other on-theme knickknacks.

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Madison Bobo just started teaching this year, and she already has the classroom of her dreams.

Bobo, who is an alumna of Tarleton State University and Springtown High School, teaches ninth and 10th grade English/language arts at Poolville High School. Before the students arrived for the first day of school, her classroom was decked out in décor from the Harry Potter book and film series.

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theme knickknacks.

"I hate white walls, and if I hate white walls, you got to know that the students hate white walls, too," Bobo said.

She called herself "an absolute Harry Potter nerd" and said she wants her classroom to be a welcoming place where students can learn but not be too stressed.

After the school year had started, Bobo said students loved her classroom and commented on how inviting and comfortable the room was.

Bobo's favorite part of the classroom is the reading corner, which includes an antique couch and two high-back red chairs – which resemble the ones in the Gryffindor common room from the movies – in a corner of her room. Students can use the area to read or do homework.

Bobo noted that she didn't decorate the classroom by herself; she had the help of

her parents and her significant other. It took them about three weeks, working all day, to complete Bobo's vision of the room.

"My mom and my dad both, they worked just as hard as I did, if not harder," Bobo said. "They made me things. They were there with me each day, especially my mom."

Her mother, Karen Bobo, took Madison's ideas for the classroom and formed design plans with Madison's approval. From there, they made and bought items for the classroom. She described Madison as the director and editor of the project while Madison's dad helped with any needed muscle or handyman work.

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Karen Bobo already had

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SISD trustees hear accountability scores, adopt tax rate, budget

BY DON MUNSCH
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Springtown ISD received a C score from the Texas Education Agency's accountability ratings that were released last week.

The scores were discussed at the Springtown ISD board meeting Monday night. Individual campuses received a letter grade:

- Goshen Creek Elementary School: B
- Springtown Elementary School: B
- Reno Elementary School: B
- Reno Intermediate School: Not Rated
- Springtown Middle School: B
- Springtown High School: C

TEA's website stated that to align with Senate Bill 1365, a "Not Rated" label is used

when the domain or overall scaled score is less than 70." The intermediate school received a 61.

Trustees also heard about enrollment, that SISD now has nearly 4,100 students, and trustees also approved adopting the fiscal year 2022-23 budget and tax rate. The general fund approved budget was \$41,264,931, which is \$2,899,649 more than last year. The approved tax rate was \$1.143171 per \$100 valuation. Broken down that is .9429 for maintenance and operations and .200271 for debt service. Last year's tax rate was \$1.1432.

Enrollments for the schools are:
Springtown High School: 1,181
Springtown Middle School: 621
Springtown Intermediate School: 611
Springtown Elementary School: 670
Reno Elementary School: 362
Goshen Creek Elementary School: 647

Reno City Council member, former mayor Randy Martin dies

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Reno City Council member Granville "Randy" Martin III died last week after a battle with liver cancer.

He died Aug. 17. He was 65.

Martin served as mayor in 2007, and he had been on city council multiple times, including as mayor pro tem. "Councilman Granville 'Randy' Martin was a great debater and storyteller, a strong advocate for what he believed in and above all a loving family man," Reno Mayor Sam White said.

"Randy brought wisdom and knowledge to our city council and to our city and we are all better for having known him. Our thoughts and prayers are with his wife, family and numerous friends at this time. He will be missed."

City Administrator Scott Passmore, who remembers being hired by Martin, also said Martin will be missed and that he considered Martin as more of a friend than an elected official. Passmore credited Martin for helping put together

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Granville "Randy" Martin III



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some decorating experience under her belt before this project was started.

"Years ago, I used to do murals for daycares," she said. "I'm very crafty. And she's crafty, and it just kind of comes together."

All except one of the tables in the classroom was donated to Madison Bobo, and the price on the table that wasn't donated was marked down because of her status as a new teacher working on a project, she said.

Karen Bobo said one of the most hectic parts of the project was when they hustled to pick up the donated furniture from various parts of Fort Worth, North Richland Hills and Grapevine.

"It took us three and a half days to get everything that was either priced down dramatically or donated," she said.

Madison Bobo also said she received donations via her Amazon wish list. In total, she said her classroom project cost her over \$1,000, but she said it was "completely

worth it." She thanked those who donated to this project and praised Poolville ISD staff and administration for their encouragement.

Karen Bobo's favorite part of the project was watching her daughter put together the classroom of her dreams.

"It's like her opening Christmas gifts," Karen Bobo said. "Just watching her beam every time something came about that was perfectly what she had in mind, watching her glow."

Karen Bobo said she is "extremely proud" of her daughter.

"Everything that she can give those students, she'll give them 100%," she said.

Madison Bobo was inspired to be a teacher by her former teachers.

"The feeling of being loved by a teacher and supported by a teacher - there's nothing like it," she said. "I just can't imagine being anywhere else because I've always known that I've wanted and wanted and wanted to support people and to love people, and that's exactly what I can get being a teacher."

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Former Parker County Hospital District Board member wins Advocate of the Year Award

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A former longtime Parker County Hospital District Board member won an award for his service to the hospital district.

Texas Healthcare Trustees recently presented Melvin Woody, who lives in Veal Station, with the Advocate of the Year Award, which is given to hospital board members who show "outstanding advocacy efforts on behalf of a hospital or health system," according to a news release.



Melvin Woody

Texas Healthcare Trustees is a statewide association, and its members represent Texas hospitals, health systems and 3,000 board members who govern those organizations, according to the news release.

Woody served on the Parker County Hospital District board from May 1994 to June 2021. He said he was humbled to win the award, which he credited to the teamwork of his fellow board members.

"My board was very instrumental in this, what I was able to do," Woody said. "It's not just what I did, but it's what the whole board was able to do together in cooperation and to make it work."

On the board, Woody helped with decision-making on multiple significant initia-

tives, such as when the district filed a bill in the Texas Legislature to hire physicians directly, which eventually became law. He also supported a state law that protected health care providers, schools and private businesses from COVID-19 lawsuits.

"It was just a wonderful protection for the people that were trying to save lives," Woody said about the COVID-19 lawsuit protection law.

The decision to lease the hospital to a third party in 2006 is what Woody described as his greatest achievement on the board.

"It's just unbelievable how much leasing the hospital has improved health care in Parker County," he said.

At the time, Campbell Health System in Weatherford was owned and operated by the hospital district.

Woody said the hospital was in bad financial condition with difficulty paying the bills before the leasing decision. The hospital also needed to make improvements so it could offer single-patient rooms with private bathrooms instead of two people per room with a shared bathroom. Woody said leasing the hospital was the best opportunity for the hospital to gain financial stability.

"We were going to be taken over by somebody if we



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didn't do that, so we had to do something. We could've sold the hospital, but it wouldn't have been a good thing for us to do that," he said. "But this way, when we leased the hospital then we have some oversight as to what happens with the hospital, not management but just general things. We've had wonderful cooperation with our people that lease the hospital."

The hospital was leased to Community Health Systems and became Weatherford Regional Health System.

It was later leased to HCA, becoming Medical City Weatherford, according to the news release.

Hospital District CEO Randy Bacus praised Woody's service on the board.

"It was a real pleasure working with Mr. Woody during his tenure on the Board of Directors of the Hospital District," Bacus said. "He brought wisdom and good judgment to the Board for 27 years. He was always highly respected by the other Board members. His leader-

ship proved to be invaluable during some very challenging times. He was always a gentleman. All of us at the Hospital District miss him and we wish him nothing but the best."

Woody said he liked how the board would work together. He wants to be remembered as someone who would support board decisions whether he won or lost his case.

"You would take a vote, and you might lose some; you might win some, but it's still a board decision.

And if the board decides that that's what they want to do, then you need to support the board," Woody said. "All those years, I lost many, many battles, but then also I was able to win some. Whatever happened, it worked out all right."

He continued, "You're not up there by yourself and you've got to cooperate with everybody else and always try to be friends with everybody and understand their side, and when you lose, you just lose and go on."

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Contents from the following tenants will be sold: Kaci Wampler, Chastity Holland, Debra Maness, Dewayne Webb, Joshua Callahn, Tyler Tripolone and Jennifer Pender

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Farmer's Almanac predicting a white winter; new CEO hired for ERCOT

FARMER'S ALMANAC PREDICTING A WHITE WINTER

As Texas gets at least a temporary reprieve this week from the heat, with a nice round of rain blanketing much of the state, the Old Farmer's Almanac is predicting January will bring significant snowfall to the state.

The periodical, founded in 1818, develops its extended forecast "using a 204-year-old mathematical formula focused on sunspot activity, planet positions and tidal actions of the moon." The almanac's website claims its forecasts are 80% to 85% accurate.

Since the secret formula was first developed by David Young, an astronomer and mathematician who was the almanac's first editor, only seven people have been hired to develop the weather predictions.

A meteorologist for the National Weather Service interviewed by the Austin American-Statesman casts a skeptical eye on the almanac's methods and predictions.

"There is little to no scientific evidence that sunspot activity and the position of planets have any impact on our weather and our cli-



CAPITOL HIGHLIGHTS

By Gary Borders

Gary Borders is a veteran award-winning Texas journalist. He published a number of community newspapers in Texas during a 30-year span, including in Longview, Fort Stockton, Nacogdoches and Cedar Park. gborders@texaspress.com.

mate," Keith White said. "A lot of the statements they use in terms of what they expect over the course of a season are very broad and can be applied kind of subjectively by people."

Neither the Almanac nor the weather service are predicting another Winter Storm Uri, which resulted in the deaths of at least 246 people in Texas in February 2021.

NEW CEO HIRED FOR ERCOT

The Electric Reliability Council of Texas, which drew scathing criticism for the massive power blackouts during Uri, has a new chief executive officer. The hiring of Pablo Vegas was approved by the Public Utility Commission, which oversees ERCOT.

Vegas currently serves as executive vice president of NiSource and group president, NiSource Utilities. He succeeds interim CEO Brad

Jones on Oct. 1.

After Uri, most of ERCOT's board resigned and its CEO was terminated. A number of reforms and protective measures have been implemented since Uri, though critics question whether the grid can withstand another storm of Uri's magnitude.

TEA RELEASES 2022 ACCOUNTABILITY RATINGS

The Texas Education Agency last week released the first A-F school accountability ratings for the first time since 2019, due to two years of the COVID-19 pandemic. The results show some improvement in grades, with 396 districts, or 33.1%, receiving an A rating. That was up from 301 getting the top grade in 2019.

Conversely, 16 districts got a failing grade, up from 14 in 2019. Among individual campuses, 2,356, or 27.9%, received the top grade, up

from 1,750 in 2019. The number of campuses that received an F totaled 188, less than half the 402 schools that failed the accountability ratings in 2019. The ratings are based on three domains: student achievement, school progress, and closing the gaps.

Visit TXschools.gov to find grades for all campuses and districts. Users can search for schools using an address and compare schools as well.

NORRIS FILMS PSAS FOR IWATCHTEXAS PROGRAM

Chuck Norris, the actor best known for "Walker, Texas Ranger," has filmed a public service announcement to publicize the IWatchTexas community reporting system. The partnership between communities and law enforcement is designed to make it easier for the public to report suspicious activity, from school safety-related threats to criminal acts or terrorism.

IWatchTexas is not designed to report emergencies, which should still be reported by calling 911. It is one of several initiatives taken after the Uvalde school shooting in May, which killed 19 students and two teachers.

In the PSA, Norris concludes by saying, "Whether it's criminal acts, terror threats, or someone wanting to harm children, if you see something, say something, and help keep communities in the great state of Texas safe."

JOB SURGE CONTINUES IN TEXAS

For the ninth consecutive month, Texas set new non-farm employment records, with 13.513 million Texans at work.

The state has added 736,700 jobs since July 2021, according to the Texas Workforce Commission. The jobless rate is now at 4.0%, its lowest reading since February 2020 — just before the pandemic shuttered businesses across the state.

"The decrease in the unemployment rate and growth in jobs is a testament to our innovative and resilient Texas employers," said TWC Commissioner Aaron Demerson.

The most growth was in education and health services, which gained 14,300 jobs over the month. The lowest jobless rates in metropolitan statistical areas were recorded in Amarillo and Austin-Round Rock, both at 3.1%. The highest rate

among MSAs at 8% was in McAllen-Edinburg-Mission.

ANTI-DRUNK DRIVING CAMPAIGN UNDERWAY

With school under way and the Labor Day holiday approaching, the Texas Department of Transportation has launched its Drive Sober No Regrets campaign, with stepped-up law enforcement efforts to arrest drunk drivers.

The state saw more than 25,000 DUI-alcohol related traffic crashes last year, resulting in 1,100 fatalities and 2,560 serious injuries, according to TxDOT.

COVID-19 CASES, HOSPITALIZATIONS DROP

The number of COVID-19 cases during the past week in Texas dropped to 59,059, according to the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University, a drop of 18.7%. The number of deaths reported stood at 223, up slightly from the previous week. The Texas Department of State Health Services reported 3,018 lab-confirmed COVID-19 hospitalizations as of Sunday, nearly even with last week's count.

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MARTIN

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the city's comprehensive plan, helping the city secure grants and codifying new ordinances.

Passmore said what he liked about Martin was his honesty.

"If you had a difference with Randy, if there was something that he didn't like that you were doing, at the end of that conversation there was always the feeling that you knew where you were at with him," he said.

Passmore continued, "Me and him together never left each other mad when it was over with, and we did have some differences."

In addition to being on council, Martin was also the owner of Just Right House Movers, LLC.

"He had a love and passion for house moving," according to his obituary submitted by his family. "However,

nothing compared to his love for his family, especially when it came to going to the movies and playing the Marble Game."

Former Reno mayor Lynda Stokes said despite their differences, Martin was a good man who cared about the city.

After everything is said and done, "Randy's heart was for the city and the citizens, and he was very much into what was legal and what wasn't," Stokes said. "He did a lot of good work for the city."

Stokes said Martin worked on Planning and Zoning Commission and helped with bringing the water department up to date.

"He'll be missed. I can't pick up the phone and say, 'Hey, Randy, I want to pick your brain,'" she said. "It's a big loss for all of us and to the council because of everyone sitting up there on council, Randy had the experience and the knowledge."

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Surprise: Daydream of Oreo cookie bliss tragically turns into story of shock and woe

The other day, I stopped by the neighborhood grocery store. My wife Teresa does our day-to-day grocery shopping but every now and then, I enjoy going to the store and picking up a few things.

I shopped around and selected snacks I wanted to take to the office. Many times, I work through lunch, and I like to keep some yogurt, fruit or some other snack on hand in case I get hungry.

I was ready to check out when I thought it would be good idea to call my wife and see if she needed anything before I headed home. No matter how good a shopper you are, things get forgotten, so I thought maybe my call might save her a trip to the store. Teresa responded she was good, except if I saw Oreo cookies, to pick some up. The shelves were empty of Oreos on her recent trip to the grocery and I learned our 4-year-old granddaughter has quite the passion for them.

Upon hearing the word "Oreo," my mind started to drift back to my youth. Oh, how I loved having a big stack of Oreos sitting in front of me with an ice-cold glass of milk strategically placed in the middle of the plate. I had mastered a technique where I would place the Oreo between my thumb and index finger and dunk the tasty treat beneath the surface of the milk for almost 40 seconds. This would allow the cookie to absorb a significant quantity of milk, thus softening its texture to the point of nearly falling apart. At the end of 40 seconds, I would lean over, toss the cookie in my mouth, and allow it to dissolve. It did not require chewing. One could simply savor the deliciousness and wash down the residue with a taste of cold milk.



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.

Even as an adult, there have been times when I would buy Oreos and spend the next couple of nights devouring cookies. I don't think I had purchased Oreos in the nearly four years of our marriage, but on that day, I loved the thought of it. I cruised the aisles of the store, found a bag of the legendary deliciousness, included a half gallon of milk to my purchase and checked out. I was very pleased I was getting some cookies my granddaughter would like, but frankly, my taste-buds were more focused on dining self-gratification. It had been a long time since I had eaten an Oreo.

My wife kept the granddaughter the next day, and they had a big time. They played games at the house, did art projects and then later went to the pool. Sometime during this process, Harper managed to get into the bag of Oreos. Mind you, at least in part, I did purchase them for her to enjoy.

That night, I came home late from work and was pooped from a long and arduous day. We ate dinner and watched TV, and then my sweet tooth hit. Oh, yeah, I had forgotten I had purchased Oreos and some milk the day before. Comfort food for sure! I walked into the kitchen, got a plate and a glass of milk, and reached in the Oreo bag to retrieve four or five cookies. Boy, oh boy, this was going to be satisfying!

I walked into the living room, sat down, looked down at my plate with keen anticipation, when I noticed something was terribly wrong! The Oreos did not look right. They were somehow thinner. Could this be the result of a change in the manufacturing process? Was it an attempt to alter a legendary product in the hopes of adding a few dollars to the bottom line? How could the company modify a legend like Oreos for the sake of profits? I then looked closer.

There was no icing in any of the cookies I had taken out of the bag. It had been licked off the cookie as precisely as if the work were done by a Swiss watch maker repairing a Rolex. Once the icing had been removed, the two cookie halves were stuck back together and evidently placed back in the cookie bag with a uniformity that no machine could match.

I had been fleeced! I believe in recycling, but not with my Oreos! Heavens knows my waistline didn't need them anyway. I had been hornswoogled by a 4-year-old, and I have a feeling it won't be the last time she gets the better of me.

Thought for the day: Cleaning your home while your kids are still growing up is a lot like shoveling the sidewalk when it is still snowing.

Until next time.

Does One Rainy Spell End a Drought?

When we last visited, our topic of conversation was the droughty conditions that we were experiencing.

Even though we were blessed with rainfall this past weekend, one rainy spell does not normally break a drought, but hopefully it is the beginning of the end of our most recent prolonged period of dry weather.

Please don't assume the drought is over and start using water like there had never been a concern for the source of our water. Remember that was just last week when we were worrying about that.

Consider this: Overusing your source of freshwater after a period of no/low precipitation is missing an opportunity to learn from the past. It is similar to overusing a credit card account; it usually takes a while to get into that situation and it likewise takes some conserving and management to work your way out of it.

While we are talking about freshwater an even larger, more serious concern is the adequate supply of that freshwater for everyone. Let's look at a few facts concerning water.

First, there is just so much freshwater here on this ball that we call home. Secondly, we live in Texas in which the western one half to two thirds is not just real flush with water. The eastern part of our state has a better supply of water available but it is still finite. If the population growth of Texas were to stop today we would still be looking at a sizeable problem on the horizon that is getting closer each day.

But with the steady influx of people choosing to make Texas their new home, the problem of water



AG 101

By Jack DeShazo

Jack DeShazo has decades of experience in the agriculture field.

supply is multiplied considerably. Yes, water can be recycled, but the first question is, has the water been so misused to the point of not being able to be recycled?

Secondly, the recycling process is not always a quick process. Nature has always recycled water through the hydrological cycle; water evaporating from the earth's surface, becoming clouds of water vapor, and then eventually turning into precipitation as it falls back to the earth for use again, and then the process starts all over again. But now with the large growth of our population, this cycle is not adequate, as we have to physically recycle our water.

Recycling impounded surface water such as lakes is not nearly as slow of a process as the recycling process of ground water which can take many, many years for the water to return to the underground supplies.

Long story short, if we are going to have an adequate supply of freshwater for our growing population and we don't want "big brother" to step in to tell us how we can and can't use our water, we have to do a better job of wisely using and conserving our water. If it's raining bucketfuls or it hasn't rained in six months, we have to do a better job. Next time we will go a little further on freshwater conservation.

'til next time.

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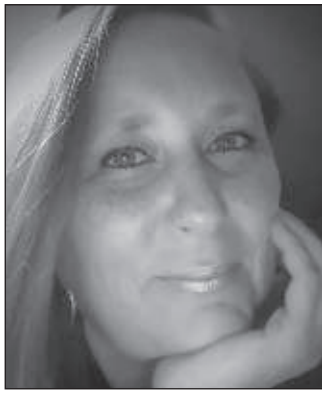
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OBITUARIES

Misty Renee' Cabell 1977 - 2022

Misty Renee' Cabell, 44, went to be with our Lord Tuesday, Aug. 16, 2022. Celebration of Life will be Friday, Aug. 26 at 5 p.m. at Cornerstone Community Church in Springtown, Texas. Pastor Josh Richards officiating. Misty graduated from Springtown High School in 1996 and was an avid lover of animals. The skills that she acquired enabled her to have her own dog grooming business. She had the the biggest, kindest, most forgiving heart and she will be missed beyond measure. Misty was preceded in death by her brothers Cpl James Heath McRae and Michael Wayne Hogan, Jr., stepfather Bill W. McRae, stepmother Sandra Hogan, grandfathers Thomas J. Hogan and George B. Crawley, and grandmother Mary L. Williamson.



Those left behind to cherish her memory are her sons Tristan and Ty Rix; husband Christopher Cabell; parents Rhonda McRae and Mike Hogan; grandmother Maxine Hogan; sisters Amy Moody and Sarah Hogan; along with numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, other family members, and a host of friends.

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Twila Dawn Ervin 1960 - 2022

Twila Dawn (Downey) Ervin, 62, passed from this life Friday, Aug. 19, 2022 in Decatur Texas. Visitation is Friday, Aug. 25, 2022 at 1 p.m. with funeral service to follow at 2 p.m. Both will be held at Azleland in Azle. Twila was born March 10, 1960 to Elsie and Leslie Downey. She was born in Anderson, Indiana. She enjoyed being with family and friends. Twila loved bingo, scrapbooking and time with family and friends. Twila was preceded in death by her parents; daughter Kristi; sister Jan and their family members. Twila is survived by her sons, Chad Ervin, Robert Ervin, and Aaron Ervin; brother Larry Downey; and sisters Connie Cole, Jane Reyes,



Penny McKenzie, Helen Monk, and Judy Ardis; grandchildren, Brittani, Makayla, Nicole, Bella, Kaylei and Gauge; great-grandchildren Bjorn, Olivia, and Caseton along with numerous nieces and nephews.

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Workforce Solutions for North Central Texas increases funding support for career seekers

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Workforce Solutions for North Central Texas announced it has increased Supportive Services funding by up to 60% to help alleviate inflationary burdens that create barriers for career seekers who are trying to find or keep a job. Workforce Solutions stated in a news release.

Effective immediately, career seekers who participate in WSNCT programs and meet eligibility requirements can receive up to \$4,000 per year in Supportive Services, a 60% increase from the previous amount of \$2,500. Supportive Service allowances can be used for education or training-related expenses, clothing needed for interviews or uniforms for employment, housing, rent, utilities and other assistance. Gas and transportation allowances increased by 50%, and a newly implemented sliding scale will automatically raise the assistance level career seekers receive when gas prices increase.

"We are in the business of connecting our amaz-

ing pool of North Central Texas talent with employers who have in-demand occupations available in our region," said Phedra Redifer, WSNCT Executive Director, in the release. "Record inflation puts additional hardship on those who are already feeling financial pressure. We are laser-focused on removing barriers that prevent people from entering, returning or remaining in the workforce."

In addition to Supportive Services, WSNCT also provides scholarships to eligible parents and guardians who need child care in order to become or stay employed. WSNCT maintains a network of quality Early Learning Programs across its 14-county region to help meet the needs of families in North Central Texas. WSNCT currently serves more than 6,000 children per day through child care scholarships.

For more information about Workforce Solutions for North Central Texas and how its programs can benefit career seekers, please visit www.dfwjobs.com/careerseeker.

Granville G. Martin III 1957 - 2022

Granville G. Martin III (a/k/a "Randy, The Lone Wolf") age 65, passed from this life on Wednesday, Aug. 17, 2022. Visitation was from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday, Aug. 22, 2022 at Biggers Funeral Home. Funeral service was 10 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 23, 2022 in Biggers Funeral Chapel. Randy was born May 3, 1957 in Seminole, Texas to Granville G. Martin, Jr. and Jannette D. Martin.



Randy was the owner of Just Right House Movers, LLC. He had a love and passion for house moving, however, nothing compared to his love for his family, especially when it came to going to the movies and playing the Marble Game. He is preceded in death by his father Granville G. Martin, Jr., siblings Walter D. Martin, Russell W. Martin; children Granville G. Martin IV, Mark H. Martin and Shala D. Covington. Randy is survived by

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Alice Fay Seale Saunders 1949 - 2022

Alice Fay Seale Saunders, 72, of Azle passed away July 29, 2022 in Cleburne. Services at a later date in Duncan, Oklahoma. Born in Fort Worth, Alice worked at Lockheed Martin and Charter Communications before retiring. Alice is survived by her sons, Danny Saunders and wife Christy and Donnie Sutterfield; daughter-in-law, Tessa Libby and husband, John McHam; grandchildren, William Jones and wife Melissa, Caitlin Saunders, Taylor Finucane and husband, Brody, Garrett Saunders, Parker Libby and Lilly McHam; great-granddaughter, Rylee Finucane. Alice is preceded in death



by her husband Jackie Saunders, parents, Shirley Seale and Clydia Worthington Bane; siblings, Shirley Russel, Kathy Remeur and Johnny Seale.

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Juarez says that working at Comet Cleaners is demanding work, and she depends upon her staff to help keep everything running.

JUAREZ

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said.

"It's extremely hot," Juarez said. "There's a lot of labor that goes into it that a lot of people probably don't see."

She added, "You're moving constantly from the moment you get there to the moment you leave."

Even as the store's owner, hard work is still included in the job. She works a shift in the morning, and the rest of the time she is on-call to help with whatever is needed.

"It's not just you buy a business, and that's it. You don't become rich overnight," Juarez said. "You have to work, too."

Juarez can't run Comet Cleaners by herself, and she praised her staff's hard work, trustworthiness and dependability.

"I have one of the best

staffs right now that I've had in a while, and I'm very grateful for that," she said.

Juarez said the best part of her job is building relationships with the community and getting to know people.

"I think face-to-face communication is something that we're lacking a lot of today, especially with technology and smart phones. People seem to get buried in their phones quite often," she said. "That communication, being able to talk face-to-face, you don't see it a lot anymore, so I enjoy talking to people."

Juarez described how the cleaners survived the hardship of the COVID-19 pandemic. Even though Comet Cleaners was deemed an essential business, the workload plummeted. She had to cut employees' hours and minimize production days.

"I remember going in one morning and not having any work to have my employees to come and do. It wasn't

worth their time to get up for, and I remember sitting back in the office thinking to myself, this is the time where we're running around nonstop working, and I have none," she said. "Even though we were considered essential, being able to stay open, offices were closed. Big corporations were closed, so therefore those office people didn't need clean clothes, so they weren't coming to us."

Since becoming the store's owner, Juarez has added services and made updates to the equipment at Comet Cleaners. Meeting customers' needs and providing excellent customer service is important to her.

"We're not going to be everybody's first choice, but we try to be every day," she said. "We want nothing more but to make customers happy so they keep coming back. That's what we're there for, is for the community and to provide the service."



Juarez says that "We want nothing more but to keep customers happy so they keep coming back."

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If you've been praying for rain ...

"If you've been praying for rain, today would be a good day to gather with God's people and thank Him."

So posted one of my pastor friends on Facebook early Sunday morning.

Thank You, Lord, for much needed rain!

Some of us are saying that here and in other places that have gotten a respite recently from extended drought conditions.

Some people elsewhere have prayed for it to stop. I'm thinking of places like Kentucky that experienced devastating flooding conditions within the past few weeks.

The relationship between



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.

God and weather is mysterious at best.

Jesus said, in Matthew 5:45, "He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous."

So, if you just read that part of the verse, it sounds like God controls the rain.

It also sounds like God doesn't differentiate between people who "deserve"

rain and people who don't.

As I have been cleaning up wet floors this afternoon where water seeped into two rooms of my house due to the pace of the rain, I've come to a conclusion.

He not only sends his rain on the righteous and the unrighteous, He also sends it on the prepared and the unprepared!

I don't understand how

rain works. Neither do meteorologists.

If they did, their forecasts would be 100% accurate. As it is, every forecast is a really well-educated guess.

Here's what I do know: There is no formula of prayer that causes God to answer with rain.

Here's something else I know: In Matthew 5, Jesus wasn't teaching us about how God controls the weather.

Here's another look at the context of Matthew 5:45.

"You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those

who persecute you, that you may be children of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous."

Jesus was indeed talking about prayer but it wasn't prayer to affect the weather. It wasn't about what we pray for, but who we're willing to pray for and the motivation behind our prayers.

I'm not at all suggesting that we shouldn't pray for rain.

I'm suggesting that, if we're going to pray for rain but we're not willing to pray for God's blessing on those we consider "enemies" or

"opponents" or even "persecutors" — and do so with their best interests in our hearts — our spiritual drought may be worse than the physical one.

My prayer for all of us is that our hearts are not drying up and withering because of the way we consider those with whom we disagree — those we see as less deserving of God's blessings than we are.

If you've been praying for rain, but not that your heart would be refreshed and softened to the needs of the world, would you at least consider it?

Be amazing today, my friend.

Trinity RFPG hosts open house for overview of first-ever Draft Regional Flood Plan

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The Trinity Regional Flood Planning Group will hold an open house-style informational session in Arlington to present an overview of the first-ever Draft Regional Flood Plan for the Trinity River Basin, showcasing flood mitigation recommendations for the local area and encourage stakeholder input.

This meeting will take place from 6-8 p.m. Aug. 31 at North Central Texas Council of Governments in the William Pittstick Conference Room in Centerpoint II Building, located at 616 Six Flags Drive.

The informational session will begin with a brief presentation, followed by a chance for the public to ask questions, review planning materials and visit with RFPG representatives about the draft plan.

The draft plan draws on

the best available science, data, models and flood risk mapping to recommend more than \$1 billion in flood mitigation actions designed to fix local flooding issues and reduce flood-related loss of lives, property and livelihoods throughout the region. The recommended projects will ultimately have better access to future state funding, providing vital money to help fix local flooding issues.

The draft plan can be reviewed on the Planning Documents page of the Trinity RFPG website, using the Categories tool to sort by "2022 Draft Plan."

Public comments on the draft plan are due to the Trinity RFPG by Oct. 10. For more information on the public comment submission process, visit www.trinityrfpg.org.

The Trinity RFPG, aka Region 3, was designated

in April 2020 by the Texas Water Development Board as a result of Senate Bill 8 during the 86th Texas Legislature, which established a groundbreaking, new regional and state flood planning process in the wake of historic statewide flooding. The Trinity RFPG is responsible for creating its first Regional Flood Plan by Jan. 10, 2023. This plan will become part of Texas' first-ever State Flood Plan by Sept. 1, 2024.

The Trinity RFPG's planning region (Trinity River Basin, or Region 3) has an estimated population of about 8 million and spans a nearly 18,000-square-mile, 38-county region from Cooke County in the north to Chambers County on the Gulf Coast. For more information, visit the Trinity RFPG website www.trinityrfpg.org, follow the group on Twitter or email the group via info@trinityrfpg.org.

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LET'S STOP LITTERING!

Hi, Kids!

You know me - I'm your friend, Earth. And there's something that really makes me sick. It's called **LITTER!**

Litter is stuff that should have been thrown into a garbage can or recycle bin, but is just dropped on the ground instead.

Litter causes all kinds of problems. It can clog up storm drains and cause flooding or pollute the waterways that are fed by storm drains. Some litter is dangerous, like broken glass and cans with jagged edges. And litter is ugly. When it's around your school or community, it looks like people just don't care about where they live.

Your friend, **Earth**

Litter Statistics

Kevin's class picked up litter at the park. He made a chart showing the percentages of the kinds of litter they found. Use the chart to answer these questions:

- What was the most common litter item found?**
 fast food waste plastic paper
- Was there more glass or plastic in the litter?**
 glass plastic
- What percentage of litter was plastic and paper combined?**
 55% 45% 40%

LITTER IN CENTRAL PARK

by Kevin

Lunchtime Litter

Look for litter in this picture. Can you find all of these items?

- plastic bottle
- plastic cap
- paper cup
- straw
- plastic fork
- paper
- chip bag
- cheese puffs
- soda can
- apple core

Sort the Litter

Some litter can be recycled. Draw a line from each piece of litter to the correct bin.

TRASH BIN

COMPOST BIN

RECYCLE BIN

Be Complete

Search the newspaper for five headlines that are NOT complete sentences. Rewrite each as a complete sentence. Which words are most often left out?

Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Don't Be a Litterbug

What is the average number of steps a person will hold onto a piece of trash before they litter? Add up the numbers along the correct path in this maze to discover the answer.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

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: Litter Hunt

With an adult, walk around your school and pick up at least five pieces of litter. Write the name of each below:

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BOOK REVIEW

South Dakota once a wild West hotspot for divorce, scandal

BY TERRI SCHLICHENMEYER

I'm leaving.
Wow, those are loaded words and what comes after them pretty much determines how the rest of your day will go. I'm leaving for work is good. I'm leaving this here is fine. I'm leaving you a surprise, very good. But in the 1890s, if for South Dakota was in that sentence, as you'll see in "The Divorce Colony: How Women Revolutionized Marriage and Found Freedom in the American Frontier" by April White, it usually meant just one thing.

Baroness Margaret Laura Astor De Stuers had tried to leave her husband once before, but she was forced back because she was an Astor. It was 1889 and divorce could sully the Astor name, so she was forced to return to her husband. But when the Baron tried to have her

permanently committed to a mental institution and she lost custody of her children, Maggie could be deterred no longer.

She headed to Sioux Falls, South Dakota, where, after a short residency in a luxury hotel on the prairie, she could finally get the divorce she wanted.

At that time, says White, the United States had a "patchwork" of divorce laws, each depending on the state's lawmakers. South Dakota happened to have low residency requirements, meaning that a woman from New York only had to live in the West for a short time before a divorce was awarded. Of course, though, her husband could contest it.

Once was a time when Mary Nevins Blaine and her husband, Jamie, had been happy. That was when they were married: she, the

19-year-old daughter of a quiet but respectable family; he, the 17-year-old son of a powerful politician who thought Jamie married beneath his social strata. Mary got her divorce and brought down a presidential hopeful.

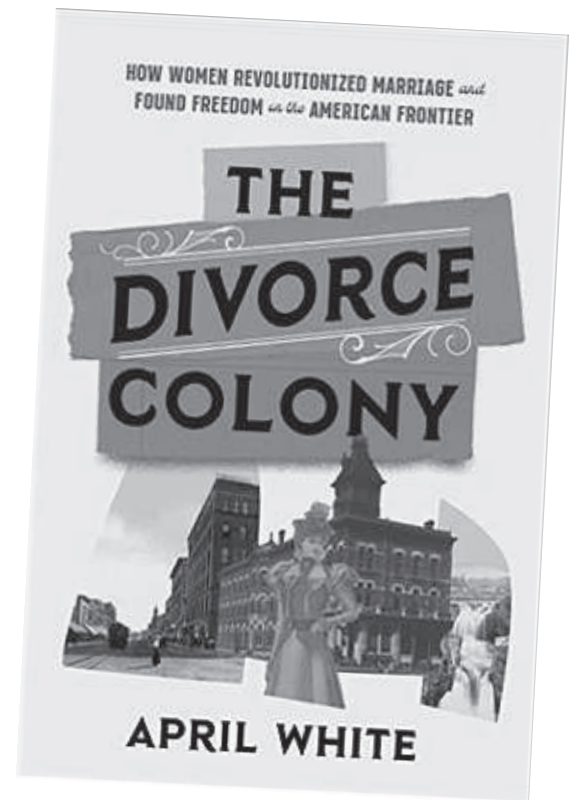
Blanche Molineux had never wanted to get married and getting out of the one she got was a life-or-death matter: her husband, Roland, had been accused of murder. Flora Bigelow Dodge was known to be fearless but after she married, she feared she'd made a mistake. Smart, creative Flora just wanted peace, and she found it in a prairie town.

Divorce, it seems, is never an easy thing. So imagine what it was like before women had rights, and you've got the story inside "The Divorce Colony."

Indeed, turn-of-the-last-century activists played a

role in what happened in Sioux Falls, as did a cross-dressing Civil War physician, a powerful bishop, and a journalist who was hiding a secret. Author April White brings each of these figures to the table, placing them in proper context so readers get a good feel for this surprising sliver of history.

Don't think, though, that this is just boy-leaves-girl stuff. The stories White tells happened at the end of the wild West days, and most of them reflect that; others are delightfully set in opulence. You'll snicker a little (oh, the scandal!) and your jaw will drop a time or three because this book is fascinating, unique, and perfect for historians, readers of women's issues, and historical novel lovers. Start "The Divorce Colony," and you'll have a hard time leaving.



"The Divorce Colony: How Women Revolutionized Marriage and Found Freedom in the American Frontier" by April White c.2022, Hachette, \$30.00, 304 pages

CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

Abortion officially illegal in Texas

The U.S. Supreme Court ruling overturning Roe vs. Wade effectively ends all legal abortions in Texas within the next 30 days, many news media outlets reported.

"Planned Parenthood and Whole Woman's Health, with clinics across Texas, stopped performing abortions following Friday's decision, due to uncertainty about how the ruling will affect the state's trigger law and a long-standing ban on abortion that predates Roe v. Wade, officials with those organizations said," according to the Austin American-Statesman.

"Texas is a pro-life state, and we have taken significant action to protect the sanctity of life," Gov. Greg Abbott said in an issued statement.

Beto O'Rourke, Abbott's Democratic opponent in the November gubernato-



CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Gary Borders

Gary Borders is a veteran award-winning Texas journalist. He published a number of community newspapers in Texas during a 30-year span, including in Longview, Fort Stockton, Nacogdoches and Cedar Park. gborders@texaspress.com.

rial election, said on Twitter, "I will always fight for a woman's freedom to make her own decisions about her own body, health care, and future."

STATE SENATOR SUES DPS OVER UVALDE RECORDS

State Sen. Roland Gutierrez, who represents Uvalde, has sued the Texas Department of Public Safety over records relating to the Uvalde school shooting that have been withheld.

"In the wake of the senseless tragedy, the people of Uvalde and Texas have de-

manded answers from their government. To date, they have been met with lies, misstatements, and shifts of blame," Gutierrez said in a lawsuit filed Wednesday, according to the Texas Tribune.

Both state and local Uvalde officials are contesting releasing the records that could shed light on the botched emergency response to the shooting, which killed 19 children and two teachers. Law enforcement responding to the shooting waited more than an hour before breaking into the classroom to kill the shooter.

Meanwhile, Gov. Greg

Abbott said his office has been transparent in providing information since the May 24 massacre, in a statement released by his press secretary: "The governor and his office will continue making all available information public, including the full results of the ongoing investigation by the Texas Rangers and the FBI. The governor wants all facts of this tragedy to be made public as quickly as possible and will do his part to achieve that goal."

WILDFIRE RISKS GROW AS HEAT WAVE CONTINUES

The risk of wildfire across a large swath of Texas continues as the state enters summer after enduring a hot, dry spring.

The Texas A&M Forest Service reported that last week marked the third week

in a row with high-pressure weather systems dominating the state.

Above-normal temperatures and below normal rainfall are again forecast throughout Texas. As a result, the forest service reported responding to seven wildfires that burned more than 1,000 acres as of late last week. All but one had been contained — the Dempsey Fire in Palo Pinto County, which has burned more than 1,000 acres.

A total of 160 Texas counties have enacted burn bans to date.

DRUNK DRIVERS CAUSE ONE IN FOUR STATE TRAFFIC FATALITIES

One in four traffic deaths on Texas roads last year were caused by drunk drivers, while more than 25,000

traffic crashes involved drunk driving — up 9% over 2020.

The Texas Department of Transportation has again launched its "Faces of Drunk Driving" campaign to remind motorists of the human toll a drunk-driving crash causes on the lives of both victims and survivors. The campaign features testimonials from both victims of drunk drivers and drunk drivers as well.

"Every crash and every death caused by a drunk driver is 100% preventable," said TxDOT Executive Director Marc Williams. "We hope these personal accounts from real offenders and survivors wake people up to the consequences of drinking and driving. Always get a sober ride through a designated driver, taxi, rideshare app, or calling a friend—or simply stay where you are."

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PORCUPINE RESPECT

Football magazine predicts Springtown football will claim district championship



At left, Speck Behle is predicted to be a top target in the Springtown football team's passing game this season.

Photo by Jeff Prince

BY JEFF PRINCE
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High school football enthusiasts wait for the summer release of Dave Campbell's "Texas Football" magazine to see who is predicted to win and lose during the upcoming football season.

It was worth the wait for Springtown.

The magazine picked the Porcupines to prevail in District 4-4A Division I football this season and sail into the playoffs. Junior quarterback Hudson Hulett was pegged as the Preseason Offensive Most Valuable Player.

Last year's SHS football team was a regional finalist with a 10-4 record.

In addition to Hulett, players noted in the magazine to watch include wide-out and defensive back Speck Behle, offensive linemen Jeremy Morrow and Aaron Bowen, tight ends Kelby Castro and Brady McDonald, linebackers Hayden Nichols, Yair Hernandez and James Snyder, receivers Brayden

Fox, Bryce Hollingsworth and Ty Parrott, running backs Drake Doggett and Darren Sweely and defensive end Dallin Fabrizio.

Hulett was lauded for last season's efforts, including 2,223 yards and 22 touchdowns through the air.

"He will have WR Behle (536 yards, 5 TDs receiving) as a top target," the maga-

zine stated.

Only five of 11 starters are returning to the offensive unit, and only three defensive starters will return.

"DE Castro was a first-team all-district selection, but the Porcupines lost almost everyone else on defense," the magazine wrote.

The offense is boosted by

two big offensive linemen – Bowen and Morrow – to protect Hulett in the pocket and open up the passing game.

The magazine picked Decatur to finish in second place in District 4-4A, with Wichita Falls High School, Mineral Wells and Burkburnett following behind, in that order.

Springtown kids get kick out of soccer camp

BY JEFF PRINCE
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Katherine Kummerfeld was excited in April about the potential for growth in the Springtown High School soccer program.

The girls soccer season had just ended with the Lady Porcupines being defeated 1-0 in a bi-district playoff match, but the team was young and inexperienced and yet had managed to fight its way to the postseason.

More and more kids are signing up for soccer at younger ages these days, and the high school program has begun to flourish with new talent, said Kummerfeld, the SHS girls soccer coach.

Flash forward to June 21, and Kummerfeld was still beaming. More than 40 kids had signed up for a three-day soccer camp, and the boys and girls were running through drills on the artificial turf at Porcupine Stadium.

"We have way more than we expected – the most I've ever seen," Kummerfeld said. "That just shows that soccer in Springtown is really growing."





PHOTO BY JEFF PRINCE

Springtown defensive back Speck Behle fights off a block in a game last season. He is one of Springtown's top returning players this year and will also play wide receiver. Springtown football season kicks off Friday at 7 p.m. in Alvarado.

Young players to dominate Porcupines in '22

BY DON MUNSCH
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Springtown begins the season as the favorite in District 4-4A Division I, at least according to Dave Campbell's Texas Football magazine.

But the Porcupines, who advanced four rounds deep into the playoffs in last year's 10-4 campaign, will have many new faces this year, said head coach Brian Hulett.

One face that will be familiar, though, will be junior quarterback Hudson Hulett (6'3, 210), who threw for more than 2,200 yards and had 22 touchdown passes last year.

"Our end result expectations are, we expect to be there in the end," coach Hulett said. "What is there? We don't define it as far as a game. Obviously, everybody wants to win a state championship, but if you just say that and don't have kind of a plan and guide, then it's just a dream."

He wants his team to get better daily, and the team expects to be in the mix in the district and get in the playoffs. The team also wants to be in the mix to win playoff games and win region and then be in the conversation for the next one. The team takes nothing for granted, he said.

"We had a year a few years ago where we should have gone a lot further, to be honest with you," he said. "We're built to where that expectation is to be playing late in the playoffs in December, but through that we understand that it's a process."

He said, though, that this year is different because Springtown has a small senior class, and because of that, there are a lot of first-year varsity juniors playing. Last year, the team had 12 sophomores, and Springtown will have about that many again this year. Seniors last year were relatively small but talented, and this year's senior class is not

as talented as last year's, he said, so it will take some time for the team to jell.

Hulett, the quarterback, did a good job last year, the coach said.

"It's tough to play on varsity as a sophomore, it's tough to play quarterback with your dad the coach, it's tough to be quarterback with your dad as the coach and be a sophomore," coach Hulett said.

He said Hudson "pretty much" took 100% of Springtown's practice and game reps as a sophomore and "that's just a grind, man, on a young kid. But he did a good job, but he's got to be

way better this year, though, I can tell you that." Hudson performed well in the passing and running game last year, and he has to be a leader now for the team, the coach said, and "take that next step."

Also coming back for the Porcupine offense will be left tackle Aaron Bowen and right guard Jeremy Morrow. An outside receiver, Speck Behle, also returns. The Porcupines will feature many new players suiting up for varsity.

"It's going to take us some meshing time to grow," coach Hulett said, noting that there are varsity players whose last experience play-

ing was the freshman team.

Among the players in the mix at running back will be Drake Doggett and Darren Sweely. At wideout, Bryce Hollingsworth, Ty Parrott and Brayden Fox will see playing time, and then at tight end, Kelby Castro will see time, the coach said. The team will play a lot of tight ends.

Other offensive linemen figuring in for the Porcupines are Zane Sudduth, Dallin Fabrizius and James Snyder.

On the defensive side, Castro and Brady McDonald return to the D-line, and

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Springtown cross country runners aim for state meet



COURTESY PHOTO

Springtown cross-country runners participated in a meet in Argyle last week. Back row from left are Alexander Tice, Parker Bening, Jeremiah Duval, Peyton Wecker, Wesley Payne, and Aubrey Mueller. Front row from left are Shayne Greenwood, Taylor Glover, Mackenzie Flaucher, Kylie Russell and London Smith.

BY MADELYN EDWARDS
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Springtown High School's cross country season is off to a good start.

The athletes competed at a meet in Argyle on Saturday, Aug. 20, and five out of 13 Springtown runners - Jeremiah Duval, Alexander Tice, Mackenzie Flaucher, Taylor Glover and Peyton Wecker - hit

their goal time. Five other SHS runners - Wesley Payne, Parker Bening, Brylee Barfield, Aubrey Mueller and London Smith - just missed their goal time by 30 seconds or less, head coach Raul Guerrero said.

"It was a great day for all," Guerrero said.

He added, "It was a very competitive meet, and our Pines showed a lot of heart and toughness. We had one

boy finish in the top 20 and two in the top 50. As well as two girls in the top 35."

The cross country head coach is confident that his team, which has grown to 29 runners with 20 girls and nine boys, will make strides in competition this year.

"Both varsity teams have a really good chance of making it to the regional

SEE CROSS, PAGE 2B.

Lady Pines expect a 'fun' ride this season

BY DON MUNSCH
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Springtown High School's volleyball team loaded its pre-district schedule with some top-tier competition, at least in terms of classification.

Late last week, the Lady Pines had a record of 6-8 and were preparing to play in their second tournament of the season, said SHS volleyball coach Leighann Strickland. After Tuesday's victory over Azle, the Lady Pines are 10-9.

"We played some of the top 5A/6A schools last weekend and this weekend is filled with the same high level of competition," she said in an email. "We have been able to hang in tight games with several big schools. That is great to see our girls rise to the occasion."

Returning for the Lady Pines this year are seniors Brinklee Dauenhauer and Kylie Druxman. Dauenhauer is a four-year varsity starter, and "Kylie is running our offense very well setting in each rotation. We have had a couple of other seniors move back as well that is

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PHOTO BY JEFF PRINCE

Brinklee Dauenhauer, shown here participating in a volleyball camp late last month, is expected to be one of the top players for Springtown this year.

FOOTBALL

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Ridge Westendorf has had a good fall camp, coach Hulett said. Hudson Hulett has played some defensive end, and two other players, Joel Bird and Alex Rivera, are in the mix.

At linebacker, Parrott, Hollingsworth, Hayden Nichols and Yair Hernandez are players to watch. Cameron Mashburn figures in, too.

In the secondary, the team will start Behle and Doggett at deep safety, and Sweely will start at rover. Fox will be in the mix as well. At corner, Blake Walker is the No. 1 corner, coach Hulett said. Jaden Norris, Kamryn Cleveland and Daishune

Elam are players to watch.

Coach Hulett liked how his team didn't fold last year when it went 0-3 in a four-week span.

"What are we going to do if that happens (again)? You've just got to be patient," he said.

He wants to see how Springtown handles this year's slate of tough teams.

During a break in a workout, Hudson Hulett said the team is young this year, has a long way to go and has to keep working.

"We're trying to get better every day, work hard," he said.

The team is not worried about a playoff run right now, as it just focuses on getting better every week and doing the best it can to improve, he said. He

said the team is a like a brotherhood.

"Everybody loves everybody," he said. "I've never been on a closer team in my life. It's awesome."

Morrow said he is excited for the season, as players have put in a lot of work this offseason. He likes the team energy and passion for football he has seen.

"We've got a lot of young guys, but we're expecting big things," he said. "I'm ready for a great year. We've got good opponents, but I think with how much hard work we've been putting in, it won't be too hard for us this year."

Behle said he is excited to see what the team can do this year, and even though it's young, he has faith in the team.

CROSS

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meet in Lubbock this year," Guerrero said. "If we continue to stay consistent and injury free, we have a really good shot at making it to the next level in Round Rock at the state meet."

Five of the girls who were part of the team that placed seventh at regionals last year are returning this season, Guerrero said. They are Aubrey Mueller, Alayna Vasquez, Mackenzie Flaughter, Peyton Reynolds and Shayne Greenwood

The boys team has one senior, Cameron Gaston; three juniors, Wesley Payne,

Jeremiah Duval and Parker Bening; one sophomore, Alexander Tice; and a freshman, Peyton Wecker, "who has already made a big impact, finishing top three on the team in the last two practice meets," the coach said.

"One of our juniors (Wesley Payne) is also a returning regional qualifier finishing sixth at district. We have all been consistent and have had a great summer of work so far," Guerrero said.

The cross-country varsity girls and boys squads need at least five runners and no more than seven runners to be considered a full team. To advance to regionals, the athletes need to finish

in the top three as a team at district. To qualify to go to state, they need to make the top four at the regional meet.

"Our upperclassmen on each varsity team really set the tone every day," Guerrero said. "They go above and beyond to help lead the younger runners and have been working to show them what it takes to make it to the next level. Being on time and doing the little things right. From warming up and cooling down properly to hydration and nutrition."

He continued, "We are really excited to see what we can do as we get into better shape and begin racing."

VOLLEYBALL

FROM PAGE 1B

helping us with our depth: Kelsey Beaman and Anaie Rodriguez."

The coach said the team's junior class is stacked with several players already having varsity experience, including Stoli Cox, Aubree Adams and Sterlyn Smith.

"We, of course, have added several first-year lettermen with juniors Harlee Jackson and Brianna Shreves along with sopho-

mores Aerial Jackson and Gracyn Lea and freshman Brooklyn Quintanilla," she said.

Springtown's record was 25-16 overall in 2021. The goal this season is to get to the regional tournament.

"We have lost the last two years to Stephenville and we are still pretty sour about that," Strickland said. "We know what we need to do along this journey and these girls have the right mentality right now to accomplish that. We are meshing very well right now, we trust each other and know each one is

going to do their job for the betterment of us as a whole. It's going to be a fun ride."

The coach said the team's ball control this year should be "on fire." The team has depth in its defensive positions and is able to run some different options from years past, the coach said.

"Offensively we have some depth there, too, (and) having the extra kids on the bench or in practice is really going to push the ones on the court to continue to improve," she said. "We are aiming to be the best."

ON FISHING

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When buying their license, resident hunters and anglers may wish to purchase an entry in the Lifetime License Drawing. Three lucky winners will each win a Lifetime Super Combo License and never need to buy a Texas hunting or fishing license again. Entries are \$5 each and can be purchased online, by phone or at any license retailer. The first entry deadline is Sept. 30.

For frequently asked questions about Texas hunting and fishing licenses, visit the TPWD website.

FISHING REPORT

Lake Granbury is 2.5 feet low. Boaters need to be aware of hazards due to the lowering water levels. Lake Granbury water temperatures are from the upper 80s to low 90s and there is a thermocline present at around 20 feet down. We need rain for sure. Crappie fishing on Lake Granbury is good to excellent on jigs and minnow near submerged timber and bridge pilings. Largemouth bass are good to 6 pounds on Texas rigged worms and deep diving crank baits fished near deeper docks and near main lake points. Catfish continue to be good on cut bait fished near creek channels/entrances. Best action on catfish is at night. Sand bass are good on slabs and spinner baits. Sand bass have been schooling in 5 to 15 feet of water near Indian Harbor and near DeCordova. Striped bass to 8 pounds are slow to fair on live bait, trolling jigs or crankbaits on the lower ends.

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Entries will be tabulated weekly and the results published in that week's issue of the Springtown Epigraph. Winners may pick up their checks at the office after Thursday. The first place winner each week will receive \$20, the second place winner \$10 and the third place winner \$5. The tiebreaker will be used to determine placings. In case of a tie, the money will be divided equally. To pick the tiebreaker, predict the total number of points in the selected game and enter in the appropriate space on the official entry form. All entries become the property of the Springtown Epigraph. Please write clearly and be sure to enter your pick in the correct blank. Second tiebreaker decided by whoever picks Azle and Springtown games correctly.

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1 TXism: "plain as the nose on your ___"

5 film about Hank Williams: "___ the Light" (2015)

6 "the ___ of my existence"

7 historical periods

8 absorbed unit of radiation

9 in 1981 TX Orbison won a Grammy in a duet with this Harris

16 TXism: "so many you couldn't ___ 'em with a stick"

18 bad draft pick by the Cowboys? (2 wds.)

21 Cross Plains High class

22 curve an eyebrow

23 "The eyes of Texas ___ upon you ..."

24 TXism: "it ___ poke in the eye with a sharp stick"

30 bad dream

34 not MD or XL

35 Hebrew Bibles

36 you can ___ on a cruise from Galveston

37 TXism: "never let ___ you sweat"

39 TXism: "attracted ___ magnet"

43 Ruth of 1950 western "Dallas"

44 wished for

45 ___ Belo was co-founder of Dallas Morning News

DOWN

1 forensic evidence

2 TXism: "fast ___ up a rafter"

3 seat of Hemphill County

4 female sheep

9 star actress in 1956 epic Texas film "Giant" (init.)

10 TX singer who died in 2022 (2 wds.)

11 TXism: "school ___ (teacher)"

12 TX-born Victor Willis sang lead on this "Village People" hit

13 this TX Jim was a PBS journalist

14 TXism: "got knocked down a peg ___ two"

15 fictitious sister of TX Ima Hogg

17 TXism: "___ concrete" (city boy)

19 TX Johnny Horton's "The Battle of New ___" (1959)

20 Lady Bird was a UT ___

24 Austin's marshal in 1881, Ben (init.)

25 first president of Rice University, Edgar (init.)

38 golf ball cut

40 pecan is the Texas state ___

41 skinny Gulf fish

42 TXism: "busier than ___ boomtown"

48 Rusk has longest ___ bridge in U.S.

50 rescues

51 TX George Jones' "___ Thinks I Still Care" (1962)

56 drives out

57 TXism: "does a bear ___ in the woods?" (yes)

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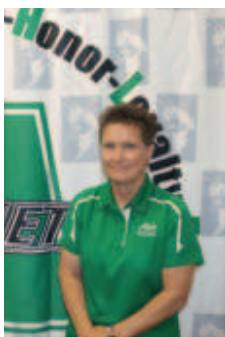
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'Throw Princess' aims for Olympic return

[PEOPLE]

BY JESSICA MCKINNEY

It's been six years since Shelbi Vaughan Walley of Azle stepped into the throwing ring at the 2016 Olympics in Rio de Janeiro. She was a member of Team USA Track and Field, and her event was discus throwing.

Although she did not come home from Rio with a medal, Walley received a hero's welcome from her hometown of Azle when she returned.

Since then, Walley has worked as a coach for select volleyball, helped train some aspiring track and field athletes, started a cookie business, and got married.

And then, the icing on the cookie, she and her husband Korben welcomed their son Hudson to the world last year.

Now that Hudson is almost 2, Walley is training to go back to the Olympics.

"I'm trying for next season," Walley said.

Walley has been training at local gyms and traveled to track meets over the last year.

"It's been very different because Hudson is there with me," she said. "I'll have someone with him at the track to watch him while I'm there."

Walley has also been training without a full-time coach to help her, al-



Shelbi Vaughan Walley got the nickname "Throw Princess," in high school, thanks to her pink bow. COURTESY PHOTO

though she does reach out to a coach in Arizona who helps with advice and support.

Her husband has been training with her as she works toward her goal.

"(Korben) did track in high school,

so he gets it," said Walley.

The couple met in high school but didn't reconnect again until after college.

"He challenged me to a throw-off when we were dating," Walley said.



Walley in the throw ring at the 2016 Olympics in Rio.

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“And I beat him, of course.”

She had a minor setback with an ankle injury, but she’s not letting that push her off her path to the Olympics.

“Plus, I’m older now and recovery is different,” said Walley with a laugh. “No ice baths or trainers to help.”

While she trains, Walley has also started a cookie business, Blessing Bites, out of her home.

“I enjoy doing it,” she said. “It’s not

really for the money, but more for what I can do for others.”

Decorated cookies are a big business these days, with home bakers starting new businesses every day.

But Walley didn’t want to be one to put a high price on her work. She often bakes for fundraisers and charities.

She has also taken on the role of coach for select volleyball teams. This gives her a chance to take what she has

learned as an athlete and to share it with her players and their parents.

“It’s important to remember to love the sport, especially how much you have to give now,” Walley said. “This is something you love to do.”

Walley said as an athlete in high school, she always felt that she had something to prove, and to prove people wrong.

“I had this attitude of ‘Don’t tell me I



Walley blesses people with her cookie creations through her business, Blessing Bites.

PHOTO BY JIM STEVENS

can't do something.”

This is the same wisdom she imparts to her players.

“Don't let anybody tell you that you can't set goals high,” she said. “The sky is the limit. How bad do you want it? How hard will you work to get it?”

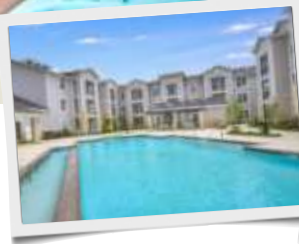
Walley also wants parents of athletes to know that “being there for them goes a lot further than you think.”

“Kids know what parents put in financially ... but it doesn't compare to having them there in the stands. Encourage (your kids) to not let anyone tell them they can't do something.”

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Jessica Castro speaks at a Springtown Chamber of Commerce luncheon.

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[COMMUNITY]

'Not the only ones': Springtown overdose awareness group makes a difference

BY MADELYN EDWARDS

A few years ago, Springtown couple Jessica and Joe Castro celebrated their anniversary by going to Six Flags. The next day, their lives changed forever. Joe Castro got the call that morning that his son Joseph had died. He was 28.

At first, the family was told that Joseph died of a seizure, but then it was revealed that he had an overdose from fentanyl usage.

Joe and Jessica Castro described the loss as shocking and devastating, with Joe saying, "it's like our world fell apart." Jessica said there were days when she felt like she couldn't breathe or wasn't motivated to get up every day, like a piece of her life was missing.

Joseph's death probably would've still been painful no matter what kind

of person he was, but the couple described him as particularly special – a great older brother, a giving person, someone who Jessica Castro said could "make you smile on your worst of your worst days."

"He would just give you the shirt off his back," Joe Castro said. "He was always there for everybody, always smiling. You'd look at him and you would swear that he didn't have any troubles in the world. He was one of those to sit there and smile regardless of what his



Joe Castro holds a picture of Joseph to memorialize him for Black Balloon Day.

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problems were, but he would always make sure that everyone else was taken care of.”

When she was grieving Joseph’s death, Jessica Castro said people around her seemed quick to label Joseph and imply that he deserved to die through statements like, “He kind of knew what would happen to him.” In her speech at the Springtown Area Chamber of Commerce luncheon in May, she said overdose deaths tend to come with shame and judgment from others. The labeling made Jessica Castro feel angry and lonely, she said.

“All these people are supposed to be our friends. If we tell them how he died, it’s going to be like they’re not going to want to be our friends anymore or they’re not going to care,” she said. “I didn’t like that feeling.”

The turning point for the couple was the establishment of the group “We ARE our brothers keeper” to raise awareness about overdoses and bring the Springtown community together. Joe Castro said the name of the group was inspired by Joseph who “always looked out for his younger brother.”

The group’s purpose is to allow people to be able to talk about drug ad-



Joe Castro sets up the Overdose Memorial Christmas tree to remember those lost.

COURTESY PHOTO

diction and overdoses, Jessica Castro said, and prevent deaths through communication.

The creation of “We ARE our brothers keeper” came when Jessica Castro was feeling angry and emotional over Joseph’s death. At the time, she said she drank heavily to cope with the loss and pain.

“I would pray and tell God, ‘I’m really mad. This is messed up. How can you expect us to keep going on and you’ve taken the best part about life away?’” Jessica Castro said.

Then one night when she felt particularly angry, she had a supernatural experience. Out of nowhere, Jessica Castro said she heard, “You’re not the only ones. You’re just not, and you need to go tell other people that they are loved.”

Her theory is that the message came from God and Joseph, and she interpreted this call to action as a way to keep the memory of Joseph alive.

“When I got angry that time and I heard that, I thought, that’s it - that’s how we keep him alive,” Jessica Castro said. “We don’t have to always shout about Joseph. We can just love other people.”

The best place to find out more information about “We ARE our brothers keeper” is through joining the private Facebook group. As of August 2022, the group has just over 860 members. In the group, Jessica Castro will often share news about upcoming events, and people will share information related to substance abuse or drugs and messages of hope.

While Jessica Castro is glad to see the Facebook group grow, it is not lost on her why it’s growing, and that every member represents someone whose life has been affected by drug overdose or addiction. She also recognized how important it was to connect people to resources.

“It also goes to show how necessary something like this is,” she said. “That’s 800 people that didn’t know the other one exists.”

Joe Castro said the group’s goal is not just to reach out to families who have lost loved ones to overdose but



Springtown Mayor Greg Hood presents Joe and Jessica Castro with a proclamation in honor of Black Balloon Day.

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also be able to intervene in people's lives and help.

"We also want to talk to those before it's a tragedy," he said.

Through "We ARE our brothers keeper," the Castros have had the opportunity to host community events and speak with people to spread awareness. They have taken time to memorialize people's loved ones who have died of overdose through the overdose memorial, the Christmas tree adorned with names of those who died, and Black Balloon Day. They hosted a car show to raise money to aid people seeking substance abuse treatment and for funeral expenses for families who have lost loved ones. They adopted a section of State Highway 199 in Joseph's honor as a way to bring the community together for clean-up days.

Mike Carter, who is the intensive outpatient program manager and alumni relations coordinator for the youth treatment center Clearfork Academy, was one of the speakers at the overdose memorial that "We ARE our brothers keeper" held in August 2021. There, he spoke about the rising number of overdose deaths, particularly those related to the synthetic opioid fentanyl, and people he had known who died of overdose. He also was able to introduce "We ARE our brothers keeper" to people they could ally with.

"We just started pulling in some people that we knew and trying to get behind what they're doing because I know that vibe that they have is such an important one and something that needs a voice," Carter said.

Carter said he started working with "We ARE our brothers keeper" because of the group's message of wanting to help people, specifically helping people access substance abuse treatment. Earlier this year, he attended the group's car show fundraiser to provide resources and information to people, and he has also attended the group's addiction support meetings.

"A lot of people just don't understand addiction and how it gets a grip on people," Carter said. "There's so many people who think that you can just quit anytime you want to and it's easy to walk away from, but it's not. It's a very difficult process."

Carter praised "We ARE our brothers keeper" for bringing more awareness to the Springtown community about substance abuse, overdose and places that can help like Clearfork Academy.

The impact Jessica Castro hopes that the group has locally is to bring about more information about drug overdoses and more understanding as opposed to judging. In the future, she would like to establish a resource center for people to access resources related to substance abuse, like counseling and classes.

"You notice there was places like Center of Hope or Freedom House where it's about domestic violence (help and awareness), things like that, which are very necessary, but there was another problem that we weren't addressing in town," she said. "I hope to make a positive impact like Center of Hope or Freedom House does, something that is very positive and helpful to the community in general."

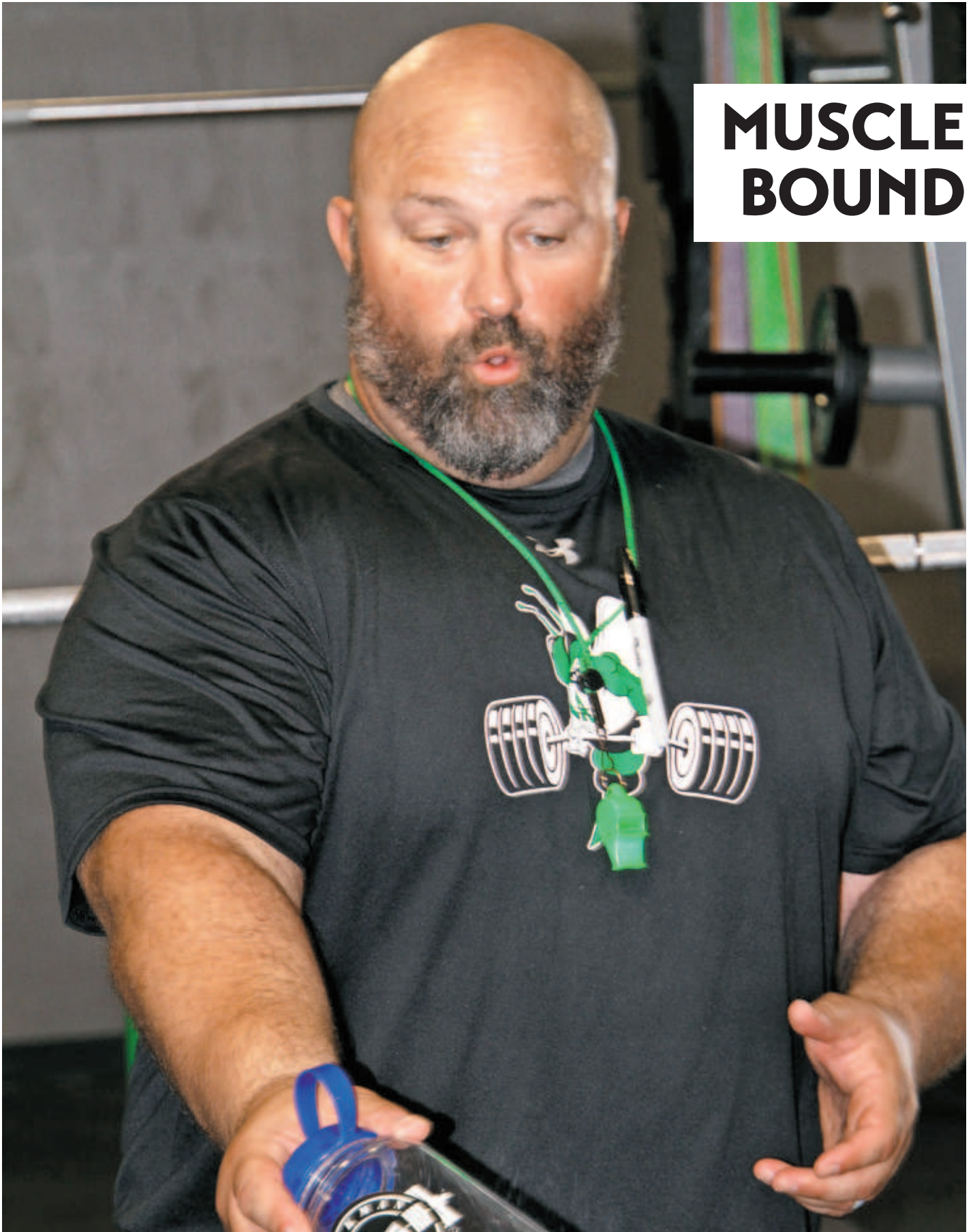
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MUSCLE BOUND



Monte Sparkman uses his water bottle as a prop while discussing the importance of hydration during athletic performance camp.

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[SPORTS]

Performance coach increases athleticism while reducing injuries

BY JEFF PRINCE

The athletic performance summer camp at Azle High School is designed to improve strength, conditioning and flexibility, although coach Monte Sparkman spent most of his time on a recent morning talking about hydration.

“Water, water, water,” he said, encouraging a room full of teenagers at the Azle weight room to drink plenty of liquids before, during and after workouts.

In 2021, Sparkman became the school’s first fulltime strength and conditioning coach, teaching overall performance rather than a specific sport.

Not many high schools have created the position, Sparkman said.

“It’s still a fairly new concept,” he said. “You’re starting to see more and more (similar) positions pop up regionally, but the idea of having a full-time head strength and conditioning coach on staff is still a relatively new concept statewide. Azle is on the forefront of this new position, taking care of athletes from a performance standpoint, a nutritional standpoint and an injury reduction standpoint.”

In recent years, more high schools have begun following the examples of college programs and hiring a strength and conditioning coach to assist the sport coaches. Sparkman credited Azle athletic director Becky Spurlock with bringing him to the school.

“She is someone who has a great vision for our athletic department,” he said. “She saw the need for someone to be responsible for the training for the strength and conditioning of athletes.



The strength coach works up a sweat in the weight room alongside the student athletes.

PHOTO BY JEFF PRINCE

The tactical side of athletics has been taken care of by coaching for many, many years. But there has been a void between the tactical side and the injury reduction side. In athletic training, it’s been upon the coaches to take care of that. She saw the need to bring in somebody who was qualified, specialized.”

The coach has been certified by several national strength organizations and holds a master’s degree in educational leadership. He had been the strength

coach at Richland High School for several years before making the switch to Azle. His reasons for joining Hornet Nation included the school’s leadership under Spurlock and its impressive infrastructure.

“We’ve got a brand new state-of-the-art weight room,” he said. “Administrative support. Financial support. This is a great place to be from a resource standpoint and a support standpoint. I’ve got everything I need to create a successful strength and conditioning

program. That was the biggest reason for coming over here, the opportunity to create from scratch a brand-new program.”

Strength coaches can enhance muscle and power but also focus on speed and conditioning while adding a “layer of insulation to our athletes from an injury reduction standpoint,” he said. “A lot of people talk about preventing injuries. You can’t prevent injuries, but you can drastically reduce the incidence of injuries by proper training, proper conditioning. That’s a big component of this position.”

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics predicts the employment of strength coaches will grow by 11% between 2018 and 2028, a faster rate than the average for all occupations. Most of that demand is expected to come from increased participation at the high school and college levels.

“Everything has a trickle-down effect from college to high school,” Sparkman said. “The next big trickle down is to get a fulltime strength and conditioning staff at high schools. It’s needed because, just like you have specialists in teaching and specialists in different sports, you need to have a specialist in the training of those (athletes).”

A workout with Sparkman involves numerous warnings. He tells kids frequently to watch what they are doing and to be aware of people around them.

“That’s the most dangerous room on campus,” he said recently, pointing at Azle’s weight room. “You want somebody who is specialized, qualified and certified running that program.”

Sparkman and his wife, Sabrina Sparkman, have been married for 16 years and have two daughters – Jackie Shea, 13, and Allie Rae, 11. Sabrina works as an engineer for the Army Corps of Engineers in Fort Worth.

ROLE MODEL

Burkburnett, a small town in Wichita County, is where Sparkman grew up. As a kid, he was impressed by a football coach who was a former college and professional football player.

“He was really strong, and I wanted to be like him,” Sparkman recalled.



About 260 kids signed up for athletic performance camp over the summer.

PHOTO BY JEFF PRINCE

In high school, Sparkman became a fixture in the weight room. He wasn’t the tallest or biggest kid around, but he wanted to be the strongest and knew how to make it happen.

“I was drawn to the weight room and to the pursuit of strength,” he said. “Strength has always impressed me.”

He played football through high school, lettered three years on the team at Baker University in Kansas and lifted weights religiously.

“The little success that I was able to have goes back to being strong,” he said. “That was really my biggest attribute. I was never the fastest. I wasn’t the biggest. And I really wasn’t the most athletic. All I knew was to get stronger.”

He continued pumping iron after college, but it wasn’t until he was 30 that he realized lifting could become more than a hobby.

“That’s when I figured out, hey, this is what I want to do,” Sparkman said. “From then on, it’s been pursuing that opportunity full time.”

Nowadays, he considers strength just a piece of overall athleticism.

“I would go as far as to say, that’s the easiest thing to do, is to make somebody stronger,” he said. “To make them a better athlete is a whole different concept.”

The program Sparkman has developed over the years and is installing at Azle includes resistance training, movement, mobility, nutrition, restorative periods, hydration and other elements. That means a wrestler or basketball player will benefit from the program as much as a football player.

“If I’m going to get a rebound, and I can jump faster than my opponent, I’m going to have a better chance of getting that rebound,” Sparkman said. “We can train that in here.”

TECHNOLOGICAL ASSISTANCE

Sparkman’s program includes technology that tracks each athlete’s progress, which can serve as a great motivator.

“When I come in to lift, when I train myself, I want to know that I got better or not,” Sparkman said. “Getting better each session fuels me to come back, and that’s what I try to create with our athletes, to instill success when they come in here.”

Each weight rack has an iPad, and athletes log and track their data daily, weekly, monthly and yearly. The information helps develop profiles of athletes that will eventually stretch four years if they remain in athletics.

“From the time they come in, to

the time they leave, we have a snapshot of the body of work they are doing, just like in the classroom,” the coach said. “The number of reps. Number of sets. The weight. Lasers that measure how fast you run. We have devices that tell you how fast the barbell is moving. These are all technologies that aren’t common, and we are fortunate to have them here at Azle. That goes into creating that second-to-none experience.”

Building strength and muscle can be a slow process. Tiny improvements from day to day aren’t always noticeable. Kids like to see their progress, he said.

“Having that technology allows us to show them,” he said.

That day in the weight room, several kids established personal records, which made them happy and encouraged them to try for new records.

“Are they going to improve every

day? Not necessarily,” Sparkman said. “But the idea is at least once a week or every other week, they hit what we call a PR – a personal record.”

Seeing those results inspires the kids to do better, and they keep coming back. Sparkman said he is blessed to have so many coaches around, all focused on improving the lives of kids through work ethic and good health.

“We’ve got 14 or 15 tremendous coaches who do an outstanding job working with our athletes,” Sparkman said. “It’s surrounding ourselves with the right personalities and right people who want to pour into these kids. It’s hard work to show up and train in 100-degree weather day in and day out, but if the athletes care, the athletes know that you care, and you can inject a spirit of fun and a spirit of energy into their training, that’s how you get them to buy in.”

The push appears to be working.

About 260 kids signed up for the athletic performance summer camp, where high school boys work out in the early mornings, high school girls train from 9 to 10:45 a.m., and the middle school kids go to noon.

“The goal next year is to break 300 and then to just keep it keep it going from there,” Sparkman said. “We want as many kids being a part of this thing that we can get because it is crucial, and not just from a fall sport standpoint. We’ve got cross country, volleyball and football coming up, but you also want to bridge the gap to those sports a little bit later - basketball, baseball, softball, soccer, golf, swimming.”

The Azle school district boasts about 800 kids participating in sports.

“The goal would be to get them all here,” Sparkman said with a smile. “The ultimate goal is, we want to create a program that kids don’t want to miss.”



Monte Sparkman shows kids how to lift and slam a medicine ball.

PHOTO BY JEFF PRINCE




WESTERN CROSS



[THERAPY]

Putting the unit back together

Healing PTS with equine therapy at Western Cross Ranch

BY JESSICA MCKINNEY

Winston Churchill once said that there is “something about the outside of a horse that is good for the inside of a man.”

As a young man, Dale Long came to realize that he had two fathers: the one that was every day, and the one that was in the saddle on a horse.

It was this realization — the difference in someone when they are interacting with a horse — that has led to the start of Long’s nonprofit organization Western Cross Ranch.

The mission of Western Cross, located in Azle, is to “save lives and put families back together; to provide a haven for the damaged warriors, and those they love, to heal” with Equine Assisted Learning. The programs will aid veterans and first responders, as well as their families, deal with post-traumatic stress.

Long’s father was a Vietnam veteran and was dealing with post-traumatic stress, although they didn’t know it at the time.

“That wasn’t a word that was used,” Long said. “But it was real in our lives.”

Long talked of having to “walk on eggshells” and having a father who was “emotionally voided in a lot of ways” while growing up.

“(He) was distant and quick to become angry, and volatile almost,” he said.

Dale Long is bringing his knowledge and experience with horses to Western Cross Ranch.

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Cynthia Graham, a Vietnam era veteran, has partnered with Dale Long on a mission to help those living with PTS.

PHOTO BY JIM STEVENS

Then, in 1979, Long himself enlisted in the Army, flying with combat units and medivac.

“Saw a lot of trauma, death, dismemberment, injuries, burns. ... Just a lot of things,” said Long.

But through it all, and even many years after leaving the service, Long didn’t feel affected by all that he had seen and experienced in the military. It wasn’t until a few years ago that his wife Donna started to realize that something was changing in Long.

“I began to experience some, I don’t want to call it depression, but some feelings and emotions that I hadn’t had before. Donna started recognizing in me some sleep issues. She would wake me up every once in a while, because I’d be talking in my sleep. I said, well, it can’t be post-traumatic stress, (because) I’ve been out since 1990. Here we are in 2018. That’s way too long to begin.”

Long began to research what might be happening to him, and that’s when he learned about delayed post traumatic-stress.

“The best way to describe it is this: you got this beautiful slab of foundation. But if we get a crack in it, and the weeds can start getting up through it, it starts making the cracks bigger ... when it starts to break, that foundation of all that stuff that’s underneath here starts coming back up through. Well, that’s the same thing with post-traumatic stress when it’s delayed. I’ve kept it for all these years and kept it under cover.”

Long said he wanted to remember the good times about his military experience. But when the crack started happening, it was like he couldn’t stop thinking about the bad instead.

He wanted to find a way to get back to himself. But he didn’t want to rely on antidepressants or other chemical drugs. And counseling isn’t really his thing, either. So, he began to research other ways to heal.

He came across a study by Columbia University on post-traumatic stress and equine therapy.

“What they came to find out is there is a true physiological reason, medical

reason, if you will, of why horses help veterans with post-traumatic stress,” said Long.

MAN O’WAR PROJECT

Columbia University Irving Medical Center created the Man O’War Project to “explore the use of and scientifically evaluate equine assisted therapy to treat/help individuals who suffer from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) or other mental health problems.”

The project came about when veteran and philanthropist Earle I. Mack became concerned about the mental health crisis facing veterans.

According to USO.org, research showed that more than 30,000 active-duty personnel and veterans who have served in the military since 9/11 have died by suicide.

In that same 20-year period, 7,057 service members were killed in combat. That means the suicide rate among military members is four times higher than death during military operations.

The project sought to validate and strengthen the clinical data in the

efficacy of Equine-Assisted Therapy (EAT) for veterans with PTSD, develop a standardized protocol for delivering EAT for PTSD, and prepare a manual to be used and develop a training curriculum for practitioners.

WHY HORSES HELP

There are several studies that show the benefits of working with horses in the treatment of PTSD.

- Because horses are prey animals, they are hypervigilant, giving veterans the chance to recognize and understand fear responses.
- Horses are sensitive to nonverbal and verbal cues, which gives great feedback to veterans about how they communicate.
- Horses live in a social structure and seek those relationships in a herd.
- Horses live in the moment. They are patient and forgiving, which veterans need when making mistakes and learning from them.

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- Building trust and relationships with horses must be earned.

EAT allows veterans to re-learn how to trust themselves and how to build trust with others, which is essential in developing successful relationships at home, work and back in the civilian world. It also helps them build on their own emotional awareness and their skills in regulating their emotions.

ESPRIT DE CORPS

Western Cross Ranch is developing an EAT program that will help veterans, first responders and their loved ones heal from the trauma that comes from PTS.

The term esprit de corps means “a feeling of pride, fellowship and common loyalty shared by the members of a particular group.”

Long talked about veterans and being part of a unit when they are in service.

“The unit is just like the herd of horses,” Long said.

“You pull one horse out of that herd, and he becomes nervous. Where’s my herd? Where’s my support? What am I supposed to be doing? Well, it’s the same thing with a veteran. When you pull him out of that environment, he feels like he’s alone. He’s lost that.”

What will set Western Cross apart from other organizations is that the program is being run by veterans and children of veterans who know the pain of PTS.

“It’s putting the unit back together,” said Long.

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Bryce Ford competes at the 3 Palms Action Sports Park in 2022.

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[COVER STORY]

Springtown ATV rider to represent United States in European quadcross

BY JEFF PRINCE

Climbing onto an all-terrain vehicle – also known as a quad – for the first time at age 4 was a thrill for Bryce Ford of Springtown.

The thrills keep coming year after year.

As a child, Ford rode his ATV at a local motocross track frequented by motorcycle riders. One of them advised Ford's parents – Jon and Robin Ford – to let the kid race in the “locals.”

“My parents said, ‘What’s that?’” Bryce Ford recalled. “It was a racing series that was called TQRA. We looked into it and signed up for a local race, and then, it was up from there.”

In 2011, Ford raced the full year and won his first national title. He was 9.

Bryce, now 20, and his older brother,

Cody, now 22, both found success on the quad track, and the family created a business to oversee their efforts. Established in 2017, Ford Brothers Racing was designed to sponsor teams of riders at the youth, amateur and pro levels.

At times, as many as a dozen riders from the United States and Canada have been members of the team.

Ford Brothers Racing was created to “help other racers live their dream of racing nationally,” said Robin Ford, Bryce’s mother. “It’s an expensive sport, and training is very important to the success of the rider. We offered a free place to train as well as rider support.”

She remembers those early years as

extraordinary times for her entire family. Some of the riders who trained at Ford Brothers would soon become her sons’ competitors.

“We helped pros those years that both our boys race (against) now,” she said. “We have many long-lasting friendships from the experience.”

In 2013, the family built a practice track adjacent to their home on Jay Bird Lane. The property included 32 acres with horse stables. The Fords converted the stables into a race shop, apartment and training facility for riders, and they built a large practice motocross track. That track was later expanded to two tracks with large jumps, big berms and complicated whoop sections.



Showing off hardware from a recent race.
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“That track has brought a lot of cool people that have come to train,” Bryce Ford said. “It’s super cool to wake up and go in your backyard and ride one of the best tracks in Texas.”

He trains from January through September, with much of his time spent at the backyard track.

“I know some of the neighbors probably don’t like us a ton because our bikes are pretty loud, but we’ve been fortunate enough that there have been very few complaints,” he said. “We train there are a lot.”

The overhead costs of the pro program increased over the years, and Ford Brothers Racing is currently sponsoring the Ford brothers only.

Bryce Ford’s quad triumphs continued as the years rolled by, and he has been named the American Motorcyclist Association’s ATV MX champion 12 times.

In 2015 and 2018, he was Youth Rider of the Year.

In 2019, he earned Amateur Rider of the Year.

In 2020, he won Pro Rookie of the Year.

COVID-19 decimated ATV competitions in 2020 and 2021, but Bryce Ford returned in 2022 and achieved what might be his biggest accomplishment yet. He was one of three people selected to ride on Team USA ATVMX. They will represent the United States at the Quadcross of European Nations competition slated for September 24-25 at Kramolin Track in the Czech Republic, an event that attracts riders from 20 nations and draws thousands of spectators.

Each nation sends a team with three riders. Teams compete in multiple races, with the team’s top five scores determining the overall finish positions.

Team USA is the defending champion after winning titles in 2017, 2018 and 2019.

Ford’s racing partners are Joel Hetrick and Chad Wienen.

Wienen is an eight-time winner of the AMA Pro ATV Motocross National Championship who will represent Team USA for the fourth time at the European race. Hetrick is a two-time national champ who will represent Team USA in Europe for the third time.

Ford is making his first trip to race at Kramolin Track, although he has been racing as a professional for three years in the AMA Pro ATV series. He is the youngest team member to compete at the international event.

Ford described racing on Team USA with two of his heroes as the “experience of a lifetime” and said he will do

his best.

“It’s a super big deal and something I’ve always wanted to get selected for,” he said.

He grew up watching older riders being selected for Team USA and dreamed of hearing his name called one day.

“And now getting selected and only being 20 years old in my third year of pro class, it’s a surreal thing for me,” he said. “It’s very special. I’m excited to go compete against other countries and show them that the United States is dominant and that we are going to go there and do our best, and hopefully, we can bring back a title.”

In years past, the three members selected for Team USA were the top three riders from the previous race season. However, COVID mangled the 2020 and 2021 seasons, so this year’s Team USA members were determined by which three racers had compiled the most points so far in 2022.

“There is just one team from each country to get selected,” Bryce Ford said.

Ford was sitting in third place for the season when the team was created, and he earned his place among the veteran riders, Hetrick and Wienen.

“There are two guys that are really solid,” Ford said. “They’ve been racing for a long time.”

Ford is thrilled to be included.

“It’s something special, and I’ve dreamed of that,” he said.



Bryce Ford flies across the finish line at a race in 2021.

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Springtown 4-Hers make deliveries to first responders in conjunction with the Springtown Area Chamber of Commerce. Pictured are 4-Hers Scarlett Webb, Makayla Beasley, Granger Farris, Brayden Beasley, Issac Gootee, Emma Hauprich, and Maverick Webb (in front.)

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[ORGANIZATION]

Raising leaders

Springtown 4-H offers multiple activities, life skills to local youth

BY MADELYN EDWARDS

Cooking, archery, lambs and insects. These are some of the topics that Springtown High School freshman Emma Hauprich has explored under the 4-H umbrella.

“If a kid has an interest in anything, we have something for them in 4-H,” said Kara Farris, Emma’s mother.

The Springtown 4-H Community Club connects kids with a variety of activities, such as showing livestock –

sheep, goats, cattle, pigs, horses, poultry and rabbits – as well as working with crops, fishing, STEM, entomology, food and nutrition, and fashion and interior design, among others.

Members of 4-H also participate in community service around Springtown. That has included gardening work for the city of Springtown, planting vegetables for residents at Springtown Park Rehabilitation and

Care Center and helping an older resident with yard work, among other tasks.

“We do a lot of community service in our club, and I just think that feels really good,” Emma said. “It’s a lot of backbreaking work, but the aftermath feels good.”

Emma is serving her second term as president of the Springtown 4-H Club and her eighth year in 4-H.

“My family – my mom’s side and my dad’s side – were both heavily involved in livestock and 4-H and FFA, so it’s just kind of in my blood to join it,” she said.

The Springtown 4-H Club has about 63 members, about half of whom usually show up for the monthly meetings. As president, Emma is able to harness her leadership skills.

“Our club has a lot of members, and I feel like I have good leadership skills, and I have good communication,” she said. “It’s a way for me to help other people and get more people to join 4-H and get more people to be an officer and just things like that.”

Emma shows lambs in livestock shows and is involved in food and nutrition, entomology and archery, all of which have some sort of competition element. She has won awards for the confections she baked and for showing lambs. She talked about how she and a team competed in a food and nutrition competition where they were told to make a dish with random ingredients and present it to judges.

Being in 4-H has connected Emma to interests that she never knew she had, like in the study of insects.

“I’m usually like, ‘Kill that bug,’ and now, I’m just like, ‘Get a container. I want to put it in the freezer,’” she said.

The same goes with friends. Emma has made friends with people she might



Emma Hauprich with the 4-H scrapbook.

PHOTO BY MADELYN EDWARDS

not have met if it weren’t for 4-H.

“I have many friends that I don’t go to school with,” she said. “I do hang out with them because I met them for 4-H.”

What Emma does in 4-H may be a starting point for her future career. She has two aspirations – to become a veterinarian because she loves animals or a county agent to continue working with 4-H because she loves kids. Either way,

she is building a foundation for her future in the Springtown 4-H Club.

WHAT IS 4-H?

The 4-H Youth Development Programs in the U.S. began as a way for agricultural leaders to educate rural families and agricultural producers at the turn of the century. The origins of 4-H in Texas began with a corn club for boys created in 1908 in Jack County. Thereafter, pig clubs and beef calf clubs as well as tomato clubs for girls started up. From there, Texas 4-H grew from 25 corn club members in 1908 to more than 1 million members in 2000.

Created by Dorothy Huddleston, the Springtown 4-H Club began as a group of seven girls in 1954, and about four years later it became the Springtown 4-H Community Club, Emma said.

The 4-H program began to spread education to rural families, and while Parker County isn’t as rural as it used to be, 4-Hers can still bring education home to their families, said Kathy Smith, Parker County Extension Agent for Family and Community Health.

“There’s still opportunities for youth to gain skills in helping to preserve nature, being good stewards of our land,



Springtown 4-Hers present their float at the Christmas parade in Springtown.

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Springtown kids play a game at their Christmas party.

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taking care of it,” Smith said.

Smith joined the Springtown 4-H Club when she was 12 years old in 1972, and she eventually became the club’s president during her senior year. She remembers the club having about 80 or 90 kids involved and great leaders.

“We had a good group of kids, and the thing is I’m still friends with some of those kids that were in 4-H,” Smith said. “It was great program.”

In fact, 4-H is a significant factor in why Smith became a county extension agent. She looked up to the county extension agents who were around when she was a youth and admired their jobs. After high school, she set her sights on becoming an extension agent and eventually was able to achieve her goal and return to Parker County for the job.

“I love everything I do, but I still love being involved with the 4-H program,” she said. “Although I don’t have as much direct contact, I do support them, and I try to be involved as much as I can.”

There are over 500 members of 4-H in Parker County, and the club is still going as strong as it was when Smith was a member, she said. There are more activities for kids to participate in, but the club still retains some of its traditional elements, like offering leadership opportunities and allowing kids to make a record book to commemorate their time in 4-H.

Today, the Springtown 4-H Club

meets up on the first Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the SHS cafeteria, and the kids are usually active from September until the Parker County Livestock Show in June. The meetings, planned by the club’s officer team, usually include updates on past and future happenings, a game and a guest speaker. Separate meetings are involved depending on the members’ chosen activities.

Kids in 4-H range in grades from third to 12th, and there is also a group for younger children called Clover Kids for those 5 years old up to second-grade age, Emma said. The Springtown 4-H Club president said that most members range from third graders to sophomores, but there are not a lot of older kids, who tend to lose excitement in 4-H as they grow up. One of her goals is to recruit more older members to be leaders in the group.

Farris, Emma’s mom, said sometimes high school-age kids will choose to participate in FFA instead of 4-H, which may be more convenient since FFA meetings take place during school as opposed to 4-H which is an afterschool activity. She talked up the scholarship opportunities that 4-H has to offer.

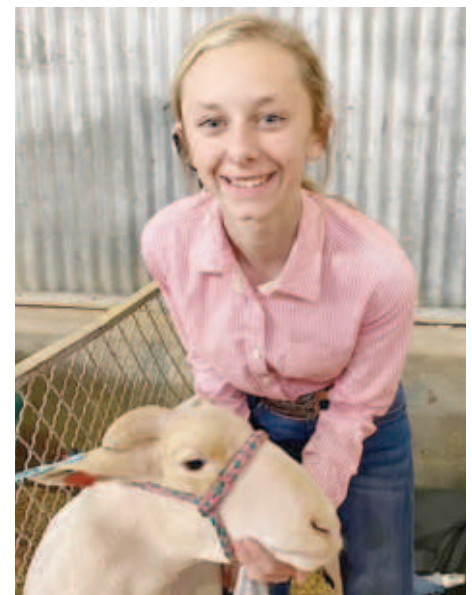
“I don’t know that kids realize there are great scholarship opportunities through FFA but also through 4-H. I know our club personally, we have scholarship opportunities at the club,

the county and the state level for 4-H,” Farris said.

Above all, Farris said 4-H teaches skills to kids that will last a lifetime, such as leadership, helping others, making new friends and time management. She also pointed out how 4-H has shaped her daughter’s career path.

“That’s what 4-H is teaching kids is how to be a leader, have life skills that they’re going to use forever,” she said.

For more information about the Springtown 4-H Club, visit its Facebook page at Springtown 4-H or reach out via email to springtown4h@gmail.com.



Emma Hauprich at the Fort Worth Stock Show.

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Lisa Brown with son Logan. Lisa, who grew up in Azle, has written a book about how the family coped with Logan's medical condition.

PHOTO BY DON MUNSCH

Azle native writes book to encourage understanding of rare condition

BY DON MUNSCH

Logan Brown has some convention interests for a young man – video games and cars – but he hasn't led a conventional life.

His mom, Lisa, wrote a book about how much her family has had to cope with a rare condition that afflicts Logan.

"Changing Faces: A Journey of Hope and Perseverance" was written to inspire people, Lisa said in an interview. The book was released in May, with Georgia-based Abuzz Press as the publisher. Brown grew up in Azle and went to Azle High, graduating in 1989. Brown and her family live in Willow Park.

"I'm not going to lie - I poured myself into this," Brown said about the book. "It was hard to do, but I'm glad I did it for the whole family."

Logan suffers from Apert syndrome, which is a rare craniofacial condition caused by a "fluke mutation" that hap-

pens after conception, Brown said.

From rarediseases.info.nih.gov, we learn that the disease is "characterized by fusion of the skull bones too early during development (craniosynostosis) and webbing of fingers and toes (syndactyly)," adding that the condition "is inherited in an autosomal dominant manner, but many cases result from a new genetic change in a person with no family history of the disorder."

Brown wants people to know that awareness is the key to understanding Apert syndrome and that parents can educate their children that everybody is "made differently." Not all Apert sufferers have the same degree of the condition. Doctors treat the condition by remodeling the skull and separating the fingers and toes.

Logan has had 15 surgeries, but there are a lot of young people who

have had more, depending on the severity. Apert sufferers have a good prognosis for life, and Logan will be monitored through his adulthood.

Brown said people with Apert syndrome are sweet, loving, giving and caring individuals with a lot to share with the world.

THE DIAGNOSIS

She and her husband were "shocked" to get Logan's diagnosis.

After Logan's diagnosis, the Browns met with a geneticist who prepared them with the realities of his condition.

"I don't think anything could have prepared us for what truly we were going to go through," she said. "But it's probably a good thing to not know everything in advance. You just have to take everything day by day."

In her book, just after Logan was

born, Brown describes how the geneticist explained the condition was discovered in the early 1900s by a French physician and that it affects one in 160,000 births.

With all disabilities, there's a range of how Apert syndrome affects a person's cognitive skills, Brown said, and Logan had a learning disability in math but he did well in school with a lot of modifications and accommodations and inclusion.

"And that helped him a lot being included," he said.

Logan, 20, attended Brewer High School and graduated in 2020. He now works at Walmart in Hudson Oaks, and he has worked there about a year. He loves cars and has thought about attending college, and his dream job would be to work with a racing team some day. Logan's paternal grandfather has rebuilt street rods over the years, and so there's a lot of car knowledge in the family. Logan doesn't have his own car yet. Besides cars, he enjoys playing video games and watching Japanese cartoons.

Besides his family, one particular friend has been supportive in Logan's life: Izzy Stark, who attends the University of Arkansas. She and Logan attended school together and have known each other since they were babies. Stark's mother and Brown are good friends.

"If I ever get down, she will push me up and say, 'hey, don't worry about that,'" Logan said.

Stark was in Finland this summer working on a lab research project.

In an email, she said she and Logan trick-or-treated together for years, especially around their neighborhood in Azle.

"We would drive go-karts in our yards, spend many summer days in Logan's pool, and play video games together," Stark said. "We were neighbors for years, and our parents worked at the same school, so we spent lots of before/after school hours together. We were very close. When we were three, we were Tinker Bell and Peter Pan in one of our preschool shows and even

had matching Incredibles pajamas."

She said they had plans to attend his prom as friends, but COVID-19 canceled those plans.

"Logan was quiet, but once around those he was comfortable with, his bright personality shone," she said. "He was always ready for whatever mischievous adventures each day brought, has the most infectious laugh, and is the greatest Lego builder in the world!"

POSSESSING GRIT

Lunches were lonely for Logan in high school, his mom said, when kids find their niche and go their separate ways from others, and it was tough for Logan, although he did meet up with a couple of students to participate in a Bible study. Logan gets through life as best he can, and his mother said he "definitely has grit."

"Sometimes, it made it pretty rough," he said about his condition.

Brown holds an associate degree in accounting from Tarrant County College and worked in the accounting field for about five years. She eventually pursued and received a degree in social work from UT-Arlington and worked for early childhood intervention through the state. She received her master's degree in special education and taught for 16 years at White Settlement ISD. She left teaching in 2016 and she is back part time in accounting.

In 2016, she decided to write the book. She started a blog in 2014 after one of Logan's cranial surgeries, and she was ready to start sharing her experiences.

"Honesty, I felt it's something God laid on my heart to do, to share our family's journey with others," she said about the book. "We've been through a lot, and I wanted to let others know that there's hope out there."

The book took five years to write. This is Brown's first book.

"It was hard because it's personal, so I had to relive a lot of things," she said. "But it was cathartic at the same time. I pitched it to literary agents for about six months. This publisher is ac-

tually a hybrid publisher and they do publish through Ingram, which is the biggest book distributor. But I do have to self-market."

She has received good feedback in the short time it has been out, and she enjoys the positive reviews it has garnered.

"Really, I just want my book to get out to people to encourage people, to inspire people, help others know they're not alone," she said. "Anyone struggling, really, not just special needs families but people who go through hard times."

Through writing the book, she learned that she was holding on to a lot of emotions.

"I learned that I don't have to feel like I'm in control," she said. "I learned I can rely on my faith a lot more than I was. I learned that even though we may feel like we're alone, we're all going through struggles, so it's a matter of how we approach how we're going to handle it."

It was obviously difficult to experience everything that happened to Logan.

"I talk about that very candidly in the book," she said. "I talk about the hard times, but I also talk about the good times. We're like normal families, too. We have normal things that happen to us, funny things. It's tough on the whole family, it's tough on the marriage, but you do what you have to get through it. And for us, it's been relying on our faith. We're true believers in God and the power of prayer. And we're fortunate to have a lot of family who have been there with us and been our support."

Brown's parents – Linda and Emmett Hartsfield – live in Azle. Her parents read the book and loved it, Lisa said.

Lisa and husband Steve are also the parents of Landon, 17, who attends Aledo High School and will be a senior this year.

The book may be found on Amazon.com, BarnesandNoble.com or BookLocker.com. A meet and greet for Brown will be held 3-4:30 p.m. Aug. 28 at The Journey Church, 9100 Chapin Road in Fort Worth.



Becky Spurlock, Azle ISD athletic director, manages various components of the athletic department, including coaches' evaluations.

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[SPORTS]

She coaches the coaches: Spurlock shapes Azle athletics

BY DON MUNSCH

Seeing green.

Green jerseys, more specifically. Becky Spurlock oversees everything at Azle ISD's athletics – including ensuring green jerseys can be found.

It's a part of the job that one would not think would be difficult, but not many high school sports teams wear green, so Spurlock has to find companies that offer the appropriate green colors.

Locating clothing and equipment is just one facet of the job, as Spurlock has to hire coaches and ensure that those who are working here are per-

forming to district standards.

It's a year-round job with lots of demands.

"It's an honor to do what I do, to be honest with you," she said. "And I think I make a difference. I think I can help young coaches be better coaches; I can help old coaches be better coaches. You just have to approach them a different way."

Spurlock's parents were educators, and she has always had sports in her blood. She grew up in Woodville, in Southeast Texas, and was a multi-sport athlete there. She played volley-

ball, track, tennis and basketball. She attended Angelina College on a tennis scholarship. She attended the school for two years and also was a manager for the basketball team. She then went to Baylor and got involved in the sports medicine program and graduated in 1982.

Her first job after Baylor was at Waco Connally High School, where she was the head athletic trainer. She coached basketball, track, tennis and golf at the school.

In July 1992, Spurlock received a call from Baylor athletic director Grant Te-

aff and head athletic trainer Mike Sims to come back to Baylor. She worked as associate athletic trainer and worked with the football and women's basketball programs. In August 1999, Spurlock went to work with Keller ISD, and in her third year there, she was offered the assistant AD position and she stayed in there until she left in 2017, when she came to Azle where she was hired as AD.

“THE KITCHEN SINK”

When asked about duties as AD, Spurlock playfully replies “the kitchen sink.” She ensures coaches understand University Interscholastic League rules, and she oversees budgets and ordering of equipment.

“We do all of the game management from here, meaning setting up our tickets – everything from season tickets in football to tickets for the games to tickets for all home events, no matter what sport,” she said in an interview from her office this summer. “We do a lot of that during the summer because that’s our prep time. We get our schedules from our coaches. We have a certain time we do our season tickets, which we’ve already done our renewals in our ticket exchange and now we’re in open seating. We have a few season (football) tickets left, but they’re going fast.”

Spurlock said Azle ISD has a three-year rotation on uniforms, and she buys uniforms every third year. Coaches pick what they want in a uniform and get a quote and then they send that information to Spurlock, who signs off and makes the orders. Football uniforms are the most expensive jerseys.

Equipment also must be purchased and managed, and the athletic department will try to buy a certain number of shoulder pads for football every year so they are up to industry standards. Helmets are purchased every year so that they don’t have a bunch of helmets go out of date.

“I think that’s critical – that’s the best way to do your budget,” she said, noting that coaches turn in a helmet roster each year.

Spurlock talked about how jerseys and pants are selected, pointing out at one point that black uniforms can last longer than white uniforms.

“You wash white in the wrong detergent and it’s going to yellow – and then you can’t get that yellow out,” she said.

Jerseys in Azle can be emblazoned with either Azle or Hornets, Spurlock said. Sometimes, a jersey can have Azle on the front and Azle on the back.

“The one thing I try to keep very constant is our logo,” she said, adding that changes to the logo are “not an option.”

ADs are limited to what the suppliers provide.

“Those companies put out certain colors and they’re like, ‘these are the colors for the year,’” she said. “You’re locked into purchasing a uniform they may not be exactly what you want because that’s what the big uniform people give that year. You do have to deal with that sometimes.”

The district still copes with the effect of COVID-19, as some uniforms cannot be acquired, or at least not received in a timely manner. Kelly green, Azle’s color, is “very, very hard to find,” she said.

COACHING COACHES

Spurlock performs all the evaluations of the coaches and hiring coaches. Spurlock is involved in the hiring of junior high coaches as well as high school staff.

“Our junior high staff has gotten extremely stronger since I’ve been here over the five years, and I think we’re beginning to see the difference in the skill level of the kids coming up from the junior high level, which is what you’ve got to have,” she said.

Coaches have to be good classroom teachers, and that is non-negotiable, Spurlock said.

“If they’re not a good teacher, I don’t care if they’ve won 10 state championships, they’re not going to come coach (here),” she said.

Spurlock said coaches are among the best teachers on the campus.

As far as coaches’ performances, a win-loss record is factored into a coach’s evaluation, but it’s not the No.

1 factor for Spurlock.

“Athletics goes through phases,” she said. “The other thing that affects high school athletics is that every two years, UIL gives you a new district.”

She points to how the football team will have Denton Ryan and Aledo for the next two years in district play. But as far as the bigger picture, she looks at how well did Azle athletes compete and how coaches prepare the players. Coaches should hold “purposeful practices” to get the team ready to play its next game, Spurlock said.

“Now, we’re going to win some and we’re going to lose some games,” she said. “We’re going to compete for being in the playoffs, and I certainly think we have every chance to be in the playoffs in our sports, not just football. ... But what I look at is how coaches prepare those kids.”

She also looks to see whether coaches make adjustments during a game, if the situation necessitates it. She also wants to see a coach’s demeanor, and she wants to see how a coach teaches life lessons. Almost every team performs some type of community service, and that is critically important, Spurlock said.

Spurlock doesn’t see herself as a micromanager in many ways, explaining she wants to hire a coach and then let the coach exhibit his or her personality as that person coaches the team. A new coach coming in has to get to know the athletes, and Azle coaches seem to do a good job of knowing how to handle certain situations with players, such as those who may not have played well in a game, she said.

MANAGING CONFLICTS

As far as coach-athlete conflicts, the Azle ISD protocol calls for the student and coach to talk, and if no resolution can be found, then a parent can request a meeting with the coach. If the coach-parent meeting finds no resolution, then the high school principal becomes involved.

“I am in that loop all the way, knowing what’s going on, but I’m the last person they come to,” Spurlock said, noting that some parents might talk

to some other individual, such as Superintendent Todd Smith. Azle parents are respectful of the process, she said, and let their children fight some of their battles. Athletics will teach people how to handle adversity when it arises, she added. Face-to-face or phone calls are recommended for parent-coach conversations.

On another topic, if students are not maintaining grades, then they can be released from athletics, Spurlock said.

Azle ISD has an extracurricular and co-curricular code of conduct for students who want to participate in athletics. The code outlines what consequences students may face if they are not following rules or coaches' directions.

Spurlock attends games and practices, and she will be apprised if coaches are not doing their job in the classroom, noting that situation doesn't happen very often.

A STEADY STREAM OF DUTIES

There seemingly are a never-ending number of issues Spurlock must handle, from approving schedules and out-of-town tournaments to being involved in the pre-planning of playoff game logistics. In managing budgets, she has to ensure everything is Title IX compliant.

During the summer, she looks after hiring coaches and making sure they have everything they need, and summer camps have to be approved through Spurlock's office. As for the games themselves, Spurlock has to ensure people are available to work there. There is also maintenance of facilities to coordinate, too. Spurlock also works as the district executive committee chairperson.

Spurlock said she loves her job and said her regret is that she didn't ar-

rive in Azle 10 years ago. She appreciates the support of the school board, administration and parents. She likes seeing how much the athletic department has grown in her time as AD, and Azle teams made the playoffs in nearly team sport the last two years. The most challenging aspect to being Azle ISD AD is dealing with the growth in the district, she said.

"The growth in our community is going to grow our programs, which is a wonderful thing, but when you grow your programs, you also have to grow the number of teacher-coaches you have," she said. "We have been able to able to manage the growth so far, and our coaches are pretty phenomenal."

Keeping people in education also amounts to a challenge, because there are opportunities for educators to make more money and not deal with the pressures that exist now.

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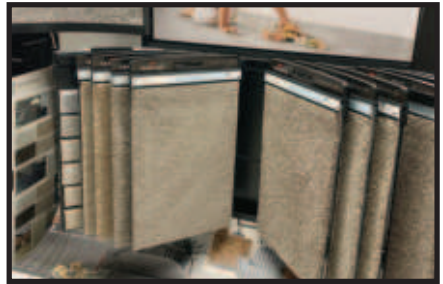
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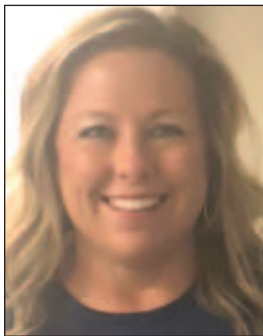
On behalf of the Springtown Area Chamber of Commerce, I would like to welcome you to our beautiful city. Springtown is an outstanding place to live, work and grow a business. Whether you are visiting, looking for a place to call home, or you already reside in our thriving community, Springtown is a distinctive small-town with a big heart and lots of opportunities. Springtown is perfectly positioned to allow big city conveniences, along with the quaint small-town feel you cannot get living in the metroplex. Our deep history goes back to 1884 when our town was incorporated, and the chamber was established in 1966 to advocate for and support the prosperity of the Springtown community.

As the president of the Chamber of Commerce and a Springtown Porcupine Alumni, I am biased toward Springtown. The delightful feel and friendly people are what make it special. I encourage you to shop local and develop relationships with local businesses that would not be possible in larger communities.

The Chamber of Commerce continues to partner with local government and other organizations to pursue improvements in the overall quality of life for the city, county, and region. The Chamber not only works hard to promote local businesses but hosts several events that support local government, schools, and public servants. The Chamber hosts an annual awards banquet, a new teacher luncheon, Christmas Angel Tree Programs for Seniors and Children, assists with local food drives, and many other distinct occasions throughout the year. One goal of hosting these events is to bring the residents and businesses together to improve community relations and promote local services. "Shop Local" is a message we feel strongly about as we want you to get to know your merchants so they can better serve you. By supporting the businesses in our directory, you are reinvesting in your community.

The chamber encourages our residents, businesses, and organizations to get involved with our events. One of the greatest opportunities is to attend our monthly luncheons that are held on the 4th Thursday of most months. This is a wonderful time for fellowship, networking, and learning about other businesses and activities which are happening in the community.

Other opportunities to get involved with the chamber include participating in, sponsoring, or volunteering for our three major fundraising events during the year. The Chamber hosts a Sporting Clay Shoot, a Bicycle Rally, and our largest event of the year, the Wild West Festival. The Wild West Festival is held on the 3rd Saturday of September, and it begins with a huge parade, has over 200 booths, an entire children's area with rides and extraordinary events for the kids, a BBQ Cook-Off (sanctioned), and a lot of local entertainment.



Ultimately, Springtown is a fantastic place to live, raise a family, shop, and own a business. Our sustained growth provides for either new businesses to come to town or current companies the chance to expand their offerings, all in an effort to give the citizens of Springtown what they want and need. It is my hope that you will find a local business, organization, or church in this directory that will provide what you are looking for and establish a lifelong relationship to support you and your family.

God Bless,

Jennifer Conway
Chamber President

Springtown Area Chamber of Commerce

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About the Chamber of Commerce

HISTORY IN BRIEF

The Springtown Area Chamber of Commerce is located on the historic downtown square of Springtown, Texas. Housed in one of the oldest buildings in town, the Chamber was first incorporated in 1966; and has operated continuously, with steady growth since 1979 – and with more exciting growth in recent years.

The Chamber is governed by a Board comprised of 21 Directors, two Ex-Officio Directors, and an Executive Director who oversees the daily operations and event planning of the Chamber. Our organization prides itself on excellent esprit de corps, and operates in the best interests of the community overall – not just business interests. Our Board has a diverse cross-section of representation from community members. Apart from current business owners we have retired business owners, and representatives of other civic organizations, local & county government, and even many churches.

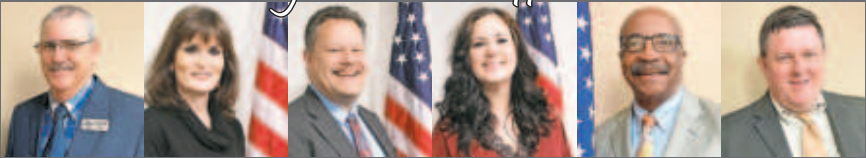
If you would like more information about membership and participation in our great Chamber, contact us by any of the means listed here in this brochure.

And for more in-depth history on our Chamber and our community, read more here, or check out our website at www.springtownchamber.org. Thank you for your interest in the Springtown Area Chamber of Commerce!



About Springtown

Meet your elected officials



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Mayor Pro-Tem/
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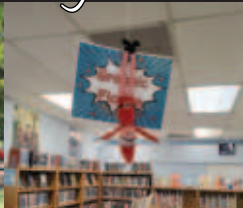
*Michèle Chandler
Kelly, CMO
Place 2*

*Walter Roberson
Place 3*

*Scott Richardson
Place 5*

The City of Springtown is a General Law Type A city served by a mayor and five council members. Each official is elected for two-year terms. City Council meetings are held the fourth Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Municipal Annex Building. The agenda for each meeting as well as link to the live stream and recording for the meeting can be found at cityofspringtown.civicweb.net.

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City Secretary **Denise Taylor**

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WHAT IS THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE?

The Springtown Chamber of Commerce is a service institution and a 501 ©6 non-profit business organization. It provides a medium through which people can take effective action for the progress of Springtown.

The Chamber helps to create to create job opportunities through economic stimulation.

It also seeks to help with the improvement of community facilities – streets, highways, parks, schools, marketing facilities and human resources.

The Springtown Chamber partners with the city of Springtown and the Springtown ISD to build strong, quality community and workforce for future generations.



*The Chamber office at
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MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS & NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES:

- Ribbon Cutting to introduce your business to the community through a “free” picture published in the Springtown Epigraph newspaper.
- Springtown Area Chamber of Commerce membership plaque to be displayed at your place of business.
- Business referrals from the Chamber office when someone calls requesting your type of business.
- 2 Business listings on the Chamber website
- Link to your business website from the Chamber website directory pages
- Display of your business cards at the Chamber office on the business card wall.
- Free participation in Welcome Bags handed out to new residents.
- Participation in the New Teacher Welcome Bags and Mixer each year to welcome all of the new Teachers to SISD.
- Complimentary weekly EBLast email to inform Chamber members of local networking opportunities or upcoming events.
- Opportunities to advertise in the Business Directory when published and distributed.
- Access to Chamber membership mailing list
- Opportunities to become involved in our community through events like Monthly luncheons, Annual Banquet, Sporting Clay Shoot, All American Bicycle Rally and our Wild West Festival.
- Opportunities to spotlight your business through various sponsorships & door prizes:
Annual Wild West Festival, Chamber Website, Annual Awards Banquet, New Teacher Mixer

Chamber Board of Directors & Staff

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The History of Springtown, Texas



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Our wonderful community of Springtown, Texas, originally named Littleton Springs, is located in northeastern Parker County. Springtown is a short drive of 25 miles from downtown Fort Worth. Parker County was named after Isaac Parker, a relative of Cynthia Ann Parker, who was captured by Comanche as a child and became the mother of the famous Comanche Chief Quanah Parker. Among the settlers who arrived in newly formed Parker County in 1859 was Captain Joseph Ward, a native of Patterson, New Jersey.

When Ward arrived at Walnut Creek, he was impressed by the wild, untamed beauty of the countryside. The rolling hills were dotted with thick clumps of oak and elm trees, which sheltered bears, panthers, deer, wolves, quail, and wild turkeys. He was especially impressed by Littleton Springs where 25 cold springs flowed from the base of a rolling hillside.

Ward began laying out a town site. Despite the problems brought on by nature, Comanche warriors, and the Civil War, the

The History of Springtown, Texas

town grew and later changed its name to Springtown. By 1877, the town boasted a school, a hotel, two general stores, two blacksmith shops, and three cotton gins. The town was incorporated in 1884. That same year, the College Hill Institute and the Springtown Male and Female Institute were both founded. Accordingly, Springtown was soon considered the center of education for the area.

By the turn of the century however, the coming of public education and other changes had caused the schools to decline in attendance and the Male and Female Institute building became the Springtown public schools building. The College Hill Institute building was put on log rollers and moved by mule teams to the town square where it became the city hall. An open-sided area for meeting was added to the new city hall and was called the “Tabernacle” because of the numerous revival meetings held there. In 1936, during the Great Depression, the Civilian

Conservation Corps (CCC) removed the city hall building and the old tabernacle, and then constructed the present tabernacle building -which continues to be the epicenter for town life. Weddings, religious services, political rallies, graduation ceremonies, funerals, and community activities have been held there. The community was especially proud of the stone and wood rail fence which kept horses, wagons, and buggies at a distance from the Tabernacle. A well on the north side provided cool water.

In more recent times, Springtown has experienced a period of slow but steady growth which has greatly accelerated in the last few years. Considered a “bedroom community” in the post World War II era, many residents worked in the military industries of Bell Helicopter, and what is now called Lockheed Martin. Although a great many residents of the area continue to hold jobs there, Springtown is growing into a more economically independent



The Wild West Festival is held on the third Saturday of September each year.

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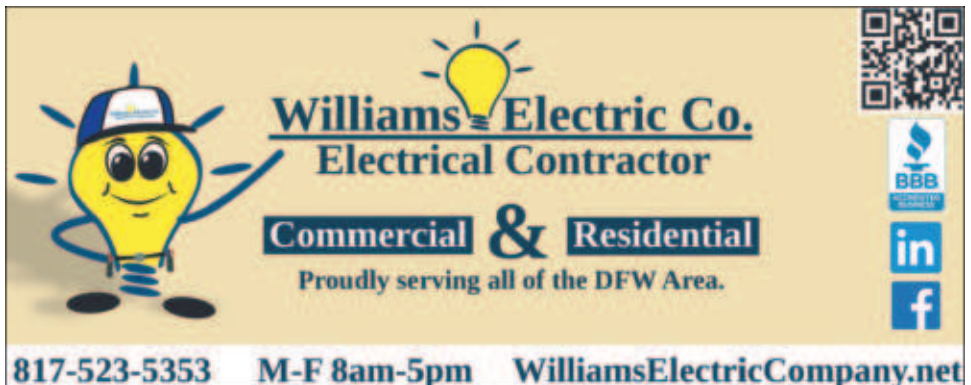
area, with entrepreneurs and new business development providing more home-grown jobs. The community has continued to express the spirit of the pioneers, who fought off attacks by native tribes and the challenges of nature to establish a town in the wilderness.

The Tabernacle continues to represent the collective community spirit of Springtown as it has for many generations. From 2010 through 2016, a joint effort between the City of Springtown, an active committee of supporters, and generous contributions by both individuals and great businesses, brought about an overdue renovation of the Springtown Square public area, and the Tabernacle building itself. Bond money the City had received provided for the reconstruction of the parking area, streets, and sidewalks around the Tabernacle Park and added much needed curb & gutter and stormwater control. Then through 100% private funding, the Tabernacle building and grounds were completely made over.

The update brought new sidewalks, a lush lawn with a sprinkler system, structural repairs to the building, and cosmetic enhancements and preservative treatments for both the building and surrounding fence. The crowning jewel is our beautiful new fountain which was designed, funded and constructed by two local citizen families. It's only appropriate

that a town named Springtown, have a proper water feature on the square and ours is a genuine work of art! The renovated Tabernacle Park has received several prestigious nominations and awards. The Springtown Area Chamber of Commerce, a 501(c)(6) organization has added much of Springtown's growth and economic successes. Located across from the tabernacle in an historic building, the Chamber works with the City, public schools, county government, and other civic interests to keep Springtown growing in a positive way. The Chamber's biggest event of the year is the annual Wild West Festival; held on the third Saturday of September each year. This "wildly" successful event brings locals and visitors by the THOUSANDS to enjoy our parade, live entertainment, barbecue cook-off, children's area, vendor booths, food trucks, and so much more. It's been going on since 1984 and gets bigger & better each year!

Springtown has a lot going for it: Great people, an outstanding public-school system, award winning city parks, super business people, friendly and welcoming churches; the list could go on. When you add the Springtown Area Chamber of Commerce into that mix – that's just one more thing that makes Springtown such a special place.



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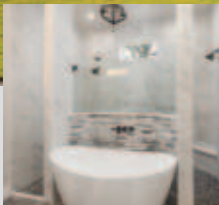
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CITY OF SPRINGTOWN

The City of Springtown was founded in 1859. Springtown is a General Law Type A city with an elected mayor and five council members serving staggered two-year terms. City Council meetings are held the fourth Thursday of each month beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the Court Annex building.

CITY OF SPRINGTOWN FACILITIES:

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Police Department	Full Time
Area	3 Square miles
School District	Springtown I.S.D.
Government	General Law Type A City

CURRENT CITY COUNCIL

Mayor	Greg Hood
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Place 4	Richelle Pruitt (Mayor Pro Tem)
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Get involved

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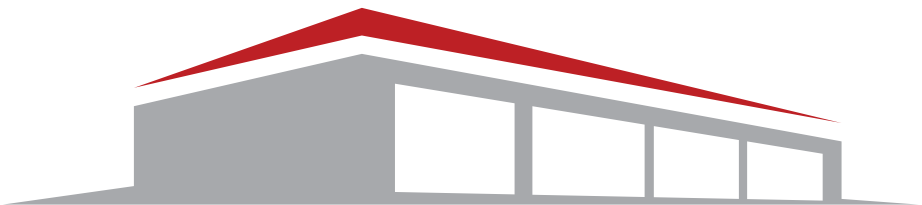
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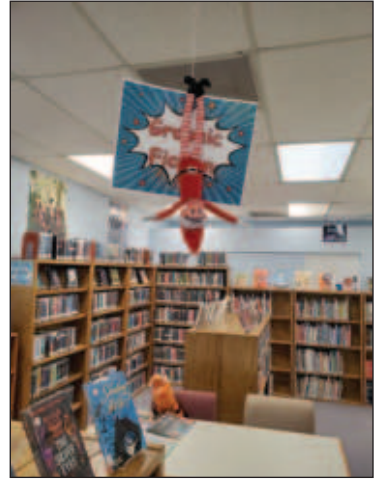
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Important Phone Numbers

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NON-EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Springtown Police Department.....	817-220-0828
Parker County Emergency Services District.....	817-523-7598
Parker County Sheriff's Department	817-594-8845 or 817-594-3213
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CITY OF SPRINGTOWN

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Public Library	817-523-5862
Animal Control	817-220-0828
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Weatherford	817-594-8536
Social Security Administration	800-772-1213
Texas Health & Human Services, Weatherford	817-596-7502
TX Workers Compensation Commission	817-446-4488

CONSUMER COMPLAINTS

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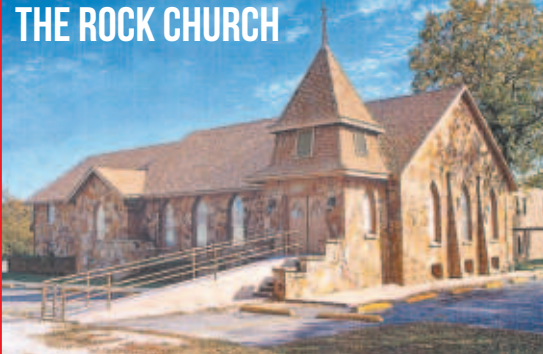
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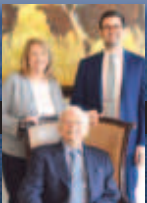
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