



Kelley to leave SISD chief post

Superintendent cites disappointment with failed bond elections

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Springtown ISD Superintendent Mike Kelley announced this week he will retire by the end of the year.

In an email to the Epigraph late Tuesday, he said the SISD Board accepted his resignation Monday night.

"Over the last several years, one of my primary goals has been to lead the District through construction of a new elementary school and classroom additions on other campuses," Kelley said in his email to

the Epigraph. "While I have enjoyed serving as SISD's superintendent for more than a decade, two unsuccessful bond elections have been disheartening and exhausting. Like our student enrollment projections, I am now personally 'a few years ahead of schedule' and have decided to retire. I have notified the Board of my intention to resign effective December 31st, 2022."

Kelley expressed gratitude to have served as the district chief.

"This is my twenty-fifth year as a Porcupine, and

my family and I could not have been more blessed," he said in the email. "I have learned a great deal from watching incredible staff members positively influence our students. I am proud my children spent their entire k-12 experience in SISD; hearing them speak about their former teachers with genuine admiration gives me certainty that the decision to remain here for the bulk of my career was a good one. Though many of my fondest memories in the profession are from the time I spent teaching and coach-

ing, I will also cherish the friendships developed while serving as an administrator in Springtown ISD."

Kelley is in his 32nd year in education, and this is his 25th in Springtown ISD. He began teaching and coaching here in the fall of 1998 and did that for three years. He also was an assistant principal at Springtown Middle School for two years, a principal at SMS for two years and then the principal at SHS for six years before moving into the superintendency.



PHOTO BY MADELYN EDWARDS
Mike Kelley at a recent SISD meeting.

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PHOTO BY MADELYN EDWARDS
Springtown High School senior Amie Ann White poses for a picture with FCCLA adviser Richelle McMillion. White is serving as the vice president of development on the FCCLA National Executive Council for the 2022-23 year.

A national leader

SHS senior is chosen to serve on FCCLA National Executive Council

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Springtown High School senior Amie Ann White screamed when she found out that she would serve on the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America's National Executive Council.

"Oh, it's a big moment," White said, recalling how she felt after being confirmed as a national officer. She is the vice president of development on the national council for the 2022-23 year.

White, who has also served as a regional and state officer, received the news at around 7:30 a.m. on one of the last days at the National

Leadership Conference in San Diego, California, over the summer. The FCCLA executive director gave White the letter, which she took to her hotel room to receive the results while her adviser Richelle McMillion was standing outside the door.

"You open the letter, and

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Optimist Club holds its last meeting

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The bell rings no more for Springtown Optimist Club meetings.

Club officials held their last meeting Sept. 20 at Howell's Western Café in Springtown. Lila Deakle, president, and Mike Gilley, secretary, oversaw the meeting, with business centered on decisions related to club money and belongings. Just three other people attended the meeting, and one of those people was George Conley, Parker County commissioner, who along with Gilley had been with the club since its inception 39 years ago. (The aforementioned bell was sounded during meetings.)

"When you do something for 39 years, it's kind of hard to give it up," Gilley said af-

ter the meeting, reflecting on the club's end. "But when it's only four, five or six of you doing it, you can't hold events, you can't staff it, so to speak."

"It's just not sustainable," Deakle said, agreeing.

Low attendance and membership participation hurt the club and ultimately resulted in members voting to dissolve. The vote to disband came in early August.

"It's taken us over a year to take it in," Gilley said about the club's dissolution, adding that the club's time has passed and it's "a new generation today."

Deakle said it was a "wonderful club, they did wonderful things, but times change. It's like there's no interest with the younger generation."

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Springtown Chamber Lunch



PHOTO BY MADELYN EDWARDS
Jennifer Horan holds up baby Ryan, who is 6 months old, for a picture with 5-year-old William at the Springtown Area Chamber of Commerce's monthly luncheon last week.

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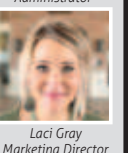
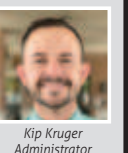


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Game wardens ready for upcoming hunting season

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White-tailed deer season is about to start, with bow hunting opening on Oct. 1 and rifle on Nov. 5. While hunters are preparing their gear and deciding on the best spots to hunt this season, Texas game wardens are also getting ready to ensure a fun, safe season for all.

Texas game wardens are part of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. More than 550 game wardens serve across the 254 counties in Texas. There are five game wardens covering Tarrant County and one for Parker County.

Tarrant County Game Warden Angel Miller said that one of the biggest concerns

that wardens face during hunting season, especially in a populated county like Tarrant, is people knowing where they can and cannot hunt.

“Do you have permission; do you have enough property?” Miller said. “Because Tarrant County does have a city ordinance that basically says if you don’t have a certain amount of acreage, you can’t discharge a rifle, and if you don’t have 50 acres, you can’t discharge a rifle.”

Miller said game wardens don’t enforce those ordinances but rather “just kind of make sure you’re being safe and you’re not trespassing on another person’s property.”

But Tarrant County law enforcement could get involved, so it’s important for hunters

to make sure they are aware of the laws where they are hunting and make sure they are in a place where they have permission to hunt.

Another concern of game wardens is making sure that every hunter born after Sept. 1, 1971, has completed hunter education. The most common citation given during hunting season is for people not having hunter education.

“We’re getting to the point where, you know, pretty much everyone needs to have it,” said Miller.

Another challenge game wardens and hunters will encounter this season is the new electronic tagging system.

“Beginning with the 2022-23 license year, Texas residents will have the option



COURTESY PHOTO

Tarrant County Game Warden Angel Miller enjoys hunting, and wants to ensure that it is something future generations can continue to take part in for many years to come.

to purchase a Digital Super Combo that authorizes digital tagging of harvested deer, turkey and oversized red drum,” according to the TPWD website. “The digital license option is available through online purchase online. A digital license holder will not receive a printed license or tags and must understand and abide by the following requirements.”

Hunters are required to have their hunting license with them while hunting, and license info can be found on the TPWD Outdoor Annual app or the My Texas Hunt Harvest app.

Digital tagging must be completed through the MTHH app.

“We’re going to have a little bit of a grace period depending on what’s going on because we’re learning it and the hunters are learning it,” Miller said of the new digital tagging system.

Bag limits are established by county. In Tarrant and Parker counties, the bag limit is four deer, no more than two

of them being bucks and no more than two antlerless deer.

The reason behind bag limits is to ensure that the deer population does not become depleted.

“We don’t have a lot of areas left for deer to roam and live and all of that,” said Miller. “So, we don’t want to kill our buck population and then now all we have is does and they can’t reproduce. The whole point of these bag limits and laws that we enforce is to make sure that we have these populations for future generations and to make sure that hunting is still something that people want to get involved with.”

“If we never let deer get bigger than a six point ... some of our trophy hunters who do want to put that big ol’ buck on the wall, they’re not going to be interested in it,” she said. “They’re not going to put the money into buying a hunting license, which helps fund all of our outdoor activities in Texas. So, it’s kind of like that cycle of hunting not only helps with deer popula-

tions, but it encourages other outdoor activities because of the funding that hunters spend on doing it.”

For landowners, another concern during hunting season is trespassers who come onto their property without permission to hunt.

“The best thing [for property owners] would be to contact your local game warden and say, hey, I found this feeder or game camera, whatever it is, on my property; it’s not mine and I don’t want people hunting on here and I do want them to be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law,” Miller said. “Then the game wardens can come in, set up our own cameras, kind of see who is coming on the property.”

If someone is found to be trespassing on property with the intent to hunt deer, it is a felony.

For more information on hunting laws and regulations and hunter education courses in Texas, visit www.tpwd.texas.gov/.



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Fowl language

SPRINGTOWN CITY COUNCIL APPROVES ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE, UPS NUMBER OF ALLOWED FOWL

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The city of Springtown is closer to launching its animal control service now that it has an animal control ordinance and Animal Shelter Advisory Board in place.

Springtown City Council unanimously approved the ordinance and advisory board during last week's meeting.

The animal control ordinance has been updated to comply with state law, City Administrator David Miller said. The ordinance is necessary for the city to be able to launch the animal control service and open the animal shelter on Oct. 1, Miller said.

"What I want to be clear about tonight is it is a fluid

document," Miller said during the meeting. "As we progress into our own animal control services, there may be things that we'll need to go back and address again by ordinance."

The Epigraph previously reported that the city hasn't had an animal control service in years and has utilized animal control services from Parker County. City staff decided to move forward with its own animal control to provide a greater service to residents and to save money since the city would have incurred service cost increases from Parker County and the Weatherford animal shelter next year.

Initiated by council member Michele Chandler Kelley, the council discussed the

number of fowl that the city would allow residents to keep. The ordinance originally stated that residential properties that are less than one acre could have no more than 10 fowl, and with each additional acre, residents living on properties larger than one acre would be allowed 10 more fowl — meaning that a resident on two acres could have 20 fowl.

Chandler Kelley argued that the ordinance was too restrictive. At one time, she said she had 20 chickens on her property (about 0.33-acre), and she was able to supply free eggs in the community. Chandler Kelley said she kept the chickens contained, cleaned the pen every day and never received complaints.

"I think that us restricting people with 10 chickens per one acre is just not really acceptable in what we consider a country-type living," she said. "As long as they're contained and the owner maintains the enclosure, I don't see why it's a problem — as long as they're not running all over the place — to have more than 10."

Miller said the council could change the ordinance so residents can have more fowl, but the city is trying to limit fowl to a certain number to discourage hoarding. He referenced a case in which a resident had 150 chickens on less than one acre.

"There is an ongoing issue that we've got to get under

control because as of right now we have no enforcement," Springtown Director of Administrative Services Christina Derr said during the meeting. She added that the city doesn't want to be "overly restrictive."

Derr also said at the meeting that city staff has had multiple instances of fowl overcrowding complaints.

The council modified the ordinance so that residents with less than a quarter acre can have 10 fowl, and 10 additional fowl per quarter acre are allowed for properties larger than a quarter acre. That means that up to 40 fowl are allowed on one-acre properties.

Also during the meeting, the council appointed

members of the Animal Shelter Advisory Board. The board will include the city's new animal control officer Sage Lingo, council member Chandler Kelley, Springtown's Elite Equine and Small Animal veterinarian Dr. Ami Traver, and a representative from the Texas Coalition for Animal Protection.

Derr said after the meeting that the board will meet three times per year, and the board will advise Miller and the council. She previously said the board members would be responsible to consider and offer feedback on adoption.

The advisory board's meetings are open to the public.

PCSO arrests two men after roadway pursuits near Springtown, Azle

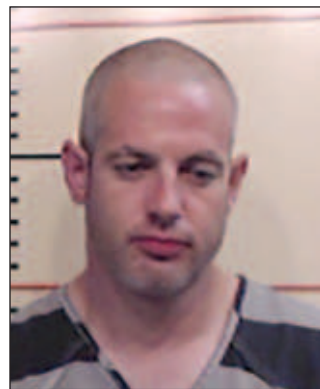
FROM STAFF REPORTS

Parker County Sheriff's deputies arrested two men following two separate pursuits last week, the sheriff's office stated in a news release.

Parker County Sheriff Russ Authier said the first incident occurred shortly after 1 a.m. Sept. 22 in the 1700 block of Holbrook Road in Springtown, where deputies attempted to conduct a traffic stop for defective equipment/non-functioning headlights on a 2013 black Ford F150 truck hauling a trailer containing construction tools and supplies, according to the release.

When deputies initiated the stop by activating their lights and siren, the driver fled, ignoring the signals and commands to stop. The driver further led deputies in a 15-mile pursuit with speeds exceeding 100 miles per hour, the release stated, while wood pallets flew off of the trailer onto the road.

The driver continued eastbound on State Highway 199 into Tarrant County and eventually came to a stop in the 12000 block of Jacksboro Highway. The driver was identified as Charles William Ferris III, 42, of Fort Worth. He was medically evaluated and cleared before he was taken into custody and



Scott Henry Bradley



Charles William Ferris III

charged with evading arrest detention with vehicle. Additional charges are pending the investigation.

The second incident occurred before 5 a.m. Sept. 22 in the 100 block of Gunnison Court in Azle.

A deputy attempted a traffic stop on a 2006 Suzuki motorcycle that had no license plate. The driver immediately fled at a high rate of speed when the deputy initiated his lights and siren. The driver led deputies on Northwest Parkway to Tarrant County on Interstate 820 to Interstate 20, then turned and led deputies and assisting agencies back into Parker County.

During the pursuit, the driver drove into oncoming traffic heading east in the

2000 block of westbound Fort Worth Highway. Law enforcement officers surrounded the motorcycle at the intersection of Fort Worth Highway and Farm-to-Market Road 730. The driver stopped and was taken into custody. He was identified as Scott Henry Bradley, 33, of Azle.

Deputies found suspected methamphetamine, a small amount of marijuana and drug paraphernalia in Bradley's backpack, the release stated. He was charged with evading arrest detention with vehicle. He was also arrested on an outstanding misdemeanor warrant out of Arlington for criminal trespass. Additional charges are pending the ongoing investigation.

Ministerial Alliance to hold blood drive

FROM STAFF REPORTS

People wanting to donate blood at the next Azle Area Ministerial Alliance blood drive can receive a gift and become aware of two forms of cancer.

The Azle Area Ministerial Alliance will have a blood drive from 3:30-6:30 p.m.

Oct. 3 at First Baptist Azle, 1017 Boyd Road.

To thank donors, they will receive two pairs of socks from AAMA partner Carter BloodCare — one for breast cancer awareness and one for childhood cancer awareness.

To make an appointment,

access Carter BloodCare - Donor Portal (greatpartners.org) online. On the day of donation, donors must bring a photo ID. Also on the day of the drive, donors may fill out a QuickScreen questionnaire online.

The BIGGEST Mistake Low Back Pain Sufferers Make



By Local Health Expert Dr. Robert Moss PT, ScD, OCS, FAAOMPT

If you or someone you know has back pain then this article is for you.

This is something very close to my heart as I have suffered with lower back pain through the years. My Dad and brother have also suffered with lower back pain which became so bad they both underwent dangerous surgery to try and fix their problem.

They live in San Antonio (where I grew up) and I felt guilty that I was not able to help them, but hopefully my 23+ years of experience can help you.

Fortunately my dad did okay after his surgery. I can't say the same for my brother, but that is a story for another day.

Over the years I have discovered some things that are not taught in physical therapy school. One of the major awakenings is that as humans we have a tendency to procrastinate and not handle issues when they first come up, I am no different.

However when it comes to health issues this is definitely the wrong approach. When you start to experience back or leg pain (also called sciatica) most people tend to ignore the pain and pretend it will go away on their own.

This is what I call the **Biggest mistake**. By ignoring your pain you are potentially setting yourself up for larger and more costly problems in the long run. The faster you address the problem the greater chance of success which leads to your ability to return to normal life.

A second mistake I frequently see is that people with back pain try to alter their symptoms by taking dangerous medications, having injections or surgery. Don't get me wrong there is a time and place for injections and possibly surgery but not at the onset.

Most people don't exhaust all of their conservative care options before trying more risky options.

Even taking over the counter medications is a form of "altering" their pain.

It is one thing to take some tylenol or ibuprofen to reduce some pain and inflammation while getting to the root cause of the pain and doing something about it vs only taking medications. Just because the pain reduces doesn't mean the problem has been taken care of.

We frequently see people in the clinic who have had back pain for months, and were sent to see a pain management specialist who did a series of injections. Maybe they got some relief but it wasn't permanent. Then they wind up in our office to help.

This is backwards. Injections have the great chance of working when combined WITH physical therapy at the same time, not as an either or situation.

So what do the most successful people do when they have back pain? They address their problem.

I call it the 3 D's Principle to handle any problem in life - Don't Ignore it, Don't Mask It, Do Something About It.

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Springtown National Night Out coming next week

BY MADELYN EDWARDS
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The city of Springtown will celebrate National Night Out next week.

National Night Out is an annual event that occurs across the U.S. and is meant to build community by bringing police and residents together. The event is aimed at promoting police-community partnerships and neighborhood fellowship so that neighborhoods

can be safer and have more caring places to live, according to the National Night Out website.

“National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community,” the National Night Out website states. “Furthermore, it provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances.”

This year’s National Night Out in Springtown will be held from 6-8 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 4 at Springtown Park’s Newby Pavilion, which is behind Wells Fargo. Hamburgers, hot dogs and pizza are expected to be served at the event, Springtown Director of Administrative Services Christina Derr said.

National Night Out will also include a snow cone truck, disc jockey, a raffle, activity stations and bounce houses.



PHOTO BY MADELYN EDWARDS
Sgt. Katy Wacasey gave a child an armband at Springtown’s 2021 National Night Out event.

FCCLA

FROM PAGE 1

the first word is either going to be ‘congratulations’ or ‘unfortunately.’ So opening that letter and flipping through the pages and trying to find the right one and just seeing that first word was just a shocking moment for me,” White said. “I’m pretty sure I screamed the loudest I ever have.”

FCCLA is a student organization for those participating in family and consumer sciences education, according to the FCCLA website. The organization aims to help students pursue careers that support families.

“The work of FCCLA helps students and teachers focus on a variety of youth concerns, including parenting, family relationships, substance abuse, peer pressure, sustainability, nutrition and fitness, teen violence, and career preparation in four specific career pathways,” the website states. “Involvement in FCCLA offers members the opportunity to expand their leadership potential and develop skills for life — planning, goal setting, problem

solving, decision making and interpersonal communication — necessary in the home and workplace.”

White and the other national officer candidates completed a rigorous election process that included interviews, an FCCLA knowledge test and a prepared speech during the five-day conference in San Diego. White said she had to submit resumes, essays and letters of recommendation as well as lots of paperwork, all before arriving at the conference.

“This position would not be something that someone could obtain without having that drive,” McMillion said. “There’s just too much to it. You couldn’t halfway want it and get it.”

One of the memorable parts of the process for White was her speech, which included her singing.

“Dolly Parton is one of the FCCLA alumni so I used her song ‘9 to 5’ to explain how FCCLA prepares people for their nine-to-five work life, and each hour was another reason about why we’re an intra-curricular organization with (family and consumer science) classes,” she said.

When White joined FCCLA

in seventh grade, she didn’t believe she could reach the position she is in now. She recalled going to the national competition in middle school and seeing national officers who could address a crowd of thousands, a task she imagined would be scary.

“I didn’t think I could ever be that person,” White said. “It definitely transformed me, and now I’m one of those people that I looked up to. So, hearing my name and realizing that I can be that for other people and that I did that for my middle school self is really good.”

For McMillion – who is serving as one of the National Executive Council Advisers – there wasn’t much doubt that White would make it to the national council.

“Amie excels at everything that she puts her mind to,” McMillion said.

McMillion said she is proud of what White has accomplished, and praised her hard work and leadership.

“Amie is a leader. If you looked in the dictionary, that would be her right next to it,” she said. “She’s not afraid of a challenge. She’s not afraid to work.”

In general, the National

Executive Council evaluates applications for the Ultimate Leadership Fund, reviews program applications, fundraises for FCCLA, develops the national leadership conference and works with state FCCLA officers, White said. Her duties as vice president of development involves reaching out to businesses about partnerships, strengthening the support from existing partners and networking with businesses. Her new role comes with at least two meetings a week with the council and staff related to development.

Though this is a lot of work, White said it’s worth it. Having a lot on her agenda is also challenging her to find balance in her commitments and prioritize her FCCLA work.

“Even though our duties haven’t gotten really busy yet, something I’ve had to balance is learning how to always put FCCLA first over some of the other duties and knowing when to say ‘no’ to some of the other things that I would usually take up as a really busy person in the school and in the community,” White said. “Really just learning that balance of time and com-

mitment and prioritizing is something that I really want to work on this year.”

Through the experience, McMillion will be around to support White by checking on her, making sure she’s keeping up with her grades and responsibilities and helping her with travel needs.

“There’s a lot that’s expected of them, so we just kind of keep in touch,” she said.

This is White’s sixth year in FCCLA, and she was invited to join by a middle school FCCLA adviser. At the time, she recalled having to deal with family issues and her parents’ break-up, which made an organization about family appealing to her. Being in FCCLA has allowed White to find friends and a community for her.

“Right now, I would con-

sider my national officers like my best friends,” she said. “It definitely gave me another family and a good support system.”

Having support is what White said helped her succeed. That included support from staff at Texas FCCLA, from her advisers over the years and from her family.

White credits FCCLA to helping her become who she is today.

“If my parents from four years ago would’ve looked at me today, they would’ve not known that this was their daughter,” White said. “Just between freshman and senior year, who I am, my morals and my work ethic and everything has just been attributed to FCCLA and all that I’ve gained through it.”

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As one goes through life, some things simply do not make sense

Life should make sense, shouldn't it? Looking around at our world and the people in it, the above exclamation becomes problematic. I acknowledge the possibility I could be suffering from some sort of personality disorder where my brain seeks facts to link together to create a reasonable, responsible chain of thought. Is this abnormal? I am not referring to being obsessive-compulsive and having the need for all things to be in order, but rather having actions and words be consistent with one another. It seems like such should be the norm, but in reality, it is anything but normal.

Here is a partial list of some things that don't make sense. What do we call small purses, pocketbooks? They are neither a pocket, nor does



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.

their use necessitate they fit in a pocket. Without question, they are not books.

How come Hawaii has an interstate highway?

Why do we describe mounting a horse as "horseback riding"? Is there anywhere else to sit on the animal?

People say they are "down" for some activity, or they say they are "up" for the activity. Both expressions mean precisely the same thing.

Why do we check the refrigerator looking for a snack and find nothing, and then return to check the same refrigerator 30 minutes later

seeking a different result?

Why is it the bottle of propane connected to the backyard grill runs out of fuel, precisely 10 minutes before the steak is finished cooking?

Is a "restroom" really a place where we "rest"?

How is it that any two individual clothes hangers are always drawn to tangle in each other, when neither has any magnetic qualities?

How does one sock seemingly disappear in thin air from the time of being placed into the washing machine to coming out of the dryer?

Why is cereal identified as

breakfast food? Is it against the rules to eat corn flakes for lunch or dinner?

These are all questions that challenge the soul.

My latest aggravation are politicians who criticize authority figures but never suggest a solution to the problem they complain of. It is easy to promote "lower taxes" but why don't they provide concrete suggestions with specifics on how they are going to make it happen? Is it because they have no idea and are only attempting to gather political support by blaming, criticizing and telling people what they want to hear?

Yelling "lower taxes" sounds appealing to almost everyone. The difficult part is figuring how budget cuts are going to be made to lower taxes and still operate

an efficient governmental agency. Those are the kinds of suggestions I don't hear, and I wish I did because then maybe we would start solving problems rather than talking about them ad infinitum.

There are lots of "go-to" political positions for politicians. They declare they are going to end "waste" in government, be more "transparent" and be "your voice" because those in power have "lost touch." Carefully analyze those type of comments. You will see they are hollow representations designed to motivate the listener to blame or hate, and fail to explain a plan for governing. What is missing is how the speaker will make things better. It is easy to spout tired old political rhetoric as opposed to finding solutions to problems, especially when

the solutions require more sort of sacrifice on the part of the voters.

Some things in life don't make sense and I guess they never will. If I could ever figure out what happens to that one sock that gets lost in the dryer, I could become a millionaire. When it comes to politics and casting your vote, stop and listen to what candidates say and let yourself hear. Demand that it makes sense or do not give them your vote. Don't let them sway you with broad, non-specific rhetoric. We need more than talk, we need action. Doesn't that make sense?

Thought for the day: When you want to help people, you tell them the truth. When you want to help yourself, you tell them what they want to hear.

OPTIMISTS

FROM PAGE 1

In a previous Epigraph story, Deakle said the "Springtown Optimist Club has been around for almost 40 years with a mission of providing hope, positive vision and bringing out the best in our youth, our communities and ourselves. However, after the COVID pandemic, we saw a sharp decline in participation and membership. We have struggled filling positions on our board and recruiting new and younger members. We really enjoy what we do and it's been a privilege to contribute to our community; however with most of our members enjoying senior citizen discounts, we are just not what

we used to be."

The Epigraph reported last month that eight members attended the meeting to disband the club, and all of them approved of the dissolution. The club, which was chartered in 1983 to raise money for high school student scholarships and honors two students monthly, grappled with issues involving attendance and participation of members. Members weren't volunteering to hold officer positions, and the group didn't have enough members to hold fundraising events.

During the Sept. 20 meeting, Deakle said the club didn't have any outstanding balances, and reminded members that the club decided to give residual funds to the Springtown Education Foundation. The club applied

to dissolve the incorporation with the Secretary of State and the certificate to disband should arrive soon.

Club members discussed closing the club's bank account.

"If we want to go ahead and close the bank account now, we can still send money to the (Springtown) Education Foundation and they'll keep adding it to the scholarship," Deakle said. A perpetual account called "Optimism" was created.

Deakle said the club has \$2,664.06, which left the club short \$2,335 short of the goal of the \$5,000 endowed scholarship. She said the club had \$900 in donations, which would bring the club to \$1,435 short in order to meet

that \$5,000 goal. If remaining club members each paid \$96, that would bring the total to \$5,000 and it would be a permanent endowment. Money could be added to a permanent endowment.

Some club items will be left at the café, such as the banners, because the club met so many years at the location. Club members at the meeting also decided to allow willing members to transfer to other Optimist clubs in other cities.

Howell's Café asked to keep the club's flag, pledge banner, club banner and plaques to display as part of the club history and their history. The Bullslinger and Late Bud were given to Harold Buffington, owner and manager of Howell's, for allowing the use of the café; plus, club mem-

bers said in the last newsletter, he earned both. Later, in an email, Gilley explained the Bullslinger was a trophy given to a member who could "sling the most bull" in a meeting. The Late Bud was a gaudy flower bouquet given for being the last member to arrive. The club used Howell's for its meetings for many years.


Items of historical value will be given to Deakle to review and then club members want to donate picture albums, original chartering member's list and any other item of interest that the Legends Museum would accept, the newsletter stated. The club will be deciding on its Pancake Supper items and supplies as to their dispersal and will be discussed by the

officers as to where items can be donated.

If club members want to donate money to the Springtown Education Foundation for its perpetual goal, they may make their check out to Springtown Education Foundation and mail it to P.O. Box 324, Springtown TX 76082. Club members said this would leave a legacy of the club in honoring and supporting the youth.

Just after the meeting ending, Gilley and Conley discussed club accomplishments through the years, such as Optimist Park, fishing and golf tournaments, the Pancake Supper and the Wild West Festival. "We helped with a lot of the community events," Gilley said.

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Reno Fall Festival planned for Oct. 29

BY MADELYN EDWARDS
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Planning has started for Reno's fall festival this year. The festival will be held from 3-6 p.m. Oct. 29 in a parking lot west of Reno Elementary School at 172 W. Reno Road. Candy donations are being taken at Reno City Hall. Ted Lyon, event committee chairman, talked about the event at the Reno City

Council meeting last week and said the committee is looking for vendors to sell goods and food. There is space for about 25-30 vendors, and as of last week, there is plenty of space available for more vendors, Lyon said. Reserving one of the 16-foot-by-16-foot booths costs \$30, but that fee is waived for nonprofit organizations or groups that aren't selling anything. The cost for food vendors is 10% of their

profits. The revenue from selling booth space will go toward future Reno events, Lyon said. "We're not interested in making a ton of money on this," he said during the meeting. "The money that's made off this is going back into the committee to buy banners and things needed for the next event." Lyon added, "For me personally, it's less about the

money, and it's more about the fun and the community and the kids coming together. That's what it's really about for the committee." Parking for the event will be at the corner of South Reno Road and West Reno Road. Attendees will be transported to the event via hayride, Lyon said. Accessible parking will be available at Walnut Creek Baptist Church, and those attendees with disabilities will

be picked up via golf cart to be taken to the festival. The churches in attendance, which so far includes Walnut Creek Baptist Church and Solid Rock Bible Church, are expected to host carnival games for the kids to play for free at the festival, and the school will set up some bounce houses for the event as well as a human foosball game, Lyon said. Children are encouraged to wear

costumes. Our House food pantry is also expected to have a booth at the event and will sell chili dogs, City Administrator Scott Passmore said during the meeting. Passmore said he has glow-in-the-dark bracelets to hand out to the children as well. For more information about being a vendor or to sign up, contact reno.events@renotx.gov.

OBITUARIES

Jessie Lee Steel 1942 - 2022

Jessie Lee Steel, 80, passed away Monday September 26, 2022 in Azle. A private family service will be held at a later date. He was born August 16, 1942 in Fort Worth to Clois and Edith (Fletcher) Steel who preceded him in death along with his wife, Joyce (Lambert) Steel; daughters, Vicky Spiker and Julie Cokenour; brother, Gene Steel. Jessie is survived by daughters, Jessie Brown and husband Doug, Rhonda Taylor and husband Troy Brannan, Cindy Delarosa and husband Rudy; sisters, Darcus Wright and husband Harold Ray, Brenda Ferguson and husband Gary; brothers, Jimmie Steel and wife Sarah and Gary Steel and wife Fran; grandchildren, Andrew Cokenour and wife Misty, Trisha Hughes and husband Cameron, Cody



Spiker, Barry Taylor, Amy Delarosa, and Ashley Flores and husband Ozzy; son in law, Larry Spiker; sister in law, Sue Steel and numerous great grandchildren, extended family and friends. Jessie was loved by all who knew him and will be dearly missed.

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Cheryle (Shari) Markgraf 1955 - 2022

Cheryle JoAnne Markgraf, 67, was called to be with our Lord on Sept. 25, 2022. Funeral services will begin with visitation at 9 a.m. at Hilltop Family Church, 1227 Old Cottondale Rd., Springtown, followed by a graveside service at Azleland Memorial Park located at 850 N Cardinal Rd, Azle. Preceded in death by daughter Jessica Markgraf Walsh, and parents Sterling Edward Blade and Thelma Juanita Blade. Cheryle is survived by her husband Michael Markgraf, who started their journey of love 45 years ago, and her children. Shawn Markgraf (Denise), Brandy Chazarretta (Pete), and Candice Bohannon (Tim); seven grandchildren: Ashley, Austin, Riley, Jesse, Jacob,



Caleb, and Audrey, as well as two great-grandchildren: Luna and Rose. Cheryle had an amazing relationship with God and she attended Hilltop Family Church in Springtown.

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Springtown to host blood drive on Oct. 7

BY MADELYN EDWARDS
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The Carter BloodCare bus is on its way back to Springtown. The city of Springtown and Carter BloodCare will hold a blood drive from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 7. The blood drive will take place inside the Carter BloodCare bus, which will be located at the Springtown Municipal Courthouse Annex Building at 200 N. Main St. According to the city's website, all donors will get two pair of socks for breast cancer awareness and for childhood cancer awareness. Childhood Cancer Awareness Month is in September, and Breast Cancer Awareness Month is in October. To make an appointment to donate blood, visit https://ww3.greatpartners.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/1-29519?fbclid=IwAR3PvpqkNa4TjSRtT9Xfz_2BUbpb3Yr9zYFEdfN5c6Oj9RWNkHZeaz4qE.

KELLEY

FROM PAGE 1

In an email to the Epigraph Wednesday morning, SISD Board President Rick Beall said Kelley's resignation was "very difficult" for the board to accept. "Mr. Kelley has not only made himself the face of our district, but also our community," Beall said. "He is one of the hardest working people I have ever met, and has left behind some very big shoes to fill. The district has tried to pass two bonds, and the failure of those bonds to pass will present some challenges. Moving forward,

we will have to make sure we have space for the growth that is already here and still rapidly coming. Mr. Kelley has worked tirelessly to take care of the needs of the district, and he feels like he needs a break. Mr. Kelley feels that as a private citizen he will not be muzzled and can continue to push for the bond that he knows we so desperately need." In a follow-up email in response to an Epigraph question about an interim superintendent to serve after Kelley leaves, Beall said the board has "decided to post the position soon, and we will work to ensure a smooth transition."

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Whether you call it a "covered dish luncheon" or "dinner on the ground" or something else, it's a glorious and near-gluttonous expression of the amazingsness of being part of a family of faith.

I know that this concept is not unique to church groups. Other groups have similar meals and I've been to some of them. But in my humble-but-expert opinion, nobody does potluck like a bunch of church ladies.

And besides that, there is the added spiritual benefit of knowing that—if you actually eat the meal on church property—all the fat, calories, and cholesterol have been prayed out of it.

(I'm pretty sure that's in the Bible somewhere. I believe it is in 2 Opinions chapter 46)

The other thing I have learned by spending 45 years as either a member of the church staff or the invited guest preacher is that I have a solemn duty to make every cook feel loved and appreciated by sampling every



BE AMAZING

By Gerry Lewis

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dish.

I mean, do you have any idea how devastating it can be to the spiritual health of someone whose banana pudding was skipped by the "man of God?"

Another benefit of the church potluck is that there are so many opportunities to make my cardiologist happy. She told me I needed to eat less red meat, so I had two pieces of fried chicken. She told me I should eat more fruit. I had a serving of peach, pineapple, cherry cobbler. Three different fruits in one dish!

So why am I writing about church potlucks today? Because I had two of them yesterday. That's right. Two in one day.

That's why they call me the FULL gospel preacher (it only took me 338 words to get to the headline pun).

Yesterday morning, I was part of the celebration of 122 years of ministry for the First Baptist Church of Newark, TX where I've been serving as interim pastor since February.

Last night I was part of the celebration of 20 years of

ministry for Harvest Baptist Association where I've been serving as Executive Director/Lead Strategist since 2008.

There's something uniquely amazing about sharing a meal with people who are with you on your faith journey. The food feeds our bodies and the conversation feeds our spirits.

And the blessings are heightened by the fact that we each made our loving contribution to the feast. Whether it was a precious family recipe handed down for generations or a plastic container of potato salad we picked up from the grocery store, there was a sense that the meal is about more than food.

It's about family.

And for some people, the family with which they choose to share life's journey is more affirming and welcoming than the family into which they were born.

Maybe what the world needs is fewer political rallies and more potlucks. Just a thought.

Be amazing today, my friend.

FFA student honored as vocational student of the month



PHOTO BY MADELYN EDWARDS

Springtown High School senior and FFA officer Dillon Wilson is named vocational student of the month by the Springtown Area Chamber of Commerce. Wilson, center, takes a picture with FFA adviser and agriculture teacher Roy Stephens, left, and Chamber Executive Director Amy Walker, right.

BY MADELYN EDWARDS
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When deciding who to nominate as vocational student of the month, Springtown High School FFA adviser and agriculture teacher Roy Stephens said there was an agreement among some faculty to honor Dillon Wilson.

The Springtown Area Chamber of Commerce recognized Wilson at the monthly luncheon last

week. Wilson is a senior at Springtown High School and an officer in the school's FFA chapter, which he has been a part of since his freshman year.

"He's the kind of student that we like to have in our chapter," Stephens said. "He's the kind of student who is always ready and willing to help and do anything that you ask him to do."

Stephens added that Wilson is not one to complain and is a great representative of the

high school's FFA chapter.

Wilson said that being recognized as vocational student of the month was a "great honor." He thanked the chamber for the opportunity to be recognized.

"I really enjoy the FFA chapter because it has taught me leadership and working with others," Wilson said. "I also enjoy helping the community and helping our FFA chapter grow and helping new students experience what FFA is all about."

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In the Matter of the Estate of Mattie Jane Craig, Deceased TO ALL UNKNOWN OR MISSING HEIRS OF THE ESTATE OF MATTIE JANE CRAIG, DECEASED Lonnie Craig in the above-numbered and entitled estate filed an Application to Determine Heirship and for Independent Administration and Letters Of Administration on 10/04/2018 In the Estate of Mattie Jane Craig, Deceased, requesting that the Court determine who are the heirs and only heirs Of Mattie Jane Craig, Deceased, and their respective shares and interest in such estate, and appointing Lonnie Craig to serve as the Independent Administration of said estate and Determined Heirship. The court may act on said application at any call of the docket on or after 10:00 o'clock A.M. on the first Monday next after the expiration of 10 days from the date of publication of this citation, at the Parker County Court, One Courthouse Square, Weatherford, TX 76086 in Parker County, Texas. All persons interested in this case are hereby cited to appear before said Honorable Court by filing a written contest or answer to said Application before the above stated time and date should you desire to do so. TO ensure its consideration, you or your attorney must file any contest, objection, intervention, or response in writing with the County Clerk of Parker County, Texas On or before the above noted date and time. Given under my hand and the seal of said Court of Parker County, Texas at the office of the Parker County Clerk, on this 22nd day Of September, 2022.

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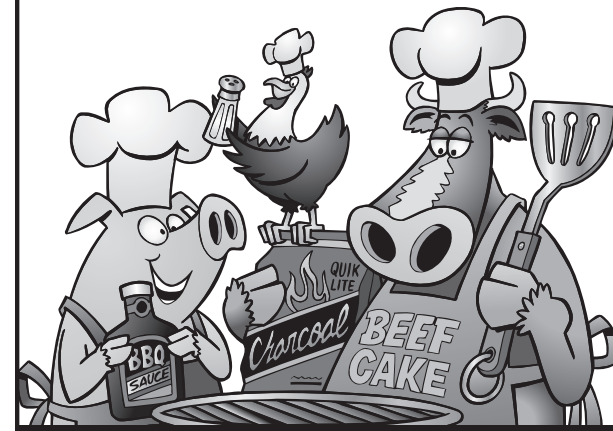
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c/o: W. Faye Murphree, Attorney at Law. 337 W. Main Street Azle, TX 76020.
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Jenise 'Crickett' Miller
Parker County Elections Administrator

AVISO PUBLICO DE PROBAR EL EQUIPO PARA TABULAR AUTOMATICAMENTE

Por lo presente se da aviso que el equipo para tabular automáticamente que se usará en la Elección general celebradas el 8 de noviembre de 2022 se probará el d de octubre de 2022 a las 9:00 am en el anexo de la corte del condado del Parker, 1112 Santa Fe Dr, para determinar si el equipo contará con exactitud los votos para todos los puestos oficiales y sobre todos los proyectos de ley.

Jenise 'Crickett' Miller
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Springtown Chamber members hear from CASA executive director at luncheon

BY MADELYN EDWARDS
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Kathy Meyer hopes that Springtown chamber members learned at least two lessons from her presentation at last week's luncheon: a better awareness of the child welfare situation in Parker County and that they can help.

Meyer, executive director for CASA-Hope for Children in Parker and Palo Pinto counties, spoke at the Springtown Area Chamber of Commerce's monthly luncheon.

Meyer, a longtime Parker County resident, served on the CASA board from 2014 to 2018 before transitioning into her role as executive director.

"It was something that had always been part of my heart, working with children and helping children," Meyer said.

CASA recruits volunteers and trains them to be advocates for children in the child welfare system and work with families in difficult situations, Meyer said.

"Our job is to be that independent, third-party observer

that goes and visits the child, makes sure that CPS is working on things that they are supposed to, makes sure that the foster home is appropriate," she said. "Or, they may be placed with a kinship home; make sure those homes are appropriate. Visit the school; make sure that they're getting the education they need. If they're supposed to be in any kind of special program, make sure that is happening."

Advocates report findings back to the judges who are hearing their children's case, Meyer said. The average case lasts for 12-18 months, and advocates commit to sticking around for the life of the case. She pointed out that cases usually don't involve just one child but at least two children.

Advocates receive ongoing training, and a CASA provides advocates with a staff member to coach them, Meyer said.

CASA has served 356 children in Parker and Palo Pinto counties with 83 advocates over the past year, Meyer said.

"We serve 100% of all the children that come into

the child welfare system in Parker and Palo Pinto," she said.

Meyer said CASA swore in 16 new advocates last year. Advocates usually volunteer for CASA about 20 hours per month, and collectively, the advocates spent 13,500 hours volunteering last year.

Being a CASA volunteer also requires significant travel to meet with the children, she said.

"Most of our children are not housed in Parker or Palo Pinto County. They are housed in Houston or San Antonio or Dallas or Mesquite because there aren't enough foster placements or treatment places in Parker or Palo Pinto (counties)," Meyer said.

During her presentation, Meyer talked about some of the volunteers and their contributions to CASA.

"We could not do what we do in Parker and Palo Pinto County without these volunteers," she said. "There's no way you could raise enough money to staff this and do it the way it needs to be done."

For more information about CASA, visit casahopeforchildren.org.



PHOTO BY MADELYN EDWARDS

Kathy Meyer, executive director of CASA-Hope for Children in Parker and Palo Pinto counties, was the guest speaker at the Springtown Area Chamber of Commerce's monthly luncheon last week. Meyer talked about the work that CASA, which stands for Court Appointed Special Advocates, does to aid children in the Child Welfare/Foster Care Systems.

RIVERBEND ROOFING AND EXTERIORS



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The Springtown Area Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting for Riverbend Roofing and Exteriors at the monthly luncheon last week.

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The Springtown Area Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting for Springtown Septic Service, co-owned by Cindy Morgan and Joe and Jessica Castro, at the monthly luncheon last week.

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Springtown Area Chamber of Commerce Lunch

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Above: Springtown Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Amy Walker helps out on the serving line at last week's chamber luncheon.

Left: Larry Hinkle, owner of Lighthouse Residential Roofing, shows off his lunch plate at the Springtown Area Chamber of Commerce's monthly luncheon last week. Springtown restaurant Shinola's Texas Café catered the luncheon.

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Showstoppers captain Regan Burdick prepares to lead her team onto the field at Porcupine Stadium.



PHOTOS BY JEFF PRINCE

Dixie Millie performs with the Showstoppers during halftime.

WOWZA!

Springtown Showstoppers provide sparkling fun at events

BY JEFF PRINCE
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A dozen members of the Springtown Showstoppers were polishing a dance routine, and Regan Burdick offered constructive criticism.

"Make sure you are in line," Burdick told them, noting how some of their dance lines were jagged rather than straight.

"Yes, ma'am!" the girls respond.

Burdick isn't the director. She's a teenager like the rest of them, doing her best at dance practice. The other dancers call her "ma'am" because Burdick is captain of the team, a position she strove to achieve for years.

"It's definitely a lot of work, but it's a great payoff to put that much effort into it and see my team grow," she said.

She likes seeing the Showstoppers master a routine because, she said, she "helped them get there and cleaned that routine, so it's a really prideful experience, seeing what I can do for these girls."

Last year, Burdick was a junior serving as co-captain and saying "yes, ma'am," to Bijou Cates, the former captain who graduated in May.

This year, Burdick owns the top position, and junior Kate Mitchell is her co-captain.

Mitchell, in turn, is hoping to be named captain next season.

Being a Showstopper isn't easy. The team practices several times a week and performs at football games, pep rallies and other events.

Adding the responsibility of being captain or co-captain adds more pressure.

Mitchell and Burdick bear it all and more. They are not only dance leaders, as they reached the top of their respective classes in grade point average at the time of this writing.

"It's a lot," Mitchell said. "Being co-captain, you have a lot of practices, and you're expected to know the routines better than the rest of the team - aside from Regan - because you are leadership. They are supposed to be able to look up to you. So, I'm practicing on my own outside of practice, and then I'm also a head drum major, so you add on all the band practices. And then, there are also dual-credit classes. It's just a lot."

HIGH EXPECTATIONS

The practice being overseen by Burdick was held at Goshen Elementary School, where the team works on its routines after school.

At the back of the class, several girls watched and practiced their dance moves while remaining separated from the other girls. They were part of the Showstoppers team but had been barred from participating after failing to make the weekly cut.

Each week, Showstoppers director Jammie Horton makes the girls audition to prove they have learned their dance steps and routines for that week. If they can't do their routines, they are cut

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PHOTO BY STEVEN MARTER

Skill players such as Speck Behle, shown running, rely on blocking help to move the ball.

SPORTS Roundup

BY JEFF PRINCE

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SPRINGTOWN TO FACE CONNALLY IN FINAL NON-DISTRICT FOOTBALL CLASH

The Springtown Porcupines play one more non-conference game and then take a bye week before the district portion of the schedule begins Oct. 14.

On Friday, Connally will travel to Springtown to face the Porcupines at home. Then, Springtown will play four consecutive district games to determine whether it earns a trip to the playoffs in November.

Currently, Springtown is 2-3 and one game behind district leader Mineral Wells (3-2).

On Sept. 23, the Porcupines traveled to Glen Rose to challenge the big bad Tigers, the first-place team in Region I District 4-4A. Springtown got off to a slow start and were down 21-7 at halftime.

"Our effort was good at times, not good at times," said SHS head coach Brian Hulett. "We have to learn to have consistent effort when faced with adversity - whether from within or from an opponent."

The Pines fought back in the second half and scored a touchdown in the final quarter but lost 28-14.

Springtown players who stood out for their performances include defensive members Yair Hernandez, Brady McDonald, Ridge Westendorf, Kelby Castro and Alex Rivera, the coach said.

Kicker Hendrickson Perdomo was two-for-two on point after attempts.

Regarding the Connally contest on Friday, Hulett kept his gameplan simple: "We plan to play harder, faster and more physical," he said.

SPRINGTOWN VOLLEYBALL KNOCKS OFF KRUM IN DISTRICT OPENER

A week after being swept by a tough Aubrey team on Sept. 16, the Springtown Porcupines volleyball girls did some sweeping of their own.

On Sept. 20, the Lady Pines pummeled Panther Creek 3-0 to push their record to 17-13. The victory gave the Porcupines a boost of momentum that carried into their district opener on Sept.

23, where Springtown beat Krum in three of four games: 25-18, 26-24, 23-25 and 25-12.

Brinklee Dauenhauer led Springtown in kill shots and digs in both games, as she has done in most every game this season. She relies heavily on help from Aubree Adams, Stoli Cox, Aerial Jackson, Harlee Jackson, Sterlyn Smith and others.

Next up, the Porcupines hit the road to play the Lady Bullfrogs at 5 p.m. Friday in a district contest at Lake Worth.

SPRINGTOWN RODEO READY FOR ROUGH RIDING

This year's rodeo team is young and hungry, and members will be learning as they go.

And in rodeo, "learning as they go" means plenty of roping, riding and wrestling ornery critters.

In the season's first couple of rodeos, Springtown earned a modest number of points but gained arena experience that could pay off later.

"The team overall is showing promise," said Staci Harris, team sponsor. "There have been some rough runs, but like I tell the kids, you can only go up from here."

Springtown's team includes 17 members, about half of them new to the

sport. Springtown competed at the North Texas High School Rodeo Association Arena Sept. 23-25 in Saginaw, and several members made an impact.

Delaney Harris won seventh place in ride-up goat tying and eighth place in walk-up goat tying to earn 49 points for the team.

Kendall Gallaher took 23rd place in walk-up goats, and Kallie Gray was 32nd.

About 90 schools compete in the rodeo association.

SPRINGTOWN CROSS-COUNTRY PREPARING FOR DISTRICT COMPETITION

On Sept. 22, Springtown cross-country competed at the Flying Hawk Invitational at The Buff in Haltom City and brought home some hardware.

For the boys team, Wesley Payne medaled after finishing 16th overall.

The girls meet was small, with just nine runners - six from Springtown. The Porcupine girls finished in first through sixth places.

The cross-country team is "working hard and showing improvement every meet," said head coach Raul Guerrero. "We've had a few injuries on both sides, but they should be ready for district in a couple of weeks."



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Freshman barrel racer Faith Styles, one of Springtown's new rodeo team members, clears a barrel at the North Texas High School Rodeo Association Arena in Saginaw.



PHOTO BY STEVEN MARTER

Brady McDonald and the Springtown Porcupines plan to plant their shoulder pads into Connally on Friday.



PHOTO BY JEFF PRINCE

Stoli Cox, above, is one of Springtown's best kill-shot queens.



PHOTOS BY JEFF PRINCE

Kyndal Osborn, center, waves her pom poms during a halftime performance, with Payton Rutherford, far left, and Rachel Smith behind her.

SPARKLE

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for that week and must audition again the following week.

While Burdick was leading the class, Horton watched and made mental notes. Afterward, she addressed the group and shared her concerns about how some girls were struggling with their routines. Horton gave hope to the handful of girls watching from the back of the class.

"You four girls in the back - be ready," Horton said firmly. "You might be replacing somebody. I'm serious."

Tough love is part of Horton's process. Her devotion to the Showstoppers is evident, and Horton takes pride in how hard they work.

"They are amazing," she said. "They're a bunch of very intelligent young ladies, and they're ready to work and get better."

She doesn't give up on the girls in the back who have been cut for a week. She makes sure they know that they can perform with the team again once they learn their steps. The Showstoppers learn complicated routines and typically perform them twice - once at a home game and once at an away game. Then, they learn a new routine.

"It's for whoever's prepared," Horton said. "When we have tryouts, if they're not quite where they need to be, then they have to work a little harder. Most routines we do twice, so they'll have an opportunity to re-try out and perform the routine with them the next time."

When girls are cut, "they are disappointed, but it keeps them on their toes," she said.

Making the team at the first of the year doesn't mean girls can relax and take it easy. The new routines keep coming.

"They know they have to keep working," Horton said. "If they don't continue to improve their technique and their skills, then unfortunately, they may not make routines."

The weekly auditions set them up for success at competitions later in the year.

"By competition time, they've got that trick that they couldn't do, and all of a sudden, they're on the floor and competing with us because they've improved so

much," Horton said.

MINI DANCERS

On game days, fans at Porcupine Stadium might notice a group of younger girls dancing with the Showstoppers.

Those are the Mini Showstoppers, youngsters selected each year to learn routines similar to the older girls and perform with the group during home games.

"It's really a good group," Horton said. "They work hard. They are very dependable."

Each Mini pays \$400 to participate for the first year and pays a reduced amount each year afterward. The money goes to the Showstoppers for costumes and other expenses.

Horton keeps a waiting list of girls eager to join the team that is limited to 10 members. She founded the Minis several years ago so that her granddaughters could be involved in dance, and "it's just grown to be a real pleasure," she said. "All the little girls are wonderful."

Remington Osborn, 9, is in her fifth year with the Minis, making her its most tenured member.

"It's fun," she said. "I like to dance. My mom thought it would be fun for me, and I started liking it."

Nerves and thrills come alive each time she steps onto the field at Friday night football games.

"I get kind of nervous because everybody's watching me and everybody else, but honestly, it's just really fun," she said.

HEAVY IS THE HEAD

Being captain of the Showstoppers carries with it a sense of responsibility and a willingness to take charge.

Burdick doesn't shrink from the role. At practice, she stands in front of her contemporaries and shows and tells them what they need to do. They comply.

Mutual respect is key, Burdick said.

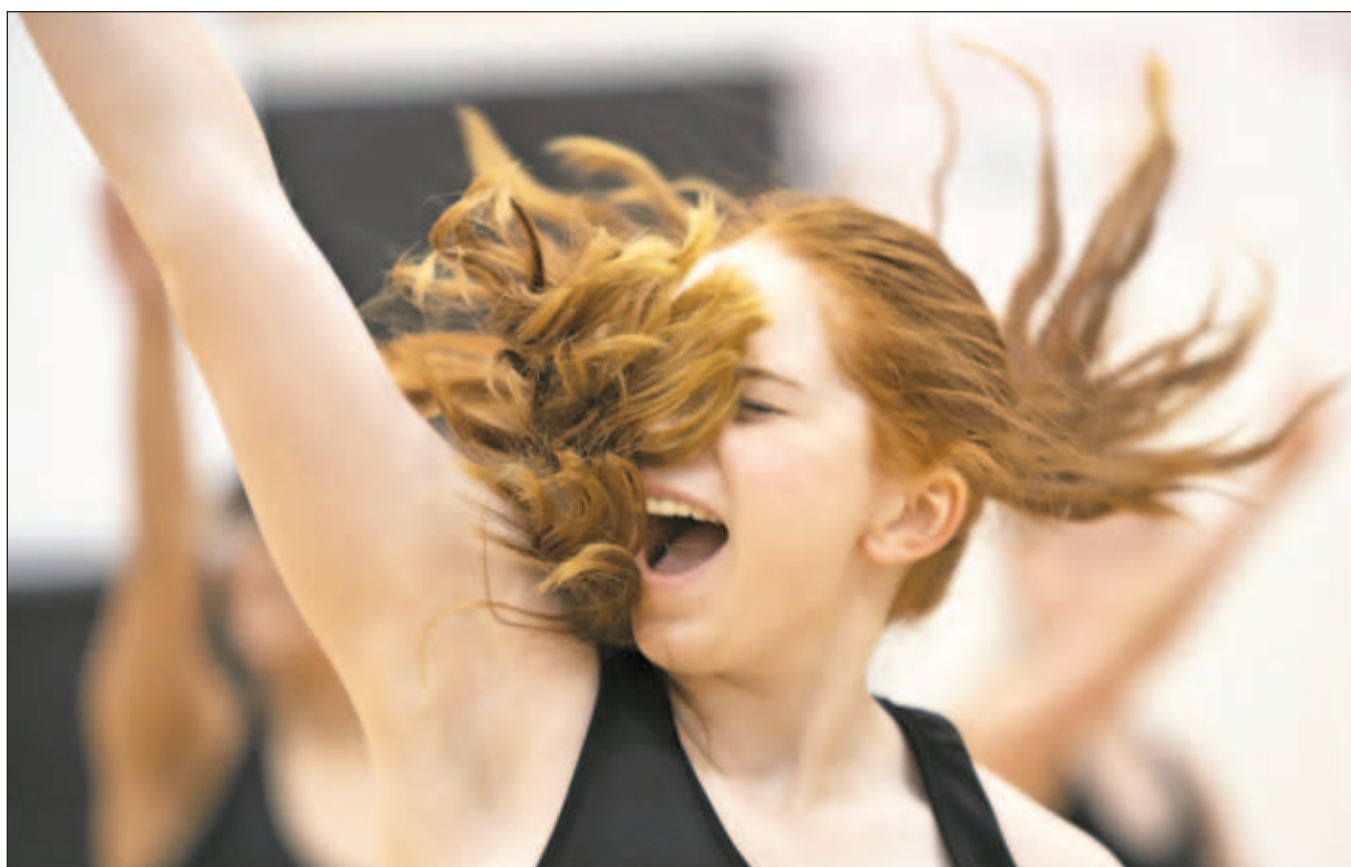
"It can be difficult sometimes establishing respect, but if I respect them, then they'll have respect for me," Burdick said after practice. "It's about being kind to each other. It obviously gets hard sometimes when you're already friends with all of them and know them, and you've been in their place before."



Gracyie Boston and other Mini Showstoppers hope to grow and become full-sized Showstoppers one day.



Remington Osborn is the longest serving member of the Mini Showstoppers.



Molly Worthington lets her hair fly during a Showstoppers practice.

She refers to Mitchell as her "right-hand woman" who fills in when Burdick is busy and offers second opinions on routines.

Being on the team for the past few years has kept her busy, but Burdick wouldn't change a thing. "The experiences I have

here as captain are definitely going to help me out in the real world," she said. "I've had to balance a lot obviously with schoolwork and being

captain, so I've already got that, and then just learning how to deal with people, how to diffuse problems or solve problems."

SPRINGTOWN Game Faces



PHOTO BY JEFF PRINCE
Cessily Street with her fellow Showstoppers rehearse their moves.

Spirited student



PHOTO BY JEFF PRINCE
Senior Peyton Reynolds is one of Springtown High School's most spirited students at football games and pep rallies. "It's my senior year," she said. "Gotta go crazy for everything." Cheerleaders choose a weekly theme during football season, and students dress up accordingly. At a recent game, the theme was USA, and Reynolds painted a red-white-and-blue star on her face and wore patriotic sunglasses. During the weeks leading up to games, Reynolds spreads the word about themes and makes sure everyone's hyped — "and if they're not, I yell at them," she said, laughing. Reynolds runs cross-country and track when she isn't cheering for her fellow Porcupines.

Football Contest

WEEK 6

Two contestants guessed the winners of 10 of 12 games to tie for first place in the football contest. That meant the winner would be determined by the tiebreaker game of TCU vs. SMU, which was won by TCU 42-34 for a total of 78 points. Wes Robinson was closest to the tiebreaker spread with 58 points, so he wins first place and will receive \$20. Brett Horton showed amazing skills to guess 10 games with accuracy but forgot to list his tiebreaker points, so he will receive second place and \$10. Five other contestants picked the winners of nine of 12 games correctly, and Eddy Swanzy was closest to the tiebreaker score with 68 points. He wins third prize and \$5.

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True news or not?

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Fairy Land News & Observer

Fairy Finds Leprechaun Gold

By Normen Gnome

FAIRYWOOD GLEN – Frida Fairy discovered what is believed to be a local leprechaun's gold hidden inside of a log in Fairywood Glen.

"I saw a little glow coming from inside the log," reported Frida. "So I walked up to investigate."

Frida said that it appeared a squirrel had chewed a hole in the bag of gold, causing several coins to fall out. She said it was the glowing coins that caught her attention.

"It's a leprechaun tradition, whoever finds the gold gets to keep it," said Shamus O'Clover, lawyer for the Fairywood Glen Leprechaun League.

What will Frida do with her new-found treasure? "First, I am going to have a party for all my friends!" exclaimed Frida.

"I'd also like to take a vacation to Candy Land," Frida added. "I've always wanted to see Rock Candy Mountain."

Clearly, our article about a fairy finding a leprechaun's gold is not true. It is made up and just for fun. But sometimes, it's not so easy to tell the difference between real (true) news and stories that are false.

True Clues

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 YES NO
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 YES NO

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21 + 3 =

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"I'm not wearing a hat and bow tie."

"Now there's a puddle on the floor!"

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 FACT **OPINION**
- "My chair is broken!" cried Baby Bear.
 FACT **OPINION**
- Mama Bear said, "It's a lovely day for a walk in the forest."
 FACT **OPINION**
- Papa Bear growled, "Someone has been sitting in my chair!"
 FACT **OPINION**
- "I'm getting sleepy," said Goldilocks after eating Baby Bear's bowl of porridge.
 FACT **OPINION**
- "This chair is too soft," said Goldilocks.
 FACT **OPINION**
- Baby Bear shouted, "Someone has been sleeping in my bed. And they're still here!"
 FACT **OPINION**
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- "You don't tug on Superman's _____"
- Dallas FM station
- TXism: "we ironed out _____ differences"
- award-giving country music org.
- TXism: "spittin' _____ of"
- Route 66 in Texas was built along the "Santa _____"
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- second flag over Texas: _____-lis
- Ector County seat
- Texas is leader in production of this lustrous wool
- Texas critic, Rex
- Cowboy assistant coach, Leon
- this Tom starred with TX Zellweger in "Jerry Maguire"
- Texas millionaire maker
- Texas hill country food: _____wurst
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- TX Clay Allison was a _____ gun
- TX Carroll Shelby did this (2 wds.)

DOWN

- first chance for a Cowboy or Texan TD? (2 wds.)
- Dallas Jewish group Temple _____
- paper: "Abilene _____-News"
- _____gallon hat
- TX Bruce McGill's first film: "Handle with _____" (1977)
- mid-life crisis film made in TX (3 wds.)
- bitter beer
- O.J.'s judge, Lance
- in Ellis County on U.S. 287
- former Cowboy RB, Tommie
- rush of wind
- _____Bernard, TX
- "you'll _____ the day you did that"
- "Alamo City" initials
- Ranger film: "Lone Wolf _____Quade"
- TXism: "got knocked down a peg _____ two"
- "baby moon," a _____ cap back in the day
- TX counties must comply with the "Clean _____"

37 TX Whelchel of "Facts of Life"

38 AC _____

39 UT frat. "_____ Nu"

40 Texas film "_____ Cowboy" (1980)

41 national equality commission (abbr.)

43 Louis L'Amour birth state (abbr.)

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