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Testing the water Springtown Cub Scouts set sail in annual Rain Gutter Regatta



PHOTO BY MADELYN EDWARDS

Lion-ranked scout Harper Lowe smiles for the camera as she shows off her boat at the Springtown Cub Scouts' annual Rain Gutter Regatta. Harper finished first in her den.

Good chemistry

Technician enjoys job as water plant operator

BY DON MUNSCH

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Sarah Hettinger loves her

It's not just the words she expresses when she discusses her joy in working as a utility technician at the Springtown Water Treatment Facility, it's also the way she beams as she talks about the intricacies of her job after giving a tour of the water plant. Her job requires knowledge of chemicals, as she works in a position that safeguards the drinking water for residents.

Hettinger finds the job to be fulfilling. She worked for a different water plant, at the city of Weatherford, for almost a year before coming to Springtown. She has worked at the Springtown plant for around a month and half.

"I love everything about it," she said in an interview at Springtown City Hall. "I love to do labs, I love the dirty part of going outside and being able to fix the valves, the chemical changeout. I love it."

She didn't think this kind of job was a match when she first started, but she got to a point in which she understood everything and how everything worked together.

"It's a lot (of responsibility), because it's a very important job," she said.



Sarah Hettinger stands next to a Trident filter at the Springtown Water Treatment Facility. Her job requires a great deal of attention to detail in ensuring clean, safe water reaches residents.

Editor's note: Second in ongoing series about the many jobs people do in Springtown.

People in her position are risking thousands of people's lives every day if they don't do the job right, she said.

Hettinger grew up in Springtown and graduated from Springtown High School in 2017. After high school, she had a daughter and took a year off and then went to work for a Lowe's home improvement center in Weatherford for three years. She worked as a merchandise service associate, and worked for the vendors at the store.

After that stint, she worked for the water plant in Weatherford. She likes working in Springtown because her babysitter is in Springtown, and it's "just a straight shot from the babysitter to work. And it's better benefits out here."

Hettinger reports to work

at 6 a.m. and the first item on her agenda is to check filters that hold water that will be sent to distribution for consumption.

"I just make sure that our filters are in a working process that I have water coming in, my raw water is coming in, my injecting points are injecting," she said. "I just make sure my coagulation process is working the way it should be by just visually looking at it."

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NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBORS

Springtown food pantry needs donations

BY MADELYN EDWARDS madelyn@azlenews.net

Springtown's Neighbor to Neighbors food pantry needs donations.

Neighbor to Neighbors Board President James Heil said the food pantry's monthly donations are down from what they usually are, including from grocery stores and the regional food bank. Heil said the amount of food available from Tarrant Area Food Bank is limited, and Neighbor to Neighbors is having to pay more for food from the food bank than before.

"We got grapes, potatoes and carrots free, but then everything else we had to pay for, which a lot of times in the past we were able to get the trucks of food at no cost," he said.

Heil said the biggest needs are for frozen meats, canned goods, milk and eggs. The food pantry has had to limit the amount of food that can be given out to those in need, and people are receiving about 40% less food than they were before the COVID-19 pandemic, he said.

"I don't think it's anything that we would have to shut our doors for anytime soon, but figured before we got to that point, we'd

reach out to see if we can get some help from the community, folks that don't need the help that are able to help us," Heil said. "We've got tons of people moving into Springtown that, unfortunately, for whatever reason, they're hurting, and they need

help." Heil said Neighbor to Neighbors served 699 families, or 2.303 residents. in August, which is an increase of almost 100% year over year. The food pantry recently changed its hours to be open four days a week, as opposed to previously being open only four days a month, which is a

choice that comes at a cost. "We give a lot more accessibility to people but with that has come a lot more costs," he said. "I don't want to go backwards. If we're open four days a week and we're still busy, then we need to be open four days a week, if not five. We need to go the other direction and make sure that people that need

food get their food." With the holidays right around the corner, Heil said Neighbor to Neighbors aims to provide holiday food boxes like it has in the past, but the food pantry

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ESD 1 wins Springtown's Battle of the Badges blood drive

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A fire truck was parked outside the Springtown Municipal Courthouse Annex Building prior to the beginning of the Springtown City Council meeting last month.

As the meeting progressed, the reason for the fire truck's presence became clear - Parker County Emergency Services District 1 had won the city's Battle of the Badges blood drive, and ESD 1 representatives attended the meeting to pick up the plaque awarded to them.

The city of Springtown partnered with Carter BloodCare to host the third annual Battle of the Badges blood drive in late July. The Springtown Police Department and ESD 1 went headto-head in the competition as blood donors voted for the agency of their choice. In the end, ESD 1 broke the tie between the two agencies that was set by the last two Battle of the Badges blood

Carter BloodCare field recruitment consultant Colleen Horan said during the council meeting that 27 pints of blood were donated, and every pint donated can save up to three people. She thanked the city for its support.

We get extremely low on blood in the summer, so this is a fun way to get people to come out and donate blood," Horan said. "The real winner are the patients that were helped by all the donations."

ESD 1 Chief Stephen Watson said he and his staff are grateful for the community's participation in the Battle of the Badges blood drive.

"We are honored to again be the winners of the Battle of the Badges blood drive," Watson said. "This program is a fun way for the community and public safety to come together and raise awareness and support for such a worthy cause."

Watson referred to the American Red Cross's reasoning of why blood donations are so important.

"Every two seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood. Blood is essential to help patients survive surgeries, cancer treatment, chronic illnesses and traumatic injuries," stated the American Red Cross's website. "This lifesaving care starts with one person making a generous donation. The need for blood is constant. But only about 3% of age-eligible people donate blood yearly."

Springtown-area residents will have another chance to donate blood on Friday. The city of Springtown and Carter BloodCare will hold a blood drive from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 7 inside the Carter BloodCare bus, which will be located at the Springtown Municipal Courthouse Annex Building at 200 N. Main St. To make an appointment to donate blood, visit ww3.greatpartners. org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/129519?fbclid=IwAR3Pvpqk NaI4TjSRTt9XfiZ_2BUbpp3Yr9zYF EdfN5c6Oj9RWNkHZeaz4qE.



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Parker County Emergency Services District 1 Lt. Tyler Ramsey smiles for a photo with Carter BloodCare field recruitment consultant Colleen Horan at the Springtown City Council meeting on Sept. 22. Horan announced that ESD 1 won the Battle of the Badges blood drive.

Reno PD's Ray Cannon to be school resource officer at Reno Elementary

BY MADELYN EDWARDS madelyn@azlenews.net

There's a new sheriff in

town at Reno Elementary School.

Reno Police Officer Ray Cannon is serving as the new school resource officer at the elementary school.

This news comes after Reno City Council approved an interlocal agreement last week with Springtown ISD to have a school resource officer at the school. Reno city attorney Dottie Palumbo said the council could authorize the agreement, provided that SISD signs it first and the council has a chance to review the general order and make objections if necessary.

Reno Police Deputy Chief Nathan Stringer said during the meeting that the general order is a national standard general order that most police departments adopt to



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Reno Police Officer Ray Cannon is serving as the new school resource officer at the elementary school.

have a school resource officer program, and the general order would become the city's policy to govern school resource officers.

After the meeting, Stringer

said one of the department's part-time officers will serve as the school resource officer at Reno Elementary School. Springtown ISD will pay for that officer to work for four hours per day during the school week.

"Springtown Police Department traditionally had been coming to Reno Elementary, but it makes more sense for a Reno school to have a Reno officer," Stringer said.

Stringer said a school resource officer's job is to make sure students and staff are safe and that the school building is secure. School resource officers are also expected to develop and implement educational programs for students.

Reno Elementary School announced the school resource officer news on Facebook last week. The post detailed Cannon's experience, which

Colleyville Police Department as a community services officer, public information officer and shift supervisor.

"Officer Ray Cannon comes to us with 23 years of law enforcement experience and holds a master peace officers license," the Reno Elementary Facebook post stated. "He is a certified mental health officer, police instructor, crime prevention officer and hostage/crisis negotiator."

Cannon also worked at the Southlake Police Department and was a team leader of the North Tarrant Regional SWAT Hostage Negotiations Unit, according to the post. He serves on the board of directors for the Texas Association of Hostage Negotiators as Region 8 vice president.

"We feel very fortunate at Reno Elementary to have our very own resource officer," the Facebook post noted.

includes previous work at the "Already, officer Cannon is proving to be a great asset to our school!'

> Increasing security at SISD schools is what people in the community wanted, SISD Superintendent Mike Kelley

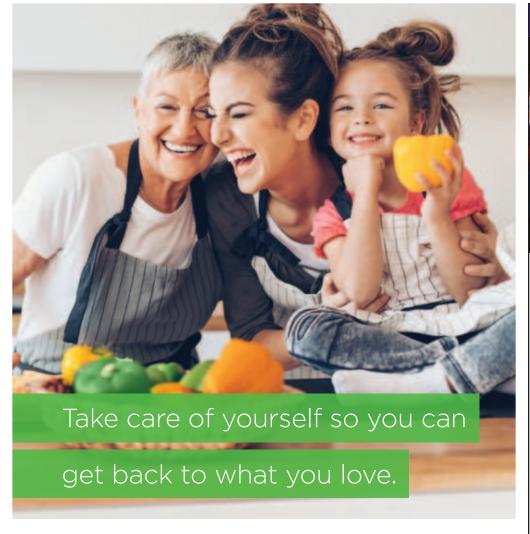
"With the Reno Police Department housed directly across the street from Reno Elementary, I think the parents of students there have always felt a little safer than most," Kelley said. "During our meetings with community members this summer, there was consensus that an increased security presence on *all* campuses was desirable. We decided to pursue an opportunity to have one SRO on-site at Reno Elementary, and also added an additional SRO to share among the campuses in the city of Springtown."

Kelley added that Springtown Police

Department will continue to serve schools in Springtown's city limits.

The need for a police officer at Reno Elementary speaks to the fact that some elementary schools in the U.S. have been the targets of violence, including the mass shooting at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde earlier this

"If we'd have had this conversation 20 years ago, we wouldn't have been talking about putting an SRO in an elementary school because somebody going in and shooting an elementary school up was kind of unheard of," Stringer said. "But now, with everything that's happened in our country over the last couple of years, the necessity to put SROs in elementary schools has become kind of forefront."



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I was looking at you while you are looking at me

This past weekend, I struck up a conversation with a musician playing at one of the local establishments.

He told me he was originally from North Dakota and had moved to Texas to work in the horse business. In a few sentences, he mentioned a horse he had started to work with in North Dakota that had gone on to a successful career in the cutting pen. I grinned and told him I was familiar with the horse.

He smiled at me and asked me how and I told him that 20 years ago the man who owned the horse had lived just around the corner from me. Once more, the adage of "the world is a small place" proved to be true. Amazing how coincidences in life keep happening.

Reminded me of a story my mother told me. When she was 4 or 5 years old, she went The dog kept barking and my



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.

with her father to conduct some business with another farmer. She jumped onto the buckboard, which was drawn by an old gray mare, and made a long trip — to what to her was an unknown location. When the two arrived, her father told her to sit in the wagon and to not get off. He then proceeded to go in the farmer's house and conduct his business.

My mother sat in the wagon for a few moments but could hear the barking of a dog coming from a wooden barn just a stone's throw away.

mom's curiosity got the best of her. Instead of obeying her father, she jumped down and walked to the barn, thinking she could look through one of the knotholes in the wooden siding and see what the dog looked like. Once she got a look, she would get back in the wagon and her dad would never know the difference.

Mom jumped down from the wagon and eased over to the barn. As she got to the wooden sidewall, she stretched up on her tip toes to look through one of the openings. Much to her surprise, just as she looked

through the hole in the wall, another eye was looking back at her through the same hole! Mom screamed with shock and ran back to the wagon, almost shaking with fear wondering what had looked back at her. Her father came out of the farmer's house looking to see what had happened and asked, "why did you scream?" Mom told me she muttered something about thinking she saw a snake, and her dad shrugged his shoulders and went back inside to finish his business.

Years later, Mom attended her 50-year high school reunion. Her high school was in the heart of farm country and her graduating class had only 26 students. Some of the other small schools in the county had closed over the years due to small class sizes, and currently, there was only one consolidated county school.

Some of the schools that had been closed held their class reunions at the same time and place as the school Mom had attended, mainly because of the small number of people involved. I think all told, there were perhaps 40 people at her consolidated reunion, including the spouses.

As the night went on, the graduates regaled each other with stories of their youth. A person Mom had not gone to school with, and did not know, sat across the table. That woman began telling a story how as a little girl she was in the barn with her dog when a farmer came to visit her dad. She said she had gone to look through a peephole in the barn's sidewall to see who had come to visit, but just as she did, another eye was looking at her through the same peephole! Mom started asking

where the woman lived, and they both got a big laugh that some 65 years after the incident had happened, the two had found each other. They laughed and talked about how scared they were and questioned what the odds were that two people would look through the same knothole at the same time and then find each other so many years later. What an amazing coincidence.

I bet there have been some amazing coincidences in your life too. Makes a fella think the world is small, and humans all over have similar experiences and memories. It makes me feel like we are all part of the "big picture" and that is a good thing.

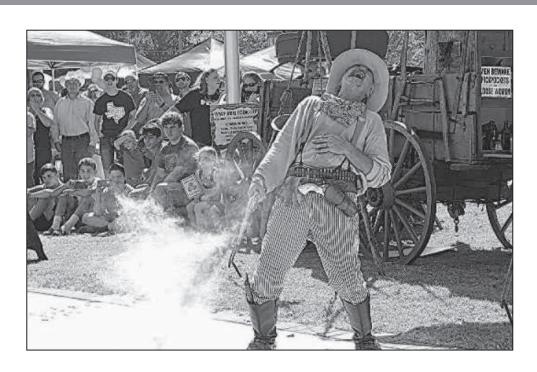
Thought for the day: Perhaps coincidence is God's way of being anonymous. Until next time.

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Reno keeps tax rate the same, passes 2022-23 budget

BY MADELYN EDWARDS madelyn@azlenews.net

Reno residents will pay city property taxes at the same rate as last year, but keeping the tax rate the same wasn't exactly an easy feat for the

"It's hard to maintain that," Mayor Sam White said after a budget workshop on Sept. 15.

Last week, Reno City Council passed the 2022-23 budget and set the tax rate at \$0.468166 per \$100 valuation.

This year's budget is expected to bring in more tax revenue than last year. At the council meeting on Sept. 19, White read a statement during the meeting that said the budget will raise more total property taxes than last year's budget by \$246,667.08, which equates

to a 29.88% increase. Of the increase, \$48,792.12 is tax revenue from new properties added to the tax roll this year,

However, Reno's budget this year can be defined by gains as well as cuts.

The city has a 24-hour police force this year - a significant change from last year's police department rebuild but the department's budget was cut by about \$105,000. This means none of the police will be getting raises this fiscal year, and a new vehicle and radio costs were also cut from the police department's budget, City Administrator Scott Passmore said after the Sept. 19 council meeting.

"Maybe three months down the road once we get all of our tax money in, we can assess and see what we've got, and then see if we can afford

to give them a little bit of a bump," Passmore said.

After the Sept. 15 budget workshop, White said inflation has impacted the city's budget, and it's difficult to generate income because of the lack of commercial property in the city.

"Inflation has hit us hard," White said. "It's very hard to balance the budget when you have minimum income. Our income level is not there yet because we don't have commercial."

He added, "Citizens are

going to have to realize that we're going to have to let some commercial come in. They want to keep it rural, but development is all around us and cost of living is going up. We've got to keep up with other cities and in order to do that is let some of the growth come in. Manage

it, but let it come in." Briar-Reno Fire

Department, which is funded in part by the city of Reno, also had to hold off on getting a vehicle right away in the new fiscal year. After the workshop on Sept. 15, Chief Moses Druxman said the department needs another command vehicle, which includes radios and gear, so that the department can have another staffer on call besides the chief.

"I agreed with the council that over the next few months if money starts coming in, maybe we can work something out," Druxman

Despite that cut, the fire department also took a significant step forward in staffing. Briar-Reno Fire Department will be able to employ two full-time staffers

per shift and have a total of seven full-time employees, Druxman said. This will allow the department more capacity to cover service calls, but according to National Fire Protection Association standards, the department should have four full-timers per shift based on call volume

"We're still at 50% capacity of where we should be, but at least we're somewhere,' Druxman said. "We're going in the right direction.'

Overall, Passmore struck a positive tone about the budget.

"I feel really good about this budget this year, better than I have of any of the other ones," Passmore said at the Sept. 19 council meeting. "This is the first time in 16 years that the general fund is not borrowing from the water

Instead of using the water fund for general fund costs, the money will go toward water infrastructure needs, Passmore said.

As a whole, the public works department took in multiple gains this year, including another vehicle. The water department staff received 5% raises across the board, Public Works Director Chris Albright said after the Sept. 15 budget workshop. Additional funds were allocated to the streets and water department for repairs and improvements.

The city is also expecting to receive about \$1.2 million in grant funds to spend on water infrastructure needs.

"It'll be good for the city," Passmore said.

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She discussed other duties, such as monitoring chemicals, and then after completing labs, she performs her morning checkup outside that consists of plugging in pumps to transfer lagoon water over so it can be reused. She said the plant can take water that's used from distribution and reuse it.

It's a 10-hour shift for Hettinger, who works from 6 a.m. to 4 p.m. She comes into town once a day to pull samples. People in her job are on call 24-7 or as needed. She works Sunday through Wednesday, and she said technically wouldn't be on call Thursday through Saturday, but if the other operator needed her, she can be there. Two operators work at the plant, with Hettinger filling one of those spots.

She was trained for the job "on the spot," she said. People working in these jobs can earn state licenses to show experience, and she is about start classes for her C license. She is limited now to a D license operator.

"You have to have two years of experience before you can get your C," she said. There are four levels of licenses, from A to D, and the higher one goes, the more responsibilities or duties they

Hettinger's job description calls for a D license, and when she completes her C schooling, she will earn an extra stipend for having that C and that will continue as she moves higher as she receives her B and A, said Christina Derr, director of administrative services for the city.

Hettinger said completing her C license is something

she wants to do, rather than the city requiring her to accomplish that schooling.

"When I actually got into the water career, when I first started. I was like, oh. man. this is overwhelming," she said. "Once you get the feel for it and you understand how everything works together, it's easy-peasy. It's a really good job. There's a lot more to treating water than what people think. You just don't pull water in and send it out to town.

She said when someone in her job doses chemicals in water, he or she has to watch for overdosing and underdosing. Overdosing can be deadly, for example.

After the interview, she gave a tour of the water plant that included a look at chemicals and cleaning components and she spoke about the need to be precise in handling chemicals.

Reno Police Department arrests suspect for possession, promotion of child pornography

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Reno police officers arrested a suspect in connection with possession and promotion of child pornography, according to a news release.

Early Tuesday morning, Reno police executed an arrest warrant and a search warrant in the 1100 block of Harris Road. After breaching the door, officers discovered the suspect - who wasn't identified in the news release - was armed. After a short standoff with officers, the suspect was taken

into custody. Briar-Reno Fire Department treated the suspect for minor injuries.

The suspect was taken to the Parker County Jail and charged with possession of child pornography, promotion of child pornography and tampering with evidence. The suspect's name will be released once arraignment has been completed.

This has been an ongoing investigation for the last few weeks that culminated in the arrest of the suspect. The case will be forwarded

to the Parker County District Attorney's Office for prosecution as well as to the FBI for review for possible federal charges. There were numerous victims identified utilizing the national Child Sexual Abuse Material database, and there are also several victims law enforcement has yet to identify.

People with any information regarding this case may call Detective Bennett at the Reno Police Department at 817-221-2500.

PANTRY

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will have to purchase food boxes since the Tarrant Area Food Bank isn't offering those anymore.

"We are going to do them one way or the other," Heil said. "We're going to get

holiday boxes out to people. We're going to continue the senior boxes. We're going to do it all. It's definitely tighter this year than it's been in the past.'

Food donations can be dropped off at Neighbor to Neighbors at 413 S. Main St. If an organization has a food drive and needs the donated

goods to be picked up, call the food pantry at 817-523-6095. Monetary donations can be made for Neighbor to Neighbors at Pinnacle Bank.

Neighbor to Neighbors is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays, and from noon to 7 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

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Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of ROBERT LARSON, Deceased, were issued on September 28, 2022, in Cause No. 22P192, pending in the County Court of Parker County, Texas to: JERRY PRUITT. The address of the Resident Agent to accept service of process is in Parker County, Texas, and the name of the Resident Agent and the post office address are: Soraya Joslin, Attorney At Law. P.O. Box 1267 Weatherford, Texas 76086. All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. Dated this 29 day of September, 2022. SORAYA JOSLIN, P.C. By:/S/Soraya Joslin, Soraya Joslin State Bar No. 00792408 P.O. .Box 1267 Weatherford, Texas 76086. Telephone: (817) 386-8500 Facsimile: (817) 599-7005 ATTORNEY FOR THE ESTATE

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing will be conducted on the 11th day of October 2022, at 9:00 am in Commissioners Court at the Parker County Courthouse, One Courthouse Square in Weatherford, TX on the following agenda item: Consider, discuss, and/or act on posting a stop sign at the intersection of Sandlin Lane and Young Road in Precinct 1 in Parker County.

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CERT class to begin this week

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The 2022 Fall Basic Community Emergency Response Team class begins this week and continues for two more weeks, according to a news release from the Parker County Office of **Emergency Services.**

The Basic CERT course is a free, 30-hour course. To receive a certificate, both classroom and hands-on training must be completed.

The class will be held at the Parker County Office of **Emergency Services facil**ity located at 215 Trinity St., Weatherford (on the north side of the Weatherford Farmer's Market).

"Parker County restarted the CERT program in late 2006," said Kit Marshall, **Emergency Management** officer with Parker County Office of Emergency Services, in an email. "The course is offered twice a year; one in the fall and one in the spring. The Basic CERT course is for anyone over 18 who is interested in learning more about

personal preparedness and how to help in the event of a disaster. What they learn is applicable at home, in the workplace, while shopping, on vacation, etc. It's about how to take care of yourself, your family and others before first responders arrive. CPR/ AED and Stop the Bleed have been added to the training to increase individual knowledge and skills."

Marshall added that the Basic CERT course is a national FEMA curriculum that is utilized by all jurisdictions across the country that are interested in starting a team. This allows CERT teams to work together when the need arises, Marshall said.

Those who are interested in signing up for this course should respond to davidinelson@uwmail.com. Paperwork will be completed during the first class. Interested individuals should bring pen and paper. The book and other training supplies will be provided.

FALL SCHEDULE

Thursday 6:30-9:30 p.m. Saturday 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Oct. 13 6:30-9:30 p.m. Oct. 15 9 a.m-5 p.m. Oct. 20 6:30-9:30 p.m. Oct. 22 9 a.m-5 p.m.

TOPICS COVERED Disaster Preparedness

- Community preparedness
- Hazards and their potential impact Home and workplace preparedness
- Reducing the impact of hazards
- Protection for disaster workers

Fire Safety and Utility Controls

- Fire chemistry
- Reducing fire hazards in the home and workplace
- Hazardous materials
- How to size-up a situation
- Fire suppression safety/how to use a fire extinguisher

Disaster Medical Operations, part 1

Treating life-threatening conditions

Disaster Medical Operations, part 2

- Public health considerations
- Functions of disaster medical operations
- Establishing medical treatment areas
- Conducting head-to-toe assessments
- Treating burns
- Wound care
- Treating fractures, dislocations, sprains, and strains
- Nasal injuries
- Treating cold-related/
- heat-related injuries Bites and stings

Light Search and Rescue

- · Safety during search and rescue operations
- Conducting interior and exterior search operations
- Conducting rescue operations

CERT Organization/Incident Command

- Incident command/mobilization
- Span of control
- Documentation

Disaster Psychology

- Disaster Trauma
- Team Well-Being
- Working with Survivors' Trauma

CERT and Terrorism

- · What is terrorism?
- Terrorist targets/ weapons
- CBRNE indicators
- Preparing at home, work, and in your neighborhood

CPR/AED

- Stop the Bleed
- Wrap up, Final Exam, and Disaster Exercise

Parker County Appraisal Review Board accepts applications

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Applications are being accepted for Parker County residents interested in serving on the Appraisal Review Board.

The Appraisal Review Board is a group of private citizens authorized to hear appeals and determine protests for ad valorem

tax purposes. The board is a separate authoritative body and are not employees of the Parker County Appraisal District. Appraisal **Review Board members** are appointed by the Local Administrative District Judge of Parker County for two-year terms.

To be eligible for appoint-

ment, an applicant must have been a Parker County resident for two years and never have been employed by or been an officer or director of the Parker County Appraisal District. There are other eligibility restrictions provided in Texas Property Tax Code Section 6.412.

Appraisal Review Board

service is a full-time commitment during April, May, June and July. The board also meets periodically throughout the remainder of the year to carry out supplemental duties. Per diem compensation is generally \$100 per half-day session.

People interested in serving may fill out applications for potential Appraisal **Review Board members** and will be accepted by the Parker County Taxpayer Liaison Officer on behalf of the Local Administrative District Judge. Member applications can be found online at www.parkercad.org under the downloads and forms menu. Submit completed applications by email to tlo@parkercad.org, or hand-deliver or mail them to the Parker County Appraisal District, Attention Taxpayer Liaison Officer at 1108 Santa Fe Drive, Weatherford, TX

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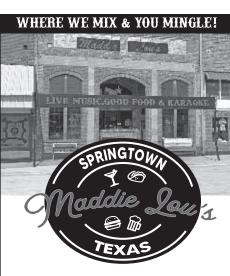




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Agriculture: It's A Good Life

"No race can prosper 'til it learns there is as much dignity in tilling a field as in writing a poem." Booker T. Washington

The last time that we talked I threw some information your way dealing with supply and demand and how these two factors dictate the prices of just about everything. However, there are other factors that also influence prices.

The political and financial conditions of nations and regions that produce and export agricultural products has an effect on the pricing of those goods as it also does with the nations that import those products. Ukraine and the war with Russia is a prime example of this. Ukraine, the world's fifth largest exporter of wheat, fourth largest exporter of corn and third largest exporter of rapeseed has obviously had their production and export of these and other agricultural products interrupted by the fighting. Of course, this also has an affect on the nations that import



AG 101 By Jack DeShazo

Jack DeShazo has decades of experience in the agriculture field.

from Ukraine. Again, there's the old supply and demand rule and it's influence on worldwide prices. Now let's go back to the discussion of the weather and it's excess or lack thereof and it's effect on quality and quantity of agricultural products. Hurricane Ian and it's devastation in Florida, the Carolinas and Virginia basically completely wiped out at least a year's worth of production and in many cases a lifetime of investments, some of those agriculturalists will not recover and will be out of business. On the opposite end of the spectrum let's consider the results of not enough rainfall as much of the Southwest, Central and Western U.S.A. has experienced for at least the past 12 months. One example would be the current

West Texas (a prime cotton producing area) cotton crop, 100% of the non-irrigated and at least 15-20% of the irrigated cotton was judged to be a loss and plowed up. Let's also briefly talk about a crop that hits a lot closer to home, hay. Usually in our area depending on the timing of the rainfall, fertilizer availability, application, etc. we would expect at least two cuttings of hay and sometimes when everything hits just right a third and maybe even a fourth cutting. This year unless the limited rain fell at the right time many folks were lucky to get a first and maybe second cutting with some happy to get only one cutting. Of course, this has an effect on supply which in turn affects price. Good quality four feet X six feet round bales nor-

mally sell in the \$60 to \$90 ballpark. This year livestock raisers and feeders are looking at \$150+ per roll. I visited with a man a couple of weeks ago who raises cattle in South Texas below San Antonio who said 4'X5' rolls of hay in that area were selling for \$200. Many people are buying and hauling baled corn stalks out of Iowa and Kansas to feed their cattle just to try and survive until better times. I visited with one of my former agricultural Science students yesterday, he is a Regional Director and Director of Renewable Fuels for a financial company in Iowa that does business on the global level. He quoted prices to me comparing the prices of agricultural commodities from a year ago to yesterday's prices, many of which are used in milling and mixing livestock feeds. Here are the results: soybean meal up 23.8%, corn up 25.6%, cottonseed meal up 24.5 %, grain sorghum up 24% and oats down 32.3%; no wonder the price of livestock feeds are up. *Just because the price of oats is down

doesn't mean that you can feed only oats; a BALANCED ration should be fed, oats are a good source of nutrition, but are not completely balanced. As we all know prices on crude oil based products are UP, from a year ago *without taxes added crude oil is up 9.4%, gasoline up 11.5% and heating oil up 41.5%. Many commercial fertilizers are crude oil based, prices on fertilizer are between two and three times higher than last year. Fat cattle which have been fed in a feedlot for 5-6 months weighing 1200-1300 pounds ready for processing are up 20% (these are not breeding cows that are going through the sale barn because of lack of hay or high feed prices), hogs ready for processing are down 3.26 % and meat chickens are up

All of this being said this is not a sob story for agriculturalists, everyone is going through this, just differing degrees. My point is to emphasize that agriculturalists, more especially the ones involved in the production end

of Agriculture are independent, usually self-employed business people just like mechanics, hardware store owners, convenience store owners, etc. Most of them cannot absorb these spikes in expenses for a prolonged period of time and continue to stay in business. There are some production agriculturalists that will occasionally think how much easier life would be without fences to fix, cows to feed, hay to be baled, fertilizer applied, worrying when it's going to rain, etc. But those that do consider it usually don't do it for very long. Agriculture is not easy, but it is a way of life that's hard to beat. Plus the nation and the world are depending on them to keep on keepin' on!

P.S. If you have a
Bermudagrass hay patch/
field and you were blessed
to get enough rain to make
a cutting of hay, don't wait
too long. As the nighttime
temperatures begin to fall the
Bermuda stops growing.

'til next time.

OBITUARIES

Jeffery Dean Fuller

Jeffery Dean Fuller, 49, passed into the loving arms of his Lord and Savior on Sunday, September 25, 2022 in Weatherford.

He was born December 15, 1972 in Fort Worth to Lonnie Dean and Cynthia Kay (Williams) Fuller. Jeffery was a Christian man who loved the Lord. He was a lineman for Oncor for 30 years. He enjoyed golf, fishing and listening to Alan Jackson. Most of all Jeffery loved spending time with his family.

Jeffery is survived by his daughter, Alexis Messner and her husband Michael; son Andrew Fuller; father, Lonnie Fuller; mother, Cynthia Moores; brother, Steve Kirkbride and his wife Karen; sister, Crystal Fuller and, granddaughter



Kenzleigh, numerous nieces, nephews, and extended family and friends.

He was a loving son, brother, father, and grandfather who will be dearly missed.

> The Springtown Epigraph, October 6, 2022 Edition

It's a wonderful life

I am composing today's post using talk-to-text while driving on Highway 287 from Amarillo to Azle.

I thought about submitting it without corrections just for the laughs that would be generated by the craziness of talk-to-text. But I thought it might be too difficult to read.

I chose "it's a wonderful life" as the title of today's post not because I'm already thinking about Christmas—unlike the stores that are already displaying Christmas decorations—but because I'm really thinking about how wonderful my life indeed is.

In a few days I will celebrate the eighth anniversary of when I got a new name. Grandpa!

On October 8, 2014, my first grandchild was born. On that day, I went starkraving stupid and have never recovered.

Every time I find out that someone has just become a grandparent for the first time I let them know that this is indeed the best gig ever!

Now that I have four grand- not everyone's family experi-





children I am convinced that the joy only increases with each subsequent birth. (Especially since they don't live at my house and I'm not in charge of raising them).

Mrs. Sweetie and I just spent the weekend in Amarillo with our grandchildren and their parents (of whom we are also quite fond).

In three days, we attended one birthday party, six soccer games, and one Sunday morning worship service that included the baptism of that little girl that gave me a new name eight years ago.

We also celebrated the birthday of our favorite daughterin-law, though the grandchildren activities didn't allow time for another party.

It's a wonderful life.
I readily acknowledged that

I'm thinking today as I drive this highway about life experiences I've had on this very road over the past 38 years. About 1982 is my first

ence is the same as mine. So

memory of Highway 287 from Amarillo to Fort Worth. I drove my car loaded with college friends to attend a Baptist Student Union convention.

While I don't remember

much about the convention itself, I do remember the trip with friends—laughing together and eating brownies that one of the girls made as we made our way to a gathering of several thousand Christian college students.

Another early trip was in 1984 as I traveled with my girlfriend (the future Mrs. Sweetie) and her parents to meet her older brother

and family in the DFW area. I remember stopping in Childress to eat at K-Bob's. I think about that almost every time I pass through Childress (as I will in about 10 minutes).

Both of her parents and the brother that I met for the first time on that trip are now in heaven and I miss all of them.

With her parents living in the Panhandle and us in Azle, and then our kids going to college, getting married, and settling in the Panhandle, there have been hundreds of trips up and down 287.

Those trips haven't all been easy or pleasant. We've had blown tires, breakdowns, hail storms, blizzards, and a couple of times we almost ran out of gas.

But we're still here and we're still driving. That means that God has been with us on every trip.

with us on every trip.

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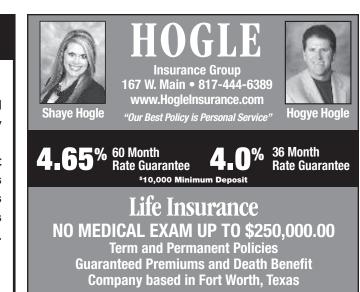
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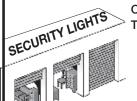


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Court: Paxton can't prosecute election crimes

STATE SENDS RESOURCES TO **FLORIDA**

Texas has deployed state resources to Florida to assist in response and recovery efforts in the aftermath of the devastation caused last week by Hurricane Ian, one of the most powerful storms to hit the United States in the past

"Texans understand the urgency of hurricane disaster response and recovery efforts, and our state is swiftly sending more support and resources to Florida as they continue responding to Hurricane Ian," Gov. Greg Abbott said.

The Texas Division of Emergency Personnel has sent more than 80 people to Florida, including nearly two dozen firefighters. In addition, more than 1,000 workers from Texas electricity providers were deployed to Florida to assist in restoring power.

COURT: PAXTON CAN'T PROSECUTE ELECTION CRIMES

The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals stuck with an earlier ruling that Attorney General Ken Paxton does not have the power on



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, includ ing in Longview, Fort Stockton, Nacogdoches and Cedar Park.

his own to investigate and prosecute suspected election crimes. The Austin American-Statesman reported the court turned down Paxton's request to reverse a December ruling which struck down a 1985 law giving the attorney general that authority.

That ruling by the court, which consists of all Republicans, said the 1985 law violated the state's separation of powers doctrine, since it gave the attorney general's office, which is in the executive branch, prosecution authority reserved for members of the judicial branch - district and county attorneys.

Paxton sharply criticized the ruling, the Statesman reported.

"The CCA's shameful decision means local DAs with radical liberal views have the sole power to prosecute election fraud in TX — which they will never do. The timing is

no accident — this is devastating for the integrity of our upcoming elections," Paxton said on Twitter.

COVID-19 CASES CONTINUE TO DROP

The number of new COVID-19 cases reported in Texas during the past week was again down slightly, with 22,006 new cases reported along with 123 deaths, according to the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University. The Texas Department of State Health Services reported 1,654 lab-confirmed COVID-19 hospitalizations as of Sunday, down slightly from the previous week.

Since the pandemic began in early 2020, the state has reported nearly 8 million confirmed cases and 90,885 deaths. Just under 64% of the state's population is fully vaccinated.

WILDFIRES ONCE AGAIN ON THE **RISE IN STATE**

Dry weather and low humidity have once again increased the prevalence of wildfires in multiple areas of the state, after a rainy respite in mid-to-late August. However, the rain has largely left the state once again. Texas A&M Forest Service firefighters responded to nearly 80 wildfires in the past week, with two still active Sunday in Young and Angelina counties. Both were nearly completely contained.

"The 2022 fire season has been significant for the state of Texas, as state and local firefighters have responded to more than 9,800 wildfires," said Wes Moorehead, Texas A&M Forest Service Fire Chief. "The state received beneficial rainfall mid- to late-August, which helped to significantly slow the operational tempo for wildland firefighters. However, the benefits of that moisture have started to wane, and we are, once again, observing dry conditions across the state that are resulting in increased wildfire activity."

Nine out of 10 wildfires in

the state are caused by human activity. Residents are urged to wait on conducting any outdoor burning until conditions improve, even if your county is not under a burn ban. A total of 95 Texas counties are still under a burn ban.

NEW CABLE BARRIER SAVING LIVES

Motorists on Texas highways likely have noticed the addition of cable barriers along medians that prevent vehicles from veering into opposite lanes of traffic. Those barriers are saving lives, according to the Texas Department of Transportation.

A review of four TxDOT districts where 130 miles of new cable barriers were installed - in Lufkin, Pharr, Waco and Fort Worth - showed the barriers have been hit and repaired 242 times since 2019.

"I'm going to assume that each of those 242 strikes was a potential fatality had that cable barrier not been there," Commissioner Laura Ryan

The agency has completed 88 "Road to Safety" projects in the state, with 120 more now under construction. The

efforts seem to have had a beneficial effect, with 84 fewer traffic fatalities reported in Texas from January to August. The state also saw a 9% drop in distracted driving deaths, and an 18% decrease in work zone fatalities.

PUC EXPANDS WEATHER PREP RULES

The Public Utility Commission has expanded weather preparation rules for electricity generators and transmission utilities in hopes of ensuring the reliability of the power grid during summer and winter severe weather events.

"Reliability drives every decision we make when it comes to grid operations," said Public Utility Commission Chairman Peter Lake. "The grid has to be ready for any weather condition, from extreme heat to extreme cold.'

Under the new rules, the state is divided into 10 geographically distinct areas in which minimum and maximum temperatures are set under which power generators must prove their ability to continue operating.

The temperature standards go into effect next year.

STORY of OBSESS

BOOK REVIEW

Don't go into the attic (until you have read this book)

TERRI SCHLICHENMEYER

Do you run or scream in fear?

Maybe both. When you see whatever it is that scares you to the point that you're a babbling puddle of mess, it's no longer a fight-orflight thing – it's just plain flight. Even if you're normally big and brave, fearless to the end, read "The Book of Phobias and Manias" by Kate Summerscale. See what other scary things are out there...

More than 235 years ago, Benjamin Rush, one of our Founding Fathers, started a fad for naming the things that colonial humans feared and focused on. Then. Rush officially named 18 phobias, including fears of ghosts and rats; and 26 manias.

Over the years, according to Summerscale, other fears and focuses have been added to Rush's list but the

fact remains that manias and phobias are mostly cultural constructs that indicate how we consider ourselves, what attracts us and what repels us.

Even at times when a "phobia" isn't really a phobia, this is serious stuff: roughly 10 percent of women and five percent of men have a phobia, and one in eight of them will receive help for it. If you don't have a phobia, fear not: research shows that you can get one through conditioning, or by exposure to someone with a heavy-duty phobia of their own.

Mania is a little trickier, Summerscale says, because today's medicine has categorized such things as hoarding, obsessive-compulsive disorder, addiction, and so on. Still, she lists some: The Count on Sesame Street had arithmomania. Tulipomania is said to have once made

folks extremely wealthy. And klazomania might make you

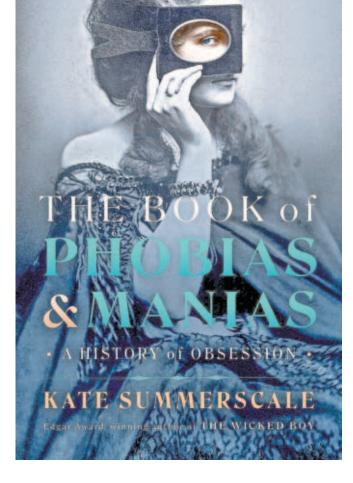
Germophobes suffer from mysophobia but probably not from ablutophobia, the latter of which would have been a problem during a pandemic. John Wayne Gacy likely single-handedly boosted the number of coulrophobes. George Orwell's musophobia caused a minor (but violent) battle, and Alfred Hitchcock admitted to one rather unique fear. Homophobia, it should be noted, is not a real phobia. And you won't believe how 1930s scientists cruelly induced a baby to have doraphobia.

Don't reach behind that cabinet without looking first. Don't go into the attic at night. Don't touch that! And whatever you do, don't miss "The Book of Phobias &

There's sometimes a fine line between humor and horror, and author Kate Summerscale walks it with authenticity and a delightful delivery that'll make you want more. Here, you'll learn about all those things that make you cringe, recoil, or wrinkle your nose in disgust, why they make you jumpy, and how you can be braver. You'll get clues to solve the mystery of your newest obsession. You'll see that you're not alone, that you might have a historical partner with skin-crawling terror. And you'll feel better about the things that make you want to run: at least you're not afraid of this or that or that, either,

"The Book of Phobias & Manias" is a serious book, seriously fun, and good for anyone age 15 and up. Look for it. It'll make you scream in

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Man arrested on deadly conduct charge

FROM STAFF REPORTS

A Springtown man was arrested on a charge of deadly conduct-discharging a firearm Tuesday for an incident that happened last week.

Draven Davidson, 18, was taken into custody without incident at his residence in unincorporated Parker County and transported to Parker County Jail, where

he remains in custody, according to a news release from Springtown Police Department. SPD officers served an arrest warrant for Davidson for the charge, a

third-degree felony.

On Sept. 29, SPD received a report from a resident in the 300 block of South Spring Branch Trail that shots had been fired in the direction of

their home. Officers found a .380 shell in the roadway outside the residence. An occupant of the home and neighbors reported hearing gunfire at the time of the incident. Police investigation and eyewitness statements led to identification of a suspect, Davidson, the release stated.

The Family Resource Center in Springtown

COURTESY PHOTOS

The Family Resource Center in Springtown held a community reception on Sept. 30 at the center. Community and family partners met state funders and shared their thoughts on the Family Resource Center's impact in the community as well as their ideas. The center's Community Alignment Coordinator Jeanne Stevens said the reception had a great turnout, and the center appreciates the community's support. The Family Resource Center in Springtown is located at 314 E. Fifth Terrace.









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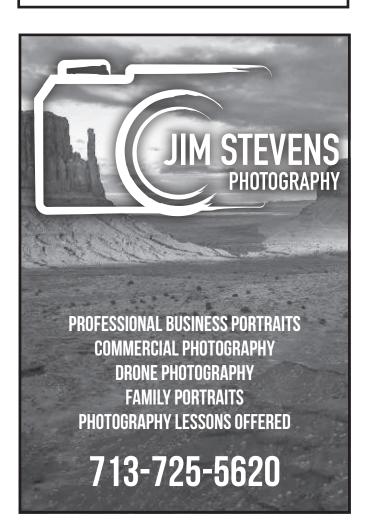
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Pregnancy help center ready to open renovated building

BY DON MUNSCH

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Eagle Mountain Pregnancy Help Center officials hope to move back into the center soon, in the few days, after renovating its facility at 10328 Jacksboro Hwy.

Renovations, which began in early September, were expected to be finished this week and movein date should occur in the next week, said center Board President Karen Ogea. The center will hold a grand reopening and ribbon-cutting from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Nov. 15. Tours will be given and people can learn about services at the center.

A local resident owns the building and donated its use to the center 23 years ago, Ogea said.

"And in that 23 years, we've served a great number of clients and families in need, but it is an old house," Ogea said, explaining why renovations were needed. The house originally had

two bedrooms, two bathrooms, a small kitchen, small den, small dining area and a one-car garage, Ogea said.

"So we have converted that space into a reception area, a counseling room, a classroom exterior."

(and) a supply room, which is now going to be called our heartbeat boutique," she said.

She added that a patio was closed to make a children's play area. The renovation has consisted of removing and repairing part of the structure, such as the walls and the plumbing. Old carpet was removed, and new flooring was installed. The center's interior was painted, and new canned lights were installed. The building also will have new furniture and décor.

"So, it's a whole new center - inside and out," Ogea said. "They've painted the

The owner of the building requested that the exterior be green in color, and it will now have a darker shade of green. The building will have a new door and new security.

"It's just a beautiful, beautiful center," Ogea said. "Very welcoming and inviting."

Ogea said the center no longer has file cabinets full of paperwork, as the paperwork has been replaced by an electronic platform.

"So that has freed up a lot of space for us to use for more client interaction," she said.

The center has hired a bilingual staff member and the

center expects to hire a new executive director to lead the ministry soon, Ogea said. Three people work at the center, with the new director making four. The center has an office assistant, Ginger Thomas; a bilingual translator, Joanne Stull; and assistant director, Ember McAlpin, who is the acting executive director until a new one is hired. She will continue to serve as an assistant director after a new executive director is found.

Paying for the renovations came from "generous donations over the years," Ogea said. She declined to say how much the renovations cost. By renovating the building, she said the center wanted to show gratitude to the owner of the building for the years and use of the building and that they want to keep it maintained to show appreciation.

"Not only that, it's beautifying the area and it creates a more welcoming and warm environment," she said.

The center's operations had to be temporarily relocated to two rooms at First Baptist Lakeside's Family Life Center. The church's space for operations are not necessarily private or conducive for some of the service offered to clients, Ogea said, so once services go back to the building, clients will have full access to the center and services.

Ogea said her center wants to educate the public about its services and its goal in the next couple of months is to have 40 brand new clients. The center offers free classes for life skills, Christian

education and parenting. They are offered to men and women. Clients can earn points from the classes to redeem for supplies they need for during pregnancy and post-birth.

Center staff stay with families during their journey.

"We want to promote their health and well-being and provide them with whatever services we have at our disposal," she said.

The number of women the center sees each months varies, and clients come from the area, including Springtown, Azle, Sansom Park, Saginaw and White Settlement. Referrals can be made to adoption agencies that the center is familiar with and have met.

"We are considering the services of a mobile sonogram that can be available so that our clients can come and hear their child's heartbeat - see it, watch it, listen to it," she said. "And that usually has a beautiful impact on their decision-making."

The center is not a medical facility or clinic of any kind, Ogea said, as the center is a faith-based, donor-funded ministry. Medical advice is not given. Clients can receive a self-administering pregnancy test that they can decipher.

Ogea said the center has an opening on its board, and anyone interested may contact Ogea at boardpresident@ emphc.org. The center's website is emphc.org, and the center accepts volunteers for a variety of duties. A grant writing specialist, on a voluntary basis, also is being sought.



Joanne Stull and Ember McAlpin stand near supplies set up on the second floor of First Baptist Lakeside's Family Life Center.



What if you could ask a skunk any question you wanted? What would you ask? Kid Scoop spoke with skunk authority P.U. Stenchmuch to learn about these smelly creatures from a safe distance.





How many kinds of skinks are there?

There are three kinds of skunks. Do the math problems to match the name of each kind of skunk with its description.

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of a pig. The back and tail are white.

SPOTTED SKUNK 21 - 11 =

7 + 6 + 2 =

10. The smallest of all skunks, it has a dot in the middle of its forehead. The stripes go in lots of different and wiggly directions.

15. It has a broad, hairless muzzle, like that

23. The face is black except for one white stripe that runs from the nose to the **HOG-NOSED SKUNK** shoulders. At the shoulders, the stripe splits in two parts, one running down each side of

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A: Start at compass. Go 1 square north, then 1 square west.

Q: Do skunks ever run out of stinky

A: Start at compass. Go 3 squares north, then 1 square west, then 1 square north.

Q: Where is the skunk's secret weapon?

A: Start at compass. Go 3 squares north. Next, go 1 square east. Then go 1 square

Q: What color is the musk skunks spray?

A: Start at compass. Go 4 squares north. Then go 1 square west. Next, go 1 square

Q: What are baby skunks called? A: Start at compass, go 2 squares north.

Q: What is another name for a

A: Start at compass and go 1 square north. Next, go 1 square west. Then go 2 squares north and then 1 east.

Q: A skunk is about the same size as a

A: From compass, go 2 squares north. Then, go 1 east and 1 south.

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Green	Kits	Under its tail		
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No need to hide! Lots of animals have bodies that blend into the world around them. This is called *camouflage*. But the bold black and white markings on a skunk make them easy to spot. They don't need to hide. Other animals know to leave them alone.

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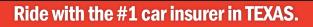


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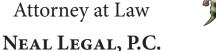












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REGATTA

FROM PAGE 1

At the Cub Scouts meeting last week, the kids raced the boats down rain gutters filled with water, propelling the boats forward by blowing air through straws.

The body of Braden's boat was a water bottle painted bright yellow and aqua blue. He inserted a rod with a rectangular, red paper sail - the kind reminiscent of sails that were on the Mayflower and other similar sailing ships in the middle of the boat.

The results of the competition revealed that Braden's boat was not known for its speed but for its color. He took home the award for the most colorful boat.

Braden and his mother, Christine Gentry, worked on the boat together - and tore it down together during the rebuilding process.

"There was more to it, but

it just wasn't working so we had to tear it down to the bare minimum," Christine Gentry said.

The design of the boat including the colors - was all Braden's idea, Christine Gentry said. The Cub Scout said he even put dirt in the boat so that it would float better and stay leveled in the water.

"It was hard," Braden said about assembling his boat.

Braden, whose rank is Arrow of Light, has been out of Cub Scouts for the past two years and stopped being a scout because of the COVID-19 pandemic. He rejoined the pack after telling his mom that he wanted to go back.

"He gets to make friends and go camping and do really fun things," Christine Gentry said about Braden being in Cub Scouts. "I think he really enjoys it."



PHOTOS BY MADELYN EDWARDS

Springtown Cub Scouts hold up their boats at the annual Rain Gutter Regatta on Sept. 27 at the First United Methodist Church of Springtown.



Braden Gentry, a fifth grader whose rank is Arrow of Light, propels his boat down the rain gutter racetrack during the Springtown Cub Scouts' annual Rain Gutter Regatta.



Third grader and Bear-ranked Cub Scout Abi Carter shows off her boat at the Rain Gutter Regatta on Sept. 27.

MOST ARTISTIC BOAT

Bear-ranked Cub Scout Abi Carter had tears in her eyes after her race, and her cheeks were red. She said her boat wasn't sitting right during the race. Despite this, the third grader kept her composure.

However, Abi was grinning later as she picked up her award for having the most artistic boat.

Abi's boat was primarily made out of a white pool noodle with colorful pipe cleaners attached.

"I didn't really have an idea. I did, but it wouldn't work," Abi said when asked about the process of creating her boat. "It worked."

Abi's mom Amanda Carter said she helped a little with the boat but left most of the work up to her scout.

"I usually try to let her do her own boat, so we argue about maybe making the better decisions," Amanda Carter hers. said, while letting out a highpitched laugh. "I usually try to let her do most of the magic."

Abi was asked if it was fun to make the boat with her mother, and her response was ery year," Kandra Cox said. tepid.

"We're not good boat builders," Amanda Carter said.

Abi retorted playfully. "We're not good car builders either," she said, referring to the Pinewood Derby, another Cub Scouts tradition.

This is Abi's fourth year in Cub Scouts. She joined following the lead of her older brother, who is now in the Boy Scouts of America troop.

"She loves it," Amanda Carter said.

FIRST TIMERS

Siblings Steven Cox and Maddison Cox just accomplished their first Rain Gutter Regatta.

Maddison - a Lion-ranked scout - just started Cub Scouts this year, and though Steven - a Wolf - had already joined, he missed last year's regatta, their mother Kandra Cox said.

Both of the Cox kids had similarly constructed boats made of blue pool noodle cradled by a water bottle cut in half to stay upright. Steven's boat had blue paper sails while Maddison's boat sported a purple paper sail and another sail with the Cub Scouts logo on it.

Even on their first time, both Steven and Maddison were awarded for their boats' speed. Steven won second place in his den, while Maddison won third place in

Kandra Cox said her kids love being in Cub Scouts.

"They like everything about Scouts, but they love camping. They go on campouts ev-

THE AWARDS

This year's Rain Gutter Regatta included 33 boats in the competition.

"We have 37 registered scouts. That's more than we've had since before COVID," Cubmaster Holly Lowe said.

Many Cub Scouts took home awards from the regatta. Scouts in each den received trophies for first, second and third place based on how their boats performed in the races. Certificates were also given out for boats deemed most seaworthy, least likely to capsize, best paint job, funniest, most artistic, most colorful, most nautical, most ready to sail the Seven Seas, most unusual sail, best workmanship and fastest looking.

"There were a lot of great boats," Lowe said. "With so many new scouts and getting to see their artistic capabilities coming out, it's always fun to see.'









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Nice kid volunteers when needed

BY JEFF PRINCE

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■ he young man selling popcorn and sodas behind the concession stand at Springtown High School during a recent volleyball game was working hard, but it was not for the money.

Keegan Martinez volunteered to work the Springtown vs. Bridgeport game because the two coaches who were running the stand - Kyle Sivadon and Travis Jones - looked like they could use help.

"It seemed like today was going to be fairly busy," said Martinez, a sophomore. "I decided to do a good deed for the school, help everybody out and make it a little bit easier with extra hands."

Bridgeport is only about 20 miles away, and many of the school's fans travel to Springtown to watch games.

"There are a lot of people here," Martinez said. "We also have quite a few (Springtown) people come for our volleyball games. It's usually kind of busy."

The additional people meant more business at the concession stand, and Martinez could tell his help was needed.

Jones, who serves as assistant coach for girls basketball, appreciated Martinez' efforts.

"He's a great young man who comes in and volunteers with us and helps us out any time we seem to be shorthanded," the coach said. "He never asks for anything in return. He just comes here out of the goodness of his heart and does great things. He's a great representation of our school.'

Martinez credits his mother, Breanne Martinez, with instilling work ethic and volunteerism in his bones.

"She told me if somebody is in need of help, it's always good to help them, even if you are busy or have something to do," he said.

He does work for people in his neighborhood, and his mother makes social media posts saying he is available to help neighbors with odd jobs.

"Most of the time it's yard work or being in a high place and climbing up ladders," he said. "Stuff like that."

Martinez leaves it up to the people he helps whether they pay him or how much.

"If they pay me, they pay me, but I usually just do it for free," he said.

Martinez saves the money he earns to help cover the costs of playing baseball and to buy a car when he turns 16 next year. When he works for free, he earns something, as well - peace of mind.

"Helping people is just something I like to do," he said. "It makes people happy. I know how it is whenever you are struggling to do stuff and sometimes wish you had some help."

Keegan Martinez likes to help whenever possible, including working the concession stand for free at a recent Springtown

volleyball game. PHOTO BY JEFF PRINCE



Springtown football on bye week after Connally loss



Second from left, Jack Clark and Springtown Lions Club teammates line up to give high-fives to the high school football players entering the field for the game against Connally.

BY JEFF PRINCE jeff@azlenews.net

The Springtown Porcupines are on bye this week after battling for six tough games

on consecutive Friday nights dating back to late August.

The bye week is "nice," said head coach Brian Hulett, but "at the same time, you don't

really want one because you

like to get to play games."

The team will spend time this week "getting ourselves better," he said.

The Pines won't suit up for another game until Oct.

14, when they take on the Mineral Wells Rams at home. On Sept. 30, Springtown played in front of a large hometown crowd against the

Connally Cadets, one of the

top teams in District 11-4A. The Porcupines had lost to Glen Rose 28-14 the previous week on the road and were eager to climb back into the

Adding enthusiasm to the evening were every one of the Springtown Lions Club football teams and cheer squads.

SEE FOOTBALL, PAGE 2B.



The student section kept the noise level appropriately high for most of the game.

FOOTBALL

FROM PAGE 1B

Before the Porcupines entered the stadium, hundreds of kids were allowed onfield to test out the artificial turf, give high-fives to the players and run with them through the smoke-filled tunnel as the marching band played and the crowd cheered.

Also on hand was the eighth grade marching band, sitting in with the Sound of Springtown, infusing more youth and energy into the event.

JACK CLARK FIVE

Hulett and the Springtown Porcupines prefer to wait until just before game time to arrive at the stadium on their bus and run through lines of fans eager to give high fives.

This grand entrance at home games has become a tradition. When the Springtown Lions Clubs teams and cheerleaders are added to the mix, the event becomes a joyous spectacle. Jack Clark, a second grader who plays football for the Lions Club version of the Porcupines, was thrilled to hang out with teammates and friends on the high school field and take closeup ganders at the older players.

"I cheer for the Porcupines," Clark said. "I just like doing this."

After the big boys entered the field and greeted the kids, they all ran together through the inflated POJO tunnel. Afterward, the kids returned to the stands to

settle in for the game.

"I'm glad I'm here to watch the Porcupines play," Clark said.

He was there with his older brother, Cody, a fourth grader, and parents Jason and Amy Clark.

Jason and Amy stood outside a cyclone fence near the field, watching their kids mingle with the other kids on the artificial turf.

"It's important not only for my sons to learn a sport and have that social interaction with kids and the community and things like that, but if they are going to do it, I want them to do it all the way," Jason Clark said. "Any kind of event like this, I encourage their participation so they will feel like they are a part of it."

His kids didn't take much convincing. They love attending games and watching older players perform.

"They've been looking forward to this all day long," Jason said. "The tunnel they get to run out of and the different effects with the smoke, they see it on TV all the time on the collegiate level and NFL, and they are really excited to come out here and be a part of this."

Running through the tunnel is especially exciting for them, said Amy Clark.

"They think that's just the

coolest thing," she said. **TOUGH GAME**

Last season, the Springtown Porcupines went far in the playoffs. This year's team could go just as far, although the roster is less experienced and having more difficulty finding



Drake Doggett and the Porcupines sweated and toiled and put on a good show for the crowd.

the win column early in the

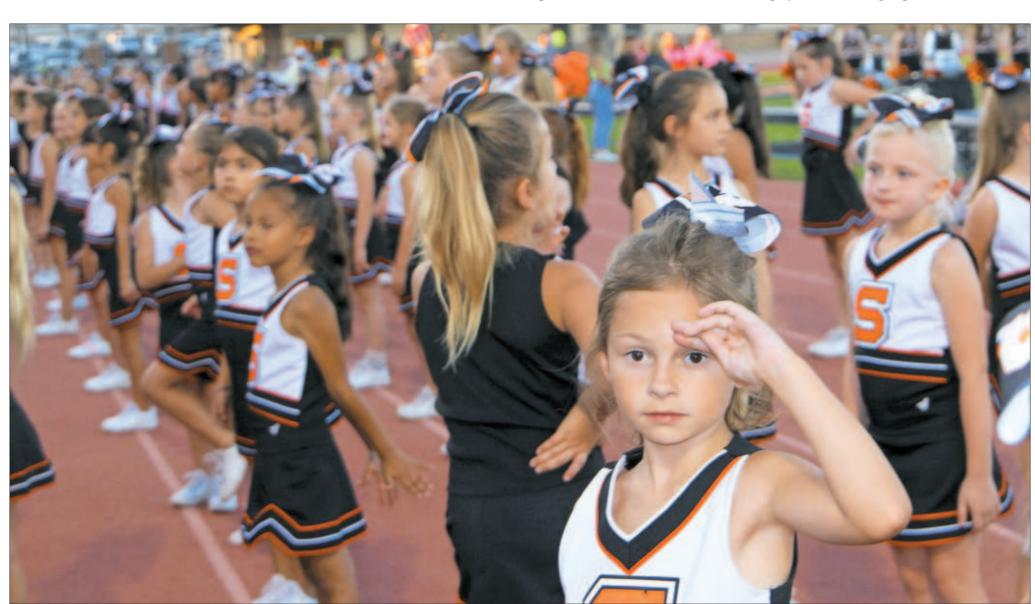
season. Against Connally, the Cadets received the opening kickoff, scored first and added a two-point conversion. Then, the Cadets forced Springtown's offense to punt, took possession of the ball again, scored another TD, added another two-point conversion and went ahead 16-0 with 8 minutes remaining in the first half.

By halftime, Connally had built a 38-6 lead, and the Porcupines couldn't catch up despite scoring 21 points in the second half.

"Connally is a really talented team that played faster

than we did," Hulett said. "We have to understand that we have to play fast and make plays. Until we do, it's going to be hard on us."

Final score: Connally 45, Springtown 27.



Evelyn Penix, a second grader and cheerleader with the Springtown Lions Club, waits with other cheerleaders to yell for the home team.



Co-captains Aubree Adams and Brinklee Dauenhauer defend the net against Bridgeport.

Springtown volleyball girls beginning to jell well

BY JEFF PRINCE jeff@azlenews.net

The Springtown Lady Porcupines have been slamming, acing, digging and killing shots on the volleyball court recently, improv-

ing their record to 21-13

overall and 3-0 in district

competition heading into this week's contests.

On Sept. 27, the Pines played Bridgeport at home and swept the Bulls 3-0. Three days later, Springtown traveled to Lake Worth and swept the Bullfrogs 3-0.

much and are just getting better and better," team captain Brinklee Dauenhauer. "I really think we can get first in district."

Against Lake Worth, Dauenhauer led the team in kills and digs. She received plenty of help with digs

Kylie Druxman (15) and Brooklyn Quintanilla (12). Druxman led the team with 27 assists.

After the Bridgeport game, many of the Lady Pines, including co-captains Aubree Adams, Dauenhauer, Druxman and Smith, helped

ter the game. They do it to "get ready for the practice in the morning," Druxman said. "We lead by example."

The Lady Hornets are jelling together well as a team, Smith said.

"This year is going really well for the team and for me is the first year that I really stepped out of my comfort zone and really talked on the court. We get along really well."

Next up, Azle volleyball will play at 5 p.m. Friday at Castleberry in Fort Worth.





Anaie Rodriguez prepares to serve.



Co-captains Kylie Druxman and Sterlyn Smith along with Kelsey Beaman pick up chairs and trash after the Bridgeport game.

Roundup

Springtown rodeo team places at NTHSRA competition

Springtown cross-country wins medals at Decatur Reunion Run



Kallie Gray and the Springtown rodeo team are improving as the season progresses.



STAFF REPORTS

SPRINGTOWN RODEO

From Sept. 30 to Oct. 2, the rodeo team fared well at the North Texas High School Rodeo Association competi tion, with nine Porcupines athletes placing. Delaney Harris earned first place in goat tying.

Also in goat tying, Shaye Winford finished 10th.

In walk-up goat tying, Makayla Ballard placed 13th, and Kendall Gallaher was

Landon Pitts placed eighth in team roping.

In barrels, London Smith was 20th, Kaylee Buchanan 26th, Brylee Bailey 44th, Kendall Gallaher 55th, and Faith Styles 56th.

In poles, Brylee Bailey was

COURTESY PHOTO)

The Springtown cross-country team ran well at the Decatur Reunion Run.

SPRINGTOWN CROSS COUNTRY

On Oct. 1, eight of 17 runners from Springtown's track team medaled at the Decatur Reunion Run cross-country

Individual medalists for the boys included Wesley Payne, who earned second place, and Peyton Weckar, who finished 16th and beat his personal record by a full minute. Also, Parker Bening beat his personal record by 30 seconds.

Mackenzie Flaugher finished 16th for the varsity Lady Pines.

The junior varsity competed at the meet, as well, and were led by Alyson Barco, who won first place for the girls, and Camo Gaston, who took second place for the boys. Others who placed were Makayla Ballard in eighth, Taylor Glover in 15th and Brylee Barfield in 18th.

FOOTBALL CONTEST WEEK 7

Three contestants guessed the correct winners of 11 of 12 games in this week's contest, establishing a three-way tie that was determined by the tiebreaker game of Dallas Cowboys vs. Washington Commanders. The Cowboys beat the Commanders 25-10 for a total of 35 points. That means Mike Ray, who guessed 39 points, wins the football contest and \$20. In second place is Margaret Swanzy with 48 points. She wins \$10. And third place winner Eddy Swanzy wins \$5 after guessing 56 tiebreaker points.

Springtown Game Faces



Third from left, head cheerleader Amie White leads the squad through a cheer for the hometown crowd.

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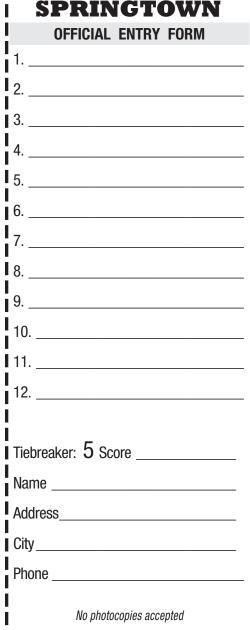
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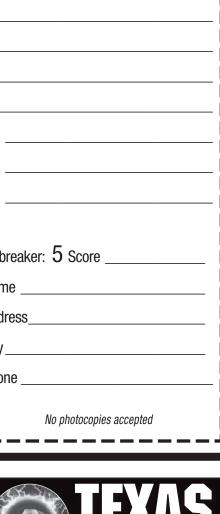
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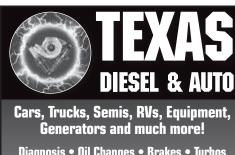
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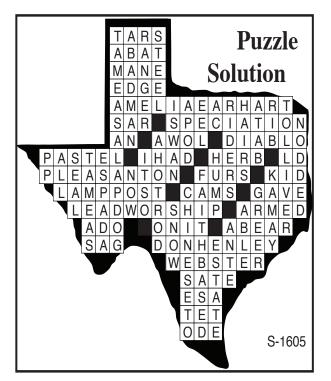
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