



## Springtown City Council, P&Z discusses potential zoning ordinance changes

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Springtown city officials last week heard a presentation for a new vision of the city, one that includes larger, more spread-out homes that don't all look the same and preservation of old Springtown's history and aesthetics.

The Springtown City Council and Planning and Zoning Commission held a joint workshop Nov. 3 to discuss potential changes to the city's zoning ordinance. The updates to the ordinance were presented by Christopher Cha, public

infrastructure market leader for the civil engineering, landscape architecture and land surveying firm Pacheco Koch.

City Administrator David Miller explained that changes to the ordinance were in order to comply with state law as well as to adjust zoning categories as the city continues to grow. Updates to the zoning ordinance will not impact developments that are currently pending.

Among the more significant changes, Cha said two overlay districts would be established to lock in the design of the square and the oldtown area of the city,

which includes neighborhoods around North Main Street.

For the square, this maintains the zero-lot line design that is currently in place.

"The whole idea of the overlay district and square, the zero lot lines, the different setbacks is to continue to enhance the square for walkability purposes, the visual aesthetics and to keep that good oldtown, downtown feel to that area," Miller said. "By doing this, it prohibits anybody from coming in and building a seven-story hotel that would require different

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## Mornings for coffee and conversation: Navy veteran reflects on Howell's coffee crew



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Navy veteran David Sneed drinks his coffee on a Tuesday morning at Howell's Western Cafe. Sneed and other locals, including plenty of veterans, meet at Howell's in the mornings for coffee and camaraderie.

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David Sneed arrives at Howell's Western Cafe around 4 a.m. every day to make coffee for the group of men who come in during the mornings.

This group includes about six to eight members who gather at Howell's for the coffee and conversation. Sneed said most of the gang grew up together around Springtown and Azle, and the morning coffee meetings started a lifetime ago. One cafe customer chimed in that the group has always existed, just with a mix of different people.

"The time will change, but the people and the coffee is the same," Sneed said. "It's a place for us to gather and enjoy one another, poke fun at one another."

Not all but most of the men in the group are military veterans, with Sneed serving

in the Navy in the 1960s on the West Coast.

"I went before I was invited," he said. "I joined the Navy to keep from having to be a foot soldier or a Marine because they got shot at all the time."

After hearing this admission, one of the men at Sneed's table playfully said Sneed was scared, and Sneed boldly claimed the "scaredy-cat" title.

"If they're them throwing bullets at me, I ain't going to stay there long," he said.

When asked what the guys in the group talk about, Sneed said "girls" - referring to the waitresses - and laughed. Another man at his table corrected the record and said they talk about a whole bunch of topics.

This time in earnest, Sneed answered that the men in the coffee group talk about what's going on in town and the changes they've seen

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## Parade, tree lighting, Old-Fashioned Christmas coming up in Springtown

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With Halloween out of the way, Christmastime is just right around the corner, and as such, the city of Springtown is preparing to host its annual holiday festivities.

To kick off the holiday season, the city's Christmas tree lighting and parade is scheduled for 6 p.m. on Nov. 27, which is the Sunday after Thanksgiving on the Springtown Square.

At last month's city council meeting, City Administrator David Miller confirmed that Santa Claus will be at the event, and snow will be provided.

The parade will travel north on Avenue D from Springtown Elementary School, west on Fifth Street, south on Main Street, east on First Street passing the square and back to the elementary school.

Parade entries are currently being accepted, and the deadline to enter is Nov.

22. Parade float entry is free, and anyone can enter. The parade floats - which must be decorated with Christmas lights - will be judged by the Springtown City Council. To register, email rortega@cityofspringtown.com or visit cityofspringtown.com/ofc-2022.

The city will also host the Old-Fashioned Christmas festival from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Dec. 10 on the square. The event will in-

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## Local food pantries short on turkeys for Thanksgiving meals

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Reno's food pantry Our House typically provides 20-25 baskets of Thanksgiving meal supplies each year, but founder Scott Passmore said the food pantry will provide however many are needed.

Passmore said he is sure that the need this year for food supplies will be greater than in the past because of the inflation and financial hardships families have had

to deal with recently. People can sign up to receive a basket at Reno City Hall.

"The line keeps getting bigger and bigger down there," Passmore said, referring to the number of people who visit the pantry weekly.

Springtown's food pantry Neighbor to Neighbors is expecting to give away 400 holiday meal baskets for families in need - a number similar to last year's, Board President James Heil said.

"We were in the high 300s, I believe, last year," Heil said. "It was probably only 200 the year before that. It really jumped up."

This year, both Neighbor to Neighbors and Our House are in short supply of turkeys for the Thanksgiving baskets.

If turkeys are available, then they will be included in the Our House holiday basket, Passmore said. If not, the turkey will be

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# Veterans Day Special Section

IN THIS EDITION OF THE SPRINGTOWN EPIGRAPH





# Springtown honors veterans



The Parker County Young Marines present the flags at the city of Springtown's Veterans Day event on Nov. 5 at the Tabernacle on the Square. From left are PFC Samara Lajueness, Sgt. Patrick Richey, Lance Cpl. Megan Lajueness and PFC Haiden Thompson.



PHOTOS BY MADELYN EDWARDS  
Springtown ISD choir members sang the National Anthem at the city of Springtown's Veterans Day ceremony on Nov. 5 at the Tabernacle on the Square.



Springtown Mayor Greg Hood served as the master of ceremonies at the city of Springtown's Veterans Day event on Nov. 5 at the Tabernacle on the Square.



Raymond Konetski, who served as a Navy veteran from 1965-71, received a flag pin as a token of gratitude for his service during the city of Springtown's Veterans Day event on Nov. 5 at the Tabernacle on the Square.



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# Springtown city administrator pleased with city's finances at end of fiscal year

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The city of Springtown's finances appear in good shape at the end of the fiscal year, according to the latest financial report.

City Administrator David Miller painted a rosy picture of the city's finances at the October city council meeting.

"Our revenues were up; our expenditures were down," Miller said. "I'm very pleased with the way the year is ending for us."

Subtracting expenditures, the city's revenue from the general fund at the end of the fiscal year is more than \$1.5 million. Miller said \$1 million of that revenue has already been allocated to three city funds.

Springtown Administrative Services Director Christina Derr explained that the city is required to keep a certain amount of money in operating reserves. Beyond that requirement, money left over from the end of the fiscal year is split between capital assets, capital projects and economic development

reserves. The capital assets fund can be used to buy physical assets like vehicles and equipment, and the capital projects fund pays for infrastructure improvements.

"The reserves are then used to pay cash for major projects and improvements when appropriate rather than having to use a bond or other debt instrument to fund them," Derr said. "This is a program that began several years ago, and the benefits are now being realized as we are able to make these purchases and fund these projects without taking on additional debt, which results in a savings to our taxpayers. In the 2022-23 (fiscal year) budget, we are using some of our capital reserves to fund street improvements as well as acquire additional vehicles for the police department."

As for the remaining 2021-22 fiscal year surplus, estimated at \$500,000, Derr said the final reserve transfer for this year will be finalized after the city's audit.

Miller also told the council that the city's revenues from

sales tax and licenses and permits have increased.

More than \$2.4 million was collected in sales tax for the fiscal year, which is a 24.3% increase compared to this time last year, according to the report. As for licenses and permits revenue, the city raked in \$463,824 during the fiscal year - a 123% increase compared to last year - which can be attributed to the number of developments and businesses that have come to Springtown.

Miller also pointed out that the revenue from city's enterprise fund for water and sewer operations is about \$176,000 after subtracting expenditures, which he said is an improvement compared to previous years. The city's revenue for water sales, sewer charges and tap fees increased in fiscal year 2021-22, compared to fiscal year 2020-21.

"The adjustments that you all had to make these last two years with the water rates and the sewer rates and things of that nature, you see the benefit of that now," Miller said.

Derr said the city brought in more revenue from water and sewer operations than the amount budgeted, which tends to be conservative to account for unknowns. She attributed the increase to the shortage of rainy days, which meant more water was used on lawns, and more taps for new water and sewer service.

Despite the increase in revenue, water and sewer rates were recently increased, but Derr said those rate increases are part of a five-year plan to raise rates to be in line with the cost of providing the service.

"The council has followed a plan for the last several years to increase the rates in steps (rather than a large increase at once) to bring those rates in line with costs," Derr said. "The additional revenue will help bridge the gap between the rates (which increased 5%) and the increase in cost. Just as everyone else, the city has seen significant increases in supply costs (some increasing as much as 10-20%) that the increased rates alone will not cover."

As far as the city's expenses, only three out of nine city departments - the library, code compliance and administration - exceeded their budget benchmarks, Miller said. The reasoning for that is because the library needed new shelving, administration had to replace the roof at city hall and funds from code compliance were used to remodel the city's animal control building.

Miller praised the department heads in his staff for maintaining their budgets.

"That's one of the reasons why we've ended this year so strong, so my compliments to them," he said.

Miller attributed the city's management of growth as the reason the council could lower the tax rate again this year.

After Miller presented his report, Mayor Greg Hood said, "I think it speaks volumes of our growth and our ability to try to hold costs down."

#### OTHER CITY COUNCIL NEWS

Springtown City Council unanimously approved

two items that had been recently recommended by the Planning and Zoning Commission.

This included approval of a preliminary plat of Phase 3 of the Sandlin Hills Estates subdivision, which was approved in 2019 and 2020, located east of Sandlin Lane and west of the intersection with Young Road in the city's extraterritorial jurisdiction. The plat included five lots of about one acre each on Sandlin Lane, and the homes will be served by Walnut Creek Special Utility District water and private septic systems.

The council also approved a replat to combine three multifamily lots into one lot. This property is on a 1.237-acre tract of land north of the intersection of Hilltop Drive and Lake Drive. At the P&Z meeting, Derr said the developer can build duplexes, townhomes or apartments on the property, provided the city's requirements are met. A site plan for a future development on this property would need to be considered by the P&Z and council.

## UTGCD to hold meeting next week

#### FROM STAFF REPORTS

Upper Trinity Groundwater Conservation District's Regular Board meeting is set for 5 p.m. Nov. 17 at the Upper Trinity GCD office or via Zoom videoconference. The public is welcome and encouraged to remotely attend via online videoconference/teleconference. People can join the Zoom meeting at:

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Meeting ID: 865 6810 2226

The mission of UTGCD, established in November 2007, is to develop rules to provide protection to existing wells, prevent waste, promote conservation, provide a framework that will allow availability and accessibility of groundwater for future generations, protect the quality of the groundwater in the recharge zone of the aquifer, ensure that the residents of Montague, Wise, Parker and Hood Counties maintain local control over their groundwa-

ter, respect and protect the property rights of landowners in groundwater, and operate the district in a fair and equitable manner for all residents of the district, the district stated in a news release.

For more information about UTGCD, including meeting dates and well registration forms, visit the district's website at www.uppertrinitygcd.com or call the district's office in Springtown, 817-523-5200.

## 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 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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The author, Dr. Robert Moss PT, ScD is the owner of MOSS Rehabilitation Center in Springtown, TX. He is happy to help you with your back pain and sciatica problems either by phone 817-220-MOSS (6677) or email [robert@springtownphysical](mailto:robert@springtownphysical)



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**5th - 12th Lunch**

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# Renaming my column would not be enough

Originally, the name of my column was carefully selected to give the reader a mental image of someone sitting on their front porch and visiting with friends. I hoped it to be a forum where neighborly discussions could take place and whether it be a message, a story or an anecdote, the reader would feel engaged.

With this edition of the Azle News, we celebrate Veterans Day and as I take keyboard in hand, I feel like the name of this column for today should be "My Bended Knees."

I suggest "bended knees" because each one of us should get down on our



## FROM MY FRONT PORCH

By Sam Houston

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knees and be thankful for the service each one of our military veterans has performed in the name of our country. As hard as I try to imagine the deprivation at Valley Forge, the mud at Verdun, the cold at the Chosin Reservoir and the absolute carnage at Gettysburg, I know I cannot truly comprehend the depth of how our men and women

in uniform have sacrificed. Without being there, how could I possibly "know" the black volcanic ash of Iwo Jima, the deep blue waters of the Coral Sea or the sound of shells as they landed at Khe Sahn?

From Bunker Hill to Baghdad, our veterans have fought, suffered and endured so our flag might still wave

and so all of us could be free. Pitifully, I think we sometimes take that freedom and their sacrifice for granted. The veterans have done such a good job of protecting us that many feel impervious to what fortunes might have been at Shiloh, Guadalcanal or on D-Day. How except for the bravery and sacrifice of a few, the history of the world might have shifted in an unimaginable way. Without a doubt, our country would not still be standing if not for the vigilance and dedication of our vets.

I think many times when discussing vets, the public focuses only on the men and

women who served on the battlefield, but the reality is that many vets never see combat. This does not in any way minimize their contribution. No matter their assignment, all of our vets serve vital roles and need to be appreciated, supported and thanked.

I was turned down for military service. I would have gone if I had been accepted. My father served, as did my uncles and nephew. I will always feel somewhat unfulfilled that I did not serve my turn, but it was not meant to be. I love my country and what she stands for. It is why there is a tear in my eye

as I write this column. The emotion and depth of my appreciation for our veterans is overwhelming.

Please enjoy our special veterans section. It makes me very proud to be a part of an organization that wanted to create a veteran's tribute and give all of us the chance to say, "Thank you."

God bless each one of you veterans and please accept our eternal thanks and appreciation.

Thought for the day: "Never was so much owed by so many to so few" — Winston Churchill.

Until next time.

# Is it too much to ask?

Just one time I would like for a politician - any politician - to give me one good reason to vote for him or her because of a really good policy idea.

And the entire advertisement would be devoted to their really good ideas without a single mention of their opponent.

Is that too much to ask?

Maybe you've seen an advertisement like that, but I haven't. It seems to me that almost every person seeking office is fixated on giving all the reasons why a vote for their opponent will cause the world to spin off its axis.

"My opponent is evil incarnate. He supports complete anarchy. She eats puppies for



## BE AMAZING

By Gerry Lewis

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

breakfast. Everything you are afraid of is absolutely guaranteed to happen if my opponent is elected. The world as we know it is over."

As I am composing this post, election day is tomorrow. Thankfully, I have already cast my ballot through early voting so I won't have to go stand in line. By the time you are reading this, we—hopefully mostly—know the outcome of the elections.

Some people are elated today with the election of their preferred candidates. The world has been saved!

Others are in mourning. They are thinking about where to hide or they are stockpiling resources for the coming apocalypse.

I remember a local radio sports personality from a few years back who referred to his Monday broadcast after Dallas Cowboys games

on Sunday as "overreaction Monday."

We are now in the immediate post-election overreaction phase, which is really nothing more than posturing and positioning and pontificating in preparation for the next election two years from now.

It's a never-ending cycle of outrage and fear-mongering.

Here's what I know for sure: Regardless of who won or lost on the ballot, we are all losers. We've lost civility. We've lost respect. We've lost conversation. We've lost optimism. We've lost kindness. We've lost justice. We've lost vision.

All those things still exist in theory but only in severely diluted and corrupt forms

where the rubber meets the road.

Have we passed the point of no return? Maybe.

Are you feeling encouraged yet? Amazing?

I don't know how amazing I am feeling today myself.

And that's actually the lesson. We are a little too fixated on how things make us feel.

Regardless of how I'm feeling on a particular day, I have not given up. In fact I refuse to give up.

Because my hope is not based on winning elections and getting my way, though I would certainly prefer both of those things.

My hope—and my amazing—is based on how I choose to live within the uncontrol-

lable context in which I find myself.

Sometimes I have light bulb moments in the middle of conversations, when I say things in a way that I have never articulated them before.

In a conversation earlier today I said, "Bridges can only be built by people that are capable of building them. And I am capable."

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PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS and contract documents may be examined and obtained without charge at the Springtown City Hall, 102 E. Second Street, Springtown, TX 76082. No hard copies of the Bidding Documents will be made available at City Hall. It is the responsibility of the interested party to print the Bidding Documents. Neither the Owner nor the Engineer will be responsible for full or partial sets of Bidding Documents, including any addenda, obtained from other sources. Each Bid must be submitted on the prescribed Bid Form and accompanied by Bid security as prescribed in the Instructions to Bidders. The Successful Bidder will be required to furnish the additional bond(s) prescribed in the Bidding Documents.

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CITY OF SPRINGTOWN, TEXAS



# Volunteers sought to help young people have a Night to Shine

BY DON MUNSCH  
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Sports fans know Tim Tebow as the Heisman Trophy winning quarterback who played in the National Football League and in the New York Mets minor league baseball system.

But Tebow is known for more than just his achievements on the gridiron and baseball field, as his foundation seeks to help people through a number of causes.

One of those is Night to Shine, sponsored by the Tim Tebow Foundation, which is a prom held in February for young adults, ages 14 and up, with special needs. The Edge Church sponsors the prom for the first time this year, and it will be held from 6-9 p.m. Feb. 10, 2023, at Servolution Dream Center, 11698 FM 730 S. in Azle. The event is free. Night to Shine will celebrate its ninth anniversary this year.

Organizers need help putting on the event, as they seek 75 people to be buddies for the special needs people attending the prom.

"They will have someone who accompanies them throughout the night to just make sure they have what they need, if they need help getting food or even just someone to dance with - any of those things," said Karen Kimbrough, owner and therapist at the Survivors Studio who is helping coordinate the event for the church, about the buddies.

Plus, another 50 people are needed to volunteer for the event in other capacities, such as with coat check and

registration and that food is being placed and ready to be served. About 20 people are needed to help with set-up and takedown at the Dream Center. Some of the volunteers doing other duties during the event will help with prep and takedown.

Kimbrough and Elisa Henkel, director of special needs ministry 1313 at The Edge Church of Azle, spoke about the event last week, explaining Night to Shine is for anyone in the area. The ministry's name comes from I Corinthians 13:13, about the everlasting virtues of faith, hope, and love, with the greatest being love.

"Probably about five years ago is when I started researching Tim Tebow and I found out about his Night to Shine," Henkel said. "I've always wanted to volunteer at one but never got the opportunity and so this is actually a dream of mine, for our church to actually host it."

She found out about the event on YouTube. She said the prom was a way for special needs people to have a good time.

Henkel said in her work with special needs people, she sees how they can "light up the room" and how they make others feel blessed and loved.

"And I'm hoping that the volunteers will also get that same feeling out of it," she said about the prom. "Just being able to help not just the community but a community that has a disability or special need. That's what I'm really hoping for."

Henkel said her hometown, Wichita Falls, has been holding these events for



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Night to Shine, sponsored by the Tim Tebow Foundation, is a prom held in February for young adults, ages 14 and up, with special needs.

about five years, and she has friends who have volunteered with the prom, and she has heard how much attendees enjoy the prom and the joy they get out of it.

The prom features a DJ, and music will be pop-oriented. Henkel and Kimbrough emphasized that music will be "clean." Karaoke also will be featured.

Volunteers have been sought through social media. People may access edge4all.com/nts-signup for information about volunteering,

registration, donations and sponsorships. They may also access nighttoshineazle on Facebook for more information. All volunteers must undergo a background check and have some mandatory training. The training will be at The Edge Church.

A respite place will be provided at the prom for parents and caretakers of attendees with disabilities. Parents and caretakers will have a meal and get a chance to talk with others and relax while the children are at the prom.



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The event is a way for young people with special needs to have a good time.

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# OBITUARIES

## Thomas Graetz 1955 - 2022

Thomas Edward Graetz Sr., 67, passed away, Tuesday, October 25, 2022 at a Fort Worth hospital.

Burial will be held at a later date in the Dallas Fort Worth National Cemetery.

He was born January 7, 1955 in New York to Adolph and Gladys (Brower) Graetz.

Thomas served proudly in the US Army for eleven years. He worked in the oil field industry for Schwob Energy. He was a member of the Moose Lodge and was an avid NASCAR fan. Thomas enjoyed working with his hands and traveling. He was a loving husband, father and grandfather.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his son, Thomas Graetz, Jr.; and brother, Steven Graetz.

Thomas is survived by his



loving wife, Centerilla Graetz; stepsons, Robert Hein, Kevin Hein and Curtis Hein; step-daughter, Sandra Talbert and husband, Kevin; sisters, Peggy Whitehouse and Elaine Graetz; and grandchildren, Mary and Kaleb.

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## Melvin Bonner 1958 - 2022

Melvin Gene Bonner, age 64, of Briar, Texas passed away peacefully surrounded by family on Sunday, October 30, 2022.

His celebration of life is pending at this time.

Melvin was born in Dallas, Texas on October 1, 1958. He was a 1976 graduate of Seagoville High School in Seagoville, Texas, where he enjoyed playing football and watching out for his little sister.

After high school, Melvin had a fulfilling career being a brake press operator and a master welder. He was a gifted mechanic who could fix any and everything and loved being outdoors camping and riding his motorcycle. While camping he enjoyed looking for "Sasquatch" and then telling his great-nieces all about the discoveries.

Melvin did not know a stranger. He would do any and everything for anyone who asked. He was a kind and gentle soul who will be missed dearly.

He was preceded in death



by his mother, Maxine Bonner; son, Randy Bonner; and brother-in-law, Kenneth Johnston.

He is survived by the love of his life, Janet Hilton; father, Billy Bonner; sisters, Chris Johnston and Shelley Bonner; two grandchildren, Savanna Bonner and Austin Bonner; nieces, Shannon Valdez, Kendra Blackburn, and Kayla Johnston. He also had four great-nieces, one great-nephew, many cousins, and an abundance of friends across the state.

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## Tracey Lynn Howell 1968 - 2022

Tracey Lynn Howell, age 54, passed away Wednesday, November 2, 2022, at White's Funeral Home Chapel in Springtown. Tracey was a loving brother, husband, father, grandfather and friend.

Funeral service is at 2 p.m., Thursday, November 10, 2022, at White's Funeral Home Chapel in Springtown.

Visitation was 6 to 8 p.m., Wednesday, November 9, 2022, at White's Funeral Home Chapel in Springtown.

Interment is Thursday, November 10, 2022, at Springtown Cemetery.

Tracey was born in Weatherford Texas April 4, 1968, to Sandra Howell and Richard Pointer. He was raised in Springtown and graduated Springtown High School in 1986. He worked for his Uncle Ronny in the family's farming business until he began his 28-year-long career with the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad in 1994.

He was known for his love of old tractors and trucks, Sci-fi, '80s Rock music, and above all his family. He was the oldest of six children and lived every bit of your typical older brother to his other siblings. He loved spending time with his children and grandchildren and taking them places whether he was going out to eat with them, or taking them for rides on his tractor. Tracey also very



much enjoyed watching and taking his grandsons, Colt and Wyatt, on the weekends to their sporting events.

Tracey is preceded in death by his father Richard Pointer and mother Sandra Howell.

Tracey is survived by his wife Kelley Howell of Springtown; daughter Kacey Stiede and husband Ryan of Springtown; son Michael Pike and wife Katherine of Clover Missouri; daughter Crystal Howell and spouse Steve Eichthaler of Decatur; son Tracey Howell Jr. and spouse Dailee Miller of Alliance Nebraska; son Zackary Logue and significant other Bailey Bullock of Springtown; grandchildren Maylen, Madison, Madalynn, Aaron, Colt, Wyatt, Ella, and Millie; four sisters; two brothers, several aunts and uncles, cousins, friends and extended family.

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## Robert Lockhart 1952 - 2022

After a long talk with "JC," Robert Lee Lockhart rode off on Friday, October 28, 2022.

A Memorial Service will be held at 2 p.m. on Friday, November 11 at Alexander's Midway Chapel in Springtown.

Robert was born in Houston, Texas on December 29, 1952 to Earnie & Jimmie "Sue" Lockhart.

They moved to Springtown in December 1955. He completed school in Springtown, excelling in football, track and field, advancing to the state track meet in 1970. After graduating in 1971, he started his family there.

Robert chose a career in HVAC, which he had for 30-plus years. Robert has always pursued his love for motorcycles with his biker family, traveling across the United States. After each adventure, Rob packed up and headed back to the compound to look after his clan. Everyone had a unique name from our Rob, even through the end with the nurses. In usual Rob fashion, he cared for all the things, above all else, God, his



birds, family, and home.

He is survived by his sons, Robert Heath Lockhart and wife Michelle, and Travis Lee Lockhart; daughter, Tara Lockhart; sisters, Rhonda White and husband Steve; Rene Carter and husband Jimmy; and Sharon Miles; nine grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

Rob, we will keep eyes on the sky for you. From the words of Rob "Sandman," "Please stand by".

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## Hygiene product drive continues

BY DON MUNSCHE  
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Food drives help needy people meet their daily nourishment requirements.

But people also have a need for hygiene products, and the third annual Each One, Give One campaign has started collecting basic hygiene products for the Good N.E.W.S 4 Seniors organization that will distribute them to the local senior community. The campaign began Oct. 1 and runs through Nov. 30, said Ashley Sands, assistant director at Eagle Crest Villa.

"The concept of it is just basically that if every person gives one item, then our seniors living independently would be better off, just for that single donation," Sands said.

Items needed are shampoo

and conditioner, toothpaste, deodorant, laundry detergent pods, dish soap, tissues (Kleenex), toilet paper and paper towels. Bins can be found at the following locations: Eagle Crest Villa Senior Living Community, Azle Chamber of Commerce, Azle News, Azle Manor Nursing Home, Northwest Physical Therapy, and Bransom Real Estate.

In giving an illustration of how the campaign helps, Sands said residents' stock of items can run out and not all of them can drive to the store to get their items.

"So they just have to make do until either a good Samaritan brings those things for them or a family member reaches out to help," she said. "A lot of seniors, they're living independently because they're extremely independent - they

don't like asking for help."

The Good N.E.W.S. organization gives without having to be asked, she said.

The Good N.E.W.S. Living at Home Program is a community-based system that strives to enrich the quality of life of local senior citizens by providing essential social support services, such as transportation, friendly visiting, shopping assistance, minor home repairs, light household chores, yard work, respite and community resources. That's according to a news release from Eagle Crest Villa in Azle, which is helping campaign for the hygiene donation event. Work to help seniors is all done through the help of selfless volunteers, the release stated.

## One injured in aircraft incident

BY CARLA NOAH STUTSMAN  
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The pilot of an ultralight airplane suffered unknown injuries the morning shortly before 10 a.m. Nov. 1 when the plane went down in a tree

line just off Rhonda B Road in Reno.

The man was transported to a Fort Worth hospital by LifeCare EMS. The crash location is alongside Walnut Creek northwest of FM 730 North.

Reno Police Department, Parker County Sheriff's Office, Department of Public Safety, Briar-Reno Fire Department, Parker County ESD #1 La Junta Station and LifeCare EMS responded to the scene.

## ZONING

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setbacks, things of that nature. So, it's designed to keep that feel that you have right now."

As for the oldtown area, Cha said the overlay district in the zoning ordinance would preserve the area as it is today with larger lots and single-family homes. Any future lots in this area would need to have a minimum lot area of 12,500 square feet, a front yard setback of 35 feet, a side yard of 20 feet, a rear yard of 30 feet and minimum floor area of 1,800 square feet.

"It's kind of to prevent taking a semi-large lot and dicing it and doing like a duplex or anything like that," Cha said.

The borders of the oldtown area are Ninth Street to North Avenue E to Seventh Street to Avenue D to First Street to Second Street curving above the square to the area around Walnut Bend to south of West Third Terrace to west of Dogwood Street to south of Meadowlark Trail to west of North Ash Terrace.

Changes were also proposed to increase setbacks and minimum floor areas for the residential zoning districts.

For Single-Family Estate zoning, the front yard and side yard setbacks would each increase by 5 feet, and the minimum floor area would move from 1,750 square feet to 2,000 square feet, Cha said. For Single-Family 1 zoning, maximum

lot coverage would go up to 45% from 35%, and the minimum floor area would be increased from 1,300 square feet to 1,550 square feet. Single-Family 2 zoning would increase the side yards from 8 feet to 10 feet, the maximum lot coverage would be raised to 50% and the minimum floor area would go up from 1,100 square feet to 1,350 square feet.

Subdivisions on land that are annexed into the city would be required to have SF-1 zoning, or the developers would have to present an alternate plan to P&Z and city council.

These potential changes to the zoning categories would likely lead developers and builders to increase lot sizes, Miller said.

"One of the biggest complaints that we've heard is the houses are too close together," the city administrator said. "This alleviates that problem."

What about Single-Family 3 zoning? Miller said there isn't any SF-3 left in the city, and that zoning would only be available upon request.

"We can't take it out of the books because it qualifies under fair housing, but it has to be by request," Miller said. "We'll have to come in and seek a zoning request if that's what they want to do, but there's no SF-3 zoning left in the city."

Council member Michele Chandler Kelley proposed raising the side yards to 8 feet instead of 5 feet for the SF-3 zoning, which Miller and Cha said should be fine if the

other dimensions check out. In a previous zoning discussion, Chandler Kelley called for removal of SF-3 zoning completely.

"Since we do need to keep it, I would feel better at this time, since we're making these changes, to go ahead and increase that side yard to keep the houses from looking so close together," she said.

The updates would also include a rule that facades must differ in style to avoid cookie-cutter homes that all look similar, Cha said. Similar facades can be no closer than four homes away on each side, and houses adjacent to each other must be significantly different.

Preventing developers from filling subdivisions with homes that have limited variance between facades and floorplans will give subdivisions more character and make them more aesthetically pleasing, Miller said.

"It fixes that problem for us, whereas before we were trying to fix that problem in the predevelopment meetings or in the annexation negotiation meetings," the city administrator said. "We really had no teeth to back it up, just whatever we could get into the developer's agreement. This gives us the teeth to ensure that that doesn't happen."

Miller said he hopes to have the zoning ordinance passed by the end of the year. P&Z and council are expected to vote on the changes at their December meetings.

## TURKEY

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replaced with chicken or ham. The baskets will also include stovetop stuffing and canned vegetables. The baskets are expected to be delivered the Wednesday before Thanksgiving.

Neighbor to Neighbors is skipping the turkeys altogether and will include \$5 gift cards to Brookshire's in their baskets for families to buy a meat option, Heil said. The food pantry is using \$2,000 from savings to buy the gift cards.

"It's not going to get them a whole lot, but it's better than giving them nothing," he said.

The Neighbor to Neighbors baskets will still include ingredients for sides and desserts - such

as stuffing mix, cranberries, gravy mix, sweet potatoes, canned fruit, pie filling, pie crusts, green beans, apple sauce and white potatoes - which were donated by 20 local churches, Heil said. The holiday food supplies will be given out the week before Thanksgiving.

A difference this year is that Tarrant Area Food Bank, which partners with local food pantries including Our House and Neighbor to Neighbors, has been short on food supply. Heil said previously that the food bank no longer offers the holiday boxes.

Passmore said Our House gets food from Trader Joe's, Sprouts and Del Monte while also buying from Tarrant Area Food Bank. He said \$2,200 was spent last month on food from Tarrant Area Food Bank for Our House.

"Usually there's plenty (from) Tarrant County, but Tarrant County's having issues getting the food, too," he said.

Both Our House and Neighbor to Neighbors are accepting donations for food.

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.

Passmore said donations can be brought to Our House at 1530 E. Reno Road, which is open on Thursdays from 5-7 p.m. People interested in donating also can contact Passmore at Reno City Hall.

## COFFEE

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from Springtown's growth.

The group has persisted over the years because of the friendship among the men who have bonded over shared experience, Sneed said.

"We're all veterans, and we've all been somewhere half of them haven't been or won't be or whatever it might be, and we've all got something in common to talk about," he said.

In conversation, the veterans leave out the bad stories about war, Sneed said, and focus on the "general

stuff that everyone needs to know."

"We don't bring up the nasty part because no one wants to know about (it), unless there's something wrong with them," Sneed said. "Stuff that happens in war is not pretty."

Sneed has honored those in the military who have died overseas before, but for Veterans Day, he said they don't have plans to do anything special, other than putting up decorations in the cafe.

"We'll all just show up, (say) glad to see you made it home, all that stuff," Sneed said. "Because there were a whole lot of them in these

wartimes that don't make it home."

Sneed's favorite aspect of the group is the honesty between the men. For an example of their honesty, he said \$100 or a single wrench could be sitting on the table all day, and the men won't take what's not theirs.

Sneed is confident that the coffee group will continue with the younger generations, just like his posse is following the men who came before them.

"They'll be another batch of boys come in behind us," he said. "There always are. Somebody will step in."

## PARADE

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clude photos with Santa Claus, vendors, entertainment and a slew of new activities

"I am excited about this, folks, because we are bringing in some additional attractions," Miller said.

Old-Fashioned Christmas is expected to include activities such as going through

a Santa Claus maze, taking pictures inside of a snow globe and ice skating, among other attractions.

The city is also hosting an ugly sweater contest. Participants can register at the Tabernacle from 5:30-6 p.m. on Nov. 27 before the parade. The contenders' photos will be posted on the city's Facebook page for the public to vote for their favorites, and the winners will be announced at Old-

Fashioned Christmas.

Vendors can apply for booth space at Old-Fashioned Christmas by visiting [cityofspringtown.com/ofc-2022](http://cityofspringtown.com/ofc-2022) or emailing [ortega@cityofspringtown.com](mailto:ortega@cityofspringtown.com). Booth space costs \$75 or \$85 with electricity, and food vendors are charged \$135, which includes a health permit. The deadline to apply is Dec. 2.

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# Applications sought for Texas Tri-County Youth Tour

## FROM STAFF REPORTS

Tri-County Electric Cooperative is now accepting applications for the 2023 Texas Youth Tour for six high school students to experience a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

Selected students - juniors and sophomores are eligible to apply - will travel to Washington, D.C., and tour historical sites and learn about the nation's capital.

"This all-expenses paid, 10-day trip is a unique opportunity for our young members to learn about our nation's capital, experience the rich history regarding the founding of our country and learn about the electric cooperative industry - all while gaining

leadership experience," said Annie Watson, Tri-County director of communications, in a news release.

Selected participants will spend June 11-19 with over 150 other students statewide, meeting in Texas before embarking on their trip to Washington, D.C. Students will meet with federal representatives from Texas while in D.C. The statewide association - Texas Electric Cooperatives - sets the agenda, Watson said, and the group continues to work on the official schedule, but based on the past, students will be in Austin June 11-12, Washington June 13-18 and Austin June 19. Additionally, students will

each receive a \$2,000 scholarship for college or trade school. Tri-County Electric Co-op selects the students who participate in this project.

"We have a committee composed of employees from across our departments who review applications and interview the students," Watson said in an email.

To apply, students should visit [www.tcectexas.com/youth-tour](http://www.tcectexas.com/youth-tour). The application deadline is Jan. 13, 2023.

Tri-County Electric Cooperative, established in 1939, is a distribution electric cooperative that serves more than 103,000 members in 16 counties in the north Texas region.

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Students who participated in the Tri-County trip in 2019 were, front row, Kade McAdams (Seymour High School), Nikoletta Shockley (Carroll High School), Destiny Otparlik (Azle High School) and Arya Kumar (Keller High School), and back row, Cole Petit (Seymour High School), Chase Torgesen (Azle High School) and Jackson Schriver (Brock High School).

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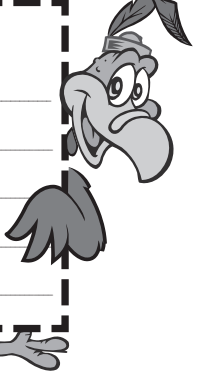


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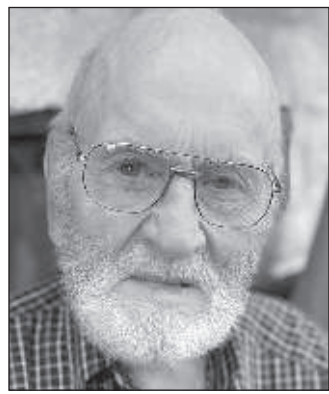
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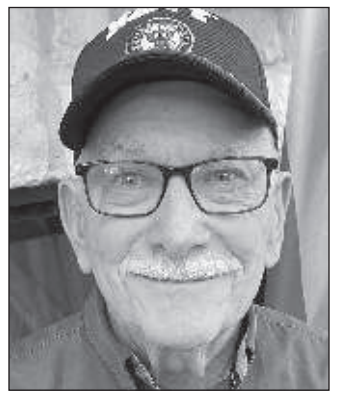
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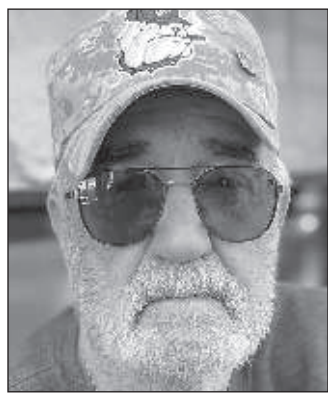
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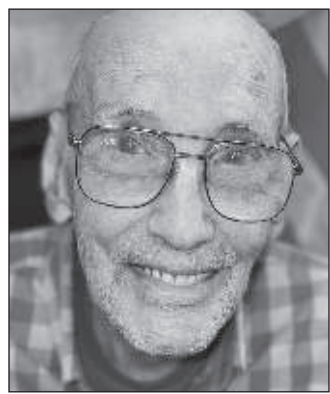
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# Something funny 'Afoot' with Popcorn Players' new play

BY DON MUNSCH  
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The play within a play concept will be portrayed in "The Game's Afoot or Holmes for the Holidays," to be performed beginning this Friday at Popcorn Players in Azle.

Set during Christmas-time in the 1930s in Connecticut, the comedic play centers on an acting group that gathers at actor/playwright William Gillette's mansion. The play, written by Ken Ludwig, was first presented at the Cleveland Play House at the Allen Theatre in Cleveland, Ohio, in December 2011.

"They get together, and there's been a murder at the theater as well as Gillette getting shot on stage, shot in the arm," said director Carol Braden, in an interview before a rehearsal last week. "So they start talking about what's been happening and they think someone is trying to kill William Gillette."

Gillette has written Sherlock Holmes plays. Daria Chase, a theater critic, shows up at this party and she winds up dead - with a knife to the back, Braden said.

"Gillette kicks into that Sherlock Holmes mode," Braden said, and then the police show up and speculation begins as everyone is a suspect. The audience meets Aggie and Simon, a young couple, and then an older couple, Felix and Madge, and then Gillette's mother, Martha.

"So, all these people are suspects," Braden said, noting the speculating goes back and forth.

Braden describes the story as "hilarious" and "fun" and



PHOTO BY DON MUNSCH

Canton Brenneman, left, Ron Counts and Josh Holden rehearse a scene for "The Game's Afoot or Holmes for the Holidays," which will be presented by Popcorn Players in Azle beginning this week.

is a murder mystery with lots of thunder and lighting.

"It's just absolute fun and people will be thoroughly entertained," Braden said.

She said it has been great directing the actors and seeing them transform into their characters.

"I have some very, very talented people to be working with," she said.

Monica Goth plays Martha Gillette, and she said her character is a "little bit dotty" who "flits and floats around

slowly." Ron Counts plays William, a man he said who is supposedly a "very good actor" who wrote the play and is very wealthy.

"And he's a little bit pompous - he's quite a bit pompous, actually, and he's full of himself," he said. "He thinks he's Sherlock Holmes."

He enjoys playing William because he's never been in Shakespeare and there's a lot of Shakespeare quoted in the play.

"It's a different role than

I've played before," he said.

Previously, he's played a "crazy man in an insane asylum," Teddy Roosevelt and five or six characters in the "Greater Tuna" series, and two of those characters were women.

Rozanne Gann plays Daria, who is "critical of everyone, except herself, and she's very full of herself. Very secure - she is not insecure." She enjoys playing Daria, drawing laughs from others when she describes herself as a "kind

and gentle person" playing this person who possesses a different personality.

The play is set for Nov. 11-13 and Nov. 18-20, with the Friday and Saturday shows at 7:30 p.m. and the Sunday show set for 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$12 for students, seniors and military. The Sunday matinees are \$10. For more information, or to purchase tickets, go online at [www.azlearts.org](http://www.azlearts.org) or call the theater at 817-238-7529.

**CAST:**

- William Gillette:** Ron Counts
- Martha Gillette:** Monica Goth
- Felix Geisel:** Scott Nurmela
- Madge Geisel:** Canton Brenneman
- Simon Bright:** Eden Kuykendall
- Aggie Wheeler:** Emily Ball
- Inspector Goring:** Lisha Nurmela
- Daria Chase:** Rozanne Gann



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# Boo Ride

PHOTOS BY JIM STEVENS.

Some of the Boo Ride participants in Springtown on Oct. 29 were Tammy Dolbee, Fio Parks, Mary Sierck and Tina Larsen. The race was part of the All American Bicycle Rally and was sponsored by the Springtown Area Chamber of Commerce.



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**Kid Scoop Together**

## Thanksgiving Around the World

People around the world are grateful for a good harvest. A good harvest in the fall means there will be plenty of food for all.

### Ancient Greece

Thanksgiving celebrations go back thousands of years in some parts of the world.

In ancient Greek mythology, baby Zeus was fed by a goat foster-mother named Amalthea. One day, he broke off one of her horns. Food began to pour out of the horn. This is the story of the "horn of plenty," a familiar symbol of Thanksgiving in the U.S.A. today.

Circle every other letter to discover another name for the "horn of plenty."

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### Kid Scoop Puzzler

#### Ghana: Hooting at Hunger

In parts of Ghana, people celebrate a festival called **Hooting at Hunger**.

Years ago, a severe famine broke out among the people. The people put all of their energy into growing yams and soon had a big crop. Their hunger ended, and, with great joy, they "hooted at hunger." This is the meaning of their name for their day of thanksgiving. Write down the letters on the correct path of the maze to the celebration's name.

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### Kid Scoop Together

#### How Wheat Becomes Bread

Work with a family member to number the pictures in order to show how wheat grows from a seed to become bread. It takes workers at every step to get the bread to people.

1. Seeds are planted.
2. Wheat grows from seed.
3. Grain is removed from the plant.
4. Wheat grains are ground into flour.
5. Flour is made into bread.

### China: Moon Festival

China's harvest celebration is called the **Mid-Autumn Festival**, the **Moon Festival** or the **Mooncake Festival**.

Families gather to eat different kinds of round foods that symbolize the moon. These include eggs and **mooncakes**. Tea is served in round cups.

Mooncakes are round pastries that are filled with a sweet filling.

All but one of these mooncakes has an identical twin. Can you find the unique mooncake?

### Which Country?

On the first full moon in autumn, people in this country celebrate a thanksgiving holiday. Families get together to share food and give thanks for the harvest. In the evening, they take walks to enjoy the beauty of the full harvest moon. They call the holiday **Chuseok**.

Unscramble the letters to discover which country celebrates Chuseok.

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### Double Double Word Search

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

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

### Canadian Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving Day in Canada is celebrated on the second Monday in October. It was originally celebrated by an English explorer, Sir Martin Frobisher. When his ship reached Canada, he gave thanks for a safe arrival.

What year did Sir Martin Frobisher reach Canada? Complete this math problem to reveal the year.

1039  
+ 539

### Japan: Labor Thanksgiving Day

Long ago, people in Japan celebrated the harvest. As time went on, their day of giving thanks became a time to thank the workers who grew and harvested their food.

Today, Japan celebrates a Labor Thanksgiving Day. It's a day to show gratitude for the workers in the community. School children make colorful thank you cards and gifts for the police, firefighters and hospital workers.

Use the code to discover what the Japanese call their special thanksgiving celebration.

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### Thank the Helpers

Write a letter to the editor of your local newspaper thanking the community helpers such as police, firefighters, teachers, hospital workers and more.

Standards Link: Language Arts: Communicate ideas in letter format.

### Write On!

## I'm Thankful!

Think back on things that have happened since last Thanksgiving. What are you thankful for that happened this past year?

### Erntedankfest

Germany calls its Thanksgiving Erntedankfest. People take to the streets in parades. Some carry harvest crowns made of grains, fruit and flowers.



## Lady Porcupines finish season as volleyball area champs

BY JEFF PRINCE  
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The Lady Porcupines volleyball team moved past the area round of the playoffs for the first time since 2017.

The girls were proud of their season, although pride doesn't make tears taste any sweeter.

On Nov. 7, the Porcupines lost to Stephenville in the regional quarterfinals in straight sets, 25-15, 25-20, 25-23.

As the score indicates, Springtown was taken by surprise at Stephenville's size and speedy pace early in the game but began to adapt and rebound as the contest continued. If Springtown could have won the third set, which they almost did, who knows what could have happened?

Ifs are plentiful in the playoffs. Bottom line: The Lady Pines saw their season end

and handled the loss with grace and aplomb despite a few tear-streaked cheeks.

"It is bittersweet," said Brinklee Dauenhauer. "It's not the way we wanted to go out, but we did good."

Dauenhauer was the team's undisputed leader this season, the player most depended upon to deliver big kill shots, timely aces or point-saving digs. She was one of just four seniors on the roster, meaning this successful Porcupines team remains young with plenty of potential for the coming years.

Other seniors were Kelsey Beaman, Kylie Druzman and Anaie Rodriguez.

After the loss, head coach Leighann Strickland thanked the upperclassmen for their efforts.

"They were tremendous leaders all season long," she said. "Their work ethic is just bar none. They set a great tone for the beginning of the season. I feel like our kids

played for them every time they got out on the court. They are respectful human beings, and they really support each other in everything that they do."

Dauenhauer broke school records for career aces and digs, and Kylie Druzman broke the season assists record.

"We had a phenomenal season," Strickland said. "I'm super proud of these kids." Dauenhauer will finish her high school career running track and maybe playing basketball before heading off to Southern Arkansas University to play more volleyball, earn a bachelor's degree and begin a career in accounting or human resources.

She left a message for next year's team: "I just want to tell the girls, it's going to be an amazing year," she said. "They just have to work hard, always get excited and never give up."



PHOTO BY JEFF PRINCE  
Sterlyn Smith digs one up.



PHOTO BY JEFF PRINCE  
Brinklee Dauenhauer, in her final high school volleyball game, reaches high at the net.



PHOTO BY JEFF PRINCE  
Drake Doggett and the Springtown Porcupines will travel to Snyder to take on the Randall Raiders for a bi-district championship.

## Springtown football to head west for bi-district clash

BY JEFF PRINCE  
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Being the fourth seed doesn't make the playoffs easy. Fourth seeds face the top seed in another district in the first round.

Nothing has come easily for the Springtown Porcupines this season, so why should the playoffs?

The young team ventured into a new conference with fierce competition and ended the regular season at 1-3 in district and 3-7 overall. That record got them into the playoffs, where anything can happen, but what usually happens is the best team wins.

Head coach Brian Hulett said the Porcupines are like everyone else at the beginning of the postseason - 0-0.

"We are excited, and our kids have been working really hard to prepare," he said.

The team started the season with many young players lacking varsity experience. Many of those players are still learning, but "our guys are getting better every day, and that's all we can ask for," he said.

Springtown is on a three-game losing streak heading into the playoffs but plans to be the better team at 6 p.m. Friday when they travel to Tiger Stadium in Snyder to take on the Canyon Randall Raiders for the bi-district title. All tickets are \$5 and cash only at the gate.

Randall is a tough team that was on a three-game win streak until the final game of the season, which they lost to Hereford, a 1-9 team. Maybe that's the Randall that





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London Smith has been improving her barrel racing skills this season.

## Springtown rodeo team earning points to stay in competition

BY JEFF PRINCE

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Springtown's rodeo team hasn't been winning events as often as last year when the Porcupines finished in the top 10 among about 80 teams.

This season, the team is younger and less experienced but competing hard at rodeo events each week. Springtown's team has dropped out of the top 10 and is currently at 16th

place, but the athletes have been learning as they go and improving weekly.

On Nov. 4-6, the rodeo at Saginaw saw Springtown athletes pick up enough points to maintain their team standing.

In walk-up goats, **Delaney Harris** finished in 10th place and earned seven points. **Makayla Ballard** finished (13th) and **Kallie Gray** (21st) competed, as well.

**Harris** took eighth place in ride-up goats to fetch

21 points. **Shaye Winford** earned 10th place and seven points.

The team roping event saw **Stephanie Heil** and **Levi Newcomer** finish in 10th place and earn seven points.

In barrel racing, **Kaylee Buchanan** finished in 18th place. Other participants included **London Smith** (31), **Kendall Gallaher** (52), **Faith Styles** (53) and **Kallie Gray** (54).

Styles took 19th place in poles.

## The one that got away



PHOTO BY JEFF PRINCE

Brinklee Dauenhauer shows the passion and excitement she brings to the volleyball court.

## Wesley Payne competes at state cross-country championship

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Springtown Porcupines track stalwart Wesley Payne was the sole Springtown athlete to make it to the state cross-country meet, and he finished the race in 19:09 despite dealing with health issues.

Payne finished in 134th place.

"He ran hard and did the best he could," SHS cross-country coach Raul Guerrero said. "He was not at 100%. He

had some coughing and asthma issues all week."

Payne's first mile replicated his usual times but his pace slowed after the second mile.

"It was a tough way to end the season, but he did everything he could and battled until the end," Guerrero said. "We are all very proud of the season he had. He put in a lot of work all year and is now looking forward to track season in a couple of months."



COURTESY PHOTO

**Wesley Payne was the sole athlete from Springtown to earn a trip to the state cross-country meet.**

## FOOTBALL

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will show up in Snyder for the Springtown game, but don't count on it. The Raiders and Porcupines will go to war,

with the winner moving on to the next round, and the loser going home for good.

Hulett and his warriors aren't ready to go home.

"We have to find a way to put four complete quarters together," he said. "We have

shown that we have the ability to play with anyone, but we haven't done it for a full 48 minutes. We have to do that. And it would be nice to catch a break or two for once instead of it going against us."

## Football Contest

### WEEK 12

Five contestants correctly picked 10 of 12 winners in the football contest to tie for first place. The tiebreaker score – 29 points – was used to determine the winners, and Margaret Swanzy was closest with 38 points. She wins first place and \$20. The second-closest to the tiebreaker score was Blondie Robinson with 43. She wins second place and \$10. Third place and \$5 goes to Mike Ray, who guessed 45 points. This week's football contest is the final one of the season, so congratulations to all the winners, and we look forward to more fun and games next year!





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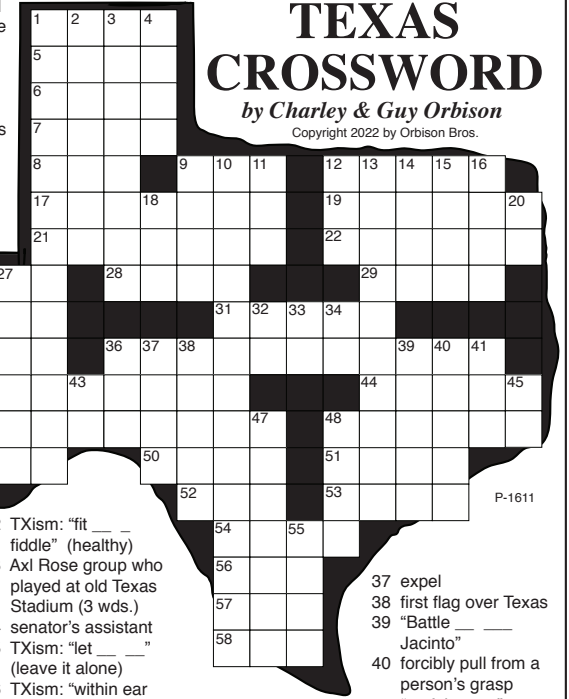
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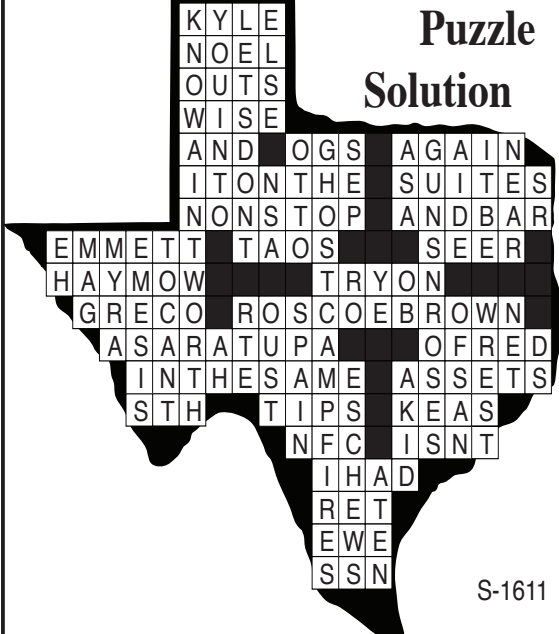
- 1 in Hays County on I-35
- 5 Christmas carol
- 6 most Astro innings have 6 of these
- 7 Decatur is the seat of this county
- 8 TXism: "bright eyed bushy tailed"
- 9 TX-born Smith who won pole vault gold in 1948 (init.)
- 12 TX Willie's "On the Road"
- 17 TXism: "put \_\_\_ back burner"
- 19 high dollar areas at Cowboy games in AT&T Stadium
- 21 a direct flight, e.g.
- 22 TX-based "Chili's Grill"
- 23 when nearby Frost got the railroad, this Navarro County town faded away
- 28 where some Texans ski in New Mexico
- 29 a soothsayer
- 30 part of a barn where hay is stored
- 31 he was "Texas John Slaughter" on television (2 wds.)
- 35 Al del \_\_\_ was an Oiler/Titan kicker
- 36 TX Barry Cobin was this deputy in "Lone-some Dove" (2 wds.)
- 42 TXism: "fast \_\_\_ rafter"
- 44 TXism: "bowl \_\_\_" (chili)

**DOWN**

- 1 TXism: "what she don't \_\_\_ learning" (knowledgeable)
- 2 TXism: "he'll kick home" (mean horse)
- 3 proper response to question, "Should we move from Texas?" (2 wds.)
- 4 "anything \_\_\_ you need?"
- 9 this Premiering directed TX Prentiss in "In Harm's Way" some believe the Marfa lights are these (2 wds.)
- 10 Labor Day mo.
- 12 TXism: "fit \_\_\_ fiddle" (healthy)
- 13 Axl Rose group who played at old Texas Stadium (3 wds.)
- 14 senator's assistant
- 15 TXism: "let \_\_\_ (leave it alone)"
- 16 TXism: "within ear shot"
- 18 nat'l eavesdropper
- 20 last yr. in h.s.
- 23 Houston Rocket star, Elvin (init.)
- 24 "Texas Monthly," e.g. (abbr.)
- 25 this McDaniel was first black Texas Secretary of State
- 26 action of vomiting
- 27 TXism: "works from can't see \_\_\_ see" (hard worker)
- 28 Houston Rocket star, Elvin (init.)
- 29 "Texas Monthly," e.g. (abbr.)
- 30 this McDaniel was first black Texas Secretary of State
- 36 a way to go (abbr.)

37 expel  
 38 first flag over Texas  
 39 "Battle \_\_\_ Jacinto"  
 40 forcibly pull from a person's grasp  
 41 "surf the \_\_\_"  
 43 TX Bob Wills: "\_\_\_ ha, take it away Leon"  
 45 this LB Darrin helped the Cowboys win 2 Super Bowls (init.)  
 47 abstains from  
 48 TXism: "happy as \_\_\_ on Santa's lap"  
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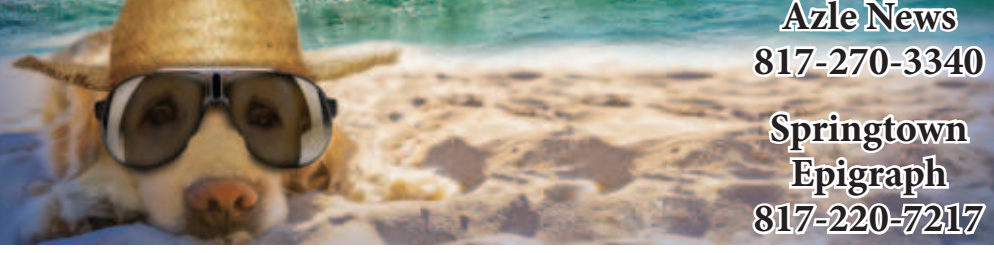
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## From serving his country to serving his county



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Conley during his service on a sub tender supply ship for the U.S. Navy. Beside him is a torpedo sporting his mother's name.

### George Conley

BY JESSICA MCKINNEY  
jessica@azlenews.net

George Conley has been serving as a Parker County commissioner for Precinct 1 since 2008. He is known around Springtown and Azle for his sense of humor,

his eagerness to serve others, and for always leading the pledge of allegiance "loud and proud."

As a young man, Conley served on a sub tender supply ship for the U.S. Navy from 1976-1980. He was

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COURTESY PHOTO

Conley spent his time with the navy overseas.



PHOTO BY DON MUNSCH

After an ambush in Iraq in 2006, Clint Keeley pulls bullets out of his vehicle. Keeley served in the Army for 21 years.

## Veteran liked certain appeal from the Army

BY DON MUNSCH  
don@azlenews.net

### Clint Keeley

Clint Keeley sums up his experience in Iraq in three words: scary, nerve-racking, sad.

He's not alone among service members who had difficulty dealing with the war in Iraq. But his experience in the military helped at the stage of life he has entered now.

Keeley grew up in Fort Worth and attended Happy Hill Farm for his three last three years of high school in Granbury. After high school, he joined the Army in 2001, just before 9/11. He wrapped up 21 years in the Army and retired and came back home. He joined the Army when he was 17.

Keeley, 39, of Azle, had a number of duty stations: Fort Polk,

Louisiana, (twice); Fort Bragg, North Carolina; Hawaii (twice); Joint Base Lewis-McChord in Washington state; Fort Dix, New Jersey; and Fort Bliss in El Paso. He had three deployments, all to Iraq: 2004-05, nine months; 2006-07, 15 months; and 2010-11, 12 months. His last rank was command sergeant major.

Keeley joined the Army for practical reasons.

"I knew college wasn't for me and I was looking for more of a sense of purpose," he said.

He also picked the Army for pragmatic purposes.

SEE KEELEY, PAGE 2C.

## Azle fire marshal: Service was 'best time' of his life

### Kenny Wilson

BY DON MUNSCH  
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Many people find their niche in the military.

Kenny Wilson is among those people.

Wilson, who serves as Azle Fire Department's fire marshal, was born in Abilene but grew up in Grapevine and attended Grapevine High School. He started volunteering as a fireman beginning in 1981 and did that until 1987, when the department stopped using volunteers.

"So, I went in the Air Force because myself and a friend of mine decided to go in to together; however, he backed out at the last moment and I just went ahead and went in," he said.

Wilson thought joining the military was a "good way to get my life started and get some good training." He had an older brother who had been in the Air Force and his father and grandfather were in the Army.

"So, it just seemed like the right fit," he said, noting that his father was stationed on a Navy radio ship.

Wilson was in the Air Force from 1984 to 1988 and was stationed at Carswell Air Force Base all four years.

"Nothing like joining the Air Force to see the world and coming right back home," he said. "My grandparents lived a mile from the base."

He served as a Security Police Law Enforcement Specialist and obtained the rank of sergeant. While

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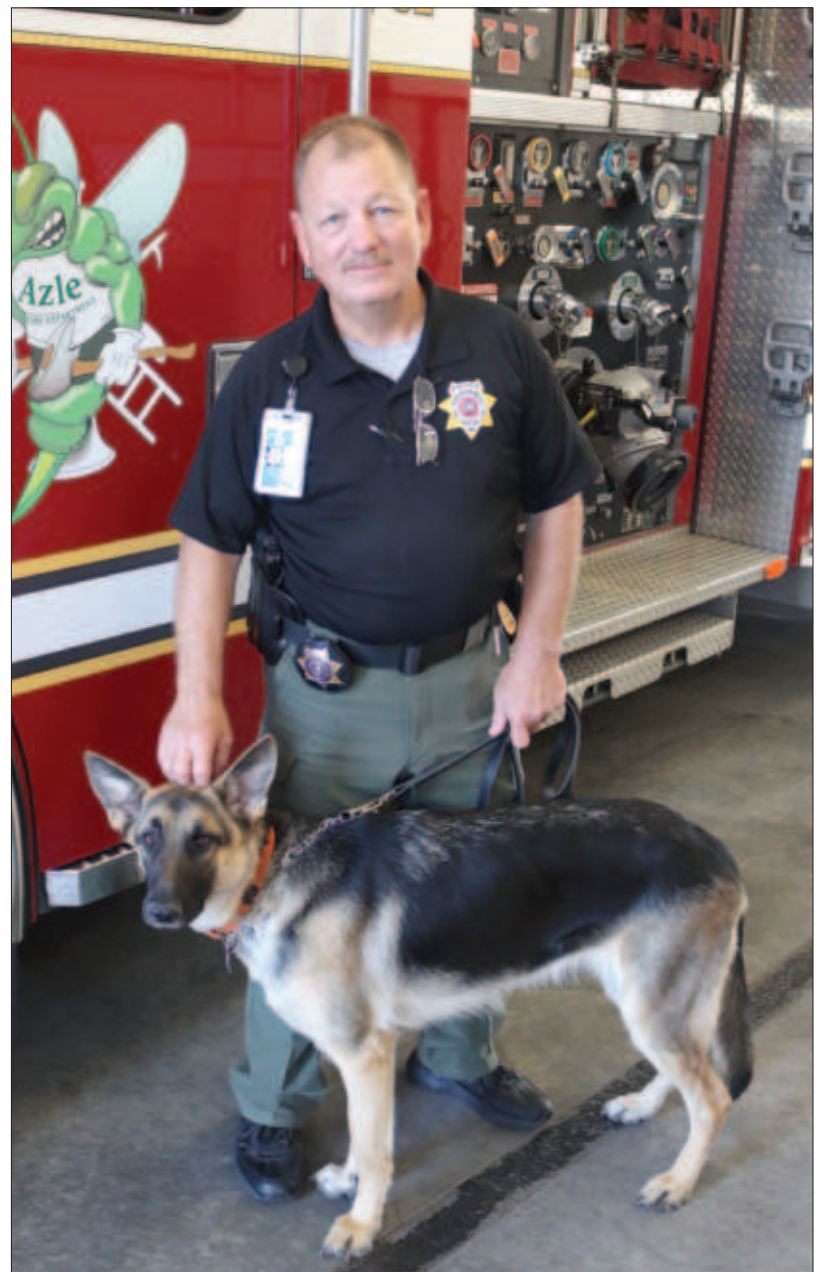


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Kenny Wilson, an Air Force veteran, stands with dog Mila at the Azle Fire Department.

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Above, Clint Keeley and another soldier perform a mortar shoot, and, right, on Thanksgiving Day 2019 in Grafenwoehr, Germany, he is with his family: Left is spouse Shanna and children Christian, left, Madison, middle and Benjamin, right.

### KEELEY FROM PAGE 1C

"Because I'd get too seasick with the Navy and the Air Force doesn't excite me," he said.

He further explained he wanted to join the Army because he wanted to jump out of airplanes and be a paratrooper.

"That was my calling - I wanted to jump out of airplanes," he said.

While in the Army, his three highest commendations were the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal with "V" device and the Purple Heart. As he looks back on his career, he said the sacrifices that sol-

diers and their families make stands out to him.

"The soldier joins the military, but their children never have any choice," he said. "And they go without their mom or dad all the time while they're deployed or in field training. They are willing to sacrifice and give up their parents for the nation also."

He said his wife Shanna celebrate their 20th year of marriage in December, and Keeley's oldest son, Jimmy, 23, was there during all the deployments. Keeley has 10-year-old twins - Madison and Christian - and 7-year-old Benjamin who were born after his last deployment.

Keeley is now a consultant with Propeller Consulting, and he enjoys the freedoms

that come with civilian life but said there's nothing quite like the close-knit community readily available that comes with living on an installation. He had a good experience in the service and would do it again in a heartbeat, he said.

"The military paid for my bachelor's and my master's degree, so it set me up for success, gave me skills to transition to private industry," Keeley said. "So, I just want people to know that there is a path to success because of military and I'm really thankful for it."

He earned his bachelor's in management from the American Military University and his master's in organizational leadership from the University of Texas at El Paso.



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# WILSON

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at Carswell, he was assigned to a specialized tactical team (SWAT) - referred to as emergency services team - and a competitive combat shooting team. The emergency services team activated several times, he said, including for nuclear protestors.

On the combat shooting team, he got to travel and attend competitions.

"I did that for about a year and a half," he said.

As a desk sergeant in the Air Force, his work entailed dispatching, overseeing the jail and taking reports over the telephone.

"But it took a lot of training for that qualification, and I was the youngest guy to obtain that at the time," he said.

After his stint in the Air Force, he was a police officer for Everman Police Department and spent a little over 10 years there.

After that, he went to paramedic school and firefighting school. The police chief in Everman needed a fire marshal, and even though Wilson was a police officer, he was the fire marshal there,

as well.

"That kind of started my career going here," he said.

He's been at Azle for 22 years and has been the fire marshal since 2004.

"I enjoy it - it's a challenge" he said about the fire marshal. "Right now, we're going through a lot of growth so we have to deal with reviewing building plans, reviewing plans for life-safety systems and then we go out and do the inspection on all the new businesses, and then we follow up and we do annual inspections for all the businesses."

He added that his office is its own law enforcement agency and has its own caseload, and he works with specific cases dealing with fire, explosions and environmental cases.

Wilson loved his time in the Air Force, noting it was the "best time of my life" and regrets leaving the Air Force and wishes he had stayed. He made a lot of lifelong friends in the Air Force, including Bob Spohn with the Azle Police Department, as they served on the emergency services team.

"To this day, we still talk to people we served with," he said.

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# Springtown police officer, Army veteran reflects on career-long dedication to helping others

BY MADELYN EDWARDS  
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## Ken Hopkins

Springtown Police Cpl. Ken Hopkins has always wanted to help people.

That goal drove him to enlisting in the U.S. Army when he was 18 years old.

"It was just something I always wanted to do," Hopkins said. "I've always wanted to be in public service and help people."

Hopkins served in the Army from 1986 to 1992. He's had several relatives who have served in the military, including his father, who spent about 32 years in the Air Force.

Hopkins worked as a medic assigned to an infantry unit, and he served in a field artillery unit during Operation Desert Storm. By the time he was deployed during Desert

Storm, Hopkins was promoted to sergeant and led a platoon of medics. He was awarded the combat medical badge for treating soldiers in combat.

Hopkins' job as a medic was to tend to soldiers both in combat and in field training exercises by treating their injuries, providing first aid and coordinating an evacuation if necessary. He compared the job of an Army medic to emergency medical services and first responders.

Hopkins has treated minor sprains, broken bones, gunshot wounds, injuries related to falling out of an aircraft without a parachute and vehicle-related injuries, among others.

"I've done every kind of injury you can think of," he said.

During his military service, Hopkins traveled around the U.S. as well as to Iraq, Kuwait and Saudi Arabia during Operation Desert Storm. He described his time in the Middle East as memorable.

"A lot of people don't realize there's different terrains out there. You got the Euphrates River valley, which is green and lush, and then you got all the desert stuff. Everybody just thinks it's all desert," Hopkins said.

Hopkins said it was a neat experience to interact with the local people in the Middle East as well as the foreign army units there.

"Until the bullets started flying and it wasn't fun no more," he said.

When Hopkins was deployed, he said he was nervous, but nonetheless, he did his job.

"It was tough leaving my family and going somewhere not knowing if that was going to be it, but I got on that plane, went and did my duty and came home, just like 99% of the rest of our military folks that do it every day," Hopkins said.

Hopkins wishes that everyone could have the chance to serve in the military. He said it gives people camaraderie, community, knowledge of what it's like to serve others and discipline.

"It gave me drive to always want to do your best and attention to detail and finishing what you start," Hopkins said.

Some of what Hopkins



COURTESY PHOTO  
Springtown Police Cpl. Ken Hopkins enlisted in the U.S. Army when he was 18 years old. Hopkins served in the Army from 1986 to 1992.



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Army veteran Ken Hopkins has dedicated almost 30 years to law enforcement work at multiple police departments. He is currently a corporal at Springtown Police Department.



PHOTO BY MADELYN EDWARDS  
Springtown Police Cpl. Ken Hopkins chatted with locals at Springtown's National Night Out on Oct. 4 at Newby Pavilion.

learned in the military transferred well into his law enforcement career, which he has dedicated almost 30 years to at multiple police departments. His experience as a medic has been especially helpful when he has arrived on scenes with hurt people. He has been commended with life-saving bars while serving in law enforcement for performing CPR on people, stopping bleeding from gunshot wounds and doing rescue breathing on people until EMS arrived.

"Most of the time we get there before EMS anyway," Hopkins said, adding that sometimes service calls are different than how they were described on the phone. "It's a skill that has definitely transitioned."

To Hopkins, Veterans Day

is about recognizing military service members who did their duty and were willing to pay the ultimate sacrifice.

"I honor that day by honoring the people who along with me served," he said. "To me, it's a reflection on the people

that put their own personal lives on hold to go out and do a job that might have required them to even give their life for. And to me, it honors those people that were willing to put on the uniform and make that sacrifice."



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# Reno resident, Air Force veteran discusses how military experience equipped him for the workforce

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Ted Lyon

Reno resident Ted Lyon joined the Air Force at age 18 for two reasons – to serve his country and learn a trade.

"I've always been patriotic for my country," Lyon said. "Also, I was out of high school, and I needed a trade."

Lyon was in the Air Force from 1994 to 1999.

Why did he choose the Air Force?

"I guess the number one reason is I've always liked airplanes. I've always liked aircraft," Lyon said. "My dad is a mechanic. He's been a mechanic his whole life and so I had some of the mechanical background, which put me in a job specifically in the Air Force."

And that job was working as an aerospace ground support equipment mechanic. He worked on equipment used to test airplanes and prepare them for duty while grounded.

For example, Lyon and his

team would use air conditioners to cool the electronics working on a grounded plane. He worked with a wide variety of equipment, including hydraulic pneumatic air conditioning, air compressors, heaters and hydraulic cartons.

Lyon said the opportunity to learn and work on a variety of equipment was helpful to him and prepared him for jobs that he would have after leaving the Air Force. Though he currently works for Lockheed Martin, Lyon has taken multiple jobs since he left the Air Force, including as an automation technician at Nokia, as a flat belt conveyor mechanic at Williamson-Dickie Manufacturing Company and at DFW Skylink.

"I didn't work on one specific thing. I worked on a whole variety of different things," he said. "That



COURTESY PHOTO

**Ted Lyon joined the Air Force at age 18 to serve his country and learn a trade. He served from 1994 to 1999.**

equipped me for the time when I got out of the Air Force and had to go out into the private sector to do different tasks because I was familiar with a whole variety of different things and that equipped me for that. It was a

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Reno resident and Air Force veteran Ted Lyon (right) smiles for a photo with his family. From left is his wife Krizhana and his daughters Grace and Hope.



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Joe Friske served in the U.S. Army for 10 years. He now works for Tri-County Electric.

# Veteran was the first in family to serve country in military

BY DON MUNSCH  
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Joe Friske

Joe Friske was the first person in his family to accomplish something.

He was the first individual in the history of his family to serve in the military.

"It was unique – there was a lot of pushback from my family for joining," said Friske, an Army veteran. "Because everybody went to college, and here I am, I joined the military instead."

His family, though, is proud of his service, and Friske said he tried to talk one of his nephews from joining the military, but "that helped convince him

to join." That nephew joined the Army and he recently got promoted to sergeant. He works at NATO headquarters.

Friske, fleet manager at Tri-County Electric Co-op, has worked at Tri-County for a little over 2 1/2 years. He grew up in northeast South Dakota and has been in Texas since 2003. He had been stationed at Fort Hood, near Killeen, from 1989 to 1994. He also was in Korea from 1994 to 1995 and Fort Irwin, California, from 1995 to 1998. He was in the

Army for 10 years and was a mechanic, doing tracked vehicle repair.

"It's always been a lifetime goal of mine since I was kid to join the military," he said. "I wanted to be a Navy pilot, but I wore glasses, so their recruiter said nope. So then I joined the Army, and then I had a high GT (General Technical) score, and they said, 'We want you to go this school that's about two years long.' And I said OK, what's the next (option) available? And they said we'll we've got a mechanic (school). I grew up on a farm, so I was like, yeah, I

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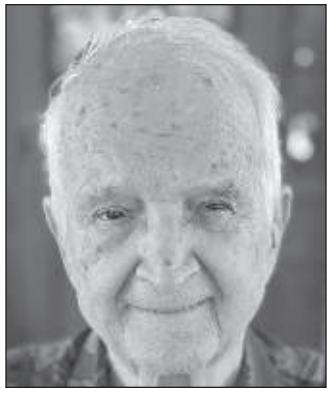
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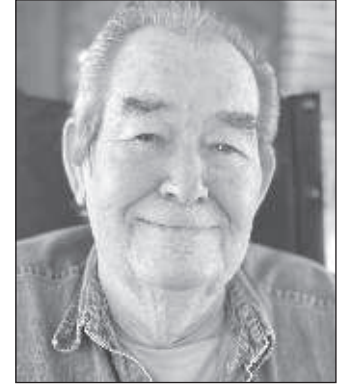
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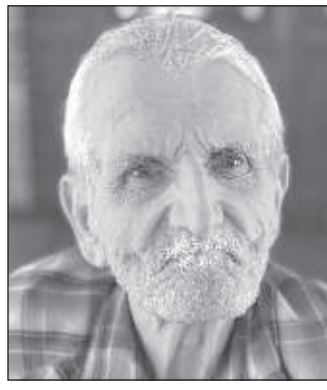
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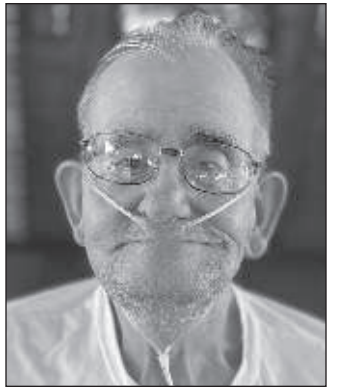
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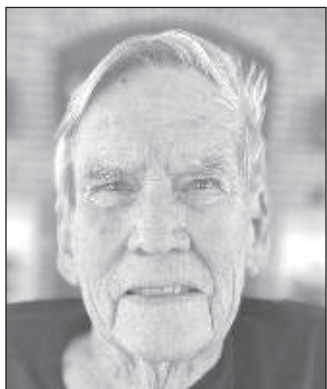
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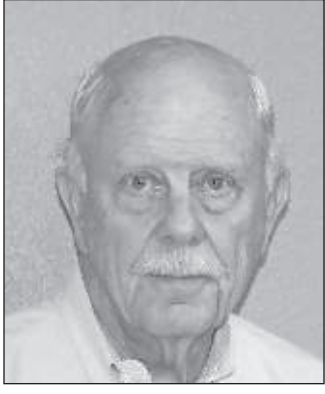
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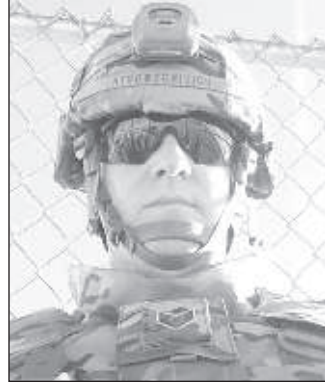
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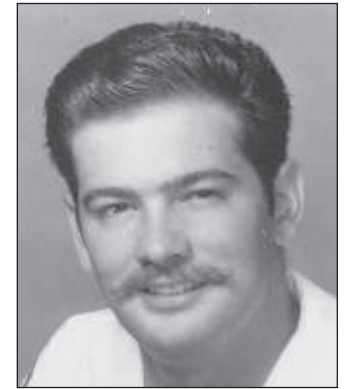
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very educational experience.”

Having a variety of experience also helped him land on his feet when trouble would arise. Lyon recalled telling his wife, Krizhana, that he was getting laid off from his job at Nokia, and because of his diverse training, she was undaunted.

“And she said, ‘I’m not worried about it,’” Lyon said. “She said, ‘You know so much. You’re not going to have a problem finding a job.’ I love

fixing stuff, working on stuff, and that’s where it all began in the military.”

But his military experience wasn’t all about work. Lyon was also able to make friends and have fun while in the service. Of course, he said one of his best experiences in the Air Force was in 1998 when he married his wife. He met her at a party at his brother’s house, and they got hitched while he was between Air Force bases.

“I can’t exclude that (from the story). Boy, she’d be mad at me if I did that,” Lyon said playfully.

Lyon said he has no regrets about joining the Air Force. In fact, he would encourage others to join up.

“I encourage anybody to join the military because of the simple fact that it makes you grow up,” he said. “I was 18, and it pushed me to grow up fast and see the world outside. Coming from Mineral Wells, I saw stuff that I had never seen in my life, and it was a good experience.”

Lyon’s Veterans Day celebrations include going to church and recognizing other veterans in the congregation. He said he goes out of his way

to thank veterans for their service.

“I’m thankful for all the veterans, for everybody that has written the check, if you will. It’s been told to me a long time ago that you write the check and whether the government cashes it or not is up to the government, meaning that you’re willing to put your life down; you’re willing to die for your country. Whether that happens or not is, in part, out of your control,” Lyon said. “I admire somebody that is willing to sacrifice and do that. So, I have a real big respect for veterans.”

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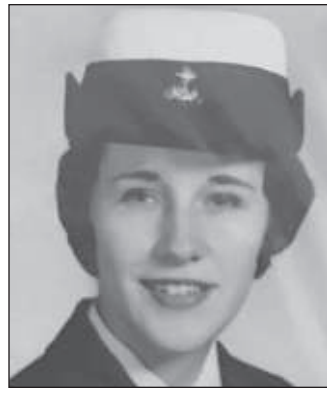
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# Vietnam veteran relies on family to thrive

BY JEFF PRINCE  
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At 14, Roy Dean Foster was devastated after his parents divorced in the early 1960s.

The emotional baggage he carried afterward was heavy, and at 17, Foster dropped out of North Side High School in Fort Worth and enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. He attended basic training in 1966, learned basic infantry and was assigned to the mess hall as a cook.

His emotional baggage, though, continued to grow. He served until 1969, seeing plenty of action along the way. The military trained him

## Roy Foster

and others in his platoon to become killing machines and a "true piece of equipment that questions no orders," he said.

From January 1966 to January 1967, Foster was stationed near Marble Mountain south of Da Nang. He was medevacked after a North Vietnamese sniper fired into the military base where Foster was stationed, injuring his hand.

"I was in the barrel house, and a sniper was on the outside perimeter putting

rounds in there, and I got this finger crushed by a barrel of gasoline that fell," said Foster, who lives in Briar.

He received burns in the same attack and was sent back home to heal for months. The memories remain vivid all these decades later.

"If you've never been in a combat zone, you have no idea of what that's about," he said. "Just think of it this way: You can put the worst tornado, the worst hurricane, the worst traffic wreck and the worst fire all together and you might have some idea of what a combat zone is about. It makes an impression on you that you don't ever get over."

Foster comes from a military family and knows plenty of relatives who served, and he was proud to do his part. The repercussions, though, are still felt physically and emotionally.

"You live with that, and you have to go through life with your guard up," he said.

He and many others who served in the military struggled to keep emotions - particularly anger and depression - contained after their wartime experiences, he said.

"Through our documentation, they fully understand what PTSD is about," he said. "We had to pay those prices. I want people to know what we deal with in our lives after coming through one of those things."

Resolution was made more difficult by the sometimes-scornful reaction from the public that Vietnam veterans endured upon returning stateside.

For Foster, finding peace meant letting go of hate.

"Over a period of time, if you let hate stay in you, and if you let a disease such as anger or whatever destroy you, you have to overcome that," he said. "The only way you can overcome that is that



Roy Dean Foster enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps in 1965, served from 1966 to 1969 and saw combat in Vietnam.



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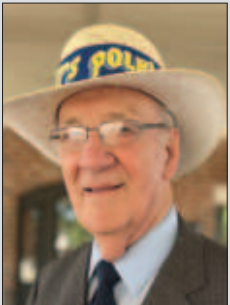
Patches and pins on Roy Dean Foster's leather vest help tell the story of his service.

you have got to communicate. You get it out of your system."

Foster credits his wife of 50 years, Judy Lynn Foster, and their daughters - Deanna, Laura, and Jessica - for helping him find happiness.

"I could not be me without the support of my wife of 50 years and my family, my girls," he said. "They carried a lot of brunt and a lot of things to help get through this."

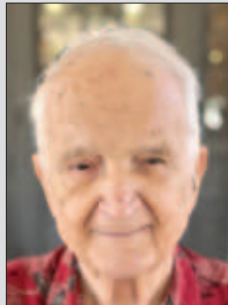
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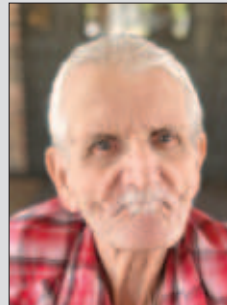
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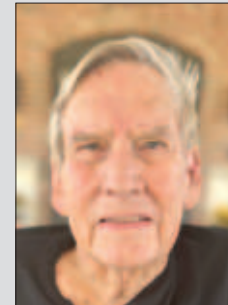
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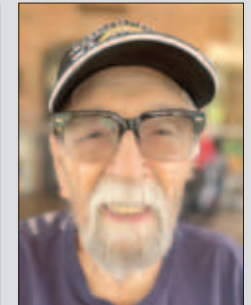
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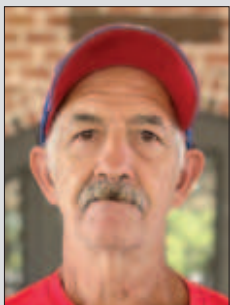
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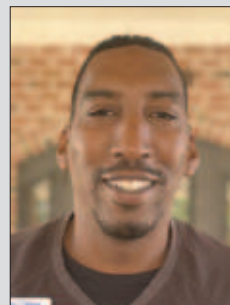
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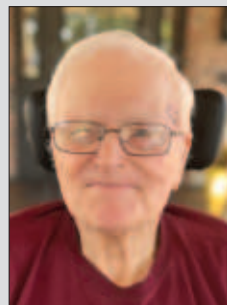
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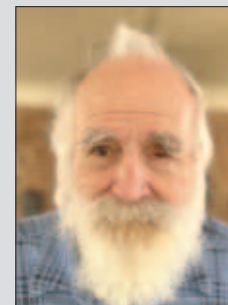
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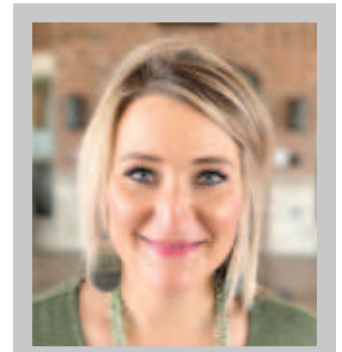
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- November 11, 1919**
- June 4, 1926**
- May 13, 1938**
- 1945**
- June 1, 1954**
- 1971**
- 1978**

The Great War (WWI) is formally ended when armistice with Germany was signed. U.S. President Woodrow Wilson addresses the nation on first "Armistice Day."  
 Congress adopts resolution for annual presidential proclamations and ceremonies.  
 Congress passes law to make November 11 a holiday "to be dedicated to the cause of world peace... known as 'Armistice Day.'"  
 WWII veteran Edmund Weeks leads delegation to extend Armistice Day to all veterans, not just those of WWI.  
 Congress passes law, replacing "Armistice" with "Veterans" for the national holiday, at the urging of veterans organizations.  
 Veterans Day moves to the fourth Monday of October, in line with the Uniform Monday Holiday Act.  
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# Women soldiers: Serving in the Armed Forces since nation's birth

**FROM STAFF REPORTS**

Women represent the fastest-growing population in both military service and the veteran community.

Today, in greater numbers than ever, women are stepping up to serve in new, critical and formidable roles contributing to our nation's national security.

But women soldiers are not new to the military. In the history of our nation, women have served alongside men since the Revolutionary War. When militias were forming and Gen. Washington's army was gaining numbers, mothers, wives, sisters and daughters accompanied their men, performing many of the service roles they would do at home—laundry, mending, cooking, tending to the sick.

Women became part of the victory, either by acting as spies or disguising themselves as men and fighting in the battles.

During the Civil War, women's military roles expanded. The role of battlefield nurse was formalized, and many women fought on both sides of the conflict.

By April 1917 during WWI, the U.S. Army Nurse Corps - formally established in 1901 - had 403 nurses in its active-duty ranks. But by June 1918, just over a year later, there were more than 3,000 American nurses deployed to British-operated hospitals in France. Conditions were often dangerously close to battlefronts, and while women could not vote, they were now serving openly in military service.

During this time, the "war at home" provided an opportunity for women to break out of traditional nursing and domestic military service. They began to replace the men who went overseas in much-needed jobs such as radio and telegraph operators, translators and other clerical duties. The Navy enlisted 12,000 "yeomanettes."

When WWII began, men were sent overseas creating openings for non-combat stateside jobs. At this point, all four branches of the Armed Forces had women in their ranks, some 350,000 who served in uniform in that war.

At this point, in all four

branches of the Armed Forces, women's military units were permanently established.

**Army:** The Army formed the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps, or WAACs, which was later renamed and restructured to form the active-duty Women's Army Corps, the WACS. The branch also formed the Army's Women Airforce Service Pilots, called WASPs.

**Navy:** The Navy formed the Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service, WAVES.

**Marine Corps:** The Marines enlisted women in the Marine Corps Women's Reserve.

**Coast Guard:** The Coast Guard formed the Women's Reserve, SPARS, which stood for the Coast Guard motto - Semper Paratus - "Always Ready."

In addition to clerical and medical jobs, women worked in cryptology, they drove trucks, they flew airplanes, they rigged parachutes and they trained their male counterparts in aerial combat tactics.

But women also served overseas in hazardous duty.

Some 57,000 women worked in the Army Nurses Corps. In total, 432 women were killed in the line of service during World War II and 88 were taken as POWs.

During the Korean War, some 120,000 women were serving in active-duty positions from 1950-1953. Although they could not serve in combat, they undertook new roles such as military police officers or engineers.

The Vietnam War saw the expansion of women's roles in the Armed Forces, allowing them to train for more technical jobs such as air traffic controllers and intelligence officers. By 1972, women were able to be promoted and even to command units that included men.

Since the Vietnam War, there have been many "firsts" for women as the military opportunities expanded, but soon it became routine for women to serve, to receive promotions and medals, to work in roles traditionally done by men.

By 2013, the ban on women serving in direct combat areas was lifted. By 2015, it was



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**Airman 1st Class Jessica Keith, 17th Training Wing, renders a salute as the United States Flag goes by during the San Angelo Veterans Day Parade Nov. 6. Airman Keith participated in the parade to honor the men and women who have served before her.**

fully implemented, opening up thousands of jobs for women in the military, including the opportunity to train and qualify as Navy SEALs and Army Rangers.

More than 300,000 women have served in Iraq and

Afghanistan since 9/11, and more than 9,000 have earned Combat Action Badges.

Today, women make up 16% of our nation's Armed Forces, proudly serving in every branch of the U.S. military.

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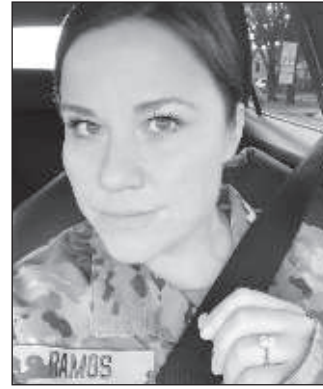
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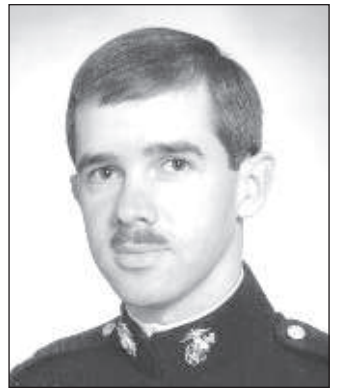
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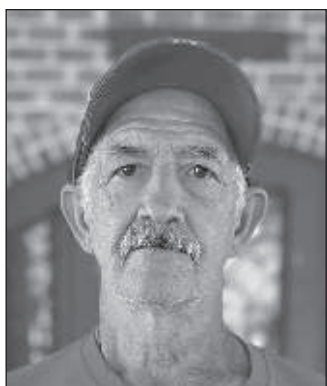
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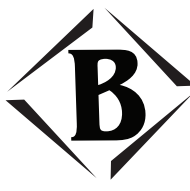
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# Five ways to really thank a veteran

**BY JAY ANN COX**  
Staff Writer

The U.S. is indeed a grateful nation. A 2019 survey by the Cohen Veterans Network with the Harris Poll showed that 91% of civilians have thanked a service member. However, nearly half of the veterans and active-duty service members polled (49%) were uneasy when told "thank you for your service." Mostly, they were uncomfortable because they were unsure how to re-

spond to civilian thanks.

Here are some ideas for how to support veterans and bridge that awkward gap that might be caused by the very best intentions.

Ask about their duties in the military, where they have been stationed and when they served. And then listen. It's as easy as striking up a conversation with any other stranger.

If your club or civic group has regular speakers at meetings, invite a veteran to speak

at the event. Veterans have great experience with crisis management and leadership, and maybe some funny stories to boot.

Hire a veteran or a military spouse for your business. Supporting military families through gainful employment helps active-duty spouses keep their skills sharp and provides veterans with that leg-up in the job market after their service.

Donate your time, money and even your frequent flier

miles. Local veterans and wounded warrior organizations might need legal or accounting pro bono hours. Many groups have raffles, auctions, fish fries that benefit veterans as well as their community. Check into the Hero Miles program at Fisher House (fisherhouse.org), which helps veterans and their families with transportation between home, medical centers and duty stations.

Use veteran-owned businesses or veteran entrepre-

neurs for goods and services. If you own a business or are responsible for purchasing decisions, consider adding these businesses to your supply chain.

Despite the unease some may feel when thanked, veterans have a decided need for validation of the sacrifice - for all the missed holidays, soccer games, school plays and anniversaries; for the loss of limbs and eyes; for the bones broken and com-

rades lost. So if all you have at the moment is "thanks for your service and sacrifice," go ahead and say it. It will be appreciated.

During an inspiring speech several years ago, former Green Beret John Wayne Walding, a wounded veteran, said his response to "thank you" is to simply reply "you're welcome. You, and this country, are worth it."



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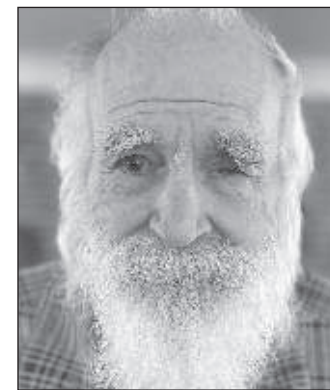
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One of Conley's favorite duty stations was in Italy.

**CONLEY**  
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a petty officer third class. "I was a torpedoman," he said. "We tended to the torpedoes of the submarines of the U.S. Navy. We made sure they were ready for action." Conley said that the most memorable part of his time in service with the Navy was all of the different countries that he was able to go, like Italy. "I was overseas the whole four years in different places," said Conley. "Two years in the Mediterranean Sea then two years in Guam." He said that what kept him

going while he was so far from home as he served in the Navy was the excitement of the job, the oceans that he crossed, and the different countries that they visited along the way. Working with torpedoes was an exciting part of the work he did in the Navy. His most memorable moment, he said, was when he went out on a submarine on an exercise shot of a torpedo and he was the one that was able to push the button to eject it at a target. Conley's own father served in the Army during the Korean War, and he feels that military service is something that "every young man"

should have to do for at least two years. "It teaches you respect for others," he said. After the Navy, Conley came home and started a water well company, which he ran for 30 years before running for county commissioner. He has been serving in that post now for 14 years. Conley has two daughters and four grandchildren who are all very special to him. Though he isn't traveling the world these days, he does get to spend time with them while he's closer to home. "I have lived in Springtown all my life — what a great place to live."

**FRISKE**  
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like mechanics." He said he liked the camaraderie and atmosphere of the service, a place where service to others is essential. "We knew we were there keeping our freedom for everybody," he said. "It's just always been my thing

- freedom." He joined the Army's delayed entry program. "I was 17 when I showed up for basic training, turned 18 when my first week of basic training," he said, noting he had basic training at Fort Dix, New Jersey. He is still friends with people he knew in the military, although everyone is scattered now. While in the military, his

job gave him an opportunity to meet people from a number of rank backgrounds. Friske, whose last rank was staff sergeant, was the head tracked vehicle inspector for all the rotation units that showed up to Fort Irwin. "I interacted with everybody, from the colonel on down to a private," he said. "I helped train them on how to work on the tracked equipment."

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