

# Briar-Reno firefighters give home to cat companion



Firefighter Trevor Gicklhorn smiles with Church the cat at the Briar-Reno Fire Department.

## Firehouse Feline

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Dalmatians are traditionally seen as the mascot of fire departments, but the Briar-Reno Fire Department has chosen a different pet – a smoky-colored cat. The firefighting crew named the cat Church in reference to the nickname of the cat Winston Churchill in Stephen King's book "Pet Sematary."

Unlike Dalmatians, Church doesn't answer the call of duty with the firefighters, but members of the crew say the cat serves an important role in the firehouse.

"It's kind of a morale booster," Fire Chief



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Church the cat remains undaunted even when a camera comes close to his face. Church has taken up residence at the Briar-Reno Fire Department.

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## Year In Review

Springtown Epigraph's Top 10 stories of 2022

### FROM STAFF REPORTS

There was no shortage of news to fill the pages of The Springtown Epigraph in 2022.

The trend in the big news items seemed to revolve around endings and beginnings. Leaders retired, resigned or died, and their successors stepped up to fill in the gaps, ushering in new eras for cities and schools. A few new businesses are moving into Springtown while others are closing down. High school seniors took their tal-

ents to state contests before graduating and left behind space for underclassmen to take center stage.

The Springtown Epigraph has compiled a list of the Top 10 stories of 2022, focusing on the most impactful news.

Which story took the No. 1 spot? Read on to find out.

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### HONORABLE MENTIONS

- Multiple Springtown High

School Porcupines competed in state contests this year, including the Springtown girls powerlifting team, which earned the runner-up title at state meet in Corpus Christi.

Denise Taylor, longtime Springtown resident and former city council member, resigned from her role as city secretary on Oct. 1 amid complaints made against her. She had worked with the city since 2016, starting as the fi-

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FILE PHOTO

Cres Salazar, right, stepped down from his role as police chief in July. City Administrator David Miller, left, filled in as interim police chief in Salazar's absence.

## Two Springtown men indicted for possession, intent to deliver fentanyl

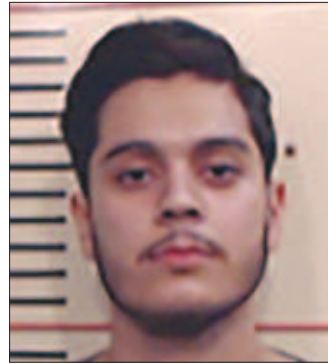


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Angel Ibarra, left, and Samuel Ibarra, right.

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Parker County Grand Jury indicted two Springtown men, accusing them of possession of fentanyl with intent to deliver.

Parker County Special Crimes Unit arrested brothers Angel Ibarra, 19, and Samuel Ibarra, 22, on Oct. 31 following a search warrant at a residence near Springtown. Investigators said they seized 67.5 tablets – 7.4 grams –

from the residence, and they tested positive for fentanyl.

According to the probable cause affidavit, Parker County Special Crimes Unit investigator Jarrett Turner interviewed both Samuel and Angel Ibarra and learned the fentanyl belonged to both of them. Both brothers admitted to the sale of the fentanyl in the interviews.

Both Samuel and Angel Ibarra were released from the Parker County Jail on Nov. 1, but they were booked again

on similar charges on Nov. 7. As of Jan. 3, the men are still in jail.

Parker County District Attorney Jeff Swain said the Ibarra brothers are expected to have arraignment dates in January in the 43rd District Court.

In a Parker County Sheriff's Office press release at the time of the initial arrest, Parker County Sheriff Russ Authier said investigators had been working on the case for weeks after the Parker

County Crime Stoppers received an anonymous tip.

"There is an increase of Fentanyl-related deaths across the nation," Authier said in the press release. "There have been five confirmed Fentanyl-related deaths in Parker County within the past year. There have also been dozens of Fentanyl poisoning cases in our county, causing hospitalizations, near-death occurrences

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# Feds investigating meltdown at Southwest Airlines; RRC launches probe into Atmos service issues; Abbott pushes back on migrant bus criticism

## FEDS INVESTIGATING MELTDOWN AT SOUTHWEST AIRLINES

Massive flight cancellations by Southwest Airlines during the Christmas holiday week are prompting the federal government to look into why thousands of travelers were left stranded across the country, along with huge piles of luggage in airports served by the beleaguered airline.

Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg said his agency would examine what caused Southwest's widespread cancellations, which began as a massive polar storm gripped much of the country a few days before Christmas. The airline was able to resume normal operations on Friday as another holiday week-end approached. The airline canceled more than 15,700 flights since Dec. 22, according to The Dallas Morning News. Cancellations by other airlines were a fraction of that amount, according to published reports.

"Because what we're seeing right now, from the system and the flights themselves to the inability to reach anybody on a customer service phone line, it is just completely



## CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Gary Borders

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unacceptable," Buttigieg told CBS early Wednesday. The Senate Commerce Committee also plans to investigate.

Southwest does not use the hub-and-spoke system relied upon by other major carriers, instead relying on a point-to-point system. That means even where planes were available, often crews and pilots were stranded in other cities.

## RRC LAUNCHES PROBE INTO ATMOS SERVICE ISSUES

The Texas Railroad Commission has launched an investigation of Atmos Energy's gas distribution system, which left some Texans without heat during freezing weather just before Christmas. The company reported low gas pressure in cities across North and Central Texas, leaving some

customers without heat. On Dec. 23, the Texas Tribune reported, Atmos asked its 2 million Texas customers to conserve gas use by lowering thermostats, not using gas fireplaces and any gas-powered appliances.

Gov. Greg Abbott signed a letter ordering the railroad commission and the Texas attorney general's office to investigate Atmos Energy's "failure to prepare for the winter weather event last week."

Leading up to and during the winter event, State of Texas agencies worked around the clock to mobilize resources and assist utilities in any way possible. At no time did Atmos Energy request assistance... It is apparent that Atmos Energy acted irresponsibly and was unprepared for the event,"

the letter said in part.

## ABBOTT PUSHES BACK ON MIGRANT BUS CRITICISM

Abbott has drawn criticism after a bus from Texas dropped off more than 100 migrants in freezing weather near Vice President Kamala Harris' official residence in Washington, D.C. An Austin American-Statesman report noted the state has bused nearly 16,000 migrants to so-called sanctuary cities. Abbott tweeted a breakdown of how many migrants have been bused to cities outside of Texas.

Thus far, 8,900 have been sent to Washington; 4,900 to New York City; more than 1,500 to Chicago; and more than 630 to Philadelphia. The governor has maintained in the past that the migrants have given permission to be bused North. The White House has called the move "a cruel, dangerous, and shameful stunt."

"We're providing relief to local communities overwhelmed by President Biden's open border policies," Abbott said.

The U.S. Supreme Court has so far stopped the Biden administration from eliminating Title 42, a federal rule

enacted during by the Trump administration during the COVID-19 pandemic to allow the U.S. to return asylum-seeking migrants to Mexico or their country of origin.

## TPWD OPPOSES LISTING PRAIRIE CHICKEN AS ENDANGERED

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department has reiterated its opposition to a decision by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to list the lesser prairie chicken as endangered in some areas and threatened in others, citing "tremendous" voluntary collaboration with private landowners and industry to conserve the chicken's habitat.

The federal designation will take place in January. It primarily affects Panhandle counties where the lesser prairie chicken is found.

"This decision jeopardizes decades of voluntary conservation efforts, increases regulatory burden and does not assure recovery of the species," David, Yoskowitz, TPWD executive director, said.

## \$54 MILLION IN CAREER, TECHNICAL EDUCATION GRANTS

The Texas Workforce

Commission has announced 152 grants totaling more than \$54 million to various public community, state and technical colleges, as well as school district and charter schools across the state. The grants will be used to buy equipment to establish or expand programs that offer Texas students the opportunity to earn licenses, certificates, or post-secondary degrees in fields such as nursing, welding, automotive repair and dentistry.

"It's important to identify high-demand jobs, but it's critical to proactively commit resources to ensure Texans are ready to meet those workforce needs," said TWC Chairman Bryan Daniel.

## COVID-19 CASES REMAIN STEADY IN STATE

The number of new COVID-19 cases in Texas during the past week remained steady at 30,033, with 102 new deaths reported by the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University. The number of lab-confirmed COVID-19 hospitalizations rose slightly to 2,581, according to the Texas Department of State Health Services.

# Some like it hot, some like it cold

With the recent turn to cold and blustery conditions, a lot of conversation has been focused on the weather. Texas weather in December and January is always an interesting and dicey topic. One day might be 75 degrees with people wearing T-shirts and flipflops, and just as easily the next day could be below freezing temperatures with wind blowing a gale. Neither extreme seems to last very long, but they sure become the focus of attention.

Our recent spat of cold caused the cancellation of thousands of air flights during the peak holiday season and kept well-intended



## FROM MY FRONT PORCH

By Sam Houston

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

travelers from getting to their holiday destinations. Pipes froze, fireplaces were burning, and folks generally stayed at home praying the electric grid would keep up.

I will never understand why but seems people are either cold-weather people or warm-weather people. When it is July and the temperature is in the 100s for days on end, lots of folks complain and beg for fall to ar-

rive. Not saying 100-degree heat is pleasant, but I have always found the heat much more comfortable than temperatures that are below freezing. I could always play ball, build fences or haul hay in the heat, and it never seemed to stress me much. On the other hand, seems like I could never dress in enough insulated underwear, scarves and gloves to stay warm when the weather was

acting like winter. I think the worst part of cold weather is the uncertainty of travel. Few things are as annoying as driving on icy roads.

Twenty years ago, I worked in Alpena, Michigan, one January. Alpena is about 100 miles north of Detroit. It would snow almost every day, and I could look out on the Great Lake and see it was frozen. Folks there loved the winter and told me how much fun it could be with the availability of ice fishing, cross country skiing and snowmobiling. Though the work was profitable, after three or four weeks I concluded that my "window" must face the south, and I

quit the job and I headed home to Texas. When my truck crossed the old Red River, a smile returned to my face, and I felt an inner warmth that had been missing the whole time I was gone. I shiver and get goosebumps even thinking about Alpena. I'm still not certain if it was the warm weather or being back in Texas that put a smile on my face.

It won't be long until the threat of winter has passed. Folks will be looking for flower seeds and garden things to plant, and begin looking forward to activities on the lake, a spring baseball game, and sitting outside on the porch. There

are still weeks to go, and a few more chilly nights, but spring will be here before we know it. For those of you who truly like the cold, the wind and the snow, I hope you get to go to New Mexico or Colorado and enjoy some winter before it disappears. Take plenty of photos and be sure and let me know how much you prefer the cold over the heat. I am going to be patient and wait until spring arrives. It cannot be soon enough for me.

Thought for the day: The temperature just went from 75 to 20, like it was traveling through a school zone and saw a state trooper. Until next time.

# College opens online scholarship application period

## FROM STAFF REPORTS

Students wanting to apply for scholarships at Weatherford College may do so now, as the college has opened its online scholarship application for the 2023-24 academic year.

All students planning to attend WC this fall are en-

couraged to apply, according to a news release. The deadline to apply is March 31.

Funded by gifts to the WC Foundation, the college has awarded more than \$600,000 in scholarship funds in the current academic year.

The foundation and WC financial aid office use a user-friendly online application system in which students apply once per year. The system then matches students with scholarships that fit them according to various criteria. Students are evaluated based on

several factors, including academic standing, extracurricular activities/community service and work ethic.

Most students complete the application within 30 minutes, the release said.

Incoming freshmen must have applied to WC and re-

ceived a college ID number and email address prior to applying for scholarships.

To get started, go to [wc.edu](http://wc.edu) and click on "Paying for WC" and then "Scholarship Opportunities."

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and long-term side effects. Education and awareness are the keys to prevention. We will continue our part in investigating these cases and making arrests."

Both Ibarra brothers declined interview requests from the Epigraph. Samuel Ibarra initially agreed but reportedly changed his mind before the interview. The Epigraph could not confirm through Springtown ISD whether the Ibarras had attended Springtown schools.

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nance manager.

- The Springtown Area Senior Center reopened for dancing in April after being closed for over two years because of the COVID-19 pandemic and then because of burst pipes amid the February 2021 winter storm.
- Reno City Council member Granville "Randy" Martin III died in August after a battle with liver cancer. Martin served as mayor in 2007, and he had been on the city council multiple times.
- Howell's Western Café on State Highway 199 in Springtown celebrated its 60th anniversary in 2022. Mayor Greg Hood proclaimed May 18 as Howell's Western Cafe Day in honor of the restaurant's anniversary.
- Springtown ATV racer

Bryce Ford helped Team USA win gold at the Quadcross of Nations in September in the Czech Republic. The event is like the Olympics of ATV racing.

## 10: SPRINGTOWN ISD SUPERINTENDENT RETIRES

Mike Kelley announced in September that he would retire as the SISD superintendent by the year's end. Kelley spent 25 years working at SISD and 32 years total in education.

"This is my twenty-fifth year as a Porcupine, and my family and I could not have been more blessed," Kelley said in the email announcing his retirement. "I have learned a great deal from watching incredible staff members positively influence our students. I am proud my children spent their entire K-12 experience in SISD; hearing them speak about

their former teachers with genuine admiration gives me certainty that the decision to remain here for the bulk of my career was a good one. Though many of my fondest memories in the profession are from the time I spent teaching and coaching, I will also cherish the friendships developed while serving as an administrator in Springtown ISD."

Deputy Superintendent Shane Strickland was officially hired by the school board to take Kelley's place in November. Strickland started his new role on Jan. 1.

## 9. SPRINGTOWN OPTIMIST CLUB CLOSES

Because of low participation and membership, the Springtown Optimist Club officially closed in September. The club was chartered in 1983, and it raised money for high school student scholar-



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ships and honored two students - the Young Texan and Texanne - monthly.

The club's remaining funds were transferred to the Springtown Education Foundation.

## 8. PORCUPINES MAKE HISTORY

In May, SHS's baseball team won the area championship for the first time in school history by beating Vernon in two games. The team advanced but lost to Argyle in the regional quarterfinals.

"These guys have come a long way," head coach Josh Ward said after the regional quarterfinals. "We have shown that we can play with just about anybody. We fell short this weekend, but we were in it the whole time. It's a credit to these kids. They work hard. They put themselves in this position to be successful and to go where no Springtown team has ever gone before. That's something to be proud of."

Additionally, SHS's theater students took their one-act play - scenes from The Tin Woman - to the state contest in Round Rock for the first time in school history. The company placed sixth in the 4A Conference at the state contest.

"It's a really big deal to be at state," senior Gentry Phillips said before the contest. "Winning or losing, I think we won in my eyes."

## 7. SPRINGTOWN POLICE CHIEF RESIGNS

Cres Salazar stepped down from his role as police chief in July, just months after his teenage daughter died in an ATV accident near Tolar.

"I would like to thank the city of Springtown for the opportunity to grow as a police

officer to administrator," Salazar wrote in his letter of resignation. "The almost eight years I spent at this department are the best in my career of 22 years as a peace officer."

City Administrator David Miller filled in as interim police chief in Salazar's absence.

## 6. RENO DISINCORPORATION MOVEMENT GAINS TRACTION

A petition to dissolve the city of Reno gained 496 signatures, which is more than the 400 signatures needed to trigger an election. The petition was submitted to Reno City Hall in August.

However, Reno residents and petitioners Eric Hunter, Joy Jenkins and Jennifer Vogle filed a lawsuit against Mayor Sam White to order him to call for the election for disincorporation. The plaintiffs claim that they submitted a petition with the correct number of required signatures needed to trigger an election, but the mayor did not order an election.

The lawsuit claimed that the reasons the city gave for invalidating signatures - which made the valid signatures drop below 400 - were illegitimate.

In October, Reno City Council approved hiring a municipal law firm to represent the city in the legal case against White.

If the city dissolves, the police department would cease to exist, while the water department would likely be bought by another utility district. The county sheriff's department would provide police service.

"We feel like that the county has better resources and would be able to provide better services to residents of this area when it comes to

roads and law enforcement," Hunter said in an interview before the signatures were turned in.

## 5. RENO ON BOIL WATER NOTICE, WATER TASK FORCE IS ESTABLISHED

Water infrastructure was on the minds of multiple Reno residents as they had to boil their water during the summer.

In July, Reno residents were told to boil and cool water before consuming it because of a water line break, low water pressures and mixing of waters. Around this time, the city was also in Stage 5 of the Drought Contingency Plan, which implemented water usage restrictions to replenish water storage capacity during a time when water usage was high, and rainfall was low.

At a special meeting, City Administrator Scott Passmore said that one of the city's wells was out of commission because of a broken pumping motor, and the other wells in Reno's system had slowed down because they're worn out. He also reported that a water main on Quail Run needed to be repaired.

Reno had to buy water from Azle and Walnut Creek Special Utility District during this time.

In July, Reno established a water task force to discuss and make recommendations on water infrastructure improvements.

Planning and Zoning Commission chairperson and task force member Brian Schrader explained that two studies from 2019 and 2021 recommended changing the Reno water disinfection system from chlorine to chloramine to be com-

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patible with water systems in Azle, Walnut Creek and Springtown. The 2021 report recommended replacement of 14 miles of undersized water lines and detailed other deficiencies, such as pump capacity, pressure tank or elevated storage tank capacity, emergency power requirements and failure at city water hydrants.

**4. NEW BUSINESSES**

Springtown is expected to soon be home to multiple new businesses in the near future.

Springtown City Council approved the site plan for the new Jack in the Box in May, and the restaurant opened at SH 199 and Old Springtown Road in the fall. In 2022, the council also approved site plans for an Allsup's at 705 W. SH 199, Cascade Car Wash near the intersection of South Birch Street and SH 199 and Starbucks located west of Walnut Creek Veterinary Hospital on SH 199.

In addition, the council approved a variance request for a potential Taco Bell restau-



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

rant in August at the southwest corner of South Birch Street and SH 199.

**3. SPRINGTOWN COUNCIL PASSES TAX FREEZE FOR OLDER, DISABLED HOMEOWNERS**

At the end of March, Springtown City Council made the historic decision to approve a tax limitation for homeowners who are recognized as disabled by the federal government and/or are 65 or older.

Homeowners who qualify must also have a property subject to the homestead exemption and must reside in that home.

"If somebody is 65 years of age or older, their house is homesteaded and they qualify for this exemption, or this 'freeze' if you would, that simply means the amount of property tax they pay to the city of Springtown will not increase for the rest of the time that they own that house," City Administrator David Miller said previously. "What they pay tax-wise can decrease depending on valuations and things of that nature, but it can never go up above whatever it's frozen at."

The tax freeze will go into effect during the property tax year 2023, and taxes will be frozen at the tax rate that the city passed in 2022. Qualifying homeowners will start to notice the change in

the 2024 tax year.

Miller previously said the council's decision to move forward on the tax freeze would be a permanent one. The decision means a loss in tax revenue for the city, but Miller said that the lost revenue is expected to be made up by the city's growth.

**2. SPRINGTOWN RESIDENTS SURVIVE INFLATED GAS PRICES**

Like others around the country, Springtown area residents endured inflation this year, including at the gas pumps.

At the Springtown Valero on March 14, unleaded gas cost \$3.99 per gallon and \$4.99 per gallon for diesel. In March, AAA reported that Texas surpassed its highest average gas price when it hit \$4 a gallon.

Increased gas prices were attributed to the U.S.'s ban on Russian fuel imports because of Russia's invasion of Ukraine, consumer demand for gas as people have returned to work and school following COVID-19 pandemic restrictions, lagging oil production, seasonal travel and other energy business factors.

The gas inflation affected everyday consumers who had to budget their money differently, consolidate trips and rethink their summer vacations. The rise in gas prices also affected the budgets of

institutions like the city of Springtown and SISD as well as local business owners.

Inflation also affected local food pantries, which saw an influx of people needing food.

"They can't afford the product; they can't afford the gas to get to the place," former Neighbor to Neighbors food pantry Executive Director William Boyd said. "I've had several of them come in and say, 'We're (here) after hours, but we'll just have to stay here all night because we don't have the gas to come back tomorrow.'"

**1. FM 51 REOPENS**

After more than two years of waiting, Farm-to-Market Road 51 - aka Main Street in Springtown - finally reopened in April.

Texas Department of Transportation reconstructed FM 51 from Texas Drive to Old Cottondale Road. A continuous left turn lane was added from Optimist Drive to Pojo Road to help with traffic flow, and a traffic signal was installed at the intersection of First Street and FM 51. Drainage improvements were also added from Walnut Creek to Pojo Road.

All four lanes of traffic on SH 199 also reopened in April.

Getting the traffic lights at First and Fifth streets on FM 51 to function took longer, but eventually the signals were fully activated in the fall.

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# Quilter's Guild of Parker County to meet this month

**FROM STAFF REPORTS**

The Quilter's Guild of Parker County will meet in-person and via Zoom on Thursday, Jan. 19.

The program this month will be speaker Randy Cole talking about his "First 50 years in the Sewing Machine Business."

If you need repairs in a hurry and at your convenience, then meet Cole and his Sew mobile. For more than 50 years, Cole has serviced the Greater North Texas area, driving a mobile sewing machine service shop, stocked with parts and service items for household and industrial sewing machines. Join the meeting to hear about Cole's experience providing a unique service to the area sewing community.

The meeting will be at Lakeshore Drive Baptist Church, located at 200 S. Lakeshore Drive in Hudson Oaks. The meeting will begin at 6:45 p.m., but attendees are encouraged to come earlier to socialize. Visitors are welcome in-person and online.

If you wish to join online, email your name and telephone number to [qgpc2000@gmail.com](mailto:qgpc2000@gmail.com).

To learn more about the guild, visit its website [quiltersguildofparkercounty.org](http://quiltersguildofparkercounty.org) or find the guild's Facebook page.



Randy Cole

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Donna has years of experience handling tax issues for truckers, farmers, and other small businesses, with particular insight into the unique issues and deductions that apply to these fields.

As an Enrolled Agent, Donna is licensed to practice and represent taxpayers before the IRS. She completes at least 30 rigorous continuing education hours each year, staying on top of all the changes in the laws, so her customers get the maximum benefit.

Debi completes at least 18 hours of continuing education each year to maintain her status in the IRS' Annual Filing Season Program (AFSP).

Regardless where you live, anyone needing a tax pro can find one online at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov). There, you will find Donna and Debi with other tax pros and their levels of education with taxes. People can now check on tax pros at the website and click the side option to see which agents in the area are educated, and others, by zip code.

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# Council to get more details on car wash, convenience store development on SH 199

BY MADELYN EDWARDS  
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Springtown City Council discussed the potential of a new convenience store, restaurant, car wash and gas station at the corner of State Highway 199 and Pojo Road. What started out as a variance request at the December council meeting turned into a conversation about the layout of this development. Reece Flanagan of Flanagan Land Solutions presented council with a request to deviate from the city's rules on having a 50-foot buffer from SH 199 and from the 20%

landscape requirement. The buffer to SH 199 would be decreased to 10 feet instead of 50 feet, and the amount of landscaping would be decreased by less than 2% in this request, Flanagan said. The map of the development shows parking spaces that would be 10 feet away from SH 199 with a curb and shrubbery in between the parking area and the highway. According to the Zoning Board of Adjustment application, the applicant claimed that the 50-foot buffer would decrease the amount of developable land, and the land-

scape reduction is needed to provide adequate parking. The council had concerns about vehicles coming off the highway into the parking lot, maneuverability of larger vehicles and the process of entering and exiting the potential business from State Highway 199 and Pojo Road. Flanagan and the council discussed the possibility of cutting through the median on Pojo Road. At City Administrator David Miller's suggestion, Flanagan pulled the topic from the agenda so he can return with a site plan that council could consider at the

same time as the variances. Miller said the council could make a more informed decision on the variances if they can see the site plan fully laid out. "You (council members) can turn this (variance) down or you can approve it, or we can ask the applicant if he would be interested in asking this to be pulled from agenda and come back at a time when we're ready to look at the whole picture, which I think might give you guys more information than what you're getting tonight," Miller said.



Springtown City Council discussed the potential of a new convenience store, restaurant, car wash and gas station at the corner of State Highway 199 and Pojo Road. PHOTO COURTESY OF GOOGLE MAPS

# Residents strike down apartment complex development

BY MADELYN EDWARDS  
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Springtown residents rallied against a zoning change that would've allowed for a multifamily development, and they won. Springtown's Planning and Zoning Commission recommended disapproval to city council of changing the zoning in a neighborhood north of Third Street and east of Avenue E from single-family to multifamily on Dec. 8. Normally, P&Z recommendations appear on subsequent city council agendas so that the council can have the final say. However, the city council did not take up this topic at the December council meeting. "The developer requesting the multifamily zoning withdrew his application following the P&Z meeting, so the matter did not go before the

council," City Administrator David Miller said the week after the council meeting. The applicant NTH Group, LLC, wanted to build an apartment complex of no more than two stories on about 29 acres. Bryson Burtnett, who represented the applicant at the P&Z meeting, said the development would bring in about 10-12 units per gross acre with the first phase bringing in 60 units. Through various phases, the plan would have sought to bring in more than 300 homes. The median rental price for the homes would have been about \$1,700 to \$1,800 per month. "There is a need for what used to be considered affordable housing. \$1,700 a month rents - there's a need for that product in Springtown," Burtnett said during the P&Z meeting. Burtnett answered a question at the meeting from a

resident who asked why he would want to build an apartment complex in a single-family neighborhood by telling the resident that the property was bought when no homes were around. At the P&Z meeting, Springtown Director of Administrative Services Christina Derr read off multiple statements that had been turned in by residents voicing their view on the potential development. All those residents were opposed to the zoning change. They cited fears of how a multifamily development would affect their neighborhood, such as bringing more traffic, crime, noise, making the neighborhood unsafe for children, lowering property values and having a negative effect on area wildlife, among other concerns. Residents also spoke in person during the P&Z meeting to oppose the zoning

change, and they shared similar concerns as those who submitted statements. One of those speakers was city council member Ted Martinez, who said city shouldn't diverge from the zoning set in place via land-use plans. "If we deviate from that, then we're going against what the plan is. The plan is for the people, for the community, for the residents," Martinez said. "Of course, I am highly opposed to this because it would be not only against what is already established, but it would be a zoning change, and the reason we have zoning in the first place and established zoning is to prevent things like this happening." Moving forward, Burtnett recently said NTH Group is reviewing other options for developing the property.

# OBITUARIES

## Kerral Robertson 1948 - 2022



Kerral (North) Robertson, 74, passed away, January 1, 2023 in Springtown. She was born August 30, 1948, to Bobby and Nona (Wagnon) North in Pecos, Texas. She was a longtime member of First Baptist Church of Springtown where she was a Sunday school teacher. Kerral was an artist working in folk art, tin-punch art. She loved animals especially her dog Maybel. Kerral was preceded in death by her parents and sister, Glenyth Barrows. Kerral is survived by sons, Micah Robertson and wife Carol, and Josh Robertson and wife Jacquelyn; grandchildren, Claire and Graham. She will be dearly missed

by all who knew and loved her. The family request in lieu of flowers please make a donation to First Baptist Church of Springtown. *The Springtown Epigraph, January 5, 2023 Edition*

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# SHS to host blood drive Jan. 18

BY MADELYN EDWARDS  
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For those whose New Year's resolution is giving back to their community, donating blood may be a good way to get started.

An opportunity to do that is coming up in two weeks at Springtown High School. SHS will hold a blood drive with Carter BloodCare starting at 8 a.m. Jan. 18 in the high school gym, according to a news release.

An email from Carter BloodCare states, "each unit of donated whole blood can help save three lives." Blood is always needed, especially at the start of the year.

People of all ages typically need blood in urgent situations, such as vehicle accidents, massive bleeding injuries, organ transplants, open-heart surgeries, cancer treatments, difficulties during childbirth and anemia, among others. Lifesaving transfusions are needed every two seconds, according to Carter BloodCare.

In the email, a Carter BloodCare representative stated that donors who give in January can receive a quarter-zip pullover.

To sign up for the SHS blood drive, go online to: [https://ww3.greatpartners.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/132968](https://ww3.greatpartners.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/132968).



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## FELINE

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Moses Druxman said. "The crews can play with the cat and talk about the cat, and it distracts them from stress. It distracts them from work, and it gives them something to kind of invest their time in that's not so serious."

The firefighters didn't intentionally seek out a fire-house pet. Church showed up at the fire department on West Reno Road looking cold and malnourished. Firefighters started feeding the cat and developed affection for the animal.

"They asked me if they could keep it, and I said, 'Well, if it makes you happy, keep it,'" Druxman said.

That was a few months ago. Now, Church is set up in the station's truck bay with a bed, a collar and some toys that firefighters use to play with the cat. Firefighters take responsibility for feeding Church, cleaning his litterbox and paying for needed cat supplies and medical services out of their own pockets, Druxman said.

Druxman said Church is known to sit on top of the fire trucks, and firefighters take care in removing the cat before calls.

Church was curled up in his bed during the week before Christmas when the temperatures dipped below freezing. When approached by visitors, he stood up and greeted his guests. He didn't seem to mind being held by firefighters.

Church remained calm when firefighter Trevor Gicklhorn and Lt. Chad Hanna left for a call. Gicklhorn said the cat is not usually frightened by loud noises in the station.

After coming back to the station, Hanna dangled a feather toy above Church's



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Briar-Reno Fire Department Lt. Chad Hanna pets Church the cat on his belly.

head to engage him in play.

"I'm not a cat person, but Church is a pretty good cat," Hanna said. "He's always there. Today was the first time we opened that door that he didn't greet us. And he was smart - it's cold."

Both Hanna and Gicklhorn described Church's presence as soothing and mood-

enhancing, especially when they're not having a good day.

"It's kind of like a reset button," Gicklhorn said. "You get off a bad call or something made you mad. You go out there, and (Church is) living his best life, and he's purring. He's a rag doll when you pick him up, so you pick him

up and then he's all nice and warm. And you're just like, 'OK, well, it's not bad.'"

Besides, if the Briar-Reno Fire Department ever has problems with mice, Church will hopefully answer the call of duty.

"I mean, there might have been (issues with mice), but we don't have to worry about it no more," Hanna said.

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# Sunset over Springtown


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The clouds over Porcupine Stadium were tinted with a pink hue as the sun set in Springtown on Jan. 3.



The clouds near Goshen Creek Elementary on Pojo Road were colored in shades of pink, red and yellow before sizzling out to gray during the Springtown sunset on Jan. 3.





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## Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

# The Power of Words

*The words of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. helped to change the world. His words still inspire people today. He was born on January 15, 1929 in Atlanta, Georgia. His father was the minister of the Ebenezer Baptist Church, as was his father before him. Because Martin and his father had the same name, the family called him M.L.*

### Caring

When M.L. was young, he played with all the children who lived in his Atlanta neighborhood.

Use the code to find out what M.L.'s mother told him.

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But when they reached school age, the white children went to a school for white children only, and M.L. was sent to a school for black children. After the first day of school, M.L. and his white friends were never allowed to play together again.

**Standards Link:** History: Students identify the people honored in commemorative holidays.

### Use Your Marbles

Martin and his friends have been collecting marbles. They counted to see how many marbles in all. Use the clue to see if you can figure out how many marbles.

**Standards Link:** Mathematical Reasoning: Students use strategies, skills and concepts in finding solutions.

**Clue:** When counted by 2s, 3s, 4s, 5s, or 6s, there is always one marble left over. When counted by 7s, there are no marbles left over. The answer is between 299 and 310.

### Compassion

M.L. was very sad when his friends would no longer play with him. He asked his mother why they couldn't.

She talked about why the family didn't ride streetcars, why there was a WHITES ONLY sign on the elevator at City Hall, why there were restaurants that refused to serve black people, and theaters that allowed blacks to sit only in the balcony. She said that it was simply because some white people didn't understand that we all deserve equal treatment.

M.L. decided right then and there that someday he would try to change the world. He wanted to make it a place where white children and black children could play together and enjoy the same rights.

**Standards Link:** History: Students understand the importance of individual action.

### Integrity

As M.L. grew up, he saw more and more examples of segregation. He also saw his father and others speak out against hatred and segregation. These people taught M.L. about the power of words. He learned that words could heal or hurt.

*"When the history books are written, someone will say there lived black people who had the courage to stand up for their rights."*

— Dr. Martin Luther King

### Courage

For more than 20 years, Martin Luther King spoke out against \_\_\_\_\_ and segregation. During these years, he was arrested, had his \_\_\_\_\_ bombed, and was accused of being "un-American."

In 1963, Dr. King gave his famous "I Have a Dream" speech in Washington, D.C. "I have a dream that one day in Alabama little black boys and black girls will \_\_\_\_\_ hands with little white boys and white girls as sisters and \_\_\_\_\_."

In 1964, the \_\_\_\_\_ Rights Act was passed, granting equal rights to black Americans and Dr. King received the Nobel Peace \_\_\_\_\_.

Sadly, just four \_\_\_\_\_ later, Dr. King was shot and killed in Memphis, Tenn. But his words live on.

**Standards Link:** History: Students understand the achievements of famous people.

### 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.

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#### Just Like Martin

Look through today's newspaper for examples of people acting in a way that reminds you of Martin Luther King. Select one person and write a paragraph explaining how that person is somewhat like Martin Luther King.

**Standards Link:** Writing Applications: Write descriptions that use details to present unified impressions of people.

### Write On!

## I Have a Dream

Write a paragraph about a dream you have for yourself, or your school, or your community, or the entire world.

**Standards Link:** Reading Comprehension: Demonstrate comprehension by identifying answers in text.

### Quiz a Friend!

Quiz a friend or family member with the following statements. If they don't know the answers, you can use today's Kid Scoop to be the teacher! All the answers can be found on today's Kid Scoop page.

- Where was Martin Luther King born?
- From which college did Dr. King receive his Ph.D.?
- In 1964 Dr. King was awarded an important prize. What was it called?
- In what year was the Civil Rights Act passed?  
 1964  1968  1970
- What was the name of the famous speech Dr. King gave in Washington D.C.?
- Give at least one example, recounted in today's Kid Scoop page, of Martin Luther King's courage.
- In what year was Dr. King shot and killed?  
 1964  1968  1970
- Words were one tool Dr. Martin Luther King used to bring about social change.  
 True  False

*He was arrested. He led protests. He helped with the bus boycott. True! He did use actions, too.*

7. 1968  
8. He was arrested. He led protests. He helped with the bus boycott. True! He did use actions, too.

5. "I Have a Dream"  
4. 1964  
3. Nobel Peace Prize  
2. Boston University  
1. Atlanta, GA

**ANSWERS**

### Discipline

8 + 7 = \_\_\_\_\_ the driver forced him to give up his seat to a white person.

3 + 5 = \_\_\_\_\_ Once he gave a speech in another town about the rights of black people. He

9 + 11 = \_\_\_\_\_ with a Ph.D. in Theology, M.L. would now be addressed as Dr. King.

2 + 4 = \_\_\_\_\_ As M.L. started school, he discovered he could dazzle people with his words.

9 + 8 = \_\_\_\_\_ With hard work and study, M.L. eventually graduated from Boston University

5 + 6 = \_\_\_\_\_ won a prize for his speech attacking segregation laws. On the bus ride home,

The sentences in the above story are out of order. Find the correct order by doing the math problem next to each line. Then put the line in order from the smallest sum to the largest.

**Standards Link:** Character Education: Students identify character traits in others.

### Extra! Extra!

#### Word Power

Select a headline from today's newspaper and rewrite it to say just the opposite. How many more ways can you rewrite that headline. How does the impact of the words change when you write the headline different ways?

**Standards Link:** Sentence Structure: Students are able to write complete sentences.





## Springtown soccer girls getting their kicks on pitch

BY JEFF PRINCE  
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Two victories in the first week is a great way to start a soccer season.

On Dec. 13, Springtown opened its season by scrimmaging Southwest and winning 4-0.

Three days later, the Lady Porcupines faced Western Hills in another scrimmage, won 3-0 and looked great doing it.

"We improved even from our last game," head coach Katherine Kummerfeld said afterward.

In the Western Hills game, Kummerfeld moved several players to new positions to see how they responded. One of them was Kylie Wiens, a strong-legged sophomore.

"Kylie Wiens is always wanting to score at practice, so I gave her a little more up-top position and sure enough, she scored two," the coach said.

Kummerfeld's excitement for this season is unmistakable, just as it was last year when her young team earned a trip to the postseason and came close to knocking off top-seeded Gainesville in the first round. The Porcupines lost that bi-district title game 1-0 but proved they could be a force in District 8-4A for years to come.

"We are even better than last year from what I can see at the start," the coach said.

Several new girls with talent have joined the team.

"They just randomly showed up for tryout or came

in this year to the soccer class," the coach said. "It's exciting. They've really been helping us out. Even the ones that have been in the program, they came back this year a lot better."

One of the new girls is Icis Lopez, a sophomore arrived recently from the San Antonio area.

"She worked well on the outside wing today," Kummerfeld said after the Western Hills game.

Freshmen Lilian Duvall, Laura Garcia, Makayla Ballard and Samantha Orozco have played well on the back row while infusing a youthful energy.

Another newbie, junior Tatiana Cabrera, has shown considerable skills.

All the fresh faces have worked hard to establish teamwork and communication, the coach said.

"They are all working well together and passing to each other," Kummerfeld said.

"Overlaps. Through-balls. A lot of smart plays that the girls have been adding to the game."

The girls took time off for a holiday break but return to game action this week.

Springtown girls soccer will participate in a home tournament Jan. 5-7 at Pojo Stadium.

The Springtown Invitational will feature eight teams, including Decatur, Graham, Western Hills, Diamond-Hill Jarvis, Carter-Riverside, Life Oak Cliff, Collegiate Academy and Springtown.

Icis Lopez is a new and valuable addition to Springtown girls soccer.

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## Amarillo by morning for Springtown soccer

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Springtown's soccer boys will compete at a tournament on Thursday and Friday at Randall High School in Amarillo, and senior Hedrickson Perdoma can't wait to get there.

The co-captain is intent on making the playoffs before his high school tenure ends, and this season marks his final chance. He wants to improve his game during early season scrimmages and tournaments to prepare for upcoming district matches that will determine postseason appearances.

Last year, the Porcupines won just one game and didn't come within sniffing distance of the playoffs. During his sophomore season, Perdoma saw the Pines approach their regular season finale in a must-win game against Lake Worth to make the playoffs.

They lost.

"My goal was always to make it to playoffs," he said.

"It destroyed my heart being on the field those last seconds. We couldn't do anything about it."

Perdoma and his fellow seniors have one final opportunity to experience the thrill of postseason play, and they believe they have the right squad to get 'er done.

"I like our team this year," he said. "It looks pretty solid to me."

He wants that playoff experience but realizes a season is more about the journey than the destination.

"I just want to have fun," he said. "It's my last year. I want to enjoy it and be happy throughout the season."

After graduating from high school, he plans to earn a living as a welder.

Perdoma, a kicker on the football team, moved with his family to Springtown from Honduras six years ago.

"It's nice to be here," he said. "All my friends are here. The people in town are really nice. I enjoy Springtown so much. The coaches are awesome."



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Hedrickson Perdoma takes a whack at a goal during a recent scrimmage.



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Brookly Quintanilla, a freshman, logs another dig under the watchful eye of senior Brinklee Dauenhauer.

# Springtown volleyball athletes earn All-Parker County kudos

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Several familiar names appeared recently in the Weatherford Democrat's UIL All-Parker County team.

Coaches' nominations, all-district selections and input from a Weatherford Democrat employee determine the selections that were revealed on Christmas Day.

Springtown's Brinklee Dauenhauer was named Co-Outside Hitter of the Year after helping push the Lady Porcupines to the regional quarterfinals. She led in assists, digs and kills, and she set school records for career aces and digs.

Dauenhauer shares the award with Aledo senior Alyssa Gonzalez.

Earlier in the month, Dauenhauer was named all-state for her volleyball exploits. She is planning to play volleyball at Southern Arkansas University in 2023.

All-Parker County Setter of the Year honors went to Springtown senior Kylie Druxman, who logged 1,138 assists this season to finish in the top 100 nationwide. Druxman set a school record for most assists in a season.

Winning Co-Newcomer of the Year was Springtown freshman Brooklyn Quintanilla, a hard-charging athlete who plays much bigger than her 5-foot 2-inch frame would suggest.

First-Team All-Parker County status was bestowed upon juniors Stoli Cox and Briana Shrieves.

**Kylie Druxman displays her prodigious talent at making assists.**



**Co-Outside Hitter of the Year**

Brinklee Dauenhauer, Alyssa Gonzalez

**All-Parker County Setter of the Year**

Kylie Druxman

**Winning Co-Newcomer of the Year**

Brooklyn Quintanilla

**First-Team All-Parker County**

Stoli Cox, Briana Shrieves

# Springtown wrestler Cameron Mashburn returns from fractured rib

BY JEFF PRINCE

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A monthlong absence from wrestling due to a fractured rib worried Cameron Mashburn – but not enough to keep him from hitting the mat.

On Dec. 30, the Springtown wrestler was about to compete at the Hornets Nest Invitational duals tournament despite a rib still smarting. His pain was obvious during his first match. He hadn't been able to keep up with his cardio conditioning program during rehabilitation, and he winded quickly during the battle and lost by points.

After the loss, Mashburn made his way to the Porcupines bench and sprawled on his back, gasping for air. For a couple of minutes, he was unable to talk to head coach Sawyer Cooper, who likes to critique his wrestlers after each match.

"It hurts," was all Mashburn managed to say while lying prone and staring at the ceiling.

Watching from her chair nearby was Victoria Mashburn, his mother. She attends as many meets as she can. She didn't like seeing him in pain but knew he was doing what he loves.

"I love to watch him compete," she said.

Her son had missed the first two tournaments of the season because of his injury that occurring during one of the first practices of the season. He has been impatient to return.

"He really wants to pursue wrestling," she said.

Football was his first love, but Mashburn switched his focus to wrestling fulltime. At about a buck-fifty in weight, Mashburn figures his chances of earning a college scholarship are better in wrestling than football.

"He went all the way to state last year," she said.

He didn't win at the state tournament but enjoyed the experience, she said.

Wrestling's individual nature appeals to the teenager more than team sports.

"He loves that he gets that win just for himself, versus football, where you win as a team," she said.

Wrestling has boosted his confidence while improving his physical well-being.

"It has helped him with his strength and flexibility," she said.

Cameron Mashburn feels at home in Springtown, even though he is relatively new. He is glad his family moved to Springtown from Fort Worth a couple of years ago after attending Fort Worth schools for most of his life.

"It's a smaller school," he said. "I know almost the whole school personally. That's a lot better coming from Fort Worth where it's all big 6-A schools with 4,000-plus kids."

He is happy to be back on the mat despite the pain. A doctor had advised him to rest his rib for four to six weeks. Only four weeks had passed, but Mashburn couldn't wait any longer. The prospect of wrestling against Azle was too strong.

"That's the school we want to win against," he said. "It's the next town over. We know all the kids. We go to the same wrestling club as half the kids in Azle."

After losing his first match, he knew he would be in for a long day. His adversary, a kid from Lubbock Coronado, had come from behind to beat him.

"I have not had enough cardio," Mashburn said afterward. "My first round was really good. I was up in



Cameron Mashburn wrestles at the Azle Nest Invitational despite a fractured rib.

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points. As the rounds started progressing, my vision got blurry. It started to be very noticeable that I was tired. He took advantage of that."

Collapsing on the mat afterward was in response to the painful rib and lack of breath, he said.

"Having to repeatedly take full deep breaths after four weeks of not being able to hardly take a deep breath, it's just the pain of trying to get over that," he said.

More pain would follow. He was scheduled for four more matches over the course of the day.

"It will probably get worse before it gets better, but I'm OK with that," he said. "I'll just wrestle through the pain and try to overcome."

The Springtown boys wrestling team earned second place at the Hornet Nest Invitational. The team's scores were:

- Springtown 51, Lubbock Coronado 24
- Springtown 42, Saginaw 36
- Springtown 60, Azle Green 18
- Springtown 18, Azle White 66
- Springtown 72, Arlington Sam Houston 6

Devin Bell and Dallin Fabrizio were named Punishers of the Meet after each went 5-0 and won all their matches by pins.

"The Pines showed up to work today after taking time off for Christmas," Cooper said on social media afterward. "Kids had three days of practice before competing in five duals. Kids fought hard and continue to improve. Very proud of this group of kids."

His first match in a month left Cameron Mashburn exhausted and in pain afterward.





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Kelby Castro's strong play under the net earned him all-tournament status at the Bridgeport Holiday Tournament.

# Springtown basketball's Kelby Castro makes all-tournament

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The Springtown Porcupines basketball team struggled to find the win

column but competed well Dec. 27-28 at the Bridgeport Holiday Tournament.

On the first day, the boys lost two close games. Springtown fell to Joshua

62-52 and again to Paschal 41-39.

On the second day, Springtown lost to Hirschi 55-49 before bouncing back to defeat Boyd 54-42.

Kelby Castro, the team's largest player and a topnotch rebounder, was named to the all-tournament team for his strong play.

Springtown plays its next

home game at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 10 against Burkburnett.

The Porcupines begin district competition Jan. 13 on the road against Krum.

The team's district home

opener is 7:30 p.m. Jan. 17 against Bridgeport at the Porcupine gymnasium.



# Springtown Lady Porcupines prepared for district opener

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Springtown's basketball girls have won more games this season than last year, and they haven't even started district competition yet.

That changes soon.

The Lady Porcupines begin district play at 7:30 p.m. Friday at home against Lake Worth.

This year, Argyle moved up to 5A, giving the Pines a breather from playing the powerhouse Eagles twice a year. Still, Springtown's District 8-4A includes talented teams: Decatur, Bridgeport, Castleberry, Lake Worth and Krum.

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Abby Miller and the Springtown Lady Porcupines have begun district competition and take on Lake Worth on Friday at home.

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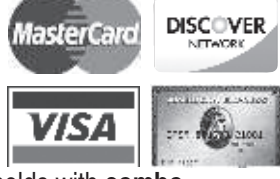
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Help wanted continued on next page...

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Ash Creek Baptist Church  
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**057 Pets/Livestock**

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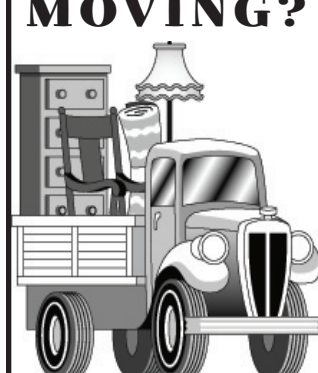
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- Happy New \_\_\_\_\_ 2023!
- Guthrie performer at several TX Willie "Farm Aids"
- Austin FM \_\_\_\_\_ Jo, TX (abbr.)
- Texans Bonnie & Clyde, e.g.
- "Big D"
- Sherilyn of 1992 film "Ruby" about Texas nightclub owner
- TXism: "I gave him a \_\_\_\_\_ own medicine"
- TXism: "tame as \_\_\_\_\_"
- "\_\_\_\_\_ minute!" (hold your horses)
- Mexican female in Texas
- apartment expense
- "\_\_\_\_\_ your heart be troubled," (Biblical advice)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Shoot, TX
- final month of the State Fair of Texas
- "nickel" symbol
- TX Candace was \_\_\_\_\_ Beck Tyler Cortlandt \_\_\_\_\_ Tyler" on "All My Children" (1976-95)
- Smith of Texas-based "Death of a Gunfighter" (1969)
- TXism: "no flies on \_\_\_\_\_" (pretty gal)
- TXism for "rogue"
- put into the NFL Hall of Fame, like Troy
- TXism: "two-bit \_\_\_\_\_" (poor horse)
- made watertight
- 1-across song: "\_\_\_\_\_ Lang Syne"
- "\_\_\_\_\_ and behold"
- "Texas Two-\_\_\_\_\_"
- asn. for the Rockets, Mavericks, and Spurs
- cowboy bath night
- ate at a nice restaurant
- Cowboy scores (abbr.)
- poker wager
- hospital trauma area (abbr.)

**DOWN**

- talk, talk, talk
- "to \_\_\_\_\_ is human"
- Astro pitcher (1990-93) (2 wds.)
- newspaper for Lamar County town on FM 137 & FM 38 (2 wds.)
- "Mission Nuestra Senora \_\_\_\_\_ Purisma Concepcion" (San Antonio)
- TXism: "a hard \_\_\_\_\_ the porch" (good canine)
- TXism: "old \_\_\_\_\_ sin"
- country singer and rodeo cowboy
- Fair Park has many art \_\_\_\_\_ buildings
- TXism: "he's \_\_\_\_\_ snake's belly" (despicable)
- TXism: "tight as the cinch on \_\_\_\_\_ horse"
- soccer guard
- Texas-based 1985 comedy film starring Kevin Costner
- TX Waylon Jennings 1970 album: "\_\_\_\_\_ Think Twice"
- "stand \_\_\_\_\_" (put it upright)
- parody
- Fair Park has many art \_\_\_\_\_ buildings
- email copy abbr.
- Texas-filmed 1963 western film starring Paul Newman
- "Ripley's Believe \_\_\_\_\_ Not"
- a religious rule
- happening yearly
- camera glass
- "Big \_\_\_\_\_ National Park"
- TX actress Sandy (init.)
- Stilwell, founder of Port Arthur (init.)
- plural of "hilum"
- Texas nightclub owner who shot Oswald, Jack
- just a little (2 wds.)
- TXism for "leave it alone" (3 wds.)
- TXism: "take a breather"
- shameful dismissal from military (abbr.)

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