

Springtown P&Z recommends approval of Taco Bell replat

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The existence of a Taco Bell in Springtown moved closer to reality after last week's Springtown Planning and

Zoning Commission meeting. On Jan. 12, P&Z members unanimously voted to recommend approval to the Springtown City Council of a replat — meaning a reconfiguration of the divisions

on a piece of land — of the lots where Taco Bell will potentially share space with an incoming car wash. The property for the proposed businesses is located west of South Birch Street, south of

State Highway 199 and north of Goshen Road.

"Prior to the car wash purchasing the property, they had made an agreement with a Taco Bell franchisee to co-locate on that property with

them," City Administrator David Miller said at the P&Z meeting.

The property is expected to be divided into two lots with each being about half an acre. "What they're doing now

is subdividing that piece of property for Taco Bell to purchase the eastern half of that property," Miller said. "The car wash is going to take

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Tory Roeber takes a picture with her 6-year-old son Isaac. Isaac was attacked by two dogs about a week and a half before Christmas. PHOTO COURTESY OF TORY ROEBER

Reno parents file lawsuit after young boy is attacked by dogs

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About a week and a half before Christmas, two dogs attacked a Reno Elementary School kindergartener while he was walking home from the school bus stop.

Now his parents, David and Katherine "Tory" Roeber, are suing the dogs' owner.

Tory Roeber said the incident began when her 6-year-old son Isaac saw that two dogs — a Lab mix and a shepherd mix — were loose and coming after him. She said he hid in a bush, but the dogs found him, dragged him away from the bush and bit him multiple times.

Roeber said the dogs had been a problem for years, and she had been in contact with the Reno Police Department

about the issue.

On the day of the attack, Isaac was dropped off at the bus stop after school later than usual because of a road closure. The bus driver called Tory Roeber after dropping him off to make sure he made it home. When Roeber sent her older son to check on Isaac, he couldn't find Isaac and said it appeared that something was going on at the home with the problem dogs on Carmen Street.

At that point, Roeber promptly sprang into action.

"I literally just jumped in my car, no shoes on, nothing, and drove up to the dog house," she said. "When I got there, my son's bookbag was lying in the middle of the road, and my son was nowhere to be found. I started screaming, 'Where's my

son?"

A man at the home was standing in the driveway and told her that her son was sitting inside his truck.

"My son was crying and bloody and had an already black, swollen eye," Roeber said. "I just scooped him up and told my older son, 'Toss your bike off the road. We're going to the ER,' and I put my son in the car and drove off, like I didn't even ask questions."

Following the attack, Isaac had a puncture wound on his skull, and he needed stitches on his arms and legs. Roeber said Isaac is healing well from his physical injuries, but the mental trauma from the attack still lingers.

"He's now afraid of every

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Former Reno P&Z chair says goodbye to commission

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The former Reno Planning and Zoning Commission chairperson showed up for his final meeting last week.

Christopher Reeves resigned from his spot on the commission during its Jan. 9 meeting, saying he had too many businesses going on. He served on P&Z for two years.

"It's just been nice to be involved and get to know people in the community," Reeves said about his time on the commission. "I tried to help out."

Reeves said he initially joined

the P&Z to combat the city's reputation of not functioning well and to help the city become more organized. He feels like the city has made progress toward that goal.

"I think it's happened. If you've noticed over the last few years, you've been watching, it's changed a lot," Reeves said. "Still a lot of problems, but it's going to take time to fix it."

Current P&Z Chairperson Brian Schrader invited the attendees at the P&Z meeting to join in showing appreciation of Reeves' service, which garnered applause.

"I would like to personally

thank Chris for his service on the P&Z," Schrader said at the Jan. 9 meeting. "He guided me. He was the chair of the committee, and I would like to thank him very much."

Moving forward, Reeves said he hopes the P&Z will continue improving the subdivision ordinances and water infrastructure.

"That's been the biggest struggle is the water in Reno," Reeves said. "Hopefully, they can get a hold of that and make it more stable."

The process for refilling Reeves' P&Z spot is for the Reno City Council to appoint an

applicant.

At last week's meeting, such an applicant was filling out the form to be considered for the commission. Justin Williams has lived in Reno for about nine months and wants to help in the community.

"If I can make a difference in the county and the city, I will," Williams said.

To any future Reno P&Z commissioner, Reeves has some words of advice.

"Just be ready to learn, to dig in and to fight the battles that need to be fought," he said.

"Just be ready for that, not just accept the way things are."



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Former Reno Planning and Zoning Commission chairperson Christopher Reeves resigned from his seat on Jan. 9.

Filing starts for elections in Springtown, Reno, SISD

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Election Day for municipal races is fewer than four months away.

On May 6, residents in the Springtown and Reno areas will have the chance to pick

out their future mayors, city council members and school board members.

Before voters can hit the polls, candidates — both new and incumbents — will need to apply to run for open places on local city councils and school boards. The can-

didate filing period started this week on Jan. 18 and will continue until the Feb. 17 deadline.

Elections that are uncontested, meaning only one person filed for candidacy for a single place on a city council or school board, are usually

canceled, and the sole candidate takes the open seat.

The mayors in Springtown (Greg Hood) and in Reno (Sam White) are both up for reelection. In December, Hood announced that he intends to run for election again.

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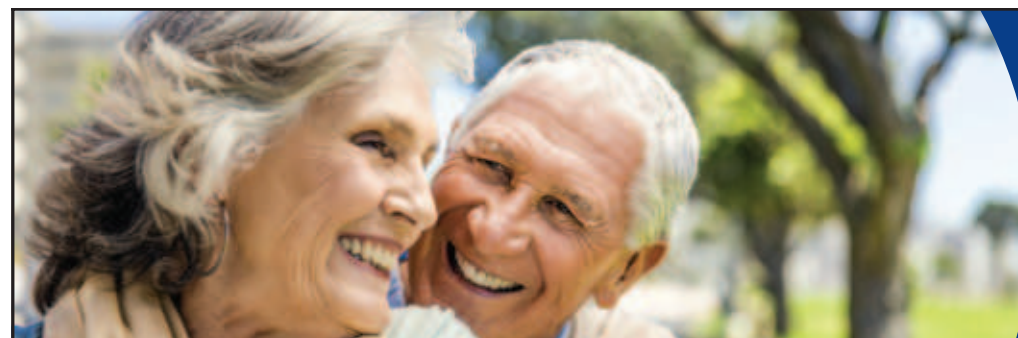
Springtown City Council and Reno City Council are up for reelection as well.

In Springtown, City Council Place 2 and Place 4 — currently held by council member Michele Chandler Kelley and Mayor Pro Tem Richelle Pruitt, respectively — are up

for election on May 6.

In Reno, a general election is expected for Place 2 and Place 4, which are currently held by Deputy Pro Tem Hernando Herrera and Mayor Pro Tem Katie Tucker,

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College fraternity procedure provided valuable life lessons in scrutiny, criticism

It seems like many years ago – which, of course, it is – but while at college I joined a fraternity.

There are those of you who may think being in a fraternity is nothing more than a drunken four-year party, but my experience was far from such. I attended a small men's college, and the fraternity houses were the source of all college life. Admittedly there was drinking involved, but for my experiences in a fraternity house, there were a lot of positives that helped shape me and my future.

For one thing, it brought a bunch of young men together who had different values, different backgrounds and different beliefs and by the very nature of living together, compelled them to learn how to get along and survive their collegiate experience. Many times, it was peer pressure in a good way. If a guy



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.

did not clean his room, do his laundry or study, there were a host of "brothers" to let him know he was off the beaten path.

It forced all of us to learn about the world other than the limited one we knew from our high school experiences and home. It broadened our horizons and helped us to make choices about what we wanted to do with our lives and make of ourselves.

We were supportive of each other when one of us was down, tough on each other when needed to be, and always emotionally tied to one another. Some 45 years later I look back and know there will

never be people in my life to whom I am any closer.

One of the unique and special things about our chapter meetings is we had a time that was called Scrutiny and Criticism. It came at the end of the meeting. The roll was called and each man in turn had to take the center of the room and stand there while the rest of the group could say anything they wanted – and I mean anything. It was a time of confrontation for bad behavior and special recognition if you had performed admirably.

You would be told you acted like a horse's behind at the last social, you regularly

left the bathroom counter a mess, your personal hygiene was a wreck, or a host of other things. It also offered the opportunity to say something personal and supportive. The person being criticized could not respond, only listen. This process continued until everyone in the room had taken a turn in the center.

This system could be purifying while at the same time it was both humbling and terrifying. It gave men a chance to speak man to man, in front of each other, and deal with problems straight out. When it was my turn to stand, there were times when I was told of transgressions. Initially I may have thought the comments were unfair or undeserved, but upon reflection, I realized the words were not said to wound, but to resolve disputes or make me a better person and a better man.

I cannot express how frank

and direct some of these confrontations would be, and when the roll had been called and the exercise was completed, we would all say in unison, "What you see, what you hear, when you leave, leave it here." In other words, no grudges, no backstabbing, or infighting – just reflection and growth.

I have come to know of the power of Scrutiny and Criticism. I wish in today's world, such a process would be replicated and utilized. It would compel people to be honest with each other, it would correct a lot of behavior in folks and teach people to accept and learn from criticism. Maybe people would not be so sensitive and have their feelings hurt when everything does not go their way. Maybe people would be told when their behavior was inappropriate or destructive.

There are those who might

say social media allows us to do this, but they would be incorrect. Social media is exactly the opposite of what Scrutiny and Criticism was about because it allows people to say just about anything without having to have the fortitude to say it to someone's face. All too often the posts are self-serving or demeaning, rather than intended to promote good and harmony.

Social media has its place, but we would all be better off if we spoke eye to eye when there is an issue, rather than speaking through the prism of social media.

Thought for the day: Remember to not only say the right thing in the right place, but far more difficult still, to leave unsaid the wrong thing at the tempting moment.

Until next time, I will be riding the storm out.

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Who is keeping score?

My great-great grandfather, Dr. Edwin Clay Rogers of Fannin County, served in the 5th Congress of the Republic of Texas in 1840-41. He served alongside Sam Houston, who had termed out in his first tenure as president of the Republic and was elected as a congressman from Fayette County. These were one-year terms.

In the Fannin County Historical Museum in Bonham, there is an exhibit of old medical textbooks and instruments used by Dr. Rogers. One instrument, a small, brass bell-shaped device, was used to examine Sam Houston's ear. You might say Doc Rogers had ol' Sam's ear ...

Sam Houston once declared, "Texas has yet to learn submission to any oppression, come from what source



DISTRICT 60
By Glenn Rogers

Representative Glenn Rogers is a sixth generation Texas rancher, where his family has deep ranching roots in Palo Pinto County going back to the 1890s. He represents District 60 in the Texas House of Representatives.

it may." Since Texas achieved her independence from Mexico, Texans have long lived by this proclamation. As the 88th Legislature began this January, Houston's words were on my mind. I will strive to represent our district without succumbing to any oppressive force.

My short time as a public servant has been eye-opening, revealing to me that there are forces that seek to oppose the truth, that wish for Texas to fall out of the hands of the people, and that seek to undermine lawmak-

ers who refuse to follow orders. My first obligation is to serve my House District 60 constituents.

Property tax relief and securing the border are at the top of the list this session. People in Parker, Palo Pinto, and Stephens counties also need policies that improve infrastructure, such as water systems and roads. Law enforcement, educators and social workers request improvements made to mental health care. Teachers desire deregulation from the TEA and more substantial sup-

port from the state. Citizens yearn for local control over their own affairs. There are a multitude of non-partisan issues that the Legislature must address this year and I am devoting myself to taking proper care of my home district FIRST.

Doing so will not make me the most popular legislator with certain elements within my own party. It certainly will not earn me great ratings from "scorecard" results that will undoubtedly fill mailboxes next election cycle with hit pieces.

As has been the consistent practice of Empower Texans (now Defend Texas Liberty PAC), there will be a series of what are termed "Scorecard Votes." That is, legislation designed by hyper-partisan political agents for the exclusive purpose of creating at-

tack ads for the next election cycle. Usually, these are bad policies that pose as conservative legislation. Most of the time, they are meaningless votes. Unfortunately, there are legislators who will vote simply to earn the favor of a scorecard — but not me.

In accordance with Houston's declaration, I have yet to learn submission to any oppression. I am always going to vote to improve my community and to protect our conservative ideals, always in accordance with the United States and Texas constitutions. I will vote in ways that support limited government — both federal and state, and local control. I will help craft legislation that will have a positive impact on the people in my district. I will support public schools as required of legislators by

Article 7, Section 1 of the Texas Constitution.

Politics is often energized by hate. That will not be the case in our office. If you live in the district, my office will be there to serve you, regardless of whether we agree on every issue.

My pledge is this: I will make votes after prayerful consideration and always seek what is best for people of this district, not as directed by special-interest PACs or phony scorecards. My staff and I will strive to remain positive throughout the session, even as things get tough or intense. When faced with opposition, I will cling onto the Truth and will remember who I serve — God, my country, the Great State of Texas and House District 60.

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I. Don't. Know.

Do you ever wonder if the person to whom you're speaking is a wise person (as opposed to a wise guy)?

Here's a tip: How easy is it for that person to say "I don't know"?

I have a standard wise guy response that I often use in the following scenario:

Unsuspecting person: I have a question.

Wise Guy Me: I have an answer.

Unsuspecting Person: I haven't even asked the question.

Wise Guy Me: I didn't say it would be a good answer.

It's actually that last response that starts to shift me from wise guy mode to wisdom-seeker mode be-



BE AMAZING
By Gerry Lewis

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cause, as I have grown in my life experiences, I find it much easier to say, "I don't know."

I must admit that in my youthful insecurity I was threatened by questions I couldn't answer. I became a senior pastor of a church at the age of 26. I thought that meant I was supposed to have all the answers. I was, after all, a seminary graduate. Certainly my professors had taught me everything I

needed to know about leading a church and teaching/preaching the Bible!

Ah, the certainty of youth. It didn't take long for me to figure out that formal education is only a small percentage of the education necessary to succeed in life.

In fact, I'd suggest that there are several "classrooms" that we enter over the course of our lives.

There is, of course, the classroom of formal educa-

tion. We learn (or at least memorize) facts, principles and perhaps a few skills. Hopefully, we at least learn how to study and do research.

There is also the classroom of life experiences. Here we learn how those facts, principles and skills work — or don't — in the real world. We even learn that the laboratories of formal education are much more controlled environments than our workplaces and neighborhoods. We learn things that can ONLY be learned by hands-on experience.

And then there's the classroom of hard knocks and dumb mistakes. Here's where we learn how to recov-

er when the stuff we learned in school doesn't work or we fail in our understanding or implementation. Here's where the people we work with "bob" when we expected them to "weave."

I recently heard someone say that "healthy" people are not those who never get sick. Health is measured by how quickly you recover.

I think the same is true of "wisdom." Wise people are not those who never fail or make mistakes. Wisdom is measured by what you learn that enables you to recover and move forward.

"So don't bother correcting mockers; they will only hate you. But correct the wise, and they will love you.

Instruct the wise, and they will be even wiser. Teach the righteous, and they will learn even more." (Proverbs 9:8-9)

Some of my greatest learning has come from questions that I absolutely could not answer. When I found the freedom to say, "I don't know" it opened the door to the wisdom of saying, "let me do a little exploring."

We have so much to learn from each other if we'll get over our fear of appearing ignorant.

Practice it with me: I. Don't. Know. (But I'm willing to learn).

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Speaker open to resort-style casinos in state

SPEAKER OPEN TO RESORT-STYLE CASINOS IN STATE

House Speaker Dade Phelan, R-Beaumont, told The Dallas Morning News and other media outlets that he is open to bringing resort-style casinos to Texas. But don't expect to find slot machines in 7-Eleven stores if casino gambling is legalized.

"What I don't want to see is to walk into every convenience store and see 15 slot machines," Phelan said. "I want to see destination-style casinos that are high quality and that create jobs and that improve the lifestyle of those communities."

The gambling industry is preparing for another strong push to bring gam-



CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Gary Borders

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ing to one of the few major markets that doesn't allow it. But other state leaders seem more hesitant, including Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, who said in December that he "doesn't see any movement on it."

Gov. Greg Abbott has softened his once-strong opposition to legalized gambling, echoing Phelan's support for casinos that also feature golf courses, luxury hotels and other amenities.

The Morning News report

said the Dallas-Fort Worth area would be a top location because of its strong convention and tourism industry, as well as access to major airports.

HOUSE RULES ALLOW DEMOCRATS TO CHAIR COMMITTEES

New House rules adopted in the first week of the legislative session allow the appointment of Democrats to chair certain committees,

despite being in the minority in that chamber. The Texas Standard reported that was a victory for Phelan, who defied Republicans wanting to ban Democrats from holding chair positions.

In Phelan's first speech after being reelected speaker, he talked about the importance of both parties working together.

"After watching Congress attempt to function last week, I cannot imagine why some want Texans to be like D.C.," Phelan said, referring to the protracted battle over electing a U.S. Speaker of the House.

Another provision is aimed at stopping legislators from skipping sessions to break

quorum by levying fines every day they are absent without leave. During the 2021 session, House Democrats left Texas for 38 days in an ultimately unsuccessful attempt to block passage of a slate of voting restrictions.

WILDFIRE DANGER RETURNS TO STATE

A series of dry cold fronts sweeping through the next this week bring the potential of increased wildfire risk to parts of the state, according to the Texas A&M Forest Service. On Jan. 11, the service responded to five requests for assistance on wildfires that burned more than 740 acres across the state. The largest of these

was the Cellers Hill Fire in Throckmorton County.

As of Sunday, the only active blaze was the 23-acre Grub Hill Fire in Wise County, which was 90% contained. Currently, 69 counties are under burn bans.

PRISONERS LAUNCH HUNGER STRIKES OVER SOLITARY CONFINEMENT

A large-scale hunger strike protesting the state's solitary confinement practices began last Tuesday, with about 300 people in Texas prisons reportedly participating, according to the Texas Standard. The prisoners are protesting the state's practice of placing inmates in solitary indefinitely.

Reno City Council looks for solutions to 'tight budget'

BY MADELYN EDWARDS
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"I don't see us making it this year."

That is what Reno City Administrator Scott Passmore said during a sobering moment at last week's budget workshop. He told the City Council that revenue from permits has kept the city afloat for the past two years, but that account is now being depleted each month. Without new permits and if the fund pares down to \$50,000, the city will have to lay off some employees.

Passmore clarified after the meeting that the city won't run out of money. He hoped his statement would motivate the council to act.

"It's just going to be a tight budget — very tight this year," Passmore said after the meeting.

Mayor Sam White said inflation has been a big part

of the city's current budget hardship.

"Inflation has really hit hard," White said after the meeting. "You look at what inflation has done to us, the whole country. Fuel doubled — that hurts us right there. We're a small city at this point. So, inflation has played a big factor. Now, we don't have enough commercial to keep us going. We're a large city but small population for the size we have. That's the other thing."

White also said that the city will need to be careful in deciding how to cut back on city services.

Council member Shelli Swift kicked off the budget workshop on Jan. 11 by challenging some of the city's purchases. Swift brought a small box of tissues with her to illustrate her point. She said the city had bought those tissues in a package of three boxes twice, which cost

almost \$29 one time and almost \$32 the other time.

"I think that that's excessive," Swift said. "I don't think that we're trying to save money if we're spending \$32 on six boxes of Kleenex."

Swift brought up similar concerns with how the city purchased 12 ink pens for \$21 multiple times, though she acknowledged some of these concerns as piddling.

Then, she brought up some more costly expenses — \$984 spent on 100 police challenge coins used to recognize officers, almost \$210 for supplies for the police department's banquet and a \$900 bill from a Springtown barbecue restaurant for that party.

Deputy Chief Nathan Stringer, who attended the budget workshop, said these purchases were approved by White, who responded that he was aware of the challenge coins purchase but not the cost. Passmore said

the city went into a spending freeze in November, but Stringer said that he wasn't aware of the freeze until late December.

"I don't even know why we put a budget together because we don't follow it," council member Jody Works said during the meeting. "We don't hold anybody accountable to the line items."

Swift said if the city isn't careful about spending, then taxes will need to be increased.

To eliminate questions about purchases, White suggested that the city should establish a system in which city employees can seek approval to make purchases beforehand.

"I want to see a purchase order system like corporate America uses," White said after the meeting. "A person wants supplies. You put in a request into your supervisor. Then the supervisor ei-

ther OKs it if it's within their signature value, and if not, it goes, just like corporate, up the next ladder."

As far as bringing in revenue, White said the council should reconsider the Reno Vista subdivision development that would've been mostly made up of half acre lots. Developers were trying to annex property north of Reno into the city limits and build these homes, which would've been served water from Walnut Creek Special Utility District. However, it was revealed last month that the property may be turned into a sandpit instead.

At the Jan. 11 meeting, Passmore confirmed that the property has not been turned into a sandpit yet.

"It's something to consider (and) not just say, 'We don't want to consider it because it's less than one acre,'" White said.

However, Swift and Deputy

Pro Tem Hernando Herrera were skeptical of the idea that a new subdivision would solve the city's budget issues.

"We know one new development is not going to fix the budget," Swift said. "Scenic Woods didn't fix it. Rocky Top didn't fix it. Donna's Place didn't fix it. It's this part right here that has to fix it, not bringing in one more development. We've got to start with this right here."

Mayor Pro Tem Katie Tucker said the council should consider increasing the tax base, especially to avoid raising property taxes for residents.

"If we do not increase our tax base, we're going to have to increase taxes on all those people sitting out there and all these people sitting up here in Reno," Tucker said.

The council is expected to further discuss a purchase order system at a future meeting.



Had He Not Come

Today I would like to continue the thought we started last time "What if He had not come." In the last writing we looked at the thoughts of no Christmas and no church. I would like to call your attention to "If he had not come, there would not be an America!"

I. No America

I don't mean there would not be a continent or land mass or populated. I mean this country was established and built on Christian principles. Remember the whole reason the pilgrims sailed here on the Mayflower was in search of land where they could practice their faith without persecution and raise their families in accordance with their beliefs. There would be no America as it is today, the land of the free and the home of the brave. Ben Franklin said "If a sparrow cannot fall without his notice, then a nation cannot rise without his blessing." Ben Franklin was quoting from the New Testament. You can be assured if Jesus had not come to earth as our savior, there would be No America! Had Jesus not of come there would not be a New Testament in our Bibles...no Matthew through Revelation. Our great nation was not found by religionist, but by Christians. Not upon religious plural, but on the Gospel of Jesus Christ. A nation built upon Christian principles. When our founding fathers established the executive branch, the legislative branch and the judicial branch they got those from the Word of God. Over 90% of the constitution is either direct quotes from the Bible or principles that were derived from the Word of God. Thomas Jefferson said "God who gave us Life gave us Liberty. Can the liberties of our nation be secure when we have removed their firm basis, a conviction in the minds of the people that these Liberties are the gift of God? These Liberties are not to be violated but with His wrath. I tremble for our America when I see and reflect that God is just and His justice cannot sleep forever. Proverbs 14:34 says "Righteousness exalteth a Nation" I Corinthians 1:30 says that Jesus is made unto us wisdom and righteousness and sanctification and redemption. God has been able to honor and bless this nation because it has been a nation founded, established and guided by the principles of the Word of God. If he had not come, there would be No America

as you know it today.

II. There would be no Christian music

I didn't say there wouldn't be any religious music, I said Christian music. Ephesians 5:18-19 says "And be not drunk with wine wherein is excess; but be filled with the spirit; speaking to yourselves in Psalms and hymns and spiritual songs singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord." If He had not come there would be no Christian music. The most precious music that soothes, moves and comforts us.

III. No Comfort

There would be no comfort for the sick and bereaved. Jesus was a comfort to His disciples when he was here. In John 14:18 he said "I will not leave you comfortless." We have a bunch of people who live without Jesus, without His comfort, peace and joy. We would have nothing to offer sick and bereaved and hurting people if He had not come. Jesus was crucified, but conquered death and the grave. We would be comfortless people had He not of come.

IV. No Hope

There would be no hope for the lost had he of not come. Ephesians 2:12 says "That at that time ye were without Christ being Aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of promise having no hope and without God in the world. There would be no hope of escaping Hell, no hope of Heaven, no hope of being raptured, no hope of being glorified, no hope of being reunited with loved ones in Heaven. He said "when they were without Christ, they had no hope." If He had not come, we would be without Christ, we would be in the condition of having no hope. In I Thessalonians 4:13-14 this concerns the rapture. "But I would not have you to be ignorant brethren, concerning them which are asleep. He is talking about those who have gone on through death. He said "that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope." Those of you who are believing when you lose a loved one you are grieved, but don't be as others you don't have grief like those who have no hope. Thank God I will be re-united with my parents and so many good men and women whom I have laid to rest in these 65 years of

pastoring. I am guaranteed and have the promise that at some future date I will be reunited with them. This separation is only temporary. Thank God because He came, I have hope!

V. No Gospel

There would be no saving gospel had Jesus not come. It would have been impossible for Him to die as my substitute and be buried and rise again. There would be no gospel. There would be no plan of salvation. Jesus said in John 14:6 "I am the way, the truth and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." Acts 4:12 "Neither is there salvation in any other for there is none other name under Heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." There would be no name with saving power had He not come. Remember, Judas had rejected the Son of God and in his despair, in a hopeless state of mind went out and hung himself. If we don't have the hope of the gospel, we're a very miserable race of people. It doesn't matter how much money you have, how many possessions you acquire...if you are without hope for eternity. God in his word says in I Corinthians 15:19 "If in this life only we have hope in Christ we are of all men most miserable." Paul is saying if this is all there is, if this is it then it's a miserable thing. The Bible says "He came unto His own, and His own received him not. But as many as received him to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name. He is still saving them; He is still making them sons of God in Heaven. Jesus Christ is still receiving sinful men and women. He is still giving eternal life to "whosoever will" If he had not come there would be no gospel. Read carefully in Romans 10:9-10 & 13 "That if thou shalt confess with the mouth the Lord Jesus and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

My prayer to God for you is that you will believe and call upon the Lord receiving Him as saviour. Thank God He Did Come...

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REPLAT

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up about half an acre, and they're selling the other half to Taco Bell for the purposes of them being able to build

their restaurant there."

Miller said the replat is in line with zoning and state law requirements.

P&Z's recommendation is expected to be considered by council at a future meeting.

Taco Bell was discussed previously by council in

August when it approved the developers' request to vary from the city's front setback requirement. At the same meeting, council approved a site plan for the neighboring Cascade Car Wash.

Mayor Pro Tem Richelle Pruitt opposed the variance

request from Taco Bell, and councilmember Michele Chandler Kelley voted against approving the car wash site plan at the August council meeting. Both raised concerns that the businesses would exacerbate heavy traffic in the area that occurs be-

fore and after school hours.

About Taco Bell specifically, Pruitt said in August that she voted down on the Taco Bell variance because of the lack of room on Birch Street.

"There's not a lot of room on Birch Street already. It's a narrow road," she said. "I just

didn't want there to be any additional issues with that."

If council advances the replat, the next step for Taco Bell would be to submit a site plan for the P&Z and council to consider.

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UTGCD to hold meeting, hearing next week

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Upper Trinity Groundwater Conservation District's public hearing and regular board meeting are set for 5 p.m. Jan. 26 at the district office located at 1859 West Highway 199 in Springtown, or via Zoom videoconference. In addition to its regular board meet-

ing agenda, which begins at conclusion of hearing, other items of interest include a hearing regarding multiple applications for Operating Permit for commercial and/or public water systems in Parker and Wise counties.

The public is welcome and encouraged to remote-

ly attend via online videoconference/teleconference. Join Zoom Meeting at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82615012690>; 1 (346) 248-7799; Meeting ID: 826 1501 2690

The mission of UTGCD, established in November 2007, is to develop rules to pro-

vide 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 groundwater, 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, according to a news release.

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

ELECTIONS

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respectively. Reno will also have a special election for Place 1. Council appointed Jody Works to this seat after the death of council member Granville "Randy" Martin III.

Places for city council and mayor have two-year terms.

For the Springtown ISD School Board, Place 4 and Place 5 will be up for election in May. These places are currently held by Vice President Chris Gilley and board member Gary Veazey, respectively. School board terms last for three years.

Qualified members of the public can run for any of the seats. Applications can be found at sos.state.tx.us/elections/forms/pol-sub/2-21f.pdf.

Candidates may file for city of Springtown races at Springtown City Hall at 102 E. Second St., mail applications to P.O. Box 444 in Springtown or email applications to info@cityofspringtown.com.

Candidates running for city of Reno places may file at Reno City Hall at 195 W. Reno Road.



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Springtown Mayor Greg Hood



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Springtown ISD School Board member Gary Veazey



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Springtown ISD School Board Vice President Chris Gilley



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Springtown City Council member Michele Chandler Kelley



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Springtown City Council Mayor Pro Tem Richelle Pruitt

SISD School Board candidates can file their applications at the district's administration building at 301 E. Fifth St. or email applications to SISD Communications Coordinator Kendra Hutchison at khutchison@springtownisd.net.

Early voting will take place from April 24 through May 2. To vote by mail, voters must deliver applications by April 25 to the Parker County early voting clerk at 1112 Santa Fe Drive in Weatherford and by email at elections@parker-countytx.com. Ballots can be mailed to the same address.



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Reno Mayor Sam White



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ATTACK

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dog he sees," Roeber said. "We went hiking at (the) nature center on New Year's Day, and any dog that came by him, he immediately hid behind his father and I. This is a kid that always welcomed animals and wouldn't be afraid to walk up to a strange dog and ask if he could pet it."

She added that Isaac used to play outside and is now afraid to go outside by himself if the gate at his home is open.

During the past five years, Roeber said the issues with the dogs escalated from them chasing her horses to chasing her children. She said her older son, who also goes to Reno Elementary, used to carry an air horn with him to scare away the dogs if he encountered them on his way home from the bus stop.

"I'd go over there (to the dog owners) and said, 'Look, I don't care that your dogs are on my property. Like I really don't, but I care that they're chasing my livestock,'" she said. "And then they started chasing my kid, and then I really cared."

Roeber argued that the city could have prevented this incident by holding the dog owners more accountable for the dogs' behavior.

"There needs to be consequences for the irresponsible pet owners," she said.

Reno Police Deputy Chief Nathan Stringer said the dog owners were issued citations for the dogs being at large and for not displaying a rabies tag. The dogs were eu-

thanized and tested negative for rabies.

Stringer refuted the notion that the attack could have been prevented by animal control because the department didn't receive a call about loose animals before the attack. He also said sometimes animals are difficult to track down even when the department has received a call.

"To my knowledge, we didn't have a call that day of loose animals until the actual dog bite occurred," Stringer said. "This could have been prevented by the owners keeping the dogs put up like they're supposed to."

THE LAWSUIT

The Roebers are asking for no more than \$1 million in their lawsuit against the dogs' owner and the property owner. They want to be compensated for Isaac's past and future physical pain, mental anguish, physical impairment, disfigurement as well as his past and future medical expenses until he turns 18 years old.

The lawsuit accuses Brian Campbell, who is a tenant of a home on Carmen Street and an owner of the dogs, of allowing large aggressive dogs around the public, failing to properly use a leash to prevent attacks, not paying enough attention to the dogs to ensure that they were not a danger to the public, failing to keep the dogs on the property and prevent them from escaping as well as failing to stop or call the dogs, or intervening once realizing that the attack had begun.

The Epigraph attempted to contact Campbell in a variety of ways, including visiting

his home, but he could not be reached for comment.

The four others named in the lawsuit — described as property owners — were accused of failing to remove the dogs after being notified of their dangerousness and viciousness, not exercising care in property management and not applying care in the confinement of the dangerous dogs on the property.

Property owner Leonel Garcia sympathized with the Roebers but maintained that he shouldn't be held responsible for the dogs and wasn't aware that they were chasing people. Garcia did say that the dogs had chased his cows, and he had previously heard from a neighbor that the dogs were on their property.

To evict the dog owner, Garcia said he would have needed a written complaint and directive about the dogs from the police department — which he claims he didn't have — and then he would have to notify the tenants in writing to get rid of the dogs. If the tenants ignored the landlord's order, then Garcia said he would have been able to go to court and force the residents to move out.

While Garcia said he understands the Roebers' choice to sue the dog owner, he defended one of the residents against the claim that nothing was done to intervene during the attack.

"The thing is that an old man that lives there opened up the gates to be able to drive outside through the driveway with his truck. Right at that moment, the kid was (passing by), and the dogs got out," Garcia said. "He



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Pictured is 6-year-old Isaac Roeber after he was attacked by two dogs. Following the attack, Isaac needed stitches on his arms and legs.

put (Isaac) inside his truck because he wasn't able to control those dogs, and he grabbed the kid, put him inside the truck. And I think on the (lawsuit), they say no one did anything to help him."

Furthermore, Garcia said some of the other defendants named in the lawsuit have nothing to do with the property.

"It's not fair for (the Roebers) to pay hospital bills and things like that because

of someone else's dogs. I understand that, but suing everybody, I don't think that's going to be much help, especially for the kid," Garcia said.

Still, Tory Roeber defended the choice to name four defendants as property owners in the lawsuit.

"Since the dog owners were renters, we named both the dog owners and property owners. It's possible one or both are without the proper insurance," Roeber said.

"Also, the property owner had been warned by several of us that his renters had aggressive dogs that often got out of the fence and on to other properties."

If there's a lesson to be learned from this situation, Garcia said it's for pet owners to keep dogs on their properties.

"If you know you got a pretty aggressive dog, be careful," he said. "Don't let him go out."



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Jewelry used in 1986 trial returned to owners

FROM STAFF REPORTS

A high school class ring from 1956 and an Air Force ring, which were at the Parker County District Clerk's Office and were admitted as evidence in a 1986 trial, were recently reunited with their owners.

Parker County District Attorney Jeff Swain found out the rings were available for disposition, and he was determined to find their long-lost owners, according to a news release from Swain's office.

Swain and District Attorney Investigator Wendy Bravo were able to return the class ring to its 85-year-old owner and the Air Force ring with its owner's heirs.

"When we got started, we knew nothing about the case or why this jewelry was in evidence," Swain said in the release. "It just fell into our lap. When we got to looking at it and found a class ring and a military service ring, I thought it was important that we try to get it back to its rightful owners. We didn't have much to go on though. We didn't even know if it belonged to a man or woman."

The jewelry was found in an envelope in the back of a file cabinet by staff in the District Clerk's Office. The defendant, Edna Kay Davis, was tried by former District Attorney Mac Smith in 1986, resulting in a life sentence for

an aggravated possession of methamphetamine offense. At some point during the trial, multiple pieces of jewelry were admitted as evidence, the release stated.

From the jury's verdict, through appeals, and up to the present, the jewelry remained in the deep recesses of the clerk's property storage.

"Our office is responsible for the safekeeping of most exhibits admitted during trials conducted in Parker County's district courts," District Clerk Sharena Gilliland said in the release.

"We routinely dispose of that evidence after all appeals are exhausted, returning it to the party that offered it. When we found this evidence hidden in the back of an old file cabinet, we notified the DA's Office that it was available to be returned."

The only clue available came from the class ring from the Dupo High School class of 1956, Swain said. The ring contained the initials "P.W."

"Pretty easily, we searched online and found a Dupo High School in Dupo, Illinois," Swain said. "I emailed the principal, and Wendy and I both posted online looking for help finding a P.W. from Dupo. It wasn't long before we figured out that we were looking for Peggy Wall, who graduated in 1956."

Unfortunately, Wall was a

maiden name, and it was difficult to find a married name to track down Peggy.

"Given the age of the ring, we also had to consider the possibility that she was deceased and that we were actually looking for heirs," Bravo said in the release. "I posted on the Dupo High School graduates Facebook page and messaged with several members of her graduating class. Unfortunately, none of them had kept up with her."

"Next, I hunted our law enforcement databases but didn't have any luck. Even with a maiden name, with only a first name and approximate age, there was not much to go on unless Peggy had a criminal record. She did not."

While she was searching, Bravo was contemplating signing up for a free trial offer with ancestry.com to see if it could help. While on their website, she saw a post about the recently released census data from 1950. Under the "72-Year Rule," the National Archives releases the raw census data once 72 years go by.

Bravo sought out that census data and combed through it, finding no Peggy Wall from Dupo, Illinois. However, she had previously reviewed a Dupo High School yearbook looking for clues and remembered seeing that Peggy had transferred into Dupo from



COURTESY PHOTOS

Pamela Alcon, District Attorney Investigator Wendy Bravo and Peggy Tucker stand for a group photo. With the help of Parker County District Attorney Jeff Swain, Bravo reunited jewelry in the District Clerk's office with its owners.

East St. Louis High School. When she checked the East St. Louis census data, she found the Wall family's information, including Peggy's brother, Leroy.

"Having a male Wall family member allowed me to not worry about married names," Bravo said. "It also helped that his name was uncommon. Leroy had passed away, but I found one of his children and, with a couple more calls, I found Peggy, now Peggy Tucker, living here in Keller."

Earlier this month, Bravo met with Tucker and her daughter, Pamela Alcon, at their home in Keller. At the meeting, Tucker recognized and claimed her class ring, two large matching "P" lapel pins that Tucker and her mother (who shares her ini-

tials) both used to wear, four other rings, two watches, a necklace and several other items of jewelry.

Tucker also recognized the Air Force commemorative ring as belonging to her ex-husband James Korte, who retired as a master sergeant at Carswell Air Force Base in Fort Worth. Korte died last year. His ring was given to Alcon and the other children, along with a buck knife and Air Force pendant.

"Assistant District Attorney Al Charanza, who was a lieutenant colonel in the United States Marine Corps Reserve, recognized and determined pretty quickly that the ring was a commemorative USAF ring that could have been purchased at the base exchange," Swain said. "We eventually determined that it

was a Vietnam-era Strategic Air Command B-58 Hustler item. It was great to be able to get the memorabilia Mr. Korte had commemorating his military service back to his family."

At the end of this quest, Bravo described the investigation as "kind of fun."

"Usually, as a DA investigator, when I'm using my people locating skills, I'm looking for a victim, witness or defendant," Bravo said. "This search was kind of fun because it required some new skills and was geared toward giving people back some of their things they hadn't seen in decades. I knew that the end game was going to bring smiles to people's faces, which is not something we get a lot of with our regular felony cases."



Peggy Tucker wears her Dupo High School Class of 1956 ring that was recently returned to her.



The U.S. Air Force SAC B-58 Hustler commemorative ring owned by James Korte was returned to his children.



Peggy Tucker holds her matching "P" lapel pins and a pearl necklace.



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Springtown senior helps soccer girls find groove



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Tears rolled down the cheeks of Springtown soccer player Aubrey Mueller after a loss to Life Oak Cliff at a recent tournament.

The game wasn't particularly important, just a non-district game in a tourney that would see the Lady Porcupines playing five games in three days.

Yet, tears.

Mueller pours heart and passion into every game.

"I'm mad that we lost," she said. "We've got some stuff that we need to work on. We will get it next time."

On Jan. 5, the girls had won their season opener against Fort Worth Carter-Riverside but struggled the following morning when battling Life Oak Cliff and a 30-mph wind.

In the first half, the Lady Pines offense was pushing against the wind and couldn't score a goal but managed to keep the score tight at 1-0.

As the second half began, the two teams switched directions, and Springtown enjoyed the distinct advantage of having the gale at its back. For the next half hour, the Lady Pines attacked Life Oak Cliff's net again and again, but shots sailed high or wide, or hit the bar and bounced away, or a goalie scooped them up.

Though at the Lady Pines' back, the wind wasn't their friend. Every shot that went wide or high meant the soccer ball would roll forever as the wind pushed it away from the field. Life Oak Cliff players, nursing a 1-point lead, took their time fetching balls, allowing seconds to tick

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Aubrey Mueller, left, eyes the ball during a recent tourney hosted by Springtown.

Springtown soccer boys face Alvarado at home Friday

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Victories have been hard to nail down, but the Springtown boys soccer team has been playing teams tightly and losing games by just a goal or two.

That's what non-district is for — working out hitches in your git-alongs.

Last year's team finished 5-12 and missed the playoffs. About a third of that team were seniors who graduated and moved on in life.

This year's team, currently

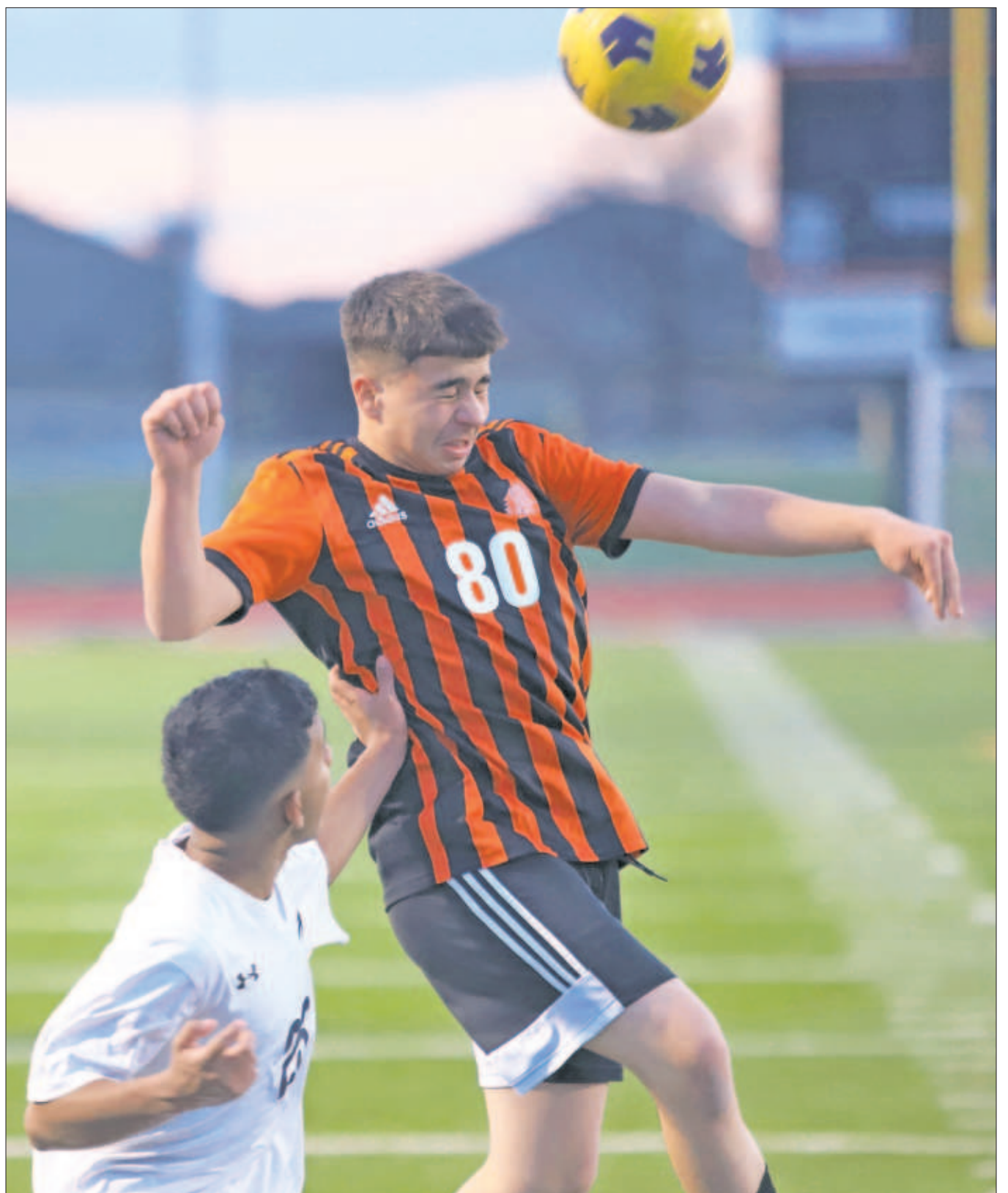
at 0-6, is a young group learning to communicate and play together.

Head coach Brian Maloney has praised his team's fighting spirit, saying they play hard every game regardless of the outcome.

The Porcupines are scheduled to play a non-district game at 5:30 p.m. Friday at home against Alvarado. District competition begins Feb. 7 when Springtown takes on Collegiate Academy at TCC Northeast. That game will be played at 7:15 p.m. at Pojo Stadium.

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Cruz Gonzalez uses his head.



Springtown football banquet celebrates team unity

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The 2022-23 Springtown football season ended with a 3-8 record and a one-and-done playoff appearance for the Porcupines.

Those numbers fell short of expectations. The Porcupines had averaged 10 wins during the previous five seasons and won a regional championship in 2021. Head coach Brian Hulett and his staff have set the bar high in Pojoville.

The annual football banquet held Jan. 16 could have taken a more somber tone, but Hulett and his coaching staff stressed how proud they were of their team for fighting through adversity.

The preseason began with eight varsity starters sidelined by injuries. By the time the games began, the number of starters out with injury had climbed to 12. The Porcupines relied on freshmen and sophomores to fill in the cracks, and the youngsters were forced to adapt to a faster, rougher game quickly.

Assistant coach Brad Legan recalled riding the team bus to Alvarado for the season opener and thinking the next few months might be a slog, considering the large number of freshmen and sophomores being relied upon to carry the Pines through the rough-and-tumble District 4-4A.

"To their credit, it was not," he said, praising the kids' attitude, work ethic and resolve to improve.

"For all the circumstances that we fought through, a lot of kids got a lot of playing time that they otherwise wouldn't," he said. "They played a lot of different roles. They played bigger roles. They got a lot better through the year. That is something that is really going to pay off for us down the road."

Hulett reminisced about several highlights, such as the homecoming game against Creekview on Sept. 16, 2022. Fans and alumni packed Pojo Stadium — more than at any other game Hulett had witnessed.

Springtown won 39-14. "Homecoming is for people coming home," Hulett said. "For some of those people, that is more than likely the only time they saw us all year."

He liked seeing his team provide the fans with a fun night and good memories.

Another favorite highlight was winning the district opener against Mineral Wells 56-22.

"It was a big one because it got us to the playoffs," Hulett said. "To perform and be able to get into the playoffs is a big thing."

His joy carried over to the evening of the banquet. Hulett stood at a lectern in the cafeteria addressing players and their parents, who were sitting at long tables.

"We're really proud of our kids for being here — the way they dress, the way they act," he said.

Three awards were present-

ed during the evening.

The Chase Harms Award was created to honor the best team player, the guy who supports and encourages teammates in every situation and puts the needs and goals of the Porcupines above his personal expectations.

Just 15 of 254 seniors at the school had stuck with the football program until their final year, and the coaching staff wanted to honor all 15. Some were starters, some weren't, but even the reserves played a pivotal role in helping prepare the team for games, Hulett said.

Each of the 15 seniors received his own plaque inscribed with his name.

Assistant coach Tye Adams presented the Defensive MVP Award to junior Ridge Westendorf. He was the team's second leading tackler from the unlikely nose guard position, proving his athleticism and versatility while holding down one of the toughest positions on defense.

"This young man not only did the dirty work, but he also got his name called a whole lot," Adams said.

Offensive MVP honors went to quarterback Hudson Hulett for his preparation and work ethic.

"It's really hard to play the position that he plays," said assistant coach Taylor Jones. "I know. I've done it. It's really hard to carry a town, a school and a community on your shoulders and try to do right. This young man does that."



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From left, Hudson Hulett and Ridge Westendorf were named Offensive and Defensive MVPs respectively.



JEFF PRINCE | SPRINGTOWN EPIGRAPH

Aubrey Mueller's powerful right leg keeps the Lady Porcupines in the mix during games.

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away.

"Go ball! Go ball!" a Life Oak Cliff player yelled after another Springtown shot went wide and rolled about 50 yards away from the field. Springtown players couldn't find the net. Life Oak Cliff managed to score another goal just before the game ended, winning 2-0.

Mueller doesn't like to lose.

"I've been playing since I was 3," she said. "It's been my whole life. It's what I want to do in my future."

Tears serve as fuel for future successes. After the loss, Mueller planned to go home to prepare for another game later that day.

"I try to relax a little bit and then whatever anger and emotions I have left over, I put into the next game to do better," she said.

That same energy propels her to success in many areas.

She is a strong wrestler, runs cross-country and serves as a trainer for the football team.

Katherine Kummerfeld is Mueller's coach in soccer and cross-country.

"She is always the fighter," Kummerfeld said. "She works 110% and lays it all out there. Endless energy."

Her tears, anger, smiles and cheers help push the team to greater heights, the coach said.

"Aubrey will celebrate a girl with a good throw-in,"

Kummerfeld said. "She is always celebrating any small success with the girls. She is a presence."

When Mueller isn't around, which isn't often, her teammates miss that presence. Before the Life Oak Cliff game, Mueller had missed warmups due to personal reasons and arrived just before game time. Kummerfeld noticed that the senior's absence had unsettled some of her younger teammates.

"It threw them off because

she's always the one that's like, 'OK, let's go girls,'" Kummerfeld said. "I'm not saying that's the reason why we lost, but I think it threw them off a little bit not having her."

Being a role model is a responsibility Mueller takes seriously. She tries to spur teammates to be better by setting an example at practice and at games.

"I'm just hoping that they can see how much love I have for the game and take that

on," she said. "Just realize that all of this is temporary. They may not be able to do it in college. Just love it while they have it and do the best they can."

On Jan. 14, the Lady Porcupines beat Fort Worth Eastern Hills 4-1.

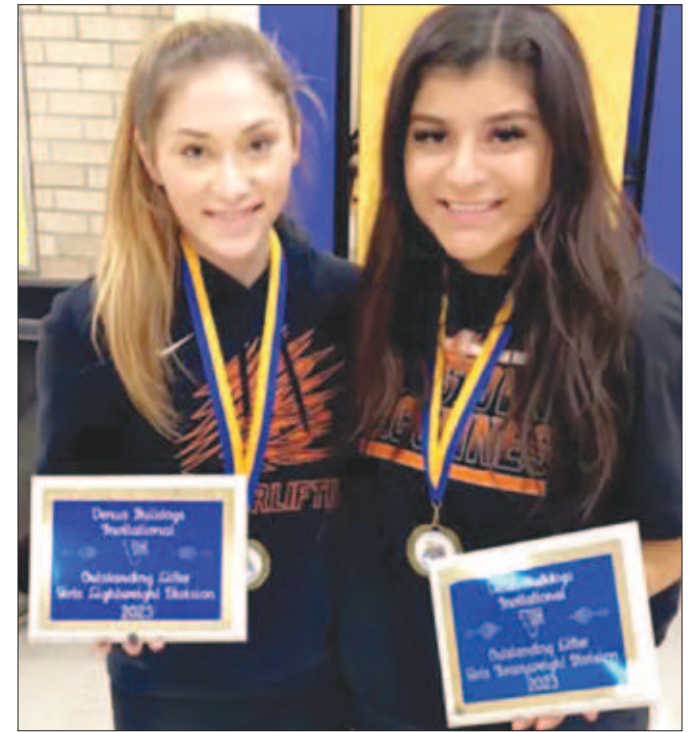
Next up, the girls play at 6:45 p.m. Friday at home against Graham. District competition begins in February.



Josue Martinez raises his arm in victory and earns Punisher of the Meet against Aledo.

JEFF PRINCE | IN HOUSE

Springtown power lifters enjoy fast start to season



COURTESY PHOTO

From left, Brianna Graham and Anaie Rodriguez won top prizes at a recent powerlifting meet.

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The boys and girls powerlifting teams at Springtown High School are pumping pig iron with gusto early in the season.

On Jan. 12, Jeremy Morrow earned first place in the 308-pound weight class at the Pojo Powerlifting Spring Meet. Carson Ashley earned second place. Third place finishers included Landon Downs and Ridge Westendorf. And Yair Hernandez grabbed fourth.

On Jan. 14, the girls team competed at its first meet of the year at the Bulldog Invitational at Venus High School. Springtown finished with five first places, three second places, a third place, a fourth place, and a fifth place. The combined total of 56 points earned the Porcupines the championship. Their closest competitor was Waco La Vega with 31

points.

Brianna Graham, two-time state champion, was awarded best lifter in the light division with an 830-pound total.

Anaie Rodriguez was awarded best lifter in the heavy division with a 940-pound total.

Other winners include Angela Chavez, first place, 1,115 pounds total; Macy Chavez, first place, 775 pounds; Abigail Rodgers, first place, 980 pounds; Reaghan Fortner, second place, 990 pounds; Jessica Montgomery, second place, 735 pounds; Skyler Tyree, second place, 730 pounds; Abigail Stoner, third place, 685 pounds; A'shiana Elam, fourth place, 735 pounds; and Sarah Self, fifth place, 475 pounds.

On Saturday, the girls will compete at the Dublin Invitational at Dublin High School.

Next up for the boys is a Jan. 27 meet at Brewer High School.

Springtown wrestlers perform well against Aledo

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Springtown wrestlers battled Aledo at a dual tournament with mixed results. On Jan. 12, the Springtown

boys and girls wrestling teams provided hometown onlookers with plenty of action and excitement during a series of close matches at Pojo gymnasium. The Springtown girls team

beat Aledo 24-20 to win a team championship.

The boys team lost 42-36 after numerous closely contested matches.

Josue Martinez wrestled especially well, and

Springtown coaches named him their Punisher of the Meet.

On Jan. 21, Springtown's wrestling teams travel to Vernon for an all-day tourney.

Springtown rodeo team back in saddle

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The Springtown rodeo team earned enough points at its most recent event, Jan. 14 in Saginaw, to move up to ninth place in team totals.

The team had been sitting in 10th place when the rodeo season went on holiday break in December.

In walk-up goat tying, Delaney Harris won seventh place, followed by Shaye Winford (12th), Makayla Ballard (14th) and Kendall Gallaher (25th).

In ride-up goat tying, Delaney Harris won seventh and Shaye Winford earned ninth.

London Smith placed 18th in barrels, followed by Kallie Gray (33) and Addysonn Norris (36).

In poles, Norris won 15th, and Stephanie Heil took 18th.

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Delaney Harris won seventh place in ride-up goat tying.



Springtown basketball boys earn district win; girls falter

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The Springtown Porcupine girls and boys teams were up and down during Tuesday night's battles against Bridgeport.

More accurately, they were down and up. The Lady Porcupines played first in the Pojo gymnasium and fell behind early. They tried to fight their way back into the game, and the physical effort was there, but Springtown's shots weren't finding the bucket often

enough. Bridgeport's roster included a couple of accurate long-range shooters who were swishing baskets. Final score: Bridgeport 57, Springtown 15. The boys played Bridgeport next, and the game went

wholly different. Springtown had lost its district opener to Krum on Jan. 13, and the Pines were eager to even their record to 1-1 by knocking of Bridgeport. Boy, were they eager. The Porcupines pummeled Bridgeport with defense from

the opening tip off, limiting the Bulls to two points in the first quarter and four in the second quarter. The Pines took a 33-6 lead into halftime and nailed down their first district win of the season. Final score: Springtown 59, Bridgeport 38.

Next up, the boys hit the road to Fort Worth to play at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Castleberry. The girls play at 6:15 p.m. Friday at Castleberry.



JEFF PRINCE | SPRINGTOWN EPIGRAPH

Dylan Crutchfield and the Springtown basketball boys will try to nail down a district win against Castleberry.



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Dawson Doggett scores a layup against Bridgeport Tuesday night.

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What Happened and Why: Cause and Effect

One event makes something else happen. That's cause and effect!

News articles tell about the cause and the effect of things that happen. News articles report on something that happened and explain why. The headline tells what happened—or the effect. The article gives more details and tells why it happened—or the cause. A good headline sparks your curiosity and makes you want to read the article to learn more.

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Discovering Cause and Effect

Read this silly article to answer these questions.

WHAT happened? This is the EFFECT.

WHY did it happen? This is the CAUSE.

Think about something that happened at your school this week. What was the CAUSE and EFFECT?

CAUSE: _____

EFFECT: _____

Dragon Burp Burns Ball

BLAZETON – Karly Kindling sparked surprise in the people watching last night's basketball game between the Southside Scorchers and the Eastside Embers at Flaming Torch High School.

"I ate a burrito just before the game," said Karly. "I overdid it with the hot sauce I added. The burrito caused my stomach to be a bit upset when I started the game."

The burrito caused stomach gas to form in the belly of the star forward for the Eastside Embers. Just as she caught the ball from a teammate, she burped.

The burp caused a burst of flame to shoot out of her mouth, burning the basketball to a crisp.

"Karly took it well. She took a big breath and got right back in the game, shooting a three-pointer with a new ball moments later," said coach Coalsworth.

"But from now on," said Coalsworth, "our players will be sticking with orange slices and ice water before a game!"

Scrambled Story

Look at the pictures below. They tell a silly story of cause and effect. But they are out of order. Number the pictures to show the correct order.

Extra! Extra! Before and After

The cause of something happens before the effect. Look at a photograph in the newspaper. Try to imagine what happened before the picture was taken. Why do you think that?

Standards Link: Identify cause and effect using visual cues.

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Dragon Doubles

Only two of these dragons are exactly alike. Can you find them?

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

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

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News Cause and Effect

Select an article in the newspaper. After reading the article carefully, write a summary of the effect or what happened. Then write the cause or why it happened.

Standards Link: Language Arts: Summarize main ideas in writing.

Write On!

What's your scoop?

Write a sentence or short paragraph that tells the who, what, when and where of some news happening in your school.

Kid Scoop Together

Cause and Effect Matchup

Work with a family members to draw lines to connect each CAUSE with its EFFECT.

- My cousin told me a funny joke.
- I was late for school.
- I left my popsicle in the sun.
- Birds splashed and chirped happily.
- I had a bad dream.
- I missed the bus.
- I got an A!
- I read a spooky story last night.
- I laughed and told it to my friends.
- I filled the bird bath with fresh water.
- I studied each night before the big test.
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1 TXism: "he's got the morals ___ alley cat"

5 Andrews of 1944 "Laura" with TX Gene Tierney

6 Texas legume: black-___ pea

7 TX Dan Jenkins novel: "___-Tough"

8 TXism: "poke the bear" (3 wds.)

18 TX Tanya's "One Love ___ Time"

19 oil rig workers

21 it promotes physical fitness in school (abbr.)

22 double reed instrument in the Dallas Symphony

23 member of "the Corps" at A&M (2 wds.)

24 a Texas "snipe hunt," e.g. (2 wds.)

29 country FM licensed to Port Lavaca

30 marching band percussion: ___line

31 elected county prosecutor (abbr.)

32 soldier on a horse

34 winter garment

35 TX O. Henry story: "A ___ in Santone"

36 first Texas cattle brand was "AR" for "Alamo ___"

37 "it'll make your ___ curl"

38 statement in a crossword puzzle

39 subject of TX Roy Orbison song was yearning about what he could ___

41 badly behaved kids

42 identification evidence

43 Mildred ___ "Babe" Didrikson Zaharias

44 TXism: "couldn't ___ drum" (loser)

45 Davy's home state (abbr.)

46 snakelike fish

47 TX Nick Foles is now backup QB for this Indianapolis team

48 sodium ___ used in fertilizers

50 TXism: "cold as ___ house seat in January

51 mai ___ (rum drink)

52 TXism: "feeling ___ oats" (rowdy)

53 poetic "before"

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11 'tween Mon. & Wed.

12 one of the Texas Gatlin Brothers (init.)

13 TX Keyes book: "Scarlett ___ Younger Sister"

14 raw diamond, e.g.

15 TX Simone Biles won bronze on the balance ___ in 2016 and 2020

16 electronic crystal display (abbr.)

17 "___ ___ living" (struggled to get by)

20 theatrical platforms

22 TXism: "tighter than bark ___ ___"

24 July cooler (abbr.)

25 ___ well, Texas

26 bird class

27 was furious

28 TX Tommy Lee Jones 1994 legal film: "The ___"

29 sports AM serving Midland-Odessa

30 TXism: "___ a bull give milk? (no)"

33 hankering

34 late TX Rip Torn 1978 mystery film

35 deflated tires

37 TXism: "he sits ___"

38 wooden box

40 TX Buddy's widow: Maria ___ Holly

41 "hit below the ___"

44 TXism: "that ___ won't float"

47 you can sail on one out of Galveston

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