



## Baseball season in full swing

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Springtown Porcupine junior Carson Cox throws during baseball tryouts. PAGE B1

## Springtown council approves Taco Bell replat

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Springtown City Council advanced the future of a Springtown Taco Bell and new car wash by approving a replat last week.

At the Jan. 26 council meeting, the council members voted to approve a replat — meaning a reconfiguration of the divisions on a piece of land — of the property west of South Birch Street, south of State Highway 199 and north of Goshen Road.

The property is expected to be subdivided into two lots instead of one so that Cascade Car Wash and Taco Bell can share the space. The lots will be about half an acre each.

City Administrator David Miller said the replat is in line with the city's subdivision and zoning ordinances as well as state law requirements.

This replat was previously

recommended for approval by the Springtown Planning and Zoning Commission. Unlike P&Z's decision, the council did not vote unanimously. Council members Scott Richardson, Walter Roberson and Ted Martinez voted to approve, while Mayor Pro Tem Richelle Pruitt and council member Michele Chandler Kelley opposed the replat.

This 3-2 decision on Jan. 27 did not include discussion from the council.

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, the council approved a site plan for the neighboring Cascade Car Wash.

Pruitt opposed the variance request from Taco Bell, and Chandler Kelley voted

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## Navigating rumors in the business boom

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*An explainer on how new businesses get greenlit in Springtown*

New businesses coming to Springtown — especially corporate chains — is a hot topic. It's so hot that Facebook users have recently flocked to the comments section in droves whenever the Epigraph has posted articles about new businesses coming to Springtown.

These Facebook users mainly show up to share their opinions on this topic, but some commenters are unaware of how the municipal process works.

For example, some comments on the post about a site plan for Starbucks being approved by the Springtown City Council reprimanded the council because Starbucks could negatively impact the business of other coffee shops in town.

Springtown Administrative Services Director Christina Derr said this kind of consideration is not allowed when the council is discuss-

ing whether to approve a site plan.

"Only technical requirements already established in the ordinances or state law are allowed to be considered," Derr said.

Speaking about the Starbucks site plan approval specifically, Derr said, "Had it been a zoning case, that type of consideration could have been made, but since the property is already properly zoned commercial, no zoning case was required."

In fact, the council and Planning and Zoning Commission are sometimes limited on what they can legally oppose. Derr described cases about zoning changes or variance requests as discretionary, but decisions about plats and site plans are non-discretionary.

"In zoning and variance cases, the P&Z and council can consider more abstract con-

cepts as to how the proposed development 'fit' in the community on the particular site where the development is being proposed," she said. "For non-discretionary cases, the criteria for approval/disapproval are much narrower and more technical in nature."

(For those not in the know, zoning is the prescribed use of the land, such as commercial, single family residential, multi-family residential, industrial and so on. Variance requests are made by developers who would like to forego aspects of the standards in place, such as differing from landscape or setback requirements. Plats show how a property is subdivided. Site plans include the site layout, drainage, grading, utility plans and a landscape plan.)

Derr said there isn't a legal reason to deny applications

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Jack in the Box opened up a Springtown location last year.

## Reno council tables request to use RV as residence

*Council gave no timeline for revisiting issue*

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Reno City Council indefinitely tabled a decision on a special use permit regarding a RV residence until the applicant can sort out heirship issues.

In August, an ordinance complaint was filed against the residents of a home on

North Cardinal Street where Sarah Troutman resides. The city wanted Troutman to remove an RV from the property that serves as a residence. It is unclear who initiated the complaint.

Reno's ordinances state that "the use of a recreational vehicle for residential or commercial purposes is entirely prohibited within the city,"

and there are two exceptions to this rule. This ordinance was adopted in 2002.

Troutman said the RV serves as a home to members of her family who care for her and her husband when needed, and they help with chores around the house. Furthermore, those relatives have lived in the RV for six years.

"We asked for the SUP because my husband has health issues," she said. "If he has a problem, I need help with him. Not 15 minutes later, not 30 minutes later when someone can get here, but right then. He has a problem falling a lot."

There was never any option for the relatives to live inside Troutman's home because

she said the home is too small for that.

Both Troutman's home and RV are served by well water and a septic system, she said. The RV has electricity.

Troutman requested a special use permit to allow the RV and appeared before the Reno Planning and Zoning

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## Stars and Strides presents at chamber luncheon

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Springtown Area Chamber of Commerce's monthly luncheon on Jan. 26 included a presentation from Springtown City Administrator David Miller, who cofounded the nonprofit Stars and Strides Stables Therapeutic Riding Center. Stars and Strides Stables works with those who have physical, intellectual, educational, and emotional disabilities. The horses are used for physical therapy, emotional growth, and learning, according to the nonprofit's website. Stars and Strides riders can improve their self-esteem and balance as well as bond with the horses.

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# Whose brilliant idea was this?

Hold on a dadgum minute! Sleet? Freezing rain? Icy roads? What's up with that? It was almost 80 degrees last week!

We are so spoiled in north central Texas.

We have about a half-dozen actual "winter" days for the entire winter. But the world shuts down and we freak out on those days.

I've spent a good part of this morning canceling some meetings and attempting to reschedule others.

And for the next couple of days, we'll hunker down and try to stay warm.

My friends in places that have actual winter laugh at



## BE AMAZING

By Gerry Lewis

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

us. And some of them actually live in Texas!

I remember our first January here in 1985. I was a student at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and Mrs. Sweetie was teaching first grade at Walnut Creek Elementary School in Azle.

We got up one morning and saw the notice on TV

that school was canceled. Having moved here from the Amarillo area, we thought there must have been a blizzard overnight. Surely we'd be snowed in for days.

I looked out the window and saw a dusting of snow that was so pitiful that I could still see the grass in our yard.

Who cancels school for this? Apparently people who

know that it's crazy out there when people who don't deal with real winter have to drive on winter-ish roads.

Since then we've had a few real winter storms and, of course, we're all a little gun shy after Snowmageddon '21 when ERCOT became a household cuss word.

And since I have been in a position for a few years now to be the one who makes the call on whether or not things get canceled, I've gained a new appreciation for my fellow call-makers.

Sometimes we get it right. Sometimes we get it wrong. At no time is there unanimous agreement and

support.

One person thinks we're being silly if we cancel. Another thinks we're being reckless if we don't. And EVERYONE has an opinion.

Perhaps the fact that everyone has an opinion is part of the problem—not the fact that the opinion exists, but that we often feel compelled to share our opinions in a way that belittles those whose opinions differ from ours.

"Whose brilliant idea was this?" The unspoken—but obviously intended—message of that question is that neither the idea nor the person has approached anything remotely resembling brilliant.

I've discovered that most of us have no idea whatsoever about all the factors that went into a decision made by anyone but ourselves.

What might it be like if we conceded that we don't have all the information?

What might it be like if we asked real, legit questions out of curiosity and a desire to learn before we offered our opinions?

What if we were to use the momentary pause to consider what this decision makes possible?

I happen to think that might just be amazing.

Be amazing today, my friend.

## RV

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Commission in October.

The issue that gave pause to P&Z was that Troutman is not listed as the official owner of the property on North Cardinal Road. Instead, her in-laws, who are dead, are listed as the property's owners.

Troutman said her husband has lived on the property

and has had full control over the property for the past 43 years. Her husband's great-grandmother purchased the property in the 1930s, and it was eventually passed down to her husband's mother, who died about five years ago. The property's ownership was never transferred over.

"There's never been a question," Troutman said. "We pay the taxes."

P&Z tabled a decision and picked up discussion again in December when the members were able to get legal

advice from one of the city's attorneys. Attorney Alan Wayland advised that the item be tabled until heirship of the property is officially established. Wayland also discouraged P&Z from granting a special use permit in this case.

On that advice, P&Z recommended the denial of the special use permit to the city council during its January meeting.

On Jan. 23, the council decided to give Troutman as much time she needs to re-

solve the heirship issue and return to council to request the special use permit. This was decided in a 4-1 vote with Mayor Pro Tem Katie Tucker opposing.

Some council members argued that protection should be offered to Troutman while she resolves the heirship issue.

"As far as I'm concerned, these are the people that we're supposed to be working for," Deputy Pro Tem Hernando Herrera said. "These are the people that

have been living here for 43 years, well before most of us moved here, and we've been gleefully taking her tax money. And so, she's entitled, in my opinion, to some form of protection."

Later in the meeting when discussing code enforcement, Tucker said council's decision to indefinitely table Troutman's special use permit "destroyed" the city's code enforcement procedures.

"We extended it for their lifetime, which just destroyed

our code enforcement compliance procedures," Tucker said.

Herrera and council member Shelli Swift argued that cases regarding code enforcement would be dealt with on a case-by-case basis.

Troutman said she would pursue resolving the heirship issue, but she doesn't know how long that will take.

City Administrator Scott Passmore could not be reached to answer questions for this story by press time.

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# Over 'it': Does it really matter what you call it now?

This past week I had the unfortunate experience of suffering a bout of illness, which I refer to as "the crud." I think this all started about three weeks ago when my granddaughter, Harper, came home from pre-school feeling bad. She suffered with a fever and other symptoms for about 10 days. Naturally, her constant companion, Lolli (my wife's grandmother's name), came down with a version of the same malady shortly thereafter. Off and on for four or five days, Lolli ran a temperature, was very listless and had no energy.

Being a good sensible person, I abandoned my marital bedroom for a few days and stayed in the guest room, hoping to avoid catching whatever germs were being



## FROM MY FRONT PORCH

By Sam Houston

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passed around the Houston domicile. Eventually Lolli improved though her energy level still seemed moderately low. I thought I had been prudent by taking solid prevention techniques to avoid becoming a victim of "what is going around," but sure enough last Wednesday came the onset of body aches, fever, light headedness and feeling poorly. I did not come to work on Thursday or Friday. While I attempted to do some work from home, I found my head so stuffy and

body so achy, the only thing I really wanted to do was sleep.

So how does one treat the crud? Seems like now days one needs an interpreter to know what over-the-counter medicine is best. There is nighttime cold medicine, nighttime flu and cold medicine, daytime flu and cold medicine, extra strength cold and flu and, my favorite, severe cold and flu. I find all this a little perplexing because as I was in the drug store looking for the proper medication, I thought, if I am

sick, why wouldn't I take the strongest medicine I can get? I mean, if I was getting ready to shoot a charging bear, I'd want as much firepower as I can handle, wouldn't I? I would much rather take a medicine that is going to blow away what is ailing me than take some lightweight concoction that still leaves you feeling under the weather. The only cold or flu that is not severe is the one you don't have!

Then of course there is the diagnosis. Though I have had COVID, taken the vaccination and the booster shots, I still took a test that thankfully turned out negative. My sweet 91-year-old friend Miss Jayne was very concerned about my health status and naturally the first question out of

her mouth was, what do you have? I responded rather directly, "I felt bad." It made little difference what the medical name was for my malady, the important thing was I felt rotten, and I wanted whatever had attacked and ravaged my body to disappear. Jayne was persistent, "Do you think it is the flu? Could it be COVID? Do you think it is just a cold or maybe the RSP they keep talking about on the news? I wonder where you got it?"

Now I love Miss Jayne and I know she is only concerned about my well-being, but for the love of God, knowing what made me sick and giving it a clinical name matters little to me. I want it to be gone. I don't care what label you give it. As to who or what gave it to me, it is sort of like

worrying about the mare running away after forgetting to shut the barn door.

Monday I was back at work as usual. I still don't feel 100%, but I am gaining on it. Seems like currently the world is a buffet of germs carrying COVID, RSP, the flu or something else sure to make you ill. I will be glad when summer comes and most of these darn hard to identify sicknesses are gone.

I hope you all are well and staying safe. Being sick is just no fun, no matter where you caught it or what you call it.

Thought for the day: I hate it when people say it could have been worse. It could have been a heck of a lot better, too!

Until next time I will keep ridin' the storm out.

# Governor Abbott signs infrastructure agreement with U.S. military

## FROM STAFF REPORTS

Governor Greg Abbott today signed the largest Statewide Intergovernmental Support Agreement (S-IGSA) between the State of Texas and the United States Military to bolster infrastructure and transportation improvements on federal military property across the state. This historic 10-year agreement authorizes the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) to complete roadway maintenance and repair projects as well as purchase bulk materials through a state-federal partnership.

"I'm proud to sign the largest S-IGSA between a state and the U.S. military," said Governor Abbott. "By entering this partnership between the State of Texas and the U.S. military, we are ensuring infrastructure projects at our bases are built faster and more efficiently to support growth and development

in these important communities. Texas will always support the brave men and women who serve in our military, and together we will continue to help these heroes serve and protect the greatest nation in the history of the world."

"Thank you to everyone here for all your hard work, dedication, and vision that went into developing the S-IGSA in the Department of Defense," said Assistant

Secretary Jacobson. "This 10-year S-IGSA is the type of partnership that strengthens our Army's relationship with the State of Texas, and we look forward to seeing what other innovative partnerships come next."

"The U.S. Navy has three installations that are privileged to call Texas home," said Captain Smith. "The Navy is proud to partner with the State of Texas in the first S-IGSA, saving us up to \$36

million over the next 10 years just in road maintenance alone."

"The U.S. Air Force has a tremendous presence in Texas, and we're proud to participate in the S-IGSA," said Deputy Assistant Secretary Moriarty. "This agreement allows the U.S. Air Force to leverage opportunities with TxDOT to do maintenance on our roads and reduce the burden of the men and women who work in our military installations. This is just another strong indication of support for our military from the State of Texas."

The Governor was joined at the signing ceremony by Assistant Secretary to the United States Army Installation, Energy and Environment Rachel Jacobson; Deputy Assistant Secretary of the United States Air Force for Installations Robert Moriarty; Navy Region Southeast Chief of Staff Captain Gregory Smith; Senator Cesar Blanco; Representative Lina Ortega; Representative Ray Lopez; TxDOT Chairman Bruce Bugg; and TxDOT Executive Director Marc Williams.

In May 2021, Governor Abbott signed House Bill 3399 allowing TxDOT to provide road services on federal military property. Following this authorization, the U.S. Department of Defense (DOD) began discussions about implementing a S-IGSA with the State of Texas.

This S-IGSA is anticipated to decrease project lead time, reduce civilian staff burden, and result in an estimated cost savings of 25% to all participating military installations. This agreement will be DOD's largest S-IGSA involving the U.S. Army, U.S. Navy, and U.S. Air Force with a single public partner.



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if the development coheres to all the required engineering and zoning standards. To back up this point, she quoted Local Government Code Section 212.005: "The municipal authority responsible for approving plats must approve a plat or replat that is required to be prepared under this subchapter and that satisfies all applicable regulations."

Facebook user William Petty, who works in Springtown, spoke up in the comments about the site plan for Starbucks being approved to challenge others calling for city council members to be replaced for their decision. Petty spoke against the idea of local government controlling the free market.

When discussing the lack of discretion that the council has to approve site plans, Petty said, "That's exactly how it should be" to prevent government overreach.

As far as his peers on Facebook, Petty said most of them don't understand how these municipal processes work and aren't interested in doing the research.

"A lot of these people who are complaining about the city council don't even know one member on the city council, would never have gone to a council meeting," he said. "They have access to the information, have the ability to educate themselves, but ignorance, I guess, is kind of bliss. It's much easier to say, 'I really wish the government would do this,' and they'll go and vote for a president, but they'll never go and vote for

local government."

To become more informed, Petty suggested that people should pay attention to local government and local leaders as well as doing their research, like looking up local policies.

Petty also said city officials need to be aware of where people are getting their information, which is more often from Facebook and other social media platforms.

"What sucks is that ease of access and ease of information also leads to an ease of misinformation," he said. "When one person shares a status and says, 'Look how terrible this is,' that's what spreads like wildfire."

Petty said the city should be promoting accurate information whenever news breaks, such as issuing statements about businesses com-

ing to town.

Derr said the city already fights misinformation.

"I can tell you we place a large amount of effort into combating social media rumors," she said. "I personally monitor the groups on Facebook and on Nextdoor to provide factual information when misinformation is posted. Additionally, we have multiple councilmembers who do the same."

Derr encouraged Springtown residents to think about the sources of their information to determine whether something is true and confirm rumors before spreading them.

Ultimately, Derr said social media users need to take some responsibility for the rumor mill.

"I personally have encountered and witnessed indi-

viduals on social media who, even when provided the correct information, continue to state misinformation," she said. "The correct information is readily available, but there is some responsibility that the audience be willing to accept it."

### WHAT CAN SPRINGTOWN RESIDENTS DO?

Some Springtown residents may think that they can't control what businesses come into their town, but there are some options that they have.

For starters, Derr said Springtown residents have control over what companies they sell or lease their properties to.

Locals could also get franchises to bring new businesses to town, Derr said. They can tell staff and council what businesses they would

prefer, which is taken into consideration when city officials are recruiting. Any recruitment efforts from city officials usually happens after a business has expressed interest in the Springtown area.

Of course, final decisions about what businesses seek development in Springtown are made by the businesses themselves.

"The city works to ensure all interested businesses are provided accurate information to assist in their site selection, and to provide information which shows the positive aspects of doing business in Springtown," Derr said.

To contact city hall or council members for questions or comments, visit Springtown's website at [cityofspringtown.com](http://cityofspringtown.com).

## PLAT

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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 before 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.

The next step in the process is for the Taco Bell developers to submit a site plan for the P&Z and council to consider.



## Vocational student of the month

COURTESY OF SPRINGTOWN HIGH SCHOOL FACEBOOK PAGE

Springtown Area Chamber of Commerce recognized Springtown High School senior Amie Ann White as the vocational student of the month at the chamber's monthly luncheon on Jan. 26. White is a leader in the organization Family, Career and Community Leaders of America. Pictured is SHS FCCLA adviser Richelle McMillion, White and Chamber Executive Director Amy Walker.

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# Ecological Sites

*A Source of Historic Plant Community Information - with Shane Green*

Ecological sites are part of a nested, hierarchical land classification developed and used by the NRCS. Ecological Site Descriptions (ESDs) contain information about the dominant species in historic (pre-European) plant communities. ESDs are easily accessible and contain a wealth of information for native plant enthusiasts. State and transition models, a component of ESDs, will be presented to demonstrate their utility in planning and restoration efforts.

Shane Green has a bach-

elor's degree in Range Management from Utah State University. He has worked 31 years as a Rangeland Specialist for NRCS, spending the majority of his career in Utah, only recently moving to Texas to join the NRCS National Grazing Lands Team in Fort Worth. Shane lives near Keeter, TX with his wife and daughter where he spends his time tinkering, operating amateur radio, shooting historic black powder firearms, and playing fetch with the dogs.

The program will begin Thu

Feb 9, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. at the Cherry Park Community Center, 313 Davis Street in Weatherford. A short business meeting will convene at 6:30 p.m. followed by a social at 6:45 p.m. The meeting is free to the public and light refreshments will be served.

The mission of the Cross Timbers Chapter is to promote the conservation, research, and utilization of native plants and plant habitats in Texas through education, outreach, and example. For more information visit [npsot.org/CrossTimbers](http://npsot.org/CrossTimbers).

## WC calls for alumni award nominees

**FROM STAFF REPORTS**

Weatherford College alumni have become statewide and national leaders in government, education, science, the arts, sports and a variety of areas. The college is continuing its tradition of recognizing these impressive individuals with its annual Alumni Awards.

The college is accepting nominations for the Alumnus of the Year and Distinguished Alumni awards with a submission deadline of Friday, Feb. 17. Guidelines and a

nomination form are posted on the college's website, [wc.edu](http://wc.edu).

Awardees will be recognized at the annual Alumni Awards Luncheon on Friday, April 14.

The Alumnus/Alumna of the Year Award is given annually to an individual whose life and career are a positive reflection upon their alma mater. Ideal characteristics may include but are not limited to sustained community service, excellence in their field, leadership in their

community and loyalty to Weatherford College.

Distinguished Alumni Award honorees are individuals who have achieved excellence in their professions and/or in service to their communities over a sustained period of time.

With any alumni award nominee, WC must have been a significant part of the nominee's educational experience.

To nominate an individual, click here <https://wc.edu/about/alumni/alumni-awards.php>.



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Distinguished alumnus Dan Carney, left, with Alumnus of the Year Sharon Hayes.

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# Lawmakers push \$15K teacher raises; disaster declaration for Southeast Texas communities; Texas leads nation in job creation in 2022

## LAWMAKERS PUSH \$15K TEACHER RAISES

A group of House Democrats is proposing a \$15,000 raise for the state's teachers and a 25% raise for other state employees by using some of the state's record budget surplus. State Rep. James Talarico, D-Austin, announced the bill last week and was joined by Democratic legislators and teachers, the Austin American-Statesman reported.

"This moment demands bold action, and that's what our state is known for," Talarico said. "House Bill 1548 would be the biggest teacher pay raise in Texas history. In Texas, we go big or we go home. Let's go big on teacher pay."

While the proposal may not gain traction in the GOP-controlled House, it could spur debate as the state faces a growing exodus of public-school teachers. The Dallas Morning News, which analyzed teacher salaries across the state, reported that major suburban and urban districts pay educators the most, while rural school districts and charter schools pay the least.

The highest average teach-



## CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Gary Borders

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er salary is in the Houston region at \$62,589, while the lowest average teacher salary was in the Abilene region, according to the Texas Education Agency. The state operates 20 educational regions.

## DISASTER DECLARATION FOR SOUTHEAST TEXAS COMMUNITIES

Gov. Gregg Abbott last week issued a disaster declaration for Harris and Orange counties after at least one tornado touched down in Pasadena, Deer Park and neighboring Southeast Texas communities. The Texas Division of Emergency Management has requested federal assistance in making preliminary damage assessments.

The Houston Chronicle reported no injuries despite the considerable damage in the area.

Abbott urged Texans with

damage to their homes or businesses to complete a self-reporting damage survey at damage.tdem.texas.gov. Damage should also be reported separately to insurance agencies.

## TEXAS LEADS NATION IN JOB CREATION IN 2022

A December employment release from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics indicates Texas led the nation in job creation with 650,100 non-farm jobs added last year – a 5% rate, the fastest in the nation. Coming in second with 621,400 new nonfarm jobs was California.

"Texas works when Texans work, and in this legislative session, we will continue expanding opportunity and ensuring Texas remains the best state to live, work, build a business, and raise a family," Abbott said.

The state's unemployment rate stood at 3.9% in

December, slightly higher than the national average of 3.5%. Total Texas employment reached a new high of 13.705 million at year's end.

## HEAT-RELATED DEATHS REACH TWO-DECADE HIGH

Heat-related deaths in Texas reached a new high last year, according to a Texas Tribune analysis of state data since 1999. The state's second-hottest summer and the worst drought since 2011 combined to increase risk of heat exhaustion and heatstroke. At least 268 in the state were killed by heat, with a large portion of those being migrants who died after crossing the border, the Tribune reported.

The analysis showed six of the top 10 counties for heat deaths since 1999 are on or near the Texas-Mexico border, with Webb County having the highest number at 325. Migrant experts and local officials along the border say the number reported is almost certainly a "dramatic undercount."

## LOCAL PARKS GRANTS TOTAL \$9.8 MILLION

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission approved more than \$9.8 million in local parks grants

last week "to help create and enhance outdoor recreational opportunities." The grants are allocated to local governments on a 50/50 basis. Once a park is funded, it must remain in existence in perpetuity, be properly maintained and open to the public.

Grants went to 20 cities of varying sizes for nature trails, native gardens, playgrounds, splash pads, dog parks and sports fields.

A full list of grants can be found on the tpwd.texas.gov website.

## BILLS PUSH FOR ACCOUNTABILITY AFTER UVALDE SHOOTING

The state senator whose district includes Uvalde has filed four bills related to the mass shooting at Robb Elementary last May. Sen. Roland Gutierrez, D-San Antonio, filed bills to "reduce gun violence, increase support for school shooting victims and survivors, and push for accountability for the flawed law enforcement response to the mass shooting," the Statesman reported.

Several families of the Uvalde school shooting victims joined Gutierrez for the announcement last week. One bill would create a school violence victims' compensa-

tion fund. Another would eliminate qualified immunity protection for police officers. The law enforcement response to the shooting has been widely criticized.

Another bill would raise the minimum age to purchase military-style rifles.

"When will it be enough bloodshed? Are you waiting for it to happen to you or your family before you stop to think about your gross negligence?" said Velma Lisa Duran, the older sister of Irma Garcia, one of the two teachers killed in Uvalde, the Statesman reported.

## COVID-19 CASES DIP SLIGHTLY

The number of new cases of COVID-19 in Texas during the past week dropped slightly to 23,530, with 194 deaths reported by the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University. The number of lab-confirmed COVID-19 patients reported by the Texas Department of State Health Services was 2,513, down about 300 from the previous week. Only reported cases are tallied, and people who test positive with a home test kit likely are never reported.

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# The Snowy Owl

Like a ghost, the snowy owl glides through the air in soundless flight. This owl is different from most owls because it hunts during the day and at night. Most owls hunt at night. In the arctic region, the summer days and nights are always light. An owl waiting for darkness to hunt would starve before the dark days of winter arrive.

**Connect the dots to draw a snowy owl in flight.**

### How big is a snowy owl?

The snowy owl is one of the largest owls, with a height of about 27 inches (69 cm) and a wingspan of up to 60 inches (152 cm). Wingspan is the measurement from wing tip to wing tip, when the wings are fully stretched.

Microwave oven	25 inches (63.5 cm)
Teacher's desk	40 inches (102 cm)
House cat	25 inches (63.5 cm)
Baseball bat	33 inches (84 cm)
Tennis Racket	27 inches (69 cm)
Small car (width)	67 inches (170 cm)

How many of the things in this chart could fit into a snowy owl's wingspan?

Measure 60 inches (152 cm) on the floor. Now lie down with your arms outstretched along the line. Measure your outstretched arms. How do you compare?

Standards Link: Measurement: Students compare the length of objects by using direct comparison of standard units.

### Why White?

Many animals can blend into their environment. This is called camouflage. There are few trees on the tundra, so the snowy owl's white plumage blends with the snowy world of the northern arctic.

In the spring, when the snowy owl makes a nest, the snow has started to melt and the brown earth shows through patches of white snow. The female snowy owl's soft white feathers are streaked with brown so she cannot be seen as she nests on the ground.

Here are three other animals that blend into their habitats, or homes. Can you unscramble their names?

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Standards Link: Life Science: Animals have external features that help them thrive in the different environments they inhabit.

**Baby owls are called owlets. Can you help the mother owl find her way home to her owlets?**

### Owl Eyes

All owls have excellent sight so that they can spot creatures like mice that run fast along the ground. Owls' eyes are not the same as human eyes. We move our eyes in their sockets to see from side to side. The owl must turn his head to see in different directions. Owls also have a third eyelid, which protects the eye. It is a milky white eyelid that comes up from the bottom of the eye. Its purpose is to clean and refresh the owl's eyes. This third eyelid is called a *nictitating membrane*.

Standards Link: Life Science: Adaptations in physical structures improve an animal's chance for survival.

### Count the Eyes

Look through the newspaper and count the number of eyes that you find. How many are human eyes? How many are the eyes of other animals?

**The Eyes Have It**

The snowy owl has round, yellow eyes. Can you find the pair of eyes that match?

Standards Link: Number Sense: Count and name a number of objects.

### Kid Scoop Puzzler

**Don't chew your food, dear. Swallow it whole.**

The snowy owls need to eat a huge amount each day—enough to equal their own body weight. They don't chew their food—they just swallow their prey whole, including fur, claws, teeth and bones. Then they spit out a pellet of all the parts they can't digest.

**What silly things can you find on this owl's dinner plate?**

Standards Link: Life Science: Animals need food for survival and have physical structures to help them survive.

### Double Double Word Search

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

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OWL	M E M T O W R O D M
WINGSPAN	E T H G I S N E L E
MEMBRANE	G T O B L E N D Y M
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Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

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## Create Camouflage

Choose a picture in the newspaper. Cut out a circle of white paper that fits over one-third of the picture. Color the white circle to match the picture underneath. This is camouflage.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple multiple-step directions.

## Write On!

# Animal Report

Write a paragraph reporting on your favorite animal. Include at least three facts about this animal.

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**Perch like an owl.**

Squat down like you are sitting on a tree branch watching for mice on the ground. Fold your arms into wings with your thumbs in your armpits. How long can you stay in this position?

**Hop like an owl.**

Start in the perch position. Then hop to the right, hop to the left, hop forward, hop backward.

**Twist and turn.**

While sitting in the perched position, turn your head as far to the right as you can. Then turn your head as far left as possible.

Standards Link: Physical Education: Understand the health benefits of physical activity and exercise.



# Cold snap in Texas

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Temperatures plummeted below 26 degrees on Monday morning, Jan. 30. Road conditions deteriorated, as a wintry mix of sleet, freezing rain, small hail, and snow blew in.

Springtown ISD closed Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, Jan. 30-Feb 1, 2023, due to continued inclement weather and hazardous road conditions. They are still monitoring weather and road conditions and will communicate any additional closures or delays as soon as a decision is made.



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Eager Porcupines listen to their new head baseball coach at the start of tryouts.

## Springtown baseball warming up for season

*"You're always going to have big shoes to fill, and it falls on that next group to pick up where those older guys left off."*

**COLIN CRAWFORD**  
Springtown Porcupines  
Baseball Head Coach

**JEFF PRINCE**  
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After four years as an assistant coach, Colin Crawford has moved up into the top coaching spot for the Springtown Porcupines baseball squad.

He is fired up about a bountiful crop of young and old players waiting to swing the bats.

"We've got a really good group of seniors that have led the way," he said. "We're excited about our younger classes. We're going to have some inexperience, but that's

no different than every year. You're always going to have big shoes to fill, and it falls on that next group to pick up where those older guys left off."

Springtown lost a solid batch of seniors to graduation. Those players had provided the majority of the team's production on the mound and at the plate. Nearly every starter was a senior, including Matt Lockard, William Gleason, Marco Barrera, Aiden Vickers and Christian Hernandez.

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Brayden Adams eyes a new season of baseball.



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Drake Doggett and the Porcupines are slated to play Friday at Bridgeport.

## Springtown basketball boys knock off Eagles

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The Springtown and Decatur basketball teams were tied for second place before the two teams clashed on Jan. 27.

The winner of the game would move ahead in the

standings.

No tears for the Pines. The boys won handily over the Eagles, 53-38.

The victory improved Springtown's record in District 8-4A to 4-1, currently in second place behind undefeated Krum.

Springtown and Krum

were set to play early this week, giving the Porcupines a chance to knock off the Bobcats and tie them for first place. Icy weather postponed the game, though.

Springtown is set to play at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Bridgeport in another district matchup.

## Lady Porcupines clinch playoff spot

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The last time Azle's Lady Porcupines made the playoffs in basketball was 2016.

That's a long time for a kid. "All the girls were talking about how none of them were even in middle school the last time we made the playoffs," said head coach Kyle Sivadon. "It's a huge step for our program, and I am super proud of our girls."

The Lady Porcupines clinched at least the fourth seed in District 8-4A but hope to improve their seeding by the end of the regular season on Feb. 7.

"Our goal is to see how high up we can go for a playoff seed," he said.

On Jan. 24, the Lady Pines clinched the playoff spot by beating Lake Worth 52-44, although the victory didn't come easily.

"We had to have a lot of energy," Sivadon said. "The girls were a little tight. It's been a long time since there's been a game that's been this big of a game."

If they won, they clinched a playoff spot. If they lost, they could possibly miss out.

Springtown trailed on the scoreboard early.

"We just couldn't get our



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Blanca Alapont and the Lady Porcupines are headed to the playoffs for the first time since 2016.

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# Springtown soccer boys lace up shoes, prepare for district

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Inclement weather postponed the game scheduled for Jan. 31 in Mineral Wells, slowing the roll that the Springtown soccer boys were enjoying.

The Porcupines had gone 2-1-1 in their previous four games and were itching to take a crack at the Rams in Mineral Wells as the final primer before district competition begins.

On Jan. 20, Springtown played Alvarado at home and put on an entertaining show, knocking off the Indians 2-1.

Before the game, Porcupines freshman Rylen Passmore sat outside the Pojo fieldhouse, leaning against a fence while re-lacing his shoes.

In previous games, he had tied his laces on the outside. Then, while running, he had tripped himself a couple of times when the cleats on one of his shoes became entangled with the laces on another.

Passmore was trying something new – he would re-lace his shoes so that the bows could be tucked inside rather

than outside.

“My laces are really long,” he said. “They can catch onto my cleat, and it almost breaks the laces. I have to try and figure out another way.”

Passmore splits his time between the varsity and JV teams as needed. He likes playing with both.

“I just like soccer a lot,” he said. “I really enjoy playing the sport and look forward to helping our school win games and tournaments, make play-offs, hopefully win playoffs, everything. I’m here to get better.”

Passmore, a Springtown native, began playing soccer in kindergarten and continued at recreational youth leagues. Now, he is set to play for the Porcupines for four years in high school.

“I like Springtown because it’s a small town,” he said. “There are not very many people around here, so I’m not really bothered much.”

Passmore likes his towns small and his circle of friends even smaller. He hangs out with soccer teammates but otherwise keeps to himself and keeps up with his schoolwork.

“I don’t really talk to many

people,” he said. “If you have too many friends, you can get in too much drama. I don’t really like having too many friends or being popular.”

Mostly, he is content to practice soccer, do homework and watch soccer games on TV. He hopes to play soccer in college one day.

“I don’t know where,” he said. “Anywhere that takes me, I’ll play and do my best.”

If his college career goes well, he’d like to “try to get in the pro leagues,” he said.

Until then, he will focus on being the best Porcupine he can be. Luckily, orange is his favorite color.

“I like the brightness,” he said.

And he likes his shoelaces on the inside.

Springtown plays at 5 p.m. Friday at Bridgeport to begin district competition.

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Rylen Passmore tries a new method of tying his shoes before the Alvarado game.



# Springtown soccer girls rely on youth



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The same bad weather that postponed the Springtown boys soccer game also impacted the girls, who saw their game with Mineral Wells rescheduled.

That final preseason primer would have to wait, but the district opener against Wichita Falls Hirschi remains a go.

While older players such as Aubrey Mueller and Jocelyn Diaz lead the team, the roster includes younger players, including a handful of freshmen. Two of them are Makayla Ballard and Laura Garcia, both of whom attended Springtown Middle School and played in the Springtown Soccer Association youth league together.

In eighth grade, they were among the oldest players on the team. In their first year at high school, they have made

the jump to varsity.

“Now, we’re the younger kids playing with others that are three or four years older than us, so it’s a big difference — more mature and professional,” Garcia said. “I look up to them. I want to be as good as them. They give me good advice on skills and strategies. They show me everything.”

So far, the season has been fun and challenging, Ballard said.

“I’ve been playing for a while, so when I saw I made varsity, I was really happy,” she said. “It’s been a really good experience. It’s a very different change but it’s good.”

How does Garcia think the team will fare in district?

“Hopefully, we win, but I’m just glad I’m playing,” she said.

The Lady Porcupines are scheduled to play at 5:30 p.m. Friday at Bridgeport in the district opener.



Makayla Ballard cracked the starting lineup as a freshman.

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Laura Garcia is one of four freshmen making a big impact on girls soccer.

**SPRINGTOWN PORCUPINES**

# Game Faces



Madison Terrell



Amira Neri, Jocelyn Diaz and Arel Araujo



Ava Fernandez



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Trenton Solis throws to a teammate during Springtown baseball tryouts Jan. 21.

## BASEBALL

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On Jan. 20-21, Springtown held tryouts to determine who would represent the future.

About 50 boys tried out for one of about 30 spots available on varsity and JV.

"We've got a strong freshman class," Crawford said. "We like our sophomore class from last year. We're going to have some younger guys that that can play this year."

The math, however, means about 20 kids won't make the cut. Crawford must let them know.

"That's definitely the least favorite part of the whole thing," he said.

Someone who is cut can try again next year.

"We always encourage them to keep working," he said. "We don't want this to discourage them from coming out next year and continuing to improve. We hope that lights a fire under them going into the summer. We never say, 'If you don't make it this year, then you're not going to play.' If they truly love baseball, we want them to continue working and come give it another shot next year."

Scout Richards, a senior outfielder, tried out for the team, although his place on the roster was a certainty. He batted .340 as a junior and is expected to lead the Porcupines as a senior.

Last year's Porcupines went farther into the playoffs than any previous baseball team in school history, earning an

area championship.

Richards wants to match or better that record.

"We lost a lot of our top players from last year, but we have a lot of young underclassmen that are really going to carry their weight this year," he said.

The January weather at tryouts was an unusual mid-60s with blue skies. The natural grass on the baseball field was green and well-tended. The boys were happy to be back on the diamond.

"It feels good to throw," a player said while tossing a ball to a teammate during warmups.

"It's a great day to have the first day of tryouts," Richards said.

The Porcupines will practice through February and begin the season in March.



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Colin Crawford takes over for Josh Ward as the new baseball head coach.

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COLIN CRAWFORD



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Scout Richards is a Springtown senior and baseball team leader this year.

## PLAYOFF

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shots going," the coach said. "We stayed with it, and our

defense brought us back."

The girls pressed full court and forced turnovers.

"We had had a big run in the fourth quarter and finally took the lead," he said. "Once

we took the lead, it kind of took the air out of the other team."

Blanca Alapont made several important steals late in the game to turn the momentum

toward the Porcupines.

"She had three steals in about 15 seconds that got us some easy layups," the coach said. "Once we got up, we were able to increase the gap.

I was proud of how the girls fought through the adversity of their shots not going in and gave it up on defense and gave us a chance to win."

Unless the Porcupines im-

prove their seeding, they are scheduled to enter the playoffs as the fourth seed and play Sanger at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 13 at V.R. Eaton High School in Haslet.

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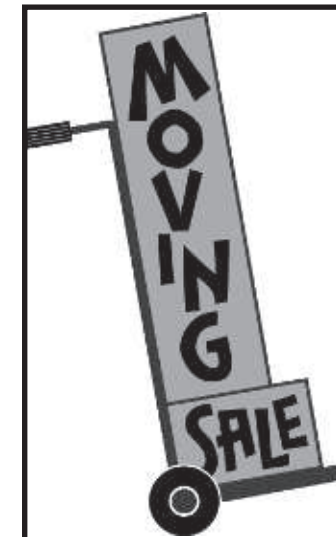


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**ACROSS**

1 TXism: "\_\_\_ pill to swallow"

5 Valley medicinal plant

6 TX Welchel of "Facts of Life"

7 Harris of Texas-based "Alamo Bay" network of "Austin City Limits"

9 this magazine has called Luby's "the best little hash house in Texas"

15 Brenham's \_\_\_ Bell ice cream

16 inlet just north of the Yellow Sea (2 wds.)

18 Texas pests (2 wds.)

20 Robert Lee is the seat of this county

21 TX Jerry "Count Jackson" \_\_\_ of "Boogie Kings"

26 TXism: "commits matrimony"

27 Texas recipes blog: "\_\_\_ to Bake"

29 this Davis was 14th governor of Texas

30 window shelters

32 Andrews is named for this Texas Revolution hero (init.)

33 TXism: "loose \_\_\_"

36 TXism: "takes a big \_\_\_ to rope him" (obese)

37 Gov. Richards

38 Davy advice: "Be sure you're right, \_\_\_ ahead"

39 said of Rudolph's nose (2 wds.)

41 sleep in? (2 wds.)

44 in Red River County on U.S. 82

45 TXism: "he could strut sitting down" (big \_\_\_)

46 this Diane was "Lorena" in "Lonesome Dove"

47 cowboy's bath night (abbr.)

48 Jewish language

**DOWN**

1 TX singer Ketchum

2 boxer Muhammad

3 in Falls County on U.S. 77

4 TXism: "he was around when the \_\_\_ sick" (old)

8 "Metro \_\_\_" (DFW)

9 Texas state stone: wood

10 TXism: "got knocked down a peg \_\_\_ two"

11 this Texan was NBC "Tarzan" (init.)

12 wall protection behind stove or countertop

13 fancy word for "black" for Pete's \_\_\_

15 uncompleted span: "nowhere"

16 was a Palestine FM

17 one who desires

19 Boerne had the "Kid \_\_\_ Fiber Fair"

21 TX A.J. Foyt won at \_\_\_ Mans in 1967

22 "in the year of our Lord" (abbr.)

23 country entertainment org.

24 TXism: "\_\_\_ up some grub" (prepare a meal)

25 TXism: "ugly as a wart \_\_\_"

27 excited

28 first Cowboy QB: "\_\_\_" Don

31 used car offer: "We tote the \_\_\_"

34 TXism: "\_\_\_-horse town" (small town)

35 TX Smith who won gold in vault with bamboo pole (init.)

37 TXism: "does \_\_\_ dog stink?" (yes)

40 female eggs

42 "\_\_\_ Bum" Phillips

43 instant stops for cars? (2 wds.)

49 this Taniguchi built the Oriental Garden in Austin's Zilker Park

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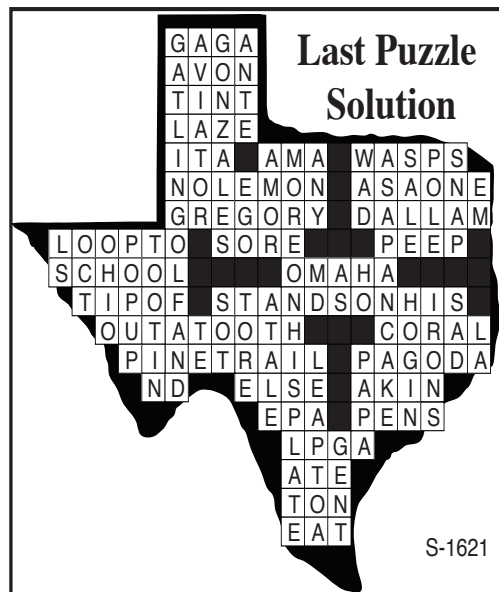
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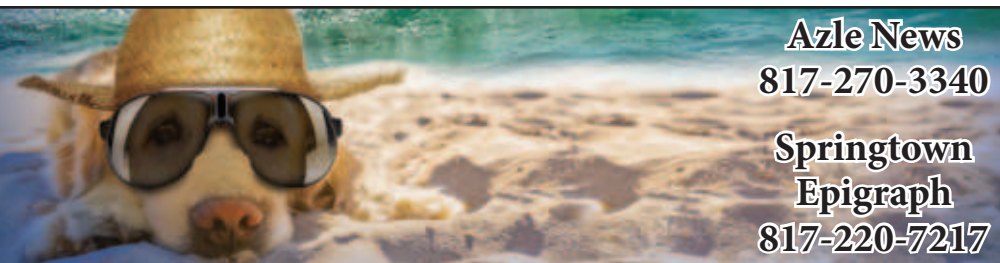
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