

Council orders shed, RV on East Sixth Street to be repaired, removed or demolished

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Springtown City Council unanimously decided that structures on a property on East Sixth Street are in violation of the city's codes and ordered those structures to be repaired, removed or demolished.

At the January council meeting, council member Michele Chandler Kelley

made the motion that referred to the shed and RV on the property as "substandard and a nuisance as defined by the city's ordinances." Her motion called for the property's owner, James Sanders, to repair, remove or demolish the structures and clean up debris within 30 days.

If that doesn't happen, the city has the authority to remove the structures and

debris, and charge the costs incurred to the property owner.

Through a search warrant, the city discovered in November that the shed on the property at 616 E. Sixth St. did not have water service, electric service or sewer service, among other inadequacies. Similarly, the RV on the property was also determined to be substandard. Sanders said he bought

the home at 620 E. Sixth St. and the lot at 616 E. Sixth St. about eight years ago. He sold the home at 620 E. Sixth St. about eight months ago and kept the lot at 616 E. Sixth St. He wanted to turn the shed on the lot into an Airbnb. He also used the property to store commercial and residential equipment.

Sanders claims that city officials told him that the

property at 616 E. Sixth St. is too small for a septic system, and he couldn't get connected to city sewer without having to pay \$60,000 to \$70,000 for the sewer line. He also said he was denied electric service. The RV was powered by a generator and has a tank for sewer. He was getting water from his neighbor's well.

Administrative Services Director Christina Derr said

because the shed on the property was out of compliance with the city's zoning ordinance, city officials could not issue a permit for the electrical inspection. This is the same reason why the property could not receive water service from the city.

"The only reason we would ever withhold utilities (is) if

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Amber Gentry Lopez sits in front of the dollhouse and kitchen play set in her therapy room. Lopez aims to help children with their mental health through play.

Healing the heart through play

Springtown counselor discusses her work with play therapy

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When a little girl confided in her teacher, Amber Gentry Lopez, about her mother being kicked out of her home, Lopez wanted to spend more time helping the girl with her

emotional turmoil.

Instead, Lopez had to start class and teach math to the girl and 21 other students.

That's when Lopez knew she needed a career change.

"I never, never thought that education is more important than the person, and that is

the moment for me where I went, 'I never want to make math more important than a child again,'" the Springtown native said. "That's kind of what I felt like I had to do."

The next day, Lopez called the counseling department at Tarleton State University

to discuss furthering her education.

Lopez's journey to becoming a therapist had an unusual starting point. Initially, she wanted to be a veterinarian and was working as a dog trainer as she transitioned into being a teacher. But ei-

ther with animals or children, Lopez said her purpose has always been to provide care.

"I just want to help people heal," she said. "I just don't want people to hurt. You don't have to live with that.

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Springtown Cub Scouts show off skills in Pinewood Derby competition

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As a small, wooden racecar carved and painted to resemble a carton of McDonald's French fries sped down the racetrack and past the finish line, a child in the crowd exclaimed, "McDonald's wins again!"

The fry-mobile was one of 54 unique racecars created by Springtown Cub Scouts in Pack 303, their parents, their siblings and friends, and BSA

Troop 303 scouts. The Cub Scouts raced the cars as part of their annual Pinewood Derby on Jan. 28.

Pack 303 wasn't the only group of Cub Scouts hosting a derby in town. Springtown's newer Cub Scout Pack 22 held its first-ever derby on Sunday.

"As Mike Snyder, the starting line official, placed the first two vehicles at the starting line, excitement and anticipation grew," Pack 22 Cubmaster Shane Gross said.

"The scouts started to yell, 'On your mark, get set, and go!' and we were off and racing. The afternoon was full of fun, friends and competitive spirit."

Springtown Cub Scouts from both packs won awards for their racecars' speed and creativity. Pack 22's derby included participation from Bridgeport's Pack 149 scouts as well.

"The scouts really enjoyed

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Pack 303 Cub Scouts watch as the cars go by on the racetrack during the Pinewood Derby.



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Defendants respond to dog attack lawsuit



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About a week and a half before Christmas, Reno Elementary School kindergartner Isaac Roeber was attacked by two dogs while walking home from the bus stop.

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Defendants in the lawsuit involving a dog attack in Reno have responded to the lawsuit via court documents.

About a week and a half before Christmas, Reno Elementary School kindergartner Isaac Roeber was attacked by two dogs while walking home from the school bus stop. Following the attack, Isaac had a puncture wound on his skull, and he needed stitches on his arms and legs. He also sustained mental trauma regarding dogs and being outside alone.

In a previous News and Epigraph article, 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 euthanized and tested negative for rabies.

Isaac's parents, David and Katherine "Tory" Roeber filed a lawsuit against the

dogs' owner and the property owner. Tory Roeber said the dogs had been a problem for years, and she had been in contact with the Reno Police Department.

The Roebers are asking for no more than \$1 million in their lawsuit against the dogs' owner and the property owner. According to the lawsuit, 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 dog or intervening once realizing that the attack had begun.

On Jan. 19, Campbell filed a letter at the District Clerk's Office. He wrote that the dogs had escaped from the gate while someone was leaving the property on Carmen Street. Campbell also confirmed that the dogs were euthanized at his request on Dec. 18.

Campbell finished the letter by writing that the dog bite claim is being handled by renters insurance.

However, Campbell filed another answer to the lawsuit on Jan. 23, and it was submitted by Campbell's attorney. This answer stated that Campbell denies all the allegations made in the Roebers' lawsuit, and he demands a jury trial.

The Epigraph was not able to reach Campbell or his attorney for further comment before press time.

The other defendants in the Roebers' 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.

Leonel Garcia, who owns the property that Campbell rents on Carmen Street, filed a letter at the District Clerk's Office on Jan. 19. Garcia wrote in the letter that the Campbell family has been renting from him for 13 years without issues.

Garcia continued to explain that Brian Campbell made him aware of the dog attack on Dec. 30. Garcia wrote that he was concerned about Isaac's injuries.

Furthermore, Garcia wrote in his letter that he didn't understand why he was being sued because he did not own the dogs.

Tory Roeber and her attorney did not wish to comment on the defendants' answers.

Texas Health Resources awards grant to Center of Hope in Springtown

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Texas Health Resources has awarded Parker County Center of Hope with a second Community Impact Grant of \$282,900 to continue its work in Springtown until 2024.

Texas Health Resources and Center of Hope have joined together on a community project to address health equity and improve the lives of families, many still reeling from the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. Two years ago, this partnership was formed and focused on families in need in the 76082 Springtown area. This community impact project addressed immediate needs of individuals in crisis, helped reduce anxiety and depression through integrated mental health services and improved self-efficacy through education and career development, according to a Center of Hope news release.

Center of Hope CEO Staci Markwardt said the first grant cycle was successful and helped nearly 2,300 Springtown families.

"Starting a new location can

be challenging, but through the support of the community, we were able to get this project up and running quickly," Markwardt stated in the release. "Springtown churches, schools, and individuals have rallied behind us, and it was with this collaboration, we made a greater, innovative impact in the work that we do. Now as we look toward the future, this funding will allow us to reach more individuals and provide more services than in previous years, such as programs focusing on the health and wellbeing of at-risk youth."

In all, Texas Health awarded \$8 million in grant funds across North Texas communities, which represents the largest yearly amount given by Texas Health to date.

"In our mission to improve the health of those in the communities we serve, Texas Health knows we can better address health disparities and the socioeconomic conditions that affect overall health by working with community organizations at the grassroots level," Texas Health's Chief Community

and Public Policy Officer David Tesmer said in the news release. "The pandemic created new challenges and compounded existing ones for many residents, making the impact these grants will generate more important than ever."

The grants provided by Texas Health target the unique needs of areas identified by Texas Health's latest Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA).

"The valuable insight we glean from the CHNA guides every program, initiative and collaboration that Texas Health has created or supports," Vice President of Community Health Improvement at Texas Health Resources Catherine Oliveros said in the news release. "It helps us focus our time, funding and efforts on the most pressing health issues in underserved and under-resourced communities."

The Center of Hope's Springtown location is located in Agnes Baptist Church at 350 Agnes North. Services offered are food and financial assistance for utilities, medi-

cal, dental and professional counseling. In addition, the center provides basic literacy and GED tutoring, English as second language classes, citi-

zenship prep, work and life skills classes, computer training, financial management, mental health classes and life coaching.

For more information on Center of Hope in Springtown, call 817-771-0789 or visit centerofhopetx.com online.



COURTESY PHOTO

Texas Health Resources has awarded Parker County Center of Hope with \$282,900 to continue its work in Springtown until 2024. Pictured is Center of Hope Springtown Coordinator Misti Johnson, left, speaking to a participant at her office inside Agnes Baptist Church.

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it was something that was a safety issue," she said. "In this case, having that structure without a house in that particular zoning district is not cohesive to the rest of the neighborhood."

The shed is smaller than the city's minimum square footage requirements, according to the report attached to January's City

Council agenda. In lieu of adequate heating, an outdoor open flame heater was being used indoors. There was no open account for trash service at this property, and it appeared that trash had been buried on the property.

Derr said trash service to the property was not requested, and "six-foot piles of trash" on the property would have to be removed. She said the trash pile has impeded drainage and traffic as drivers have reported not being

able to see around the pile.

The property has been issued 29 citations since March for multiple ordinance violations, according to the report. Also, police have been called to the property on noise and nuisance complaints 22 times since May.

The report concluded that the building on the property was dangerous to the occupants and the public, and the residents were told to vacate the property. A chance to get permits and start working on

renovating the property was offered to the owner.

After the meeting, Sanders said he felt angry and that the decision made by the council was not fair.

"It's my building," he said. "I should be able to do what I want."

Sanders' main argument was that his land survey describes the property as in the county without any mention of the city of Springtown. During the council meeting, he claimed that he was mis-

takenly paying city taxes.

At the meeting, Public Works Director Joseph McCannless reported that Sanders' property was annexed into the city in 1967.

To add some insight on this discrepancy, Derr said during the meeting that the subdivision Mulberry Acres was platted in the county before being annexed into the city limits. The plat for Mulberry Acres was also never recorded.

"It is not uncommon for those older subdivisions to

be referenced to the original jurisdiction when it was subdivided," Derr said. "But we have the ordinance that based on the metes and bounds, which have been sketched, we've had other people who are qualified to look at those deeds and actually draw out the boundaries from the words on the paper. The property is clearly included in that legal description in that ordinance that was properly passed in 1967."

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Here's to those with pioneering spirit, both past and present

Disclaimer: For my readers in Azle, today's headline has no reference whatsoever to our across-the-lake rivals at Boswell High School. (Go, Hornets!)

Now that I've made sure not to offend my fellow Azle-ites, but have probably offended some of my other friends, let us continue ...

I can't remember what year it was, but I had been asked to speak at the annual gathering of a local cemetery association.

This still-in-use cemetery started when the local community was pretty much at the dream stage. The first people buried here were the pioneers who thought this neck of the woods might be a



BE AMAZING

By Gerry Lewis

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good place for a town, so they planted themselves (perhaps an unfortunate use of words in the context of a cemetery) here and attempted to build a life.

They built homes and started businesses, churches, and schools.

They had a pioneering spirit and a vision of what could be.

They understood that there was no such thing as normal;

they were creating something new.

As a part of my message that day, I suggested that we don't honor the pioneering spirit of our ancestors by trying to keep things from changing, doing things as we've always done them, or protecting the traditions passed down to us simply for the sake of tradition.

I'm sure that there were some there who did not agree

with me (but they invited me back a couple of years later, so I guess I wasn't too offensive).

Not every person who reads this will agree with me now either, but I think we are in a period of time where pioneers are needed more than ever.

For the last three or four years, we have been in a time of the deepest turmoil and discontent that I have witnessed in my 61 years on this planet. I will not say that we are more divided than we have ever been in our country (620,000 who died in the Civil War might have a case), but I think one thing is clear: "Normal" ain't coming back.

Memory is not vision.

The past can inform the present, but returning to the way things were is not an option.

The best thing we can bring forward from those who came before us is not what they did, but the visionary, pioneering spirit that gave them their inspiration.

The COVID pandemic was not a temporary interruption; the world has changed.

And the way forward is not in choosing sides and fighting each other. It's finding the commonalities we can build on and envisioning the future that could be if we are willing to live with some differences and uncertainty.

I recently read the words of

Jesus in Mark 3:24-25 — "If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. If a house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand."

In these verses, Jesus was — at the same time — addressing an immediate accusation and stating an eternal principle.

When teammates become opponents, or when family becomes foes, destruction is at hand.

Pioneers understand they don't have the luxury of fighting over preferences. They need each other to survive and move toward the vision.

Here's to the pioneers! Be amazing today, my friend.

Icy winter weather creates a variety of unfortunate problems

We all know the weather last week caused upheaval in everyone's life. I do not really dislike cold weather per se, but the part of winter I have always detested is when poor weather prevents travel. It makes me crazy to be in a situation where I am not sure if I can successfully drive someplace or can get back home without ending up stranded in a ditch. Traveling by plane is even more problematic. Flights get canceled and it is easy to end up in a far away airport for an extended period waiting for the weather to break.

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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.

schedule. Our newspaper's e-edition was posted online as were social media posts explaining the problems we were experiencing over the weather. As the weather broke at the end of the week, we worked through the weekend getting caught up and having papers delivered.

All these weather-related problems were almost too much for me. It was impossible to create a concrete plan of action for work because of the inability to know with certainty what the weather was going to do, and the status of roads that would allow staff to get to work.

When I got up on Tuesday morning I was determined to travel to the office and get

something accomplished. I had parked my car out on the street to avoid issues with getting up my very downhill slanting driveway. Ice was defrosted and scraped from my windshield and I took off. It was pleasing to find I was able to negotiate the roads with little difficulty. I made the 15-minute trip to the office, stopped my car and started to enter the building when I realized I had left my phone at home!

I will never be able to print the words I shouted out at my incompetence for not being sure I had everything I needed when I left the house. I had no choice but to drive back home as I knew employees would be reaching out to

me by phone seeking instructions. I turned the car around, drove home and started back to work. By now the sleet once again began to fall and the roads had deteriorated by 50% from the time of my first trip just a few minutes earlier. It was treacherous but I made it.

I got back to work and stayed there until midafternoon. All the staff had been sent home or had never attempted to brave the roads. The weatherman indicated more sleet would fall starting after lunch, so I decided to head home out of fear I would never be able to get there once the weather took another turn for the worse.

Driving home it seemed like everything in town was closed and there was very little traffic. Staying slow and steady, my car turned onto my street and I was thankful I had made it back without any issue. I had brought my laptop from the office so I could work from home

if I was unable to get out the next day. Once parked, I gathered up my materials and started down the driveway. I took no more than two steps on the slanted driveway when my feet flew out from underneath me, and I fell on my backside and began a rather steady slide down the driveway toward the house.

The items I was carrying flew everywhere as I began a slow descent on my backside. It was not pleasant.

The humiliation of the fall was overwhelming, and nearly matched by the pain I felt in my hip and lower back. It was a strategic nightmare to get myself gathered to the point where I could stand on the ice, pick up my materials, and get in the house. The rest of the day my back reminded me of the travails of winter weather.

The bright spot of this silly weather situation was the way I saw people working together to overcome the problems the sleet and ice cre-

ated. It seems everyone was accepting and understanding about the newspaper being late for delivery. Our staff was exceptional in helping every way they could to get us back on our normal production schedule. In the community, neighbors helped neighbors and we all made out the best we could.

My wife is still giggling about seeing me slide down the driveway on my backside while the items I was carrying flew all over the place. I am sure it created an image lots of our readers would enjoy seeing.

I hope you made it through the weather in good shape.

Would somebody please explain to me how they prefer the cold over the heat of summer?

Thought for the day: We should all take a lesson from the weather; it pays no attention to criticism.

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

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The Texans' House

Did you know that our legislature only meets every other year, for less than five months, to enact legislative solutions for the ninth largest economy in the world?

After Reconstruction in the late 1860s and early 1870s, most Texans loathed government and sought as little government intrusion in their lives as possible. An old rumor was that the delegates to the 1875 Constitutional Convention were so fed up with governmental overreach, they wanted the Legislature to only meet for two days every 140 years ... instead they settled for 140 days every two years.

The State of Texas is governed under our seventh constitution, the Texas Constitution of 1876. The previous six constitutions (the 1827 Constitution of the State of Coahuila and Tejas; the 1836 Constitution of the Republic of Texas; and Texas State Constitutions of 1845, 1861, 1866, and 1869) and the United States Constitution, each influenced



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.

the document we abide by today. The Constitutions of 1866 and 1869, Reconstruction era documents, affected the delegates crafting the Constitution of 1876.

When Reconstruction ceased, Texans never forgot what a one-party government could do with unlimited power. They sought to write a constitution that limited the power of the central state government, ensured elected officials were responsible to the people, and protected the state from any type of authoritarian regime. The delegates at the 1875 Constitutional Convention had little faith in government and their new document clearly exhibited this concern.

As a legislator, it is clear what the Texas Constitution expects of me. Two political ideals stand out: Religious Freedom and limitations on the centralized state.

The Bill of Rights identifies man's natural rights, including religious freedoms. Not only can the State not step on these rights, but it also "shall be the duty of the Legislature to pass such laws as may be necessary to protect equally every religious denomination in the peaceable enjoyment of its own mode of public worship," (Article 1, Section 6). Furthermore, "No money shall be appropriated, or drawn from the Treasury for the benefit of any sect, or religious society, theological or religious seminary; nor shall property belonging to

the State be appropriated for any such purposes," (Article 1, Section 7).

Early Texans lived during the times when Mexico required settlers in the colonies to pledge loyalty to a single religion, a rule largely ignored by Texans, but nonetheless a restriction imposed. Consequently, the writers of the Texas Constitution intended for religious sects or institutions to function without the meddling of the state. These sections will be important to remember when the school voucher discussion ultimately comes up this Legislative session. The Constitution is clear, we cannot give state funds to private religious schools. And we should not use state monies to fund private schools or home schools, because mandates from the state would likely follow, like STAAR testing. That situation would make our forefathers turn over in their graves.

Our constitution limits the power of government more so than most other

states. Voters ratified the 1876 Constitution because it ensured the right of local self-government and a Constitutional Republic form of government. Just this past January, when an unsuccessful Speaker of the House candidate proposed a rule stating, "The speaker shall not designate as chair of the committee a member who resides in a county with a population greater than two million according to the most recent decennial census," this seemed to be a complete disregard for our sacred constitution. Imagine if a member from an urban area imposed a similar restriction on members from rural or suburban areas. The proposed rule reeked of anti-republicanism. As a conservative, there is an expectation to uphold the Constitution, not trample on it. Thankfully, 144 of my colleagues voted this amendment down, standing up for the Republic our founders fought so hard to establish.

Throughout the 88th Legislative session, I will al-

ways strive to stand by the Texas Constitution. My oath of office demands I support both the United States and Texas Constitutions. There is a faction of my own party that wants to use our majority membership as an excuse to oust other legislators from the discussion table. They want to make the Capitol their own partisan headquarters, but that is not consistent with Constitutional Conservatism. Article 1 Section 2 states, "All political power is inherent in the people, and all free governments are founded on their authority, and instituted for their benefit."

In the last (87th) legislative session, I was proud to serve in the Texas House under the leadership of Speaker Dade Phelan when we had the most conservative session in Texas history. The 88th session should follow suit, including delivering the largest tax cut in Texas history. The framers of the Texas Constitution of 1876 would be proud.

Frontier Communications rep addresses Reno council about fiber optic installation

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A Frontier Communications representative visited last month's Reno City Council meeting to give some updates on the work to install fiber optic cable in the area.

David Russell of Frontier told the council that Frontier's work is expected to be finished by the end of May in some areas of Reno where there is an existing copper cable network. This is about five months past the original end date. Russell attributed the delay to "two major factors," one of which is the amount of boring needed for

this project.

"It probably comes as no surprise to anybody here that Reno sits on top of a lot of rock," Russell said. "We underestimated how much rock boring we would have to do for this build. Our boring contractors struggled to get up to speed on the build because of this, and instead of starting in June right after my presentation (to Reno City Council), it was late summer before they could get going, and it has been slower because of the rock."

Because the project was delayed in getting started, Frontier's construction permits with

the Texas Department of Transportation expired and needed to be reissued, Russell said. This is the second major factor in the delayed finishing date.

Russell also addressed a big issue that the city has had with Frontier contractors over the course of this project — water line breaks during the underground boring part of the work.

"As I told you in my initial presentation last year, it isn't uncommon when doing underground boring work to break some things," Russell said. "Unfortunately, that has happened in our build here, but I think that our

contractor is working with (City Administrator) Scott (Passmore) and city staff on working through some of those issues."

Passmore has previously said that the repairs to broken water lines hit by Frontier contractors is costly for the city, and city officials plan to seek reimbursement.

At the January city council meeting, that reimbursement bill was said to be about \$30,000 for the cost of the water, materials and labor.

Reno Public Works Director Chris Albright said after the meeting that the fiber optic installation crews slowed

down for a couple of months and weren't working in the city. They returned to work in January and hit a water main. That required a boil water notice to be put in place.

Albright recalled a time when the contractors hit a water main six times in a day. He doesn't expect this issue to improve until the contractors finish their work in Reno.

"They're going to hit other things," Albright said. "It's only a matter of time."

Russell also explained during the meeting that residents of newer Reno subdivisions, such as in Creek Forrest and Scenic Wood

Estates, will have to wait longer to get fiber optic cable installed to service them. The initial phase of the project is to build fiber optic cable parallel to the existing copper cable, but these newer subdivisions didn't exist when the copper network was built. These developments are expected to be in service by the end of the third quarter of the year.

"We have the work orders completed. We're developing the engineering designs to build a network in those developments, so all that is in the works, and if we can do it sooner, we will," Russell said.

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There are options, and that's true for all people but especially traumatized children, and especially children who have been hurt through no means that their own. That is the underlying purpose and mission. And so, I think that's always been there."

Lopez has worked as a school counselor at Reno Elementary School and as the clinical director at the Children's Advocacy Center of Parker County. To get more experience, she started seeing clients part time and realized that there is a need for therapy services.

Lopez opened her own private practice, New Path Counseling, in October 2021 and would travel to visit her patients or see them virtually. She eventually settled into her own office on East State Highway 199 last summer. She treats children, adolescents and adults.

One of Lopez's specialties is play therapy, which is a way to help children with their mental health through play. International Play Therapy Week is being recognized this week, Feb. 5-11.

"Play therapists believe that due to their lack of vocabulary and kind of life experience, children don't have the vocabulary words to express and process their inner experiences, thoughts, feelings, beliefs," said Lopez, who is a registered play therapist. "It doesn't mean they're not having them. It means they can't sit down and do talk therapy."

She continued, "Play is their vocabulary. That's how they

express themselves. Play therapists — and you're really looking for registered play therapists; they've kind of gone through that high level of training and supervision — they are trained to observe, to speak to children in a particular way, to reflect feelings, to notice things. So what we doing is we're interacting in a way that we are tuning (in) with that child and observing and reflecting and noticing play things and what's the thing acted out. And so, we're able to gather data from that about that child's inner world."

Lopez reflected on her experience with the little girl who was worried about her mother being forced out of her home. If she were treating that girl today, Lopez said she would validate the girl's feelings, establish coping skills and help her regulate her emotions through activities like coloring or blowing bubbles. Importantly, Lopez said she would have been able to better provide care without having to worry about educating a whole class of children.

"The approaches would have been similar. The differences would have been there would not have been a pressure to go teach, so I would have been more regulated," Lopez said. "My nervous system would have been able to attune to hers better because I would be able to go, 'Right now, the only thing, the most important thing is being able to validate your feelings, to understand your experiences, to let you know that this is scary and this is big. And it is OK to feel that and notice where you feel that in your body.'"

Lopez said her therapy for

children also involves their parents or caregivers, either by themselves or in a joint session with the children. Often, helping parents manage their emotions can aid in the children's improvement. "That's how children's nervous systems learn to calm down and learn to regulate is through a calm caregiver, an attachment figure. So, if my attachment figure is constantly stressed because of what they're experiencing, that kid is going to feel that," Lopez said. "There has to be that support for the parents as well when you're when you're working with those kids. And so for me, there's a passion to let me help parents be the best that they can."

In the end, Lopez said her goal is to help her patients heal symptoms of trauma, anxiety and depression. She also hopes to create a space where they feel accepted and cared for, and that they know there is hope.

"I hope they have a felt sense of while you were in this place, I knew you," she said. "You were important to me, that I accepted you in all of the ways that whether you were showing me your ugly part or your angry part or your heart hurt part, like whatever part of you, all of you are welcome and cherished and valued."

Having to hear children and other clients talk about trauma isn't easy. One of the most difficult experiences for Lopez to hear about is related to children being neglected and treated as less than human. She has to practice coping skills herself, like being with her family and listening to audiobooks, to avoid symptoms of burnout and

vicarious trauma.

"I have a great support network with my family. I have a great support network with other therapists. I have a great support network with my faith and making sure the spirituality piece of my human self is taken care of," Lopez said. "I think ... all of those things help. And sometimes I'm a bad therapist and

(use) a bad coping skill, and I eat a bag of Cheetos, or some chocolate, and that helps."

Lopez said one of her favorite parts about her job is also one of the worst parts of the work — saying goodbye to clients who have finished treatment. She relishes the opportunity to see her clients turn their hurt feelings into happy and healthy ones.

"We have completed something magical and amazing, and I hate the goodbyes, but I love the indication of, 'This is what we set out to do from the very beginning,'" she said. "You take a deep breath, and now it's time for the next one. And I think I'll continue to do this as long as I'm able, just take the next one as long as I'm able."



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Amber Gentry Lopez shows off the animal puppets she has in her play therapy room. Lopez is a registered play therapist in Springtown.

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Gerald "Jerry" Wallace 1937 - 2023

Gerald "Jerry" Wallace, age 85, passed over on February 1, 2023.

Service was held February 7 at FUMC Springtown.

Gerald was born October 20, 1937 to Harold and Josephine Wallace.

He married Gracie in 1963. Gerald graduated in 1955 in Missouri, then entered the United States Marine Corp. After his military service, he studied theology at Texas Wesleyan University and started his career as an entrepreneur and businessman.

Gerald is preceded in death by Harold Wallace - father; Josephine Wallace - mother; Lawrence Wallace - brother; and George Kevin Wallace - son.

Gerald is survived by his wife Gracie; son Keith and wife Camille Wallace; daughter Karen and husband Jay Sorah; son Greg and wife Linka Wallace; daughter Jana and husband David Powell;



and his 15 grandchildren - Hannah and Stephen Wallace and Michelle Brammer, James, Jacob, Jillian, John, Jane E. and Joseph Sorah, Abby and Trevor Wallace, Garrett, Nellie, Nora, and Dottie Powell and his four great-grandchildren Matthew and William Brammer and Rylan and Ava Wallace.

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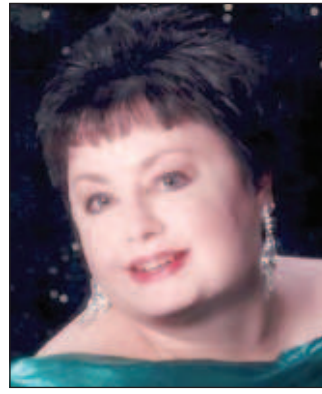
Sherry Guice 1957 - 2023

Sherry Eileen (Rhodes) Guice, 68, joined her Lord and Savior in heaven, Friday, February 3, 2023 in Springtown.

She was born April 8, 1954, to Clinton and Johnnie (Smalley) Rhodes in Fort Worth. She was an LVN for 27 years working primarily in the field of Geriatrics. Sherry was a member of Solid Rock Bible Church in Reno for 10 years. She enjoyed reading a good book and spending time with her husband and family.

Sherry was preceded in death by her father.

Sherry is survived by her loving husband of 31 years, David Guice; mother, Johnnie Rhodes; brother, John Rhodes and his wife Jane; sister Donna and her husband Ross Baird; nieces, Tracy



Price, April Standifer and her husband Jason; nephews, Andy Rhodes and his wife Carla and Clint Baird.

Sherry was loved by all who knew her and will be dearly missed.

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David D'Avignon 1947 - 2023

David D'Avignon passed away February 3, 2023, in his home in Poolville, Texas.

David was born on December 14, 1947, in Dallas, Texas to Roy and Ann D'Avignon.

He graduated from Jesuit High School and went on to Texas Tech University where he graduated with a business degree in 1970. David served in the United States Army immediately after college and held the rank of Captain upon his honorable discharge. He loved teaching the young recruits how to drive the tanks.

David took over his family's business, Iron Craft Studio, Inc., and for over 40 years he made the most beautiful custom ornamental ironwork in all of Dallas. Better known as "The Iron Man", his work adorns some of the grandest homes in the area. No one knew better how to charm a Highland Park homeowner than David D'Avignon.

After retirement, David began driving a school bus for Springtown ISD. "Mr. D" loved getting to see kids off to school everyday and the early morning route followed by a mid-morning nap was a perfect way to ease into retirement. David also tried his hand at substitute teaching in retirement - which he loved except for the time they assigned him the flower arranging class!

While at Texas Tech, David met the love of his life - Marsha Branum D'Avignon. From the moment they met, they have been inseparable. They married on March 28, 1970 in DeLeon, Texas. Marsha joined David at the family business and for 53 years they spent all day together working and raising a family. Not many people can say they are with someone 24/7 and mean it, but they could - and they still held hands everywhere they went. They are a love story for the ages.

When David had a stroke in 2015, Marsha dedicated her entire existence to taking care of him. Due solely to her fierce caregiving and his absolute stubbornness, David lived eight years longer than



the doctors thought he ever would. And he spent all eight of those years continuing to tell the very best stories and the funniest jokes.

David was the proud father of three children: Joey, Kim, and Andie. He could be counted on to be the loudest parent at the soccer game, to sell the most Camp Fire Candy in the entire area, and to give nicknames to every friend who ever crossed the threshold of the family home in Keller, Texas. He loved playing jokes on family members and will forever be remembered for the great IHOP credit card debacle of the early '80s.

David always had a dog by his side because he believed that everybody deserves to have a dog that loves them. He loved to read and knew more about WWII history than anyone really should. He loved Westerns and John Wayne and Gunsmoke.


David is survived by his wife Marsha; daughters Andie and Kim D'Avignon; and, son and daughter-in-law Joey and Jessica D'Avignon. He was from a big family and is survived by his brothers Joe, Johnny and Jimmy D'Avignon and his sisters Judy and Mary D'Avignon. He has a multitude of nieces and nephews and family friends that were more family than friends.

The family would like to thank all the nurses and caregivers that helped take care of David. Donations can be made in his honor to Camp El Tesoro de la Vida, the Springtown Public Library, or the Poolville Methodist Church.

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Residents in Central and Northeast Texas are still cleaning up after a winter storm last week snapped power lines and tree limbs, causing widespread power outages, canceled flights and damage to homes and vehicles.

At its peak, nearly 400,000 Texas households were without power, according to poweroutage.us. As of Sunday, that number had dropped to 62,456.

The outages were due to downed power lines, not by problems with the state's power grid. The Texas Railroad Commission said the state's natural gas supply also held steady, with natural gas utilities reporting no service issues during the storm.

Airports in the state's metropolitan areas reported several hundred flight cancellations because of icy conditions. Many schools in the Dallas area and around Austin were closed for the entire week.

The Texas Department of Insurance offered some advice to homeowners dealing with damage cause by



CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Gary Borders

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fallen tree branches landing on vehicles and homes. That includes taking photos of the damage before moving the tree; making temporary repairs and contact your insurance agent as soon as possible; and saving all receipts for labor and repair materials to be reimbursed.

While the danger from last week's storm has largely passed, the Texas Department of State Health Services provided advice for future winter events, urging people to use extreme caution with electric generators and heaters that produce carbon monoxide.

Generators should only be used outdoors, at least 10 feet away from buildings. Outdoor grills, camp stoves and other heaters that produced carbon monoxide should only be used outside. Carbon monoxide is an odorless and colorless gas that

can cause death.

FENTANYL TEST STRIPS BACKED BY LAWMAKERS

Test strips that would determine whether pills, powders, or other forms of drugs are laced with deadly fentanyl might be legalized, if a bipartisan group of lawmakers have their way.

The percentage of overdose deaths tied to fentanyl has risen to 97%, according to a report in the Austin American-Statesman. Gov. Gregg Abbott has ended his opposition to legalizing the strips, and several nearly identical bills have been filed in both the House and Senate as a result.

"They deserve action, action that will save other innocent families from the devastation they have suffered," Abbott said in January. "And they will get that action this session."

Meanwhile, the state comptroller's office is being pushed to speed up distribution of more than \$1 billion in funds from the Opioid Abatement Settlement Fund, intended to mitigate the fentanyl crisis. The money comes from settlements with opioid manufacturers and distributors.

"We've somewhat sacrificed expediency in getting dollars out the door," Hegar said. "We have to create a system that treats everybody fairly and everybody understands the process."

DSHS data indicates 1,569 Texans died of a fentanyl-related overdose last year, according to the Statesman report.

HOUSING COST BURDEN EXAMINED

The Texas Demographic Center has used census data to examine housing cost burdens in the state. That is when a household spends more than 30% of its monthly income on housing costs, including rent or mortgage payments, utilities and other costs.

The center concludes that counties with the highest percent of households dealing

with housing cost burdens are in the so-called Texas Triangle along the Austin-San Antonio corridor, as well as some border counties.

The study found that nearly half of Texas renters - 1.7 million - spent more than 30% of their income on housing costs from 2017-2021, with a median monthly housing cost of \$1,146. Among homeowners, 21% experienced housing costs burden during the same period, with median monthly housing costs of \$1,747.

Texas ranked 10th in median gross rent from 2017-2021. Hawaii was the most expensive state, followed by California.

TEXAS COMPANY HOPES TO BRING BACK DODO BIRD

A Texas company is hoping to bring back the long-extinct dodo bird, along with the woolly mammoth and the Tasmanian tiger, according to a Statesman story.

Colossal Biosciences, with offices in Austin, Dallas and Boston, is using gene-editing technologies to restore extinct animals.

The dodo bird, closely related to the pigeon, went extinct in 1662 in its native

Mauritius, an island nation located in the Indian Ocean. It was wiped out due to human settlement and ecosystem competition.

The company was founded in 2021 to work in the field of de-extinction and combatting climate change. It recently announced an additional \$150 million in new funding.

"Being able to recreate something that is functionally similar to an extinct species that's as prevalent in people's minds as the dodo is hopefully going to create a little bit of enthusiasm for thinking about consequences of human cost extinctions," Beth Shapiro, a paleogeneticist with the company, said.

NEW COVID-19 CASES, DEATHS RISE

The number of new cases of COVID-19 in Texas during the past week rose to 38,947, more than 15,000 from the previous week, according to the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University. The center reported 400 deaths in the state, also a marked increase. Officials reported 2,142 lab-confirmed COVID-19 hospitalizations, down a few hundred from the previous week.

Candidates file to run for local elections

BY MADELYN EDWARDS
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It's been about three weeks since filing for candidacy in local elections began, and the applications are trickling in.

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.

SEATS UP FOR ELECTION:

- Two places on the Springtown City Council and the mayor's seat
 - Three places on the Reno City Council as well as the mayor's seat
 - Two places on the Springtown ISD school board
- As of Feb. 6, incumbent

Springtown Mayor Greg Hood has filed to run for re-election. Springtown Planning and Zoning Chairperson Kenneth Jensen has filed for Place 2 on the city council, which is currently held by Michele Chandler Kelley.

On the SISD school board, current Vice President Chris Gilley and board member Gary Veazey have filed for re-

election for their seats, Place 4 and Place 5 respectively.

As of the morning of Feb. 6, Reno City Administrator Scott Passmore said no one has filed for candidacy in the Reno elections.

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-](https://sos.state.tx.us/elections/forms/pol-sub/2-21f.pdf)

21f.pdf. The candidate filing period will continue until the Feb. 17 deadline.

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.

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.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS SPRINGTOWN ISD'S

State Financial Accountability Rating

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DERBY

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cheering on their creation, or their friends as races in the derby continued through the day," Gross said. "They also made new friends with their fellow pack mates from other packs. Each rank and category started winding down and champions were crowned."

Pack 303's derby had more participation from new scouts and first-time racers than returning ones, Cubmaster Holly Lowe said, including two scouts who had just signed up in January.

One of those new members was 10-year-old True Weimer, who crafted a dark-stained truck racecar for the derby. True and his dad, John Weimer, worked on the racecar together for about two or three days.

"We've lived here for about almost four years. Basically, (I) just wanted to get him into something that had more kids to be affiliated with," John Weimer said of why True joined the Cub Scouts.

Another new scout, 11-year-old Grayson Kelley,

said the Pinewood Derby was fun. He was able to walk away with second place in his age group division.

Was he surprised by the win?

"No, I thought we would get first," Grayson said, adding that he wasn't disappointed by the results.

Grayson's car was black and green with his initials on it.

"That's supposed to be lightning bolts, but they look more like snakes," Grayson's dad Joe Merkel said, referring to some markings on the racecar.

Next year, Grayson hopes to make a faster car and go for first place.

In Pack 303, racers were treated to hosting the Pinewood Derby on a shiny new racetrack. Lowe said local businesses donated funds to allow for the new track.

"It should be exciting because they had that same old wooden track for, I couldn't tell you how long they had that one," Lowe said before the derby.

The new track also came with a new feature for Pack 303 — a built-in digital timer.

In years past, the pack wasn't able to officially time races and would give awards based on the racecars that crossed the finish line first.

Both derbies offered a chance for the adjoining BSA troops to participate and help out with the events.

"Evan Spradlin, Parker Tyler and Maddox Moya, from Troop 22, kept the action going, by retrieving the vehicle and gathering the next set of cars for the starting line," Gross said.

In Pack 303, Lowe said the members of BSA Troop 303 served the event by cooking hot dogs and working to distribute snacks.

The Pinewood Derby doesn't have to stop with the packs' individual contests. On Feb. 18 at The GEM of the Lone Star State in Springtown, Cub Scouts in the Brazos Valley District are welcome to enter their racecars in the district's derby.

"If they would like to go and further their Pinewood Derby experience, they can go, and they can register at the district Pinewood Derby and try out their car there," Lowe said.



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Pack 22's Scouts Bennett March, Dixie Tyler and A.J. Squires were given awards based on the speed of their racecars at the pack's Pinewood Derby on Feb. 5.



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Sean Lanigan, 10, had the fastest racecar overall at Pack 303's Pinewood Derby.

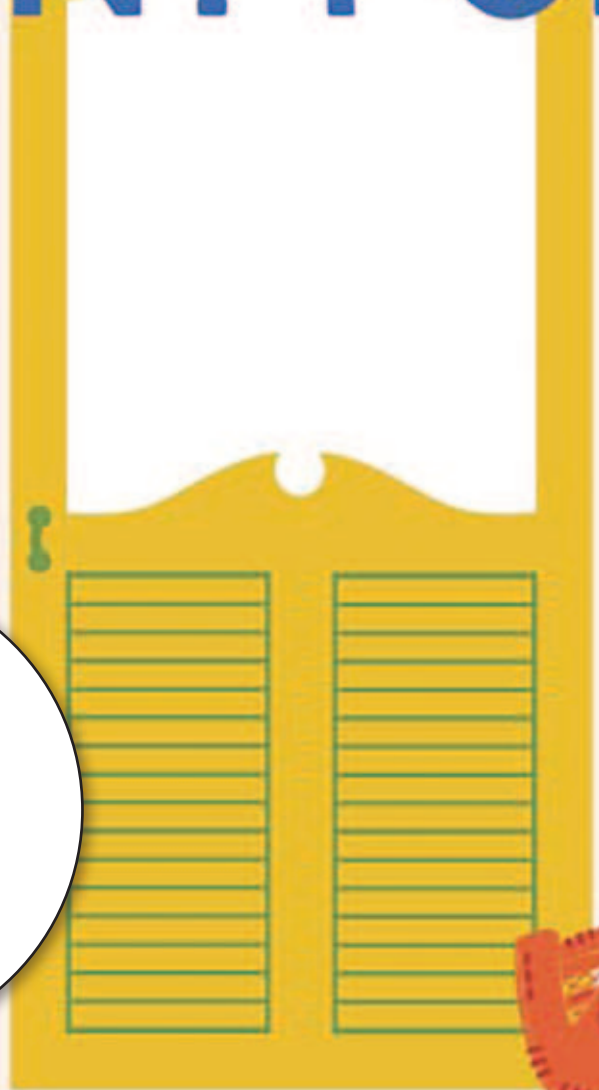


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BSA Troop 303 scouts Masyn Davis, Deklan Coomer and Lawrence Pope cheer at the Cub Scouts' annual Pinewood Derby.

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Jose Martinez lifts opponent Denim Fields of Azle off his feet to slam him onto the mat.

Springtown wrestlers qualify for regional meet

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Several of Springtown High School's wrestlers have qualified to compete in the regional meet this weekend in Canyon.

On Feb. 3, the district championship was held in Azle, and Springtown sent its boys and girls to compete against a dozen other schools. The top four wrestlers in each weight class would qualify to compete in the regional competition.

The boys team finished in fourth place overall, and three of its wrestlers made the cut for regionals. Dallin Fabrizio earned a district championship, Grant Butler took second place, and Joseph Newman finished

fourth.

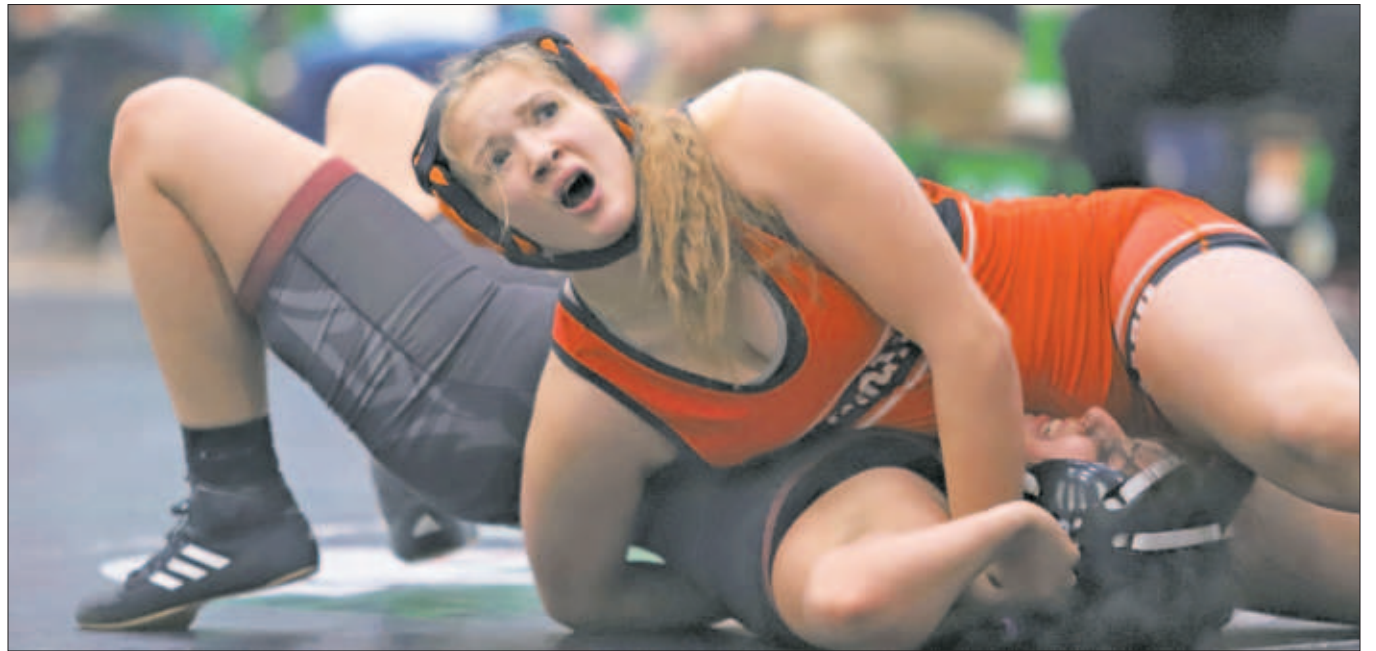
For the SHS girls, Aubrey Mueller earned third place and earned her ticket to Canyon.

Six wrestlers finished in fifth place in their divisions and will serve as alternates at the regional meet. Springtown alternates include Caleb Halstead, Danciel Garcia Diaz, Cameron Mashburn, Josue Martinez, Haedn Ollis and Christian Nolan. They could earn a chance to compete if other wrestlers miss weight, become ill or otherwise cancel their matches.

Head coach Sawyer Cooper praised all his athletes for their work ethic.

"I'm proud of the work these athletes have put in this

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Allison Kimball pins her opponent at the district championship, earning her first victory in wrestling.

Springtown rodeo remains in Top 10



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The Springtown rodeo team moved from 10th place into ninth in the overall standings after a solid showing Feb. 3-4 in Saginaw.

Leading the way for the Porcupines was Colton Phillips, who earned first place in the bull riding competition and picked up 70 points.

In walk-up goats, Delaney Harris earned sixth place, Shaye Winford 24th, Nevaeh Gambrell 30th, and Makayla Ballard 31st.

In ride-up goats, Harris finished in fourth place and Winford 11th.

Stephanie Heil and Levi Newcomer earned 11th place in team roping.

London Smith earned 22nd place in barrels, and Addyson Norris took 31st.

Smith earned ninth place in poles, and Heil was 14th.

Springtown has been bouncing between ninth and 10th place in team standings in recent weeks and is intent on moving up higher.

Harris and Phillips qualified to compete at the recent Fort Worth Stock Show and Rodeo Invitational.

About 75 teams compete in the North Texas High School Rodeo Association each week at an arena in Saginaw.

PHOTO COURTESY JO H PHOTOGRAPHY
Colton Phillips wins first place on bulls.

REGIONAL

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season and look forward to the future," he said.

Martinez has won about 20 matches this season against eight losses even though he didn't begin wrestling until December. He plays for the Porcupines football team, and some of his teammates encouraged him to try wrestling.

So far, so good.

At the district meet, Martinez earned a ticket to regionals as an alternate after losing to Azle's Denim Field in a hard-fought scrap that Martinez appeared to be winning most of the time.

"At the end, I got tired," he said. "I was feeling good for most of the beginning. Then, as I was getting tired, I was getting slower, and he took advantage of it."

Another wrestler, Allison Kimball, became exhausted but managed to pin her opponent and win the first match of her career.

"It was extremely hard," she said. "That girl put up one heck of a fight."

Kimball and her opponent were tired and sweaty toward the end of the match, but the Springtown junior kept garnering strength to make moves.

How did she persevere through the pain and exhaustion?

"Cooper will yell at me if I don't," she said with a laugh.

The victory put Kimball's overall record at 1-7.

Kimball, like Martinez, began wrestling for the first time in December. She also plays varsity soccer and is a team leader at goalkeeper.

Kimball took a history class taught by Cooper last year, and he asked her to consider wrestling. He figured her aggressive nature on the soccer field might make her a successful wrestler.

Juggling two sports and schoolwork hasn't been easy.

"It's a lot of practice and a little sleep, but it's OK," she said.

Cheering her on during the district meet was teammate Hayleigh Jenkins, who wrestled last year for the first time as a freshman. Now, Jenkins is a second-year veteran who helps pass along tips to Kimball.



Joe Newman escapes this hold and qualifies to compete at regionals.

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"I'm very happy to see her doing good and getting her confidence back up and her adrenalin, so maybe, she will win more," Jenkins said.

Last year, Jenkins won just one match and lost three. This year, she has won six matches against two losses. "This year is a lot easi-

er," she said. "I've had a lot more preparation, and I feel confident."

On Friday and Saturday, Springtown wrestlers will

travel to West Texas A&M University in Canyon for the Region 1-5A tourney.

The wrestlers who qualified at the regional meet will

advance to Berry Center in Cypress to determine the top grapplers in Texas in the UIL state wrestling tournament, Feb. 17-18.



Aubrey Mueller earns third place at the district meet and a trip to Canyon for regionals.

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Springtown basketball boys envision playoffs

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Two games remain in the regular season. Then, the Springtown Porcupines are playoff bound.

Currently in third place, the Pines cemented their lock on the postseason by knocking off Castleberry 42-30 on Feb. 7. It was Senior Night, and the team's two upper-

classmen - Logan Heaton and Aaron Tidwell - were celebrated for their hard work and persistence.

Currently in third place behind Decatur and Krum, the Porcupines end the regular season on Feb. 14 against second-place Decatur. Seeding could weigh in the balance.

Next up, the boys play at 7:30 p.m. Friday at home against Lake Worth.

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Aaron Tidwell looks up at the basket and ahead to life after high school. He and teammate Logan Heaton were celebrated on Senior Night before the Porcupines beat Castleberry on Feb. 7.

Lady Porcupines basketball girls back on winning side

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The Lady Porcupines slammed the brakes on a three-game losing streak by hammering Castleberry 67-24 to close out the regular basketball season.

That means playoffs are set to begin, and Springtown will be running into the thick

of them for the first time in seven years.

Springtown enters the District 8-4A playoffs as the fourth seed behind Decatur, Bridgeport and the undefeated Krum.

Springtown is scheduled to play Sanger at 6:30 p.m. Monday at V.R. Eaton High School in Haslet.

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Senior Ashlynn Dickey leads her Lady Porcupines into the playoffs for the first time since 2016.



Lady Porcupines clinch district opener; boys lose heartbreaker

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The real district opener for the Lady Porcupines was supposed to have been played Feb. 3 until an ice storm changed plans.

So, Springtown began district competition on Feb. 7 instead by knocking off Collegiate Academy of TCC Northeast by a bruising score of 7-0.

Next up, the Lady Pines

play at 5:30 p.m. Friday at home against Castleberry.

The boys teams wasn't as fortunate in their district opener. Springtown fell behind 1-0 in the first half against Collegiate Academy, scored in the second half but allowed another goal.

Final score: Collegiate 2, Springtown 1.

The Porcupine boys play at 7:15 p.m. Friday at Castleberry.

JEFF PRINCE | SPRINGTOWN EPIGRAPH
Jocelyn Diaz helps lead the Lady Porcupines to victory in their district opener.

SPRINGTOWN Game Faces



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Springtown Lady Porcupine volleyball players Brooklyn Quintanilla, Aerial Jackson and Anaie Rodriguez



Springtown Lady Porcupine basketball player Allison Ford



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Lady Porcupine volleyball player Aubree Adams

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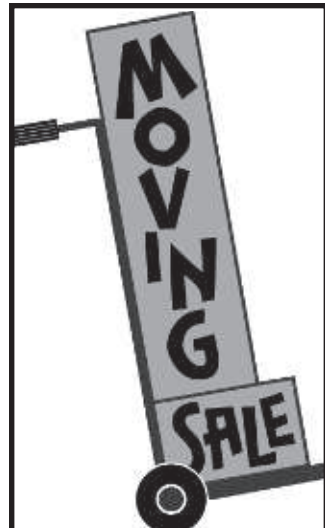
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1 Linden is the seat of this county

5 Paul Reubens was ___-wee

6 TX Bonnie & Clyde killed at least ___ people

7 Spurs "Pop" was 3 times NBA "Coach of the ___"

8 a State Fair mo. creator of cartoon "Cowpokes" (2 wds.)

16 TXism: "___ light idea" (inspiration)

18 Amarillo "Ranch" has ten of these buried nose-first

21 "In Dreams" TX singer Roy (init.)

22 a Columbus ship this Masterson fought Indians in Texas

24 speak spitefully this Air Command used at least 9 bases in Texas

34 SMU great Kyle Rote's suffix

35 in 2023, U.S. taxes ___ April 18

36 Cuero is seat of De ___ County

37 hubbub

39 TXism: "he's a ring- (party animal)

43 rock 'n roll "King"

44 army person

45 birth name of TX born Joan Crawford: Lucille Fay ___ Sueur

DOWN

1 home of West Texas A&M

2 TXism: "just down the road"

3 TX Ted Cruz and TX John Cornyn

4 soothsayer

9 summer necessity in Texas (abbr.)

10 TX Don Henley co-wrote "I ___ You Why"

11 actress Adams of "Raquet" with TX Lynda Day George

12 Cowboys "___ of Honor"

13 John Steinbeck's Texas widow

14 birth state of Charles Goodnight (abbr.)

15 TXism: "smack ___ in the middle"

17 TXism: "it's ___ didley squat"

19 Ted aka "Lurch" first acted in Dallas

20 strain and pressure

24 29th & 32nd governor "___ Ferguson"

25 this Howe played for and managed Astros

26 grassy land (poetic)

27 TXism: "chucklehead"

28 TXism: "it'll warm your ___"

29 TXism: "I need that like an armadillo ___ highway"

31 ___ Grande

32 big Dallas cell phone company

33 toothpaste brand since 1873

38 TXism: "___ tickler" (pianist)

40 a Morse Code dot

41 Texans like it iced

42 say again

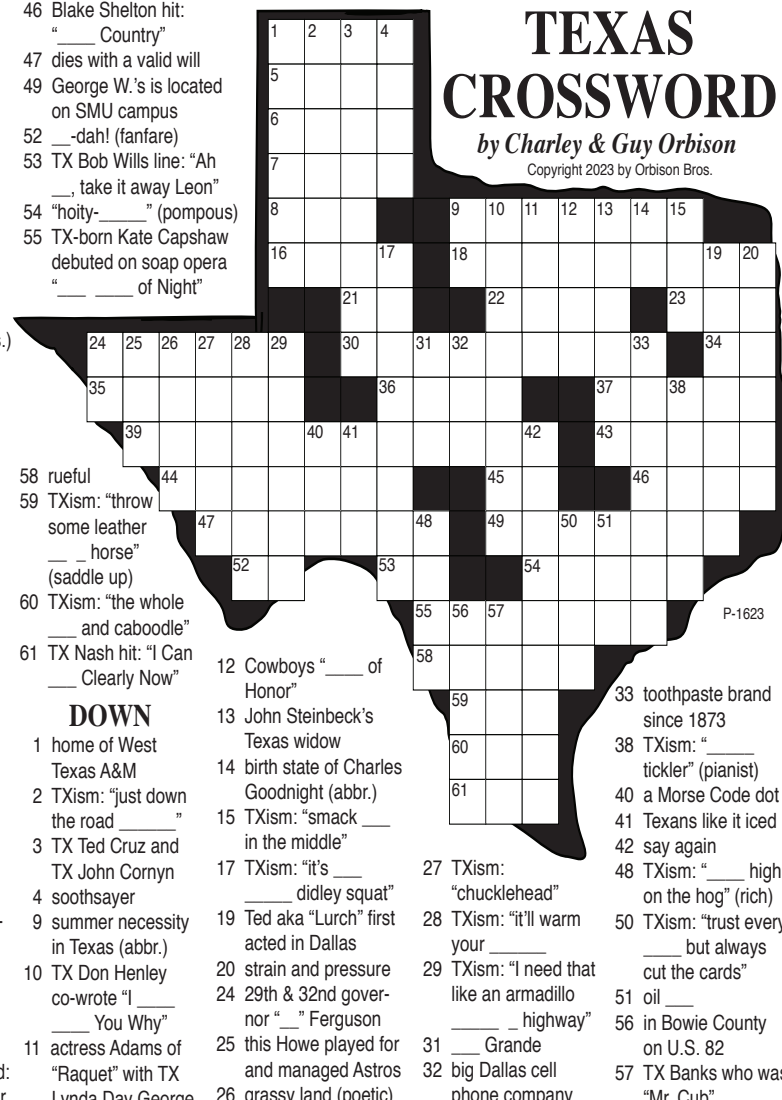
48 TXism: "___ high on the hog" (rich)

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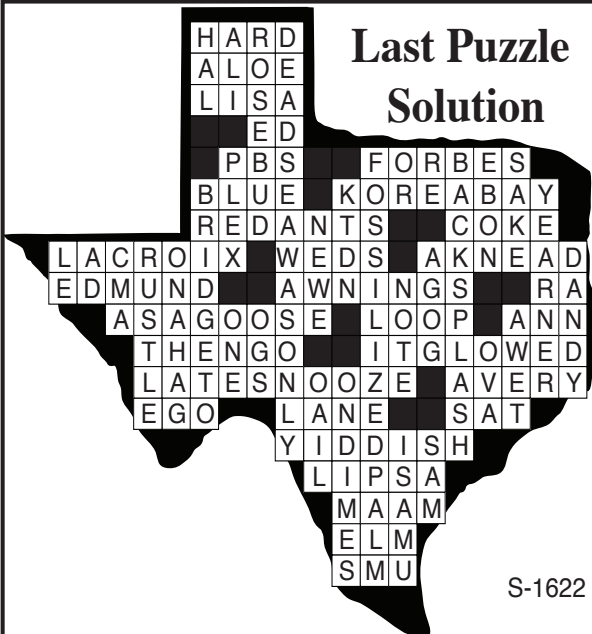
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