



# Zoom, zoom!

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Kids and parents watched with anticipation to see whose racecar would win at the Brazos Valley District Pinewood Derby on Feb. 18 at The GEM of the Lone Star State in Springtown.

## Springtown Cub Scouts win at Brazos Valley District Pinewood Derby

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The Brazos Valley District Pinewood Derby on Saturday ended with a 5-year-old red-headed girl standing on the podium next to a trophy that was almost twice her size. Out of 73 cars racing that day, Dixie Tyler — a Lion-ranked scout from Springtown's Cub Scout Pack 22 — had the fastest one. Dixie's mother Amanda Tyler, who has four children who participate in Scouts programs, said she was shocked by Dixie's win.

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Scott Passmore, Reno's city administrator and founder of the food pantry Our House, is expected to retire from the city on Feb. 28. Passmore is pictured working at Our House, which has closed.

## Reno city administrator to retire on Feb. 28

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Reno's city administrator intends to retire by the end of the month.

Mayor Sam White confirmed that Scott Passmore's last day working at the city of Reno is set for Feb. 28.

White said an interim city administrator will likely be appointed before a permanent one is hired.

In addition to being city administrator, Passmore also founded the food pantry Our House, which distributed food to people in need for the last time on Feb. 16. Passmore said the food pantry was closing because the building it was in at 1530 E. Reno Road was being sold.

Passmore and his wife Jodie announced that the food pantry was closing via

a post on the Our House Facebook page.

"We want to thank all of our amazing volunteers for helping us for all these years and we want to thank everyone who donated to help others," Scott and Jodie Passmore said in the post.

The News and the Epigraph were unable to reach Passmore for comment about his retirement before press time.

## Neighbor to Neighbors to host benefit concert to fund electrical repairs

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Since 1985, Springtown's Neighbor to Neighbors food pantry has served the community by giving food to people in need.

Now, the food pantry needs the community's help.

The building Neighbor to Neighbors is housed in - at

413 S. Main St. - needs costly electrical repairs to keep its freezers and refrigerators running.

"I believe the original use for that building was a lawn-mower shop, and then it was turned from that into a church and then from that into a food pantry. And so, it wasn't built for all these fridges and freezers and

### 'Electrify the pantry'

all the stuff that's going on in there," Neighbor to Neighbors Board President James Heil said. "We don't have the right breaker boxes. It's just a mess. And so, we need to have it redone, done right, and that's not cheap."

The electrical system issues are especially apparent in the summer when the air conditioning is running at the food pantry. Heil said the breakers would turn off last summer and cause the food pantry to lose power to some

of the freezers or refrigerators. The fear of drawing too much power from the system has also caused problems accessing hot water at one of the sinks and using the breakroom.

"In the summer, it's a big problem. We can't use all the freezers and fridges due to just too much draw, too many amps being pulled. We

had issues this past summer with that," he said. "We had a lady that wanted to donate a freezer to us, and we would have loved to have taken it, but I can't put any more draw on that system until it gets fixed. So right now (in the winter) it's OK, but I don't want to go through another

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er summer like we did last summer.”

To raise money for this work, the food pantry is planning to host a benefit concert on May 25. Heil said Neighbor to Neighbors hopes to bring in about \$8,000 to \$10,000 to pay for the electrical repairs.

“We just felt like if we got the community involved and a couple of sponsors from local businesses in the area, that instead of selling T-shirts or doing a bunch of small, little things that take a lot of effort, this (way) we do one big event that does take a lot of effort, but it’s only one event,” Heil said. “We feel like we should be able to raise the funds to be able to make this happen.”

Singer-songwriter Mitch McVicker is slated to headline the concert, which will start at 7 p.m. at Legacy Church in



**Neighbor to Neighbors volunteers package food for families in need in November 2021. The food pantry is hosting a benefit concert in May to pay for much-needed electrical repairs.**

Springtown.

Tickets to the concert will cost \$10 for adults and \$5 for children younger than 12 years old. Families of four can get into the concert for \$30. Attendees will also be able to donate to the food pantry at the concert in cash. People can also donate to

Neighbor to Neighbors via Pinnacle Bank in Springtown. Heil said any support that people can offer is “greatly appreciated.”

“Even though you may not need it today, there are folks out there, more and more every day, that need the services of the food pantry,” he

said. “It’s something that a community, especially of our size, we need to be able to provide help for folks when they need it.”

For more information about the benefit concert, call Neighbor to Neighbors at 817-523-6095.

# Roy Lane near post office to be reconstructed

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The city of Springtown has moved forward on the project to reconstruct Roy Lane and fix drainage issues in that area.

Roy Lane runs south of State Highway 199 and is in front of the post office.

Last month, the City Council approved a contract for \$809,390 with Pennington Utility Construction for this project. City Administrator David Miller indicated during the January council meeting that Pennington's bid was the lowest bid that

the city received for the project.

“The roadway is being completely reconstructed including paving, drainage, and utilities,” Administrative Services Director Christina Derr said about the project.

Derr said the project will have the most impact on people’s ability to access the post office, but the contractor will try to minimize that impact as much as possible. The project will have less of an impact on the businesses in the nearby shopping center, which can be entered and exited through other areas.

# State Rep. Glenn Rogers announces Texas Legislature committee assignments

## FROM STAFF REPORTS

Texas lawmakers are meeting in Austin for the state’s biennial legislative session, and the state representative for Parker, Palo Pinto and Stephens counties has been appointed to serve on three committees.

Texas House of Representatives Speaker Dade Phelan appointed State Rep. Glenn Rogers to serve as the vice chairman on the Land and Resource Management Committee and as a member on the Natural Resources Committee and the Local and Consent Calendars Committee.

“I’m excited to be able to

work on all three committees to benefit the citizens of District 60 and the State of Texas,” Rogers said in a news release from his office.

According to the Texas House of Representatives’ website, the Land and Resource Management Committee has authority over topics such as:

- The management of public lands
- The power of eminent domain
- The creation, modification, and regulation of municipal utility districts
- Annexation, zoning, and other governmental regulation of land use

• The School Land Board, the Board for Lease of University Lands and the General Land Office

As for the Natural Resources Committee, the Texas House of Representatives’ website states the committee has authority over the following:

- The conservation of the state’s natural resources.
- Control and development of Texas’ water and land.
- Oversight of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality related to the regulation of water resources.
- The creation, modification and regulation of ground-

water conservation districts, water supply districts, water control and improvement districts, conservation and reclamation districts and similar local government organizations related to water and water supply.

- Irrigation, irrigation companies and irrigation districts, and their incorporation, management, and powers.
- Certain state agencies related to rivers and water, including the Texas Water Development Board.

“As Texas continues to grow, appropriate allocation of land and natural resources is essential to maintain-

ing Texas’ advancement and stability,” Rogers’ news release states. “This is especially important in District 60, as Parker, Palo Pinto and Stephens counties experience unprecedented growth. As economic development continues to boom throughout the state, thorough water policy is necessary to meet the demand. Both the Natural Resources Committee and Land & Resource Management Committee will provide Representative Rogers and District 60 a major voice for the future of water and natural resource policy in Texas.”

Calendar committees set

priorities and schedules for bills to be discussed by the House of Representatives members. For the Local and Consent Calendars Committee, the legislation being scheduled is local and/or uncontested bills and resolutions.

“The Local and Consent Calendars Committee lends a platform to local governments so they can be heard on the House Floor,” Rogers’ news release stated. “Typically, the bills that go through this committee are uncontested and can expedite the needs of local communities.”

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# Fire chief to update Reno emergency management plan

## Druxman said more preparation for future emergencies is needed

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When the recent winter storm came to Reno, Briar-Reno Fire Department Chief Moses Druxman said the city was not prepared to address the icy roads.

Now, Druxman is updating the city's emergency management plan.

Druxman, who also serves with the mayor as the emergency management director for Reno, said the city's emergency management plan has included meetings with department heads periodically. During times of high fire danger or extreme weather, Druxman and the fire depart-

ment manage the allocation of resources and monitor weather conditions.

Moving forward, Druxman said Reno's emergency management team also needs to prepare to handle future urgent situations.

During the recent winter storm, he said fire trucks and ambulances struggled to drive on the icy roads in the Reno area. Because the Texas Department of Transportation focused its resources on major highways like interstates 820, 30 and 35, the responsibility to address Reno roads fell on the city.

"When the ice storm recently happened, it is the

city's responsibility to get out and plow those roads or put sand and gravel on the road," the fire chief said. "Currently, the city is not prepared for that because the city didn't recognize that was a need. So, what I explained to council (at the Feb. 13 meeting) was moving forward, we have to put a plan in place so that when this happens, we can get the roads opened back up."

Druxman also pointed out that Reno only has one tornado siren, which is on top of the fire station. He said he's working on getting grant funding to buy more sirens and spread them across the community.

Fire hydrant placement in certain neighborhoods also needs to be updated, Druxman said.

"The new subdivisions in Reno have hydrants that meet fire code, but there's no plan to add hydrants to existing areas that don't meet their requirements," he said. "For ISO purposes and for people's safety, that's something we've got to address."

Beyond fire hydrants, Druxman is concerned about Reno's water system as a whole. He said Reno's well sites are not ready for large capacity use, and the addition of new housing developments is putting a strain on the wells. If the fire depart-

ment had to put out a large commercial fire that required a lot of water, the city's water system could be in danger of collapse.

Druxman said he was recently added to the city's water task force, which was created last year to make recommendations to the council regarding water infrastructure improvements.

"I think that's going to be beneficial because I can bring some things in on the emergency management side that they may not see," he said.

Druxman will work on updating the emergency management plan, and department heads will meet

for emergency management meetings quarterly. He said the city will have to decide whether to allocate funding for these kinds of needs.

"We're taking more of an active role in emergency management working with the fire department, so that when we have storms, like with ice and stuff, we start applying for grants so we can get sanding equipment," Mayor Sam White said. "The county and state doesn't have enough resources, and they're passing that responsibility more and more to the cities for emergency management, like de-icing roads and things, so we're getting more and more proactive with that."

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# A Tale of Two Sundays

"It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness, it was the epoch of belief, it was the epoch of incredulity, it was the season of light, it was the season of darkness, it was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair." (Charles Dickens, "A Tale of Two Cities" - 1859)

Yesterday I attended two churches.

At the first one, I was the guest preacher. At the second, I was simply a guest.

At the first one, a cloud of heaviness and uncertainty hovered over the service. At the second, a spirit of joy and celebration permeated the



## BE AMAZING

By Gerry Lewis

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gathering.

At the first one, regrets about the past and anxiety about the future were an undercurrent. At the second, joyful celebration of the past and visionary anticipation of the future were the focus.

For obvious reasons, I will not identify the first one. I was there preaching because the church had just gone through the resignation of their pastor—a resignation

suggested by church leadership. I was there in my official capacity as Executive Director/Lead Strategist of Harvest Baptist Association to encourage the church and meet with leadership to strategize next steps.

I can enthusiastically identify the second one. I was there to join with Ash Creek Baptist Church to celebrate the 25th anniversary of their pastor, my friend, Dr. Wesley

Shotwell. I was there as a longtime friend of Wesley and many folks at ACBC.

At the first church, there was an "elephant in the room" that nobody mentioned.

At Ash Creek, there was nothing in the room but "family."

Different people told stories and offered affirmation and gratitude in a room full of laughter and a few heart-felt tears.

I'd already been a pastor in the Azle area for seven years when Wesley came to Ash Creek. He immediately engaged with the community and became a friend and encouragement to other

pastors. We served together through the Azle Ministerial Alliance and Tarrant Baptist Association.

We probably got to know each other best through taking kids from our churches to the same pre-teen camp every summer. That's the place where I came to appreciate his sense of humor and found out that of all the things Wesley Shotwell takes seriously, Wesley Shotwell is not one of those things.

Since I left the pastorate and went on to my current ministry, it has been my privilege to fill in for Wesley a few times preaching at Ash Creek and grabbing an occasional cup of coffee.

In everything I've seen over the past 25 years, Wesley has prioritized loving the people of ACBC and helping them to love their community.

That was so obvious last night when he was able to speak at the end of his anniversary celebration. After all the great things that had been said about him, he reminded his congregation that none of this was about the "he" of Wesley; it was about the "we" of ACBC.

We've done this, he said. And that's how he's been able to stay for 25 years. He recognizes the power of "we."

A good lesson for all of us. Be amazing today, my friends.

# Remember the Alamo: how could we forget?

Tomorrow is February 23. On that date 187 years ago marks the beginning of the siege at the Alamo.

Texas was not yet a republic and a long way from becoming a state in the Union of the United States. It was a possession of the sovereign nation of Mexico and its President Santa Anna, had traveled north bringing 10,000 Mexican soldiers to south Texas. He was intent to once and for all, eliminate all opposition to the authority of the Mexican state. Trouble had been brewing for months with the independent minded Texian population dissatisfied with the authoritative nature of Mexican government, with many expressing the desire for independence.

The Alamo defenders were



## FROM MY FRONT PORCH

By Sam Houston

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facing an experienced, well-trained army, perhaps the best one in the western hemisphere. They were fighting overwhelming numbers and were short of food and supplies. They were not an army, they were a rag tag group of men, hardly even militia. They were an odd collection from different backgrounds and cultures, but all shared the dream of independence and freedom. If necessary, they were all prepared to make the ultimate sacrifice to

achieve that dream.

After 13 days of siege the valiant defenders of the Alamo were overwhelmed and perished to the man. Their bodies were removed from the old mission by their opposition and burned as a warning to all who would oppose Mexico. Their bravery and dedication will forever live in the hearts of their fellow Texans.

On March 27, following the battle of Refugio and the Battle of Coleto, 425 prison-

ers of war from the Texian Army were executed by the Mexican army in the town of Goliad. The Texians had surrendered under the belief they would be treated as prisoners of war and would be set free in a few weeks, however this was not to be. General and President Santa Anna ordered the mass execution to take place, including Colonel James Fannin the commander of Mexican forces.

The Texian population attempted to flee the Mexican army by heading east in what has become to be known as the "Runaway Scrape".

General Sam Houston, the commander of all military forces of Texas faced hardships and a divisive army, as many troops wanted to stop and engage the enemy, but

Houston knew the Texians were severely outmanned and out equipped. The only hope for Texas was to wait for the right opportunity to end the hostilities in a single blow.

On April 21, this opportunity came at San Jacinto. The battle lasted a mere 17 minutes with the army of Texas inflicting over 1500 casualties on the Mexicans. The Army of Texas suffered casualties of 6 killed and 23 wounded, with Sam Houston being one of the injured. During the battle the enraged Texans called "Remember the Alamo" and "Remember Goliad" as they went about destroying the Mexican forces. Who could have imagined such a one-sided victory?

February, March and April

are important Texas history months. We should all stop and say a prayer for the men and woman who fought and died to create our Texas. We should remember their resolve and the principles for which they stood. Don't take what they sacrificed for granted. Remember our heroes and remember the Alamo!

God Bless our Texas! Thought for the day: "The cost of freedom is always high, but Americans have always paid it. And one path we shall never choose, and that is the path of surrender, or submission." John F Kennedy

Until next time...be thankful that of all the people on the earth, you have the privilege of being a "Texan." [sam@hcnews.com](mailto:sam@hcnews.com)

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# Abbott lays out seven top priorities; black lawmakers blast Abbott's hiring directive

## ABBOTT LAYS OUT SEVEN TOP PRIORITIES

Gov. Greg Abbott, in a State of the State address last Thursday, outlined his seven top priorities for the ongoing legislative session before an invitation-only audience at a manufacturing facility in San Marcos, the Austin American-Statesman reported. Those priorities include \$4 billion for border security, property tax relief and more school choice for parents, which he called "education freedom." He avoided use of the word "vouchers."

The governor, beginning his third term, announced that school safety would also be a legislative priority, while avoiding any mention on curtailing the availability of guns, something Democrats hammered on in their 10-minute rebuttal.

Abbott is proposing that \$15 billion of the state's hefty surplus go toward cutting property taxes.

## PATRICK ALSO ANNOUNCES PRIORITIES

Texas Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick a few days earlier released 30 legislative priorities, which also includes property tax relief. Patrick, who presides over the state Senate, also wants to increase the punishment for illegal voting, protect children "from obscene books in libraries" and eliminate tenure at public colleges and universities.

The Houston Chronicle reported other items on Patrick's list include banning



## CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Gary Borders

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critical race theory in higher education and prohibiting COVID-19 mandates.

"Just because a bill does not make the priority list does not mean it is not a priority for me or the Senate," Patrick said in a statement. "We will pass over 600 bills this session. As I like to say, every bill is a priority to someone, otherwise, we would not pass it."

Patrick is also pushing for teacher pay raises, expanding mental health services in rural areas, and strengthening the state's power grid.

## BLACK LAWMAKERS BLAST ABBOTT'S HIRING DIRECTIVE

A directive from Abbott to state agencies ordering them to end the use of diversity, equity and inclusion practices in hiring employees has drawn the ire of the Texas Legislative Black Caucus and the Texas NAACP. Both groups met last week to urge major national sports groups to refuse to hold championship games in Texas if the governor does not reverse his ruling.

The Statesman reported that the groups called on the NBA and MLB to not host All-Star games in the state, the NFL not to hold Super Bowl games, and the NCAA to de-

cline to host championship games in Texas, unless the ruling is reversed.

"I am proud to say that the NAACP urges all citizens of goodwill to join us and our partners in fighting to stop our state from continuing to move back to Jim Crow," NAACP President Gary Bledsoe said. Some employment law experts have said the governor's interpretation of DEI practices is misguided.

The governor's office has said that hiring on factors other than merit violates state and federal law.

## STATE PARK TO BECOME GATED COMMUNITY

A popular Texas state park located 90 miles southeast of Dallas will close at the end of the month, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department announced. After more than 50 years of public use, Fairfield State Park was notified by Vistra, the power company that leased the property to the state, that it is terminating the lease and selling the property to a private developer.

Vistra closed the coal power plant located on the lake in 2018. Despite months of negotiation, the company would not consider selling just the

parkland to the state. The new owner, Todd Interests, plans to develop a high-end gated community with a private golf course, according to The Dallas Morning News.

"This loss is especially unfathomable at a time when we are celebrating 100 years of state parks, yet absent any cooperation or interest in working with us from the developer, we have no other options," said Arch "Beaver" Aplin, TPWD chairman, said.

A number of state legislators have expressed outrage over the park's closing. State Rep. Angelia Orr, R-Hillsboro, whose district includes Freestone County where Fairfield State Park is located, has filed a bill that would allow the state to acquire the parkland through eminent domain. TPWD, however, will remove equipment and relocate staff members after Feb. 28.

## SABINE PASS BATTLEGROUND SITE REOPENS

A Civil War battleground and memorial site closed after damage from Hurricane Harvey in 2017 has reopened after repairs were made to the seawall. The Sabine Pass Battleground State Historic Site in Port Arthur is now open to the public seven days a week, according to the Texas Historical Commission.

In the battle, Confederate Lt. Richard "Dick" Dowling and 46 men fought back against a Union assault on Sabine Pass, which was the main port for Confederate shipments dur-



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**A statue of Confederate Lt. Richard "Dick" Dowling. During the Confederate war, he and 46 men, known as the Davis Guard, defended Sabine Pass from the Union.**

ing the war. The battle lasted less than an hour. Two Union gunboats were destroyed, along with significant casualties and the capture of about 350 prisoners. It kept Union forces from entering the Texas interior in the Civil War, according to THC.

## FINAL COVID-19 REPORT RELEASED

With this edition of Capital Highlights, we are ending our weekly report on the number of new COVID-19 cases

and hospitalization, since reporting agencies, such as the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University, are doing the same. The center reported 18,407 new cases in the past week in Texas, along with 133 deaths. The Texas Department of State Health Services reported 1,782 lab-confirmed hospitalizations in the state.

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# OBITUARIES

## Clifton Landers 1955-2023

Clifton Landers, 67, passed away, Wednesday, January 18, 2023, after a long battle with diabetes.

Funeral services were held, Saturday, January 28, 2023, at the Fundamental Baptist Church in Springtown, with cremation following.

He was born September 24, 1955, in Muenster to L.C. and Mary Lou Landers.

Clifton was a truck driver for many years. He loved the outside and could be found working in his flowerbeds or tending to his chickens. He loved to fish, no matter what the weather was like, rain, sleet or snow. His favorite place was out in the middle of the lake.

He was preceded in death by his parent; his in-laws, Ed and Mary McElyea; brother-in-law, Kenneth Hampton; and a nephew, Stacey Landers.

Clifton leaves behind, his



wife of 43 years, Renea; sons Kevin Landers and wife, Jan, Dustin and Jerry Alan; brothers, Don Landers and Ronnie Landers and wife, Kim; four beautiful granddaughters, Aimee, Brittany, Courtney and Desiree; extended family and friends.

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## Johnnie Jo Weaver 1940-2023

Johnnie Jo (Ransberger) Weaver, passed away on Wednesday, February 15, 2023, in Springtown.

Visitation is 6-8 p.m., Thursday, February 23, White's Funeral Home in Springtown.

Funeral Service is 10 a.m. Friday, February 24, Hilltop Family Church in Springtown.

Interment at 1:30 p.m., Tyson Cemetery, Pilot Point.

Johnnie was born February 12, 1940, in Aubrey; daughter of John William and Myrtle Agnes (Harvey) Ransberger.

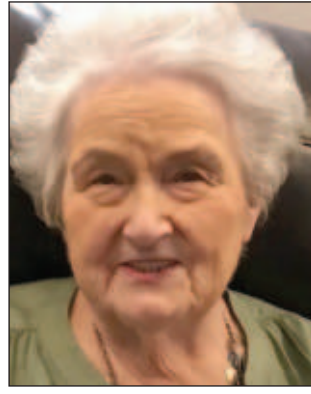
She graduated from Birdville High School in 1958 and graduated from Texas Women's University in 1962.

She met the love of her life, George Tolbert Weaver, and they were married on July 24, 1964. They would go on to spend nearly 40 happy years together before his passing in 2004.

She was an active member of Hilltop Family Church for many years. She was a published author, who loved to read and sing.

Johnnie was a teacher for her entire adult life. She spent over 30 years educating children, and she especially enjoyed her work with children with special needs.

She is preceded in death by her parents, and husband, George Tolbert Weaver.



Survivors include her children, Jhanna Bogan (Jeff), and Greg Weaver (Becky); grandchildren, Kyle Bogan, Ryan Bogan (Suzanne), Jennifer Duff (Daniel), Charles Darnall (Stephanie), Sarah Johnson (John), Ireland Weaver, and Emily Weaver; great-grandchildren, Cheyenne, Kylie, McKenzie, Maddie, Connor, Addison, Grace, Greyson, Trinity, and Jameson; brothers, Jim Ransberger, Jack Ransberger, Jeff Ransberger; sisters, Doris Jones, Jerrell Spencer; numerous nieces and nephews; and a host of other extended family members and friends.

Johnnie was a beloved mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother and will be missed by all who knew her.

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# Filing ends for local elections

## Uncontested races will likely be canceled

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The time period for candidates to file to run in the May 6 local elections has ended.

In Springtown, most of the races are uncontested, which means those elections will likely be canceled and the lone candidates will claim their places.

For Springtown City Council, current Mayor Greg Hood is the lone candidate for the mayoral race, and current Mayor Pro Tem Richelle Pruitt is the only candidate who filed for Place 4.

However, the race for Springtown City Council's

Place 2 is contested. Incumbent council member Michele Chandler Kelley is being challenged by Planning and Zoning Commission Chairperson Kenneth Jensen.

Springtown Administrative Services Director Christina Derr said the city will have a drawing for ballot positions on Feb. 24, and it will be streamed online and open to the public.

Springtown ISD school board incumbents Chris Gilley and Gary Veazey were the only ones who filed for their respective places on the board.

Early voting will take place from April 24 through May 2.

# SNAP to attention for Lone Star Card holders

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For many families in Springtown, and across Texas, the government assistance program Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) provides money for food is a vital necessity for being able to put food on the table. However, there has been an increasingly disturbing trend of scammers and thieves coming up with ways to steal money benefits.

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) has been receiving several reports of scammers targeting people who receive SNAP benefits. The organization has urged recipients of the government assistant program to be as cautious as possible with their benefits and to monitor purchases on their Lone Star Card through the Your Texas Benefits mobile app.

HHSC recently released an updated version of the Your Texas Benefits mobile app that helps people better manage their benefits. This would make the Lone Star Benefits cards act in the same way that debit bank cards are used and monitored. Using the updated app, available for both Apple and Android smart phones, card holders can monitor purchases, hold and unfreeze their card, and change their PIN.

"We hope these resources and outreach efforts will minimize the fraud we're

seeing in Texas," Texas HHS Access and Eligibility Services Deputy Executive Commissioner Wayne Salter said. "We encourage clients to take immediate action to secure their benefits."

The HHSC has reported scammers are primarily using primarily two forms of scam called 'Skimming' and 'Phishing' to obtain Lone Star Card numbers and PIN. 'Skimming' is a process where devices are placed on card readers, like the keypads at registers, to get the card holders' vital information. 'Phishing' is when a card holder will receive a text message or email is sent to trick people into clicking a link or calling a number to share card information.

HHSC recommends that if a Lone Star card has been compromised, to call the service immediately. A new card will be issued within a week, allowing people to access their benefits. Currently HHS cannot issue new funds to people with compromised cards, and they highlight the importance of reporting concerns quickly. Most fraud occurs within one hour of a card being compromised.

SNAP is one of the most popular and most used government assistance programs. According to report published by the USDA Food and Nutrition Services of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Texas is one of the states with the highest number of Families who receive SNAP benefits.

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# Congratulations, Springtown Lady Porcupines!

**JEFF PRINCE** | SPRINGTOWN EPIGRAPH

The Springtown Lady Porcupines punched their ticket to the basketball playoffs for the first time since 2016. The girls overcame injuries and obstacles along the way, playing hardnosed, enthusiastic basketball from the opening tipoff to the final buzzer. The roster features young players who will improve in the coming years. The future holds plenty of action-packed fun in Pojoville.



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MADELYN EDWARDS | THE SPRINGTOWN EPIGRAPH

Sean Lanigan, second from the right, had the fastest racecar at Springtown Cub Scout Pack 303's Pinewood Derby last month. Sean tried his luck at the Brazos Valley District Pinewood Derby on Feb. 18, and he claimed victory by placing first in his class of Arrow of Light-ranked scouts.

## DERBY

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"I really thought the other ones would win it before she would," Amanda Tyler said.

The Pinewood Derby is a racing contest that involves Cub Scouts - who are kids in kindergarten through fifth grade - building handheld, wooden racecars with the help of a parent or adult mentor.

Cub Scouts in the Brazos Valley District - which includes Parker County as well as parts of Palo Pinto, Wise and Jack counties - came together on Feb. 18 at The GEM of the Lone Star State in Springtown for the derby. Awards were given out to the fastest racers in each Cub Scout rank as well as in the

youth open, adult open, BSA troop and rulebreaker/out-law classes. Racers were also honored with special awards for their cars, such as most imaginative, coolest paint job and excellent engineering.

"We're just trying to give them a chance to get another award even if they don't have a fast car," Pack 22 Cubmaster Shane Gross said. Gross also coordinated the district's Pinewood Derby.

And of course, three kids went home with trophies for the fastest cars in the district derby.

Dixie Tyler said she felt good winning the award for the fastest car, and she enjoyed participating in the derby. As for her trophy - a large gold statue of gears and wrenches welded together - Dixie imagined that she

would have it placed in her parents' bathroom.

Amanda Tyler said Dixie told her father, Brent Tyler, how she wanted the car to be designed, and once he crafted it for her, she painted it and completed the rest of the work.

Overall, Amanda Tyler said her kids really enjoy the social aspects of their Scouting programs.

"My kids, one of them has ADHD; one of them has autism. (Scouts) has been amazing for their self-esteem, their socialization skills," she said.

In Springtown Pack 303's Pinewood Derby, Cub Scout Sean Lanigan had the fastest racecar overall, and he entered the district derby on Saturday to see how his car would match up against other racers in the area. His



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Dixie Tyler of Springtown Cub Scout Pack 22 stands next to the trophy she was awarded for having the fastest racecar at the Brazos Valley District Pinewood Derby on Feb. 18. Dixie also won first place in her class of Lion-ranked scouts at the derby.



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At the Brazos Valley District Pinewood Derby on Feb. 18, Cody Abel of BSA Troop 121 meticulously sets the racecars on the track before launching them while Dan Oliphant of Cub Scouts Pack 76 supervises.

car didn't make the top three fastest, but he did win fastest in his class of fellow Arrow of Light-ranked scouts.

Sean's father, Tom Lanigan, said Saturday's event was the first time his family had participated in the district derby.

"There's some fast cars here today," Tom Lanigan said at the event.

Tom Lanigan's two sons have been part of Cub Scouts for four and five years, respectively. Lanigan was an Eagle Scout in his youth, and he wanted his kids to be involved in Scouting programs.

"I saw the benefits of the program as a boy and then as an adult, so I wanted to get my two boys into it, too," Tom Lanigan said. "I introduced them to it, and they haven't looked back ever since."

All in all, Gross seemed satisfied with how the district derby turned out.

"I think it's been a very good event, good turnout," Gross said. "We're grateful for the sponsors that did help us out."

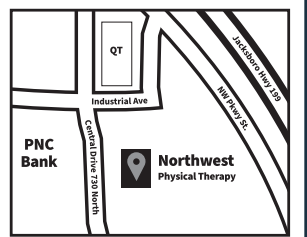
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Yair Hernandez resists swinging at an errant pitch during the Stephenville scrimmage.

## Springtown diamond dwellers seek gem of season

*The pressure is on to perform as well as they did last year*

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The Springtown baseball team played its first real game of the season on Monday night and nailed down a victory, knocking off Graham 5-1.

The Porcupines plan to win plenty more between now and the end of the regular season in late April.

Expectations are high. Last year, the Porcupines went farther into the playoffs than any other baseball team in school history to earn the

area championship. The year before that, the team won 23 games for the first time since 2015.

"It's hard on us coming back from the last two years that we've had because we set school history last year, and the year before that, we were

pretty much just as good," said Brayden Fox, a senior pitcher and second baseman. "We lost a lot of big guys (to graduation), but we've handled it well so far. I think it's going to be OK."

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## Dallin Fabrizius represents Springtown at top wrestling event

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The only Springtown athlete to qualify for the UIL State Wrestling Championship represented his hometown with pride.

Dallin Fabrizius "wrestled well at the state tour-

nament," said head coach Sawyer Cooper.

The meet was held in front of a large crowd on Feb. 17-18 at Berry Center in Cypress.

Fabrizius lost two close matches to opponents who went on to place.

"He left it all on the mat

and just ultimately came up short," Cooper said.

To qualify for the state meet, Fabrizius won a regional championship at the UIL Region 1-5A meet on Feb. 10-11 in Canyon. He takes on burly bruisers in the 285-pound class.

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Dallin Fabrizius (right) prepares to wrestle in front of a large crowd at the state meet.

## Springtown soccer teams eager to take another crack at Bridgeport

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On Tuesday, the Springtown boys and girls soccer teams traveled to Bull Stadium to challenge Bridgeport and came back home carrying a couple of tough losses.

The Lady Porcupines played first, taking on the strong-footed Sissies. Both teams were 3-1 in District 8-4A, and the winner would take sole possession of second place while the loser dropped to third. (Undeclared Decatur is in first place.)

The Lady Pines played a strong game, but so did the Sissies. The game ended 0-0 and proceeded to the first round of penalty kick shootouts.

Again, a tie. In the "sudden death" round, Bridgeport prevailed.

Head coach Katherine Kummerfeld wasn't concerned about the score. She praised an "excellent showing by the Lady Pines."

Afterward, the boys played and weren't so fortunate.



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PLEASE SEE **SOCCER** | B2 Alee Stiles and the Lady Porcupines will play after the boys on Friday.

# Lady Porcupines rake in basketball awards

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Springtown's Lady Porcupines earned a trip to the basketball playoffs for the first time since 2016, and the people who give out District 8-4A awards took notice.

Three girls earned first team All-District recognition — Dawson Doggett, Allison Ford, and Ashlynn Dickey.

Doggett led the team in scoring and steals in her freshman year, proving she could make a huge impact on the Lady Pines during the next three years.

Ford made her own special mark this season, leading the Pines in blocked shots and finishing in the top five in the state for three-point shots made. The junior should return next year with another strong season.

Dickey, a senior, finished the season with multiple double-double games and led the team in rebounds. She was a solid team leader during her two years at Springtown.

Earning second team All-District status were Blanca Alapont, Kelsey Beaman and Paige Winstead.

Alapont, a foreign exchange student from Spain, led the Lady Porcupines in assists and finished in the top 20 in the district in steal/assist turnover ratio.

Beaman recorded double-digit rebounds multiple times during the regular season. She battled an injury mid-way through the season but returned in time to help push the Pines into the postseason.

Winstead earned second-team All-District after playing multiple positions throughout the year.

Brooklynn Quintanilla played with a fire and aggressiveness unusual for a freshman who barely tops 5 feet tall. She earned All-District honorable mention and will be fun to watch on the court in the coming years.

Academic All-District recognition went to Quintanilla, Alapont, Beaman, Doggett, Blaize Flood, Chloe Kirk, Kenzi Kirk, Abby Miller, Kylie Russell and Brynlei Taylor.



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Allison Ford earns first-team All-District after leading Springtown in blocked shots and three point baskets made.



**JEFF PRINCE** | SPRINGTOWN EPIGRAPH  
Ashlynn Dickey, rebound leader, earned first-team All-District.

## DIAMOND

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On Feb. 14, Springtown faced Stephenville in a scrimmage and spent more than two hours battling on the diamond at Porcupine Stadium. No one kept score, but the Porcupines punched in several runs at the plate. Starting pitcher Caleb Elmore showed power and accuracy.

"Arm feels good," Elmore said afterward.

He praised new head coach Colin Crawford, who had served four years as an assistant coach before taking the helm this year.

"He really takes charge and helps this program," Elmore

said. "We've got a good group of boys here that will go pretty far and lead us to good things."

Crawford maintains perspective despite the rosy outlook. Most of last year's starting players graduated and moved on, leaving a young roster to fill their cleats. The Pines scored several runs against Stephenville but gave up runs, too.

The scoreboard wasn't being used during the contest.

"No one really wins or loses these things," Crawford said. "It's like a glorified practice against another opponent, just an opportunity to see live arms and roll a bunch of guys in at different spots. Just a chance to get better."

This year's team is young and mostly inexperienced at the varsity level.

"We've got some young guys that we're trying to grow up in a hurry," the coach said. "We've got a good group of older kids that show up and do the right thing every day. It's just trying to get these young guys experience that are at some key spots for us. Each scrimmage, we've gotten better at some things."

He appreciated battling Stephenville because the Yellow Jackets are a solid program that the Pines could meet in the playoffs.

"They are always in the mix," he said. "It was a good measuring stick to see where we're at."

The Porcupines played well but showed need for improvement. That's what scrimmages are for.

"We're improving," Crawford said. "We just have to be patient with some of these guys. They're getting better. They need that experience. They'll get better with the more experience they get. I'm happy with where we're at right now."

The next week against Graham, the Pines won handily against a team that knocked them out of the playoffs in 2021.

Fox, a veteran in the dug-out, helps show the younger players how to handle themselves in games. In mid-February, Fox was the starting pitcher at a frigid scrimmage. The wind chill factor was in the 30s, creating problems for pitchers on both sides. He powered through the finger-numbing chill and managed to find the strike zone.

"Your arm is cramping," he said. "Hands are always dry because of the wind and the cold. I try to constantly keep them wet so the balls don't slip away from me."

Against Stephenville and Graham, the weather was a relatively balmy 65 degrees. Fox and the team prevailed. Still, the Pines are feeling pressure to live up to the past.

Win or lose, Crawford is ready to hang his hopes on his current bunch of scrappers.

"It's a fun group of kids," the coach said. "They're good kids. They play hard."



**JEFF PRINCE** | SPRINGTOWN EPIGRAPH  
Rolando Salas and teammates will enjoy a chance for revenge against Bridgeport on Friday at Porcupine Stadium.

## SOCCER

FROM PAGE B1

They played hard, as usual, but struggled to contain Bridgeport and lost 6-0.

The Porcupines and Lady Pines will earn a quick chance for revenge.

Bridgeport is coming to Springtown on Friday for rematches.

The boys will take on Bridgeport at 5:30 p.m. Friday at Porcupine Stadium.

The Lady Porcupines will play the Lady Sissies afterward, probably at about 7:30 p.m.



**JEFF PRINCE** | SPRINGTOWN EPIGRAPH  
Brayden Fox and Caleb Elmore are two of Springtown's top pitchers this season.

# Springtown basketball boys end playoff run against Burkburnett

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On Tuesday, Feb. 21, Springtown lost its boys basketball playoff game against Burkburnett, but the loss didn't remove a fond memory for fans.

A few days earlier, the Porcupines wowed a crowd during a head-to-head challenge with Lake Worth. Springtown had been tied for third place with Lake Worth when the regular season ended. To determine seeding, the Pines and Bullfrogs would meet at a neutral site — Azle — and battle it out. The winner would face Burkburnett, the second-place team in District 7-4A. The loser would take on Wichita Falls Hirschi, the undefeated champ of that tough district.

Springtown and Lake Worth had played twice this season, with each team winning once. Both of those games were nailbiters. The Porcupines won 60-59 in the first matchup and lost the second 62-59.

On Feb. 17, the Pines and Bullfrogs faced off, and the game was predictably tight and hard-fought. The

Bullfrogs had won almost twice as many games as Springtown during the regular season, but they couldn't contain a Porcupine squad that played with passion, confidence, and determination. Final score: Springtown 44, Lake Worth 42.

On Tuesday, Springtown traveled to Henrietta to take on Burkburnett in the bi-district round of the playoffs. This time, the Pines were the clear underdog. On Jan. 10, Burkburnett had traveled to Springtown to challenge the Pines and came out on top 63-44.

This time, Burkburnett won 80-47.

The score didn't take away from another exciting, action-packed playoff season of basketball. Springtown head coach Nathan Purvis summed up the season well on a social media post: "Thank you seniors, parents, players, community, and administration for a tremendous year," he wrote. "Our guys fought from start to finish. Incredibly proud of our athletes and their toughness all season. Best finish in district in a long time. We will be back."



Drake Doggett and the Springtown Porcupines gave fans an exciting season of basketball.

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Springtown powerlifting girls hope to compete well at regionals and qualify for state.

## Powerlifting girls ready to roar at regionals

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The Region 6-4A powerlifting meet is set for Saturday at Kennedale High School, and the Springtown girls are feeling confident.

On Feb. 15, the Lady Porcupines competed at the Weatherford Last Chance Qualifier, the final invitational meet of the year in preparation for the regional meet. Pow! The Lady Pines blew away

the competition. The Porcupines scored their highest total of the season with 70 points. Peaster came in second with 23 points. Springtown's Brianna Graham was named best lifter in the light division with an

820-pound total. Anaie Rodriguez earned best lifter in the heavy division with an 885-pound total. Angela Chavez set an SHS girls school record on squat at 550 pounds and finished with a total of 1,270.

Regional qualifiers include Zoey Adams, Angela Chavez, Macy Chavez, Marie Cook, A'shiana Elam, Reaghan Fortner, Brianna Graham, Isabella Medina, Jessica Montgomery, Emily Plumlee, Sarah Self, Abigail Stoner,

Skyler Tyree, Abigail Rodgers, Anaie Rodriguez and Kylie Wear. Weigh-ins for the regional meet are Friday, and the powerlifting begins at 9 a.m. Saturday at Kennedale High School.



Brylee Bailey and the Springtown rodeo team will be on hiatus for spring break until March 24.

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## Springtown rodeo hogties ninth place before spring break

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Springtown High School's rodeo team members earned points here and points there at the Saginaw competition on Feb. 17-18 and kept a tight rein on its ninth place standing as the second half of the season begins to wind down. Springtown's Shaye Winford earned 28 points for her team by placing seventh in walkup goat tying. Delaney Harris earned 7 points by finishing in 10th place. Nevaeh

Gambrell, Kallie Gray and Makayla Ballard finished out of the points at 21st, 24th and 38th place respectively. In ride-up goat tying, Harris finished in seventh place and earned 28 points. Winford earned ninth place and 14 points. In barrel racing, London Smith finished 21st, Gray 32nd, Brylee Bailey 39th, Addyson Norris 48th, Faith Styles 51st, Kaylee Buchanan 60th, and Winford 69th. Styles placed 18th in poles, followed by Stephanie Heil

21st, Smith 31st and Norris 32nd. Colton Phillips placed 13th in bull riding. Springtown remains in ninth place in the team standings with 1,869 points, between eighth-place Nocona (2,635 points) and Keller (1,708). The rodeo team will enjoy spring break through March 19. The next rodeo is set for March 24-25 at the North Texas High School Rodeo Association Arena in Saginaw.

# Powerlifting improves Springtown kid's self-image

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Seeing a picture of himself at almost 300 pounds prompted Oliver Hobbs to take control of his physical fitness.

"I hated the way I looked," he said. "It just really messed me up. I was so sad over it. Now, I feel a lot better about myself."

Hobbs had been bullied when he was in junior high for his excess weight, and so he joined the football team in high school, gaining friends and confidence.

The bullying stopped. The weight gain didn't.

He added powerlifting to his schedule as a junior when he was tipping the scales at 285. Now, he weighs 225 and has firmed his torso with muscle.

"I even have a gym TikTok, where I posted my weight loss journey and some pictures of before and after," he said.

He posts at guac.lifts on TikTok.

"I've had a lot of people ask me for tips," Hobbs said. "I've had people compliment it. I've had some super jacked, ripped people say how cool it is that I lost all that weight. That was super inspirational."

He added treadmill work to his lifting routine and began eating healthy foods.

"I ate less, and I worked out more," he said. "I worked out harder, too."

He wants to maintain 225 until after power lifting season.

"Then, I'm going to start losing more weight," he said.

His goal isn't a number on a scale but just to be "satisfied with myself," he said. "I don't really have a number on it. I just want to be able to look in the mirror and be proud."



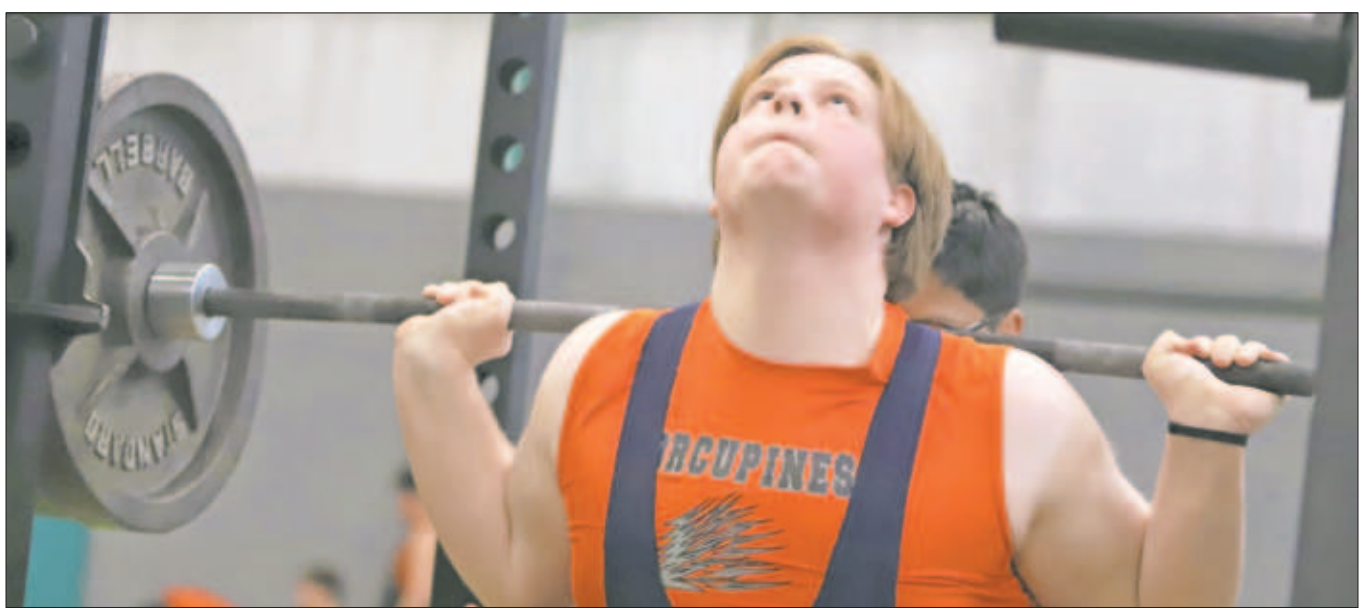
Oliver Hobbs trimmed about 60 pounds from his frame and plans to drop more weight after powerlifting season ends.

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The extra work is showing at tournaments. He earned second-place at this season's first two meets.

The Springtown powerlifters were competing at the district tourney on Tuesday night as the paper was being prepared to go to press. Look for the results in next week's Springtown Epigraph.

**JEFF PRINCE** | SPRINGTOWN EPIGRAPH  
At this Feb. 9 powerlifting meet in Azle, Oliver Hobbs won second place.



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## TEXAS CROSSWORD

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**ACROSS**

1 TXism: "he's holding all the \_\_\_" (in control)

5 boot underside

6 \_\_\_ shoe, Texas

7 West Texas climate

8 "keep a stiff upper \_\_\_"

9 TXism: "fits like scales \_\_\_ fish"

12 golfing mistake

17 many diets call for this (2 wds.)

19 wax your car, e.g.

21 TX Larry Hagman 1960s sitcom: "I \_\_\_ Jeannie"

22 the first King Ranch land was purchased for 2-cents \_\_\_

23 TXism: "cowboy \_\_\_" (jukebox)

28 flower stalk

29 "if I \_\_\_ then what I know now"

30 electrical installation in a house, e.g.

31 Marie Osmond's "\_\_\_ Wanted You"

35 long-tailed parrot

36 end result of a terrorist situation? (2 wds.)

42 TX Dan Jenkins novel (hyphenated)

44 TX Ty who was a skating cowboy in "Mighty Ducks" films

46 type of drilling used at Spindletop (2 wds.)

48 Benny of UH's "Phi Slama Jama"

49 Rock of 1956 Texas epic "Giant" (init.)

50 song "\_\_\_! San Antonio"

51 vehicle sideways slide

52 \_\_\_ City, Texas

53 parent to child: "because \_\_\_ so"

54 certain sandwiches agreeable head movement

57 TX Willie has lived 89 of these (abbr.)

**DOWN**

1 TXism: "cautious as a big bone:"

2 Elgin newspaper

3 sets of dots indicating omission of words in writing

4 what you spit when eating a watermelon

9 film with TX-born Steve Martin: "All \_\_\_" (1984)

10 renown Texas poet (3 wds.)

11 agcy. that tried to serve a warrant on Branch Davidians near Waco in 1993

12 pamperin' place

13 Texas bars/dance halls (2 wds.)

14 Ladd of 1957 film "The Big Land" about Texas cattle

15 "\_\_\_ work if you can get it"

16 once an FM in Childress, TX

18 admission test for any Texas college

20 TXism: "\_\_\_ two-steps to his own beat" (individualist)

23 dir. from Canyon to Friona

24 Spurs star power forward, Duncan

25 historical periods slang for a Japanese car

27 feel love for

32 TX Roy Orbison's "\_\_\_, Pretty Woman"

33 TXism: "\_\_\_ hill for a stepper"

34 "\_\_\_ and behold"

36 TXism: "a sight \_\_\_ sore eyes"

37 "I don't \_\_\_ it" (don't believe it)

38 "when hungry, \_\_\_ a bite at Whataburger"

39 populous South Asia country

40 disadvantaged

41 a fish in brackish water of East Texas

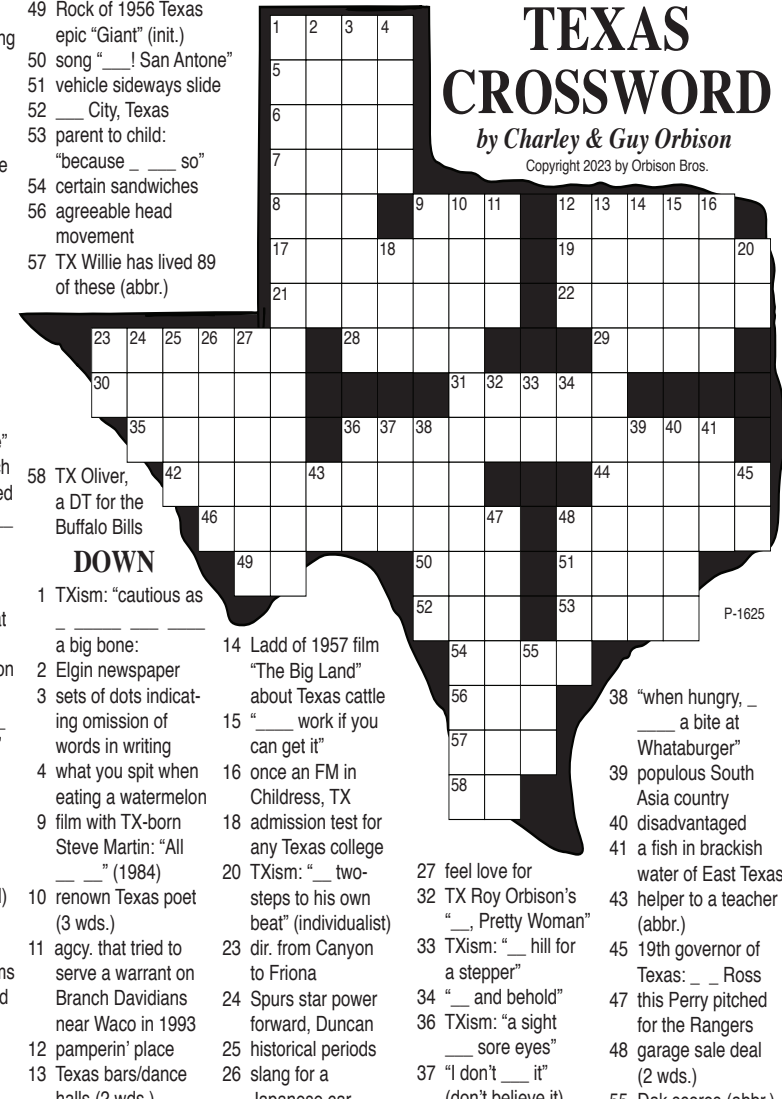
43 helper to a teacher (abbr.)

45 19th governor of Texas: \_\_\_ Ross

47 this Perry pitched for the Rangers

48 garage sale deal (2 wds.)

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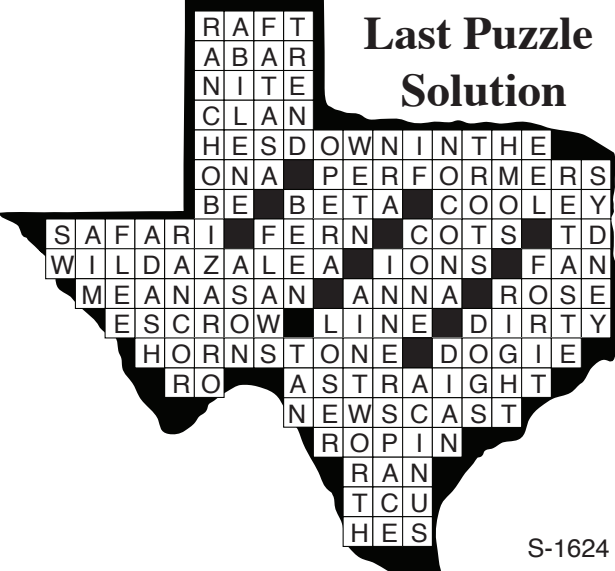
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