

Hop around!

Springtown hosts annual Hop & Shop



Six-year-olds Stella Barnard and Preslie Collins pet a pair of alpacas, provided by Wise Alpaca Farm, at the Springtown Hop & Shop event on April 8.

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Who are you voting for?

Get to know the candidates in the Springtown City Council Place 2 race

STAFF REPORTS

The Epigraph sent questionnaires to the two candidates running for election in the Springtown City Council Place 2 race. Incumbent council member Michele Chandler Kelley is being challenged by Planning and Zoning Commission Chairperson Kenneth Jensen. This is the city of Springtown's first contested city council election since 2018. Early voting starts on April 24 and ends on May 2. Election Day is on May 6. Springtown residents can vote at the Springtown Senior Center or at other voting locations in Parker County.

NAME: Kenneth R. Jensen (Ken)

OCCUPATION: Retired – 20 years USAF Firefighter and Fire Chief, 17 years teaching Theology in Christian Schools in California, San Antonio and Colorado, 10 years as an Associate Pastor. I am the owner of "Ken's Custom Creations of Springtown".

EDUCATION: Graduated from Andrew P. Hill High School, San Jose, California, Bachelor of Arts majoring in Church Music and Theological Studies from The Master's University, Santa Clarita, California, Graduate studies at Wayland Baptist University, San Antonio, Texas. I am a Licensed and Ordained Baptist Minister.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Chairman of the Springtown Planning and Zoning Commission, Teach Adult Sunday School at First



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Kenneth R. Jensen

Baptist Church, Springtown. Participate in the Springtown Annual Wild West Days.

FAMILY: My wife, Linda, and I have been married for 54 years this May. We have two sons, Bill who lives in Weatherford and Ken who lives

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Early voting coming up for SISD bond election

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Bond package to include new middle school

Springtown ISD voters have the chance to pass or fail the school district's latest bond effort in the upcoming election.

SISD's bond measure will be on the ballot for the May 6 election. Early voting starts on April 24 and ends on May 2. Springtown residents can

vote at the Springtown Senior Center or at other voting locations in Parker County. Wise County residents can vote at the Boyd Community Center.

In February, the SISD school board approved calling for the \$120,780,000 bond election to fund a new middle school, acquiring land, and

restroom additions and renovations to Springtown Intermediate School.

According to a SISD news release, the new middle school would house grades six through eight, and include capacity for about 1,200 stu-

dents, a gymnasium, a football field, and a track.

The land acquisition part of the bond would allow the district to buy more land near the intersection of State

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'Super Steps for Super Pets'

City of Springtown, animal shelter to host 5K, silent auction at Newby Pavilion

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Springtown folks are invited to run with the doggies at the city animal shelter's first annual 5K run.

The dog-friendly 5K run on April 22 will be followed up with a silent auction fundraiser benefitting the animal shelter. The event - which also includes entertainment, food trucks, on-site micro-chipping, animals available for adoption, information about low-cost spay/neuter and vaccine programs, and a Q&A with animal control

staff - will take place from 9 a.m. to noon.

People of all ages are welcome to run or walk in the 5K, and any pets participating must have proof of sterilization and current vaccination, according to the Facebook page for the event.

The 5K route will start at Newby Pavilion in Springtown Park, winding through Avenues A, B and C, cutting across Fifth Street to Avenue E, and then Third Street to Overhill Drive before heading back to the pavilion.

Springtown Administrative Services Director Christina Derr said the silent auction

includes donated items like tickets to the Fort Worth Zoo, a family 4-pack to Fort Worth Botanic Garden and a small custom painting by a local animal artist, among other items.

Pet-related vendors selling or giving away things like homemade dog treats, mobile dog grooming and dog bowls will also be at the event, Derr said. Food will be provided by food vendors Rise Coffee & Tea and Pojo Wellness.

Derr said the purpose of this event is to bring awareness to the animal shelter,

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Henry, an adult male Pit Bull mix, posed for a picture at the Springtown animal shelter in December. The animal shelter is hosting its first annual Super Steps for Super Pets 5K and Silent Auction on April 22.



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Reno Council discusses city administration structure

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Reno City Council members discussed the possibilities for how the city of Reno will be structured moving forward.

City Administrator Scott Passmore retired from his position at the end of February, leaving space for a new administrative structure. At the meeting in March, Reno City Council members talked about what kind of roles would benefit the city the most.

Council member Jody Works kicked off the discussion by asking if the city even needs a city administrator.

"When I asked (police department officials) questions over their budget, over their personnel, over that, it always went back to Scott (Passmore)," Works said during the meeting. "I think the department heads are to have more responsibility for all of that, first off. They should have their own budget. They should manage their own budget. They should input their own numbers. They should keep up with their own expenses. They should do all that. That's what we pay them for."

Works said giving depart-

ment heads more responsibility may eliminate the need for a city administrator. He also asked if hiring a city secretary is the right way to proceed and what qualifications that person would need to have.

"That's the reason why I wanted it put on the agenda was so that we can open that dialogue up and that discussion up. What's going to be best for the city?" he said. "I don't want to see us get back to one person that has all the information, that has every single thing that's going on, and has all the answers. I'm not throwing any eggs at Scott. It kind of got that way over time."

Deputy Pro Tem Hernando Herrera chimed in that the city should hire a city secretary instead of administrator.

"I know at one point, the biggest issue with filling that city secretary position was that we didn't have enough money allotted for that position," Herrera said during the meeting. "I'd actually like to see us do away with the city admin position and move that money over to hiring a real bona fide city secretary."

Mayor Sam White said he has asked the city's certified professional accountant to

come to a budget workshop to determine what the city can afford before anyone is hired.

"I think before we do the actual hiring, we go through that process," White said during the meeting.

White also encouraged council members to find out the average cost of a city administrator and the average cost of a city secretary.

For now, the city secretary's position is filled temporarily, and the city has an administrative assistant to work on permits and other tasks, White said. Other duties handled by the city administrator were delegated to other staff members and departments.

"We have fantastic staff. They've stepped up. They're multitasking. They're stepped up and covering a lot of things that they didn't do before, and (they're) actually doing it with smiles," White said. "They've enjoyed it. They got some challenges."

Works struck an optimistic tone as he described this current moment in the city of Reno as a chance to rebuild.

"I think this is the opportunity for us as a city, as a council, as a leadership of the city to redefine what the city is," Works said.



Springtown Chamber travels to Capitol for Parker County Day

COURTESY PHOTO

Members of the Springtown Area Chamber of Commerce as well as some city staff members and elected officials traveled to the Capitol in Austin on March 28-29 for Parker County Day. They were joined by members of the Weatherford Chamber of Commerce and the East Parker County Chamber of Commerce.

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Highway 199 and Williams-Ward Road, which is where the new middle school would be built.

If this bond election is successful, ninth-grade students will be taught in the cur-

rent middle school building, which would open up space at Springtown High School. Also, the intermediate school would become an elementary school in this plan, and all elementary schools would house grades pre-kindergarten through fifth.

Taxpayers will see an increase on their property taxes

if this bond passes. SISD's total tax rate would increase from \$1.14 per \$100 valuation to \$1.43. The exception to this increase are those who have filed for the 65 and older exemption on their homestead; these taxpayers will not see an increase in school district taxes.

This plan was developed

after the district held several meetings with parents and other members of the community to discuss the district's growth and how that growth has impacted facilities. Those meetings also included discussions about SISD's financial standing, existing school facilities, different scenarios for building

new facilities and/or renovating existing facilities and costs related to adding more space.

Two bond elections to increase space at SISD were held in 2021, but both were rejected by voters.

According to the district's website, the Texas Education Agency has reported that

"SISD is growing faster than 90% of all other districts in the state." The district's current enrollment is more than what it was projected to be at this time.

For more information about SISD's bond proposal and the district's growth, visit the website springtownisd-bond2023.com/ online.

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Reno water infrastructure projects in the works

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Grant-funded projects to improve Reno's water infrastructure are moving along, according to a report given at last week's Reno Planning and Zoning Commission meeting.

P&Z Chairperson Brian Schrader briefed the commission and the public on these projects in his Water Task Force report.

In 2019, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality cited the city for being short of the minimum standards for water flow, pressure, and stor-

age. Engineering studies commissioned by the city backed up TCEQ's findings.

To work on these deficiencies, the city obtained a grant from the Texas Department of Agriculture to replace the 4-inch water main on Miller Road with a 6-inch line, to install booster pumps at the main water storage site, convert of the city wide water disinfection system from chlorine to chloramine and to reconfigure the pump manifold at one of the well sites.

Reno's Water Task Force was created last year as the grant expiration date approached. The grant expiration date has now been ex-

tended to Jan. 31, 2024.

Reno City Council approved the contract to replace the 4-inch water line on Miller Road with a 6-inch line in November. The work was due to start earlier this month and is expected to finish in about 120 days.

The city has received the booster pumps that are to be installed at main storage site distribution, which will replace the rented booster pumps the city has been using.

"The equipment is now in the possession of the water department, awaiting coordination of other parts and labor to complete the instal-

tion. An electrician is under contract to install the motor control drives and complete electrical conduit and cables in preparation for the piping components," Schrader said.

Supply of 480-volt, three-phase power is currently being installed at this site as well. The power installation will remove the need for the city's rented generator at that well site.

"This pump installation project is the utmost urgency to eliminate the bleed on the budget for the unexpected extended rental of the generator and pumps," Schrader said.

Despite this forward mo-

tion, Schrader said city officials have had a difficult time finding vendors and suppliers for the piping components, which is needed to finish installing the booster pumps. The project has not received bids.

"(Public Works Director) Chris Albright and the Water Task Force is searching for additional resources and suppliers," Schrader said. "We will make every effort to expedite the components in the installation so the remaining rental of the pumps can be terminated as quickly as possible."

As for the disinfection system conversion project, bids

previously were received that exceeded the project's estimated cost. City officials plan to pursue that project further after the other projects are nearly complete and the rental equipment contracts have ended, Schrader said.

"Conversion to chloramine makes the Reno water system directly compatible with the surrounding services of Azle, Springtown and Walnut Creek (Special Utility District)," he said. "This will allow Reno to finalize a contract to purchase water from Azle in amounts that will remedy at least partially one of the TCEQ violations."

TEXAS CROSSWORD

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ACROSS

- TXism: "at the drop of _____"
- rival of Texas Dr Pepper: _____-Cola
- TX pests: fire _____
- TXism: "it's a dirty job but somebody's gotta _____"
- was a WR for the Houston Oilers 1986-94 (2 wds.)
- this Ryan was with TX Quaid in "D.O.A."
- what a Texas woman might wear at home
- historical Boerne site: _____ Kendall Inn transmitted
- drug test for a Texas NFL athlete
- large producer of oil: Saudi _____ carpet type
- Chris Pine's granny, actress TX Gwynne
- former San Antonio mayor, Henry (init.)
- boat race: "_____ Safari"
- TXism: "_____ rag" (tissue)
- gear tooth
- proclaims
- leather horse strap
- TXism: "busy as _____ armed paper hanger"
- TXism for vicinity
- TXism: "tighter than bark on _____"
- first 2 initials of TX-born President, Eisenhower

DOWN

- you get one point if your horseshoe _____ against the post
- simple song
- TXism: "country (abbr.)"
- Love Field arriv. guess
- TXism: "I'd have to get better _____" (sick)
- illegal drugs, often
- TXism: "you're buying _____ for a dead horse"
- "one" in Mexico
- TXism: "every _____ and then"
- comfy room in the house
- Oscars for hopeful Texas actors (2 wds.)
- Tom Landry's status in Cowboy "Fling"
- working by TX Tommy Lee Jones
- various restaurants: "_____ of Texas"
- TX producers do this to Angola goats to get mohair
- Chinese gang
- TXism: "split a _____" (laughed hard)
- TXism: "the brand _____ still smoking" (rare meat)
- seat of Wilbarger County
- TX-based "_____ Believe It's Yogurt"
- TXism: "not a lick"
- _____ Monkey Railroad once ran through Palo Duro State Park
- TXism: "attracted like flies _____"
- TXism: "looks like _____ ridden hard and put up wet"
- TX Janis Joplin's "Bobby"
- TXism: "hard as dodging rice _____ a wedding"
- late Texas oil fire fighter, Adair
- domino collections
- Spanish explorer
- TXism: "gave me a song and dance"
- house storage area
- TX Oatmeal Festival once featured an _____-Thon race
- TX Willie's Farm _____ was in 1985
- "picture show" treats
- where TX Kenny Rogers didn't want Ruby to take her love (2 wds.)
- early TX river transport

Quilter's Guild of Parker County to meet April 20

STAFF REPORTS

Members of the Quilter's Guild of Parker County will have the opportunity to make quilts for people in need during this month's meeting.

Each year, the guild provides hundreds of quilts to local organizations helping Parker County residents, such as Habitat for Humanity, Grace House, Weatherford Police Department, nursing homes, the Pythian Home

and veterans organizations, according to the guild's website. During this month's program, members will take part in a comfort quilt sew-in from 3-6:30 p.m. on April 20. There will be a business meeting to follow. Comfort quilts are sometimes given to people in hospitals, nursing homes and shelters as well as those who have been affected by a disaster or going through a difficult time.

The guild will meet via Zoom and in person at Lakeshore Drive Baptist Church at 200 S. Lakeshore Drive in Hudson Oaks. Visitors are welcome in person and online. To join online, email your name and telephone number to ggpc2000@gmail.com. To learn more about the guild, visit www.quiltersguildof-parkercounty.org or find the guild on Facebook.

Attention Men and Women over 45 years old.... Do This AFTER Knee Replacement Surgery To Stay Pain-Free



By Knee Pain Expert Dr. Robert Moss PT, ScD, OCS, FAAOMPT

If you or someone you know has knee surgery then this article is for you. As a physical therapist, I see a lot of people in pain every day. And I have to say, one of the worst pains to have is knee pain - because it is a constant, nagging pain that never seems to go away. Most people think when they get total knee replacement surgery that pain will go away... and it does... but what a lot of people don't know is that knee replacement surgery can leave you with a different kind of pain that will last forever if the healing process is interrupted or disturbed.

Don't let Knee Replacement Surgery haunt you for the rest of your life. These simple tips can DRASTICALLY improve your recovery rate.

You got knee surgery to relieve you of pain - not cause you more. And yet, without the proper care, your knee surgery could cause you more pain than you actually had to begin with. In fact, I've had patients come to me REGETTING doing the surgery because of how uncomfortable this new pain can become.

That's why I've put together what I consider to be the knee replacement surgery survival guide that every one who has had knee surgery should read with simple tips to prevent lifelong pain in your new knee.

Announcing the latest free resource from Moss Rehabilitation Center: Top 8 Tips For Successful Recovery From Total Knee Replacement

Inside this FREE report, you'll going to find my top 8 recommendations you do to prevent further knee pain and ensure a full and successful recovery from your knee replacement surgery, including:

- 4 Most Common Issues People Face After Knee Replacement Surgery
- The Role Of Physical Therapy Plays In Your Recovery
- 4 "Staying Active" Tips To Help Your Knee Heal Fully

Now you may be asking.... "Why is This Happening to Me?"... or, "Could I Really Be Stuck With Knee Pain Even After My Surgery?"

As I said before, because of the way that the body heals, it is possible for you to still have pain even after having total knee replacement surgery. Why? Because you still have multiple tendons, ligaments, and muscles around the knee that may become irritated with varying activities. This pain can last a year or two after the surgery - or even longer...

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Puzzle by websudoku.com

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Azle Composite Squadron announces Cadet Great Start Class

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The Azle Civil Air Control Composite Squadron has announced the next Cadet Great Start class to begin on May 2.

Class size is limited and signups are required to ensure proper planning of resources. Interested teens may sign up through the squadron website azle.cap.gov, Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/azle-cap> or send the squadron an email at azle@txwg.cap.gov. TX456 holds these classes three times per year with up to 12 participants in each class.

This class will begin as a training flight and work through the first rank of Airman with the John Curry Award at the end of the five-week course. Upon comple-

tion of the Great Start class, the training flight will join the rest of the squadron and participate in activities related to leadership, character development, aerospace, emergency services, safety, fitness, STEM, and other topics.

In addition, the cadets become eligible to attend Encampment, which helps further develop their leadership skills, expands their knowledge of the Civil Air Patrol, and opens the doors to National Cadet Special Activities in aviation, military, leadership, and technology. The Cadet Great Start program will give teens and their parents a comprehensive introduction to life as a Civil Air Patrol cadet.

The Civil Air Patrol is chartered by Congress as a non-

profit organization for the purposes of youth development, aerospace education, and to promote general aviation. In an auxiliary role as a Total Force partner of the Air Force, CAP operates the world's largest fleet of single-engine aircraft for search and rescue, disaster relief, training, and education.

Previous graduates of the program, when asked about their experience, said they felt warmly welcomed by everyone and indicated their appreciation for the patience and leadership shown by the higher-ranking cadets who taught many of the classes. They also mentioned having respect for the leadership shown by the senior members who were able to explain topics in more detail when necessary and keep the

classes running smoothly and on schedule.

In the five-week long course, prospective cadets are introduced to various elements of the CAP Cadet Program - leadership, aerospace education, physical fitness, character development, and emergency services. Teamwork is a central theme of the class with many activities requiring the prospective cadets to work together - sometimes one on one, but sometimes in groups.

In addition to these teamwork activities, they observe teamwork in action between the higher-ranking cadets and senior members of the squadron. From learning to wear the uniforms properly to interacting with other ranking cadets and senior members, teens emerge with

self-confidence, goals, and equipped with the knowledge and skills necessary for completing their first Achievement, the John Curry award.

Major General John F. Curry served as CAP's first National Commander in the early days of World War II. Under his leadership, CAP aircrews conducted missions of national importance including aerial search missions, border observation, towing aerial targets for the Navy, and searching for Nazi submarines. Earning the John Curry award signifies a cadet has displayed a positive optimistic attitude and is enthusiastic and team oriented. Along with the award comes a voucher that may be used to purchase a cadet's needed uniform items.

By completing the Cadet Great Start program and its membership requirements along with achieving their first rank, cadets will be eligible for an orientation ride in a CAP aircraft with an experienced CAP pilot.

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ELECTION

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in Colorado Springs. We have six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

IN 300 WORDS OR LESS, DESCRIBE WHY YOU ARE RUNNING FOR CITY COUNCIL, AND WHAT EXPERIENCE YOU ARE BRINGING TO THE POSITION.

Three years ago, when I was being interviewed by the City Council for the Planning and Zoning Commission, I told them that once I got accumulated to the city and the city government I planned on taking one of their positions. I believe that the time is right to attempt to keep that promise. I believe very strongly in term limits. When people get

too familiar with their workplace they begin to not see the things that are going on around them and they cannot see the things that may be important to the residents of our city. I believe my opponent has been on the Council for seven years. I promise, if elected, that I will not serve more than two terms. I have been a Fire Chief and have had training in building construction, reading blueprints, and dealing with set backs and spacing between structures. I am a builder. Stop by the gun shop on the square, most of the gun racks and cabinets were built by Ken's Custom Creations, that is my business. I am a homeowner in the older part of Springtown and have done several construction projects and have become very familiar with the permitting

and inspection procedures of the city. I believe that I understand the average resident, because I am one, and what they are expecting from their City Council and city government. Those average residents are the ones that I promise to represent when elected to the Springtown City Council.

IN 300 WORDS OR LESS, WHAT GOALS DO YOU HAVE THAT YOU FEEL WILL HELP SERVE SPRINGTOWN RESIDENTS?

I am a Christian and a conservative and my decisions will be based on those principles. I believe that most of our residents would be in that category. I would do my best to control the growth of our city. Growth can be a good thing or it can be a bad thing depending on if the growth is managed so

that the city and its people benefit. I believe in transparency in government. Our citizens need to know what is going on at City Hall. We all know that there are things that need to be kept quiet for a time but there should come a time when the truth must be told to the residents. I believe in term limits in all levels of government. If two terms are good enough for the president, it should be good enough for congress in Washington D.C. and in

Austin and in Springtown. There is one last thing that I will attempt to do my best to see improvement in our streets in the older sections of our city. The Main Street project is almost finished with all new sidewalks and curbs, and it looks great. Most of our new housing projects have cement streets with curbs and sidewalks. I am a realist; I know that we will never see curbs and sidewalks on Avenue A or Ash Street, but it would be nice

to do some upgrades to our older streets. I know that there are projects for Avenue D and C and E 5th Terrace. I will do what ever I can to see that more of our streets are upgraded.

NAME: Michele Chandler Kelley

The Epigraph did not receive Michele Chandler Kelley's answers to the candidate questionnaire by press time.

Advertisement and Invitation for Bids

The City of Springtown will receive bids for Springtown CDBG – Avenue C Reconstruction until 10:00 AM on Friday,

May 12th, 2023 at Springtown City Hall, 102 E 2nd St, Springtown, TX 76082. The bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at 10:05 AM on Friday, May 12th, 2023 at Springtown City Hall, 102 E 2nd St, Springtown, TX 76082. Bids are invited for several items and approximate quantities of work are as follows:

1. 820 LF of 6" PVC Water Main
2. 1,900 SY of Pavement Pulverization
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Bid/Contract Documents, including Drawings and Technical Specifications are on file at the office of the engineer, Pacheco Koch, 4060 Bryant Irvin Rd, Fort Worth, TX 76109. Copies of the Bid/Contract Documents may be obtained free of charge by the prospective bidders at www.civcastusa.com under the following project name - "Springtown CDBG – Avenue C Reconstruction". Additionally, bid documents may be obtained free of charge from Pacheco Koch at 4060 Bryant Irvin Rd, Fort Worth, TX 76109.

A bid bond in the amount of 5 percent of the bid issued by an acceptable surety shall be submitted with each bid. A certified check or bank draft payable to the City of Springtown or negotiable U.S. Government Bonds (as par value) may be submitted in lieu of the Bid Bond.

Attention is called to the fact that not less than, the federally determined prevailing (Davis-Bacon and Related Acts) wage rate, as issued by the Texas Department of Agriculture Office of Rural Affairs and contained in the contract documents, must be paid on this project.

In addition, the successful bidder must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of race, color, religion, sex, sexual identity, gender identity, or national origin. The lobbying certification must be submitted with the bid packet to be considered complete and responsive. All contractors/subcontractors that are debarred, suspended or otherwise excluded from or ineligible for participation on federal assistance programs may not undertake any activity in part or in full under this project.

Deadline for questions is 10:00 AM on Friday, May 5th, 2023.

The City of Springtown reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any informalities in the bidding. Bids may be

held by the City of Springtown for a period not to exceed 60 days from the date of the bid opening for the purpose of reviewing the bids and investigating the bidder's qualifications prior to the contract award.

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City of Springtown
Greg Hood, Mayor 04/06/2023



CITY OF SPRINGTOWN NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION:

An election is hereby ordered to be held on May 6, 2023, for the purpose of voting on:

LIST OF OFFICES ON THE BALLOT:		ELECTION DAY
Elected Officer	Term	Saturday, May 6, 2023 7 a.m.-7 p.m.
Mayor	2023-2025	
Council member Place 2	2023-2025	
Council member Place 4	2023-2025	

COUNTYWIDE VOTING SITES	
Main Early Voting Location	Branch Early & Election Day Early Voting Locations
Parker County Courthouse Annex Annex Kitchen 1112 Santa Fe Drive Weatherford, Texas 76086 (No Early Voting at this location)	Hudson Oaks Public Safety Building Training Room 150 N. Oakridge Drive, Hudson Oaks, Texas 76087 Springtown Senior Center Community Room 1070 N. Main Street, Springtown, Texas 76082 Peaster ISD Rock Gym Back Room of Gym 8512 FM RD 920, Peaster, Texas 76088 Azle City Hall Community Room 505 W. Main Street, Azle, Texas 76020 Aledo ISD Admin Building Loudan Room 1008 Bailey Ranch Road Aledo, Texas 76008 PCT 3 County Barn Break Room 1111 FM RD 1189 Brock, Texas 76087

EARLY VOTING HOURS		
Monday, April 24, 2023	8:00 a.m.	5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, April 25, 2023	7:00 a.m.	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, April 26, 2023	8:00 a.m.	5:00 p.m.
Thursday, April 27, 2023	7:00 a.m.	7:00 p.m.
Friday, April 28, 2023	8:00 a.m.	5:00 p.m.
Saturday, April 29, 2023 and Sunday, April 30, 2023	Closed	
Monday, May 1, 2023	8:00 a.m.	5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, May 2, 2023	8:00 a.m.	5:00 p.m.

ELECTION DAY HOURS		
Saturday, May 6, 2023	7:00 a.m.	7:00 p.m.

APPLICATIONS FOR BALLOT BY MAIL	
Applications for Ballot by Mail may be obtained by calling (817) 598-6185. Applications for ballots by mail must be received by the Early Voting Clerk NO LATER THAN the close of business day on Tuesday, April 25, 2023. Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:	
Early Voting Clerk PO BOX 639 Weatherford, Texas 76086	Email: j.hasenjaeger@parkercountytx.com Website: www.parkercountytx.com Fax: (817) 598-6183



AVISO DE ELECCIÓN GENERAL DE LA CIUDAD DE SPRINGTOWN:

Por la presente se ordena que se celebren elecciones el 6 de mayo de 2023, con el propósito de votar sobre:

LISTA DE CARGOS EN LA BOLETA:		DÍA DE LAS ELECCIONES
Funcionario electo	Término	Sábado, 6 de mayo de 2023 7 a.m.-7 p.m.
Alcalde	2023-2025	
Miembro del Consejo Lugar 2	2023-2025	
Miembro del Consejo Lugar 4	2023-2025	

SITIOS DE VOTACIÓN EN TODO EL CONDADO	
Lugar principal de votación anticipada	Lugares de votación anticipada de sucursales y el día de las elecciones
Anexo del Palacio de Justicia del Condado de Parker Cocina anexa 1112 Santa Fe Drive 76086, Weatherford, Texas (No hay votación anticipada en este lugar)	Sala de Capacitación del edificio de seguridad pública de Hudson Oaks 150 N. Oakridge Drive, Hudson Oaks, Texas 76087 Sala Comunitaria del Centro para Personas Mayores de Springtown 1070 N. Main Street, Springtown, Texas 76082 Peaster ISD Rock Gym cuarto traseo del gimnasio 8512 FM RD 920, Peaster, Texas 76088 Sala Comunitaria Azle City Hall 505 W. Main Street, Azle, Texas 76020 Edificio de administración de Aledo ISD, Sala Loudan 1008 Bailey Ranch Road Aledo, Texas, 76008 PCT 3 Granero del condado, sala de descanso 1111 FM RD 1189 Brock, Texas 76087

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Lunes, 24 de Abril de 2023	8:00 a.m.	5:00 p.m.
Martes, 25 de Abril de 2023	7:00 a.m.	7:00 p.m.
Miércoles, 26 de Abril de 2023	8:00 a.m.	5:00 p.m.
Jueves, 27 de Abril de 2023	7:00 a.m.	7:00 p.m.
Viernes, 28 de Abril de 2023	8:00 a.m.	5:00 p.m.
Sábado 29 de Abril de 2023 y Domingo 30 de Abril de 2023	Cerrado	
Lunes, 1 de Mayo de 2023	8:00 a.m.	5:00 p.m.
Martes, 2 de Mayo de 2023	8:00 a.m.	5:00 p.m.

HORARIO DEL DÍA DE LAS ELECCIONES		
Sábado, 6 de Mayo de 2023	7:00 a.m.	7:00 p.m.

SOLICITUDES DE BOLETA POR CORREO	
Las Solicitudes de Boleta por correo se pueden obtener llamando al (817) 598-6185. Las Solicitudes de Boletas por correo deben ser recibidas por el Secretario de Votación Anticipada A MÁS TARDAR EL CIERRE DEL DÍA HÁBIL DEL MARTES 25 DE ABRIL DE 2023. Las solicitudes de boleta por correo se enviarán por correo a:	
Secretario de Votación Anticipada APARTADO POSTAL 639 76086, Weatherford, Texas	Correo electrónico: j.hasenjaeger@parkercountytx.com Sitio web: www.parkercountytx.com Fax: (817) 598-6183

Azle welcomes health fair April 22

Residents of Azle and surrounding communities will have the opportunity to get free check-ups, testing and other health services

ZACH FREEMAN
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Health and wellness are two vital cornerstones for residents in any community. On April 22, the Hispanic Wellness Coalition will be holding the Primavera Spring Health Fair in Azle. This is the second year the H.W.C. has held a health fair in Azle. Last year's turnout was about 50 people, but organizers hope to reach a much larger group this year. The event will be held at 404 Main Place from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The health fair will be offering free services and exams testing for HIV, blood sugar levels, blood pressure, hearing, prostate exams (via blood test), mammograms, well-woman exams, BMI, anxiety, and depression. Additional services, such as COVID-19 vaccines may also be available.

Testing and regular check-ups are vital for catching diseases early and ensuring they do not progress further. "Several years back a son took his dad for a prostate exam. Unfortunately, the dad's results were elevated. While there, the son decided to test for prostate also. The result? The son's results were higher than the dad's. Bottom line, both were caught in time and treatment ensued

successfully," Anelia Banda, director of the Hispanic Wellness Coalition said.

This story exemplifies the fact that even if you do not feel sick, some issues may still be lying hidden. It's cases like these that highlight the importance of monitoring and managing one's own wellness. The H.W.C. hopes to make this possible for those who might be uninsured or discouraged by copays.

"An important point to keep in mind is the difference in the cost of a doctor's visit with regular exam when you are healthy versus the cost of that same doctor's visit when you are ill. The visit may be equal, however when ill the added costs of prescriptions, loss of work time and getting family sick adds its own toll," Banda said.

By encouraging people to take advantage of what free resources are available and catch issues early, the H.W.C. hopes to cut costs that usually end up coming out of the patient's pocket.

The H.W.C. is still looking for additional volunteers for their health fair. In the past, volunteers at these events have included medical and nursing students though any and all interested in volunteering are welcome to apply through



COURTESY OF ANELIA BANDA

Last year's health fair in Azle was attended by over 50 residents.

Hispanicwellnesscoalition.org.

Health professionals from a variety of organizations as well as businesses across the Dallas-Fort Worth area will be sponsoring and participating in the event.

"To serve and promote health and wellness in diverse communities through education, advocacy and access," is the H.W.C.'s mission

with their health fairs, Banda said.

"We [wish to] foster collaboration, trust and sustainability to be the leading health coalition in North Texas."

All comers and anyone willing to be tested may attend.

"Everything - health fairs and education session - H.W.C. produces for community benefit is free," Banda

said. "We do not ask for confirmation of income, insurance, residency. We do not limit who can attend, we welcome everyone."

On May 2, the H.W.C. is presenting the story of their past, present and future as a healthcare organization and non-profit. The panel, which will be comprised of key figures from through-

out the H.W.C.'s journey, will last from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Further information will be released at a later date.

To learn more and keep up with the H.W.C. and their health fairs around the D-FW area, you can follow them on Facebook or visit their website.

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OBITUARIES

Sue Lanier 1944-2023

Sue Helene Hampton Lanier, 79, a longtime resident of Azle, went home to be with the Lord, Wednesday, April 5, 2023. She was a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother and great-great grandmother.

She was born January 31, 1944, in Fort Worth to Wade and Helen (Epperson) Hampton. After graduating from Springtown High School, she married her high school sweetheart, Larry Lanier in 1962. For many years she worked at The Old Plantation Meat, a family business. Sue loved her two boys Kenneth and Timothy and was very proud of their accomplishments. Above all else Sue loved the Lord and put him first in all things. She could always be found in church until her health prevented her from going. She loved Vacation Bible School, seeing the children learn about Jesus. She and Larry would drive hundreds of miles to hear Gospel Singings.

Sue was a great cook, and everyone wanted her recipe for Chocolate 22 minute cake. They really wanted her to make them one because hers was always so good.



Sue was preceded in death by her parents, husband, brothers, Don, David and Ted, her sister, Wanda and brother-in-law, Bill.

She is survived by her sons, Kenneth Lanier and wife, Rhonda and Timothy Lanier and wife, Louise; grandchildren, Amber, Aaron, Lauren, Lane, Brian and Jacob; 5 great grandchildren; 2 great grandchildren; brothers, Ned Hampton and wife, Mary and Terry Hampton and wife, Maurine; sisters, Janice Edmonds and husband, Don and Vernell Chadwell and husband, Ken; sister-in-law, Viola, Leonides, Nancy, Joretta; and brother-in-law, Jay; a host of nieces and nephews and friends.

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Lawrence Castleberry 1943-2023

Lawrence (Larry) E. Castleberry was born March 8, 1943, and went to meet Jesus April 5, 2023.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 22, 2023, at the Four Mile Lutheran Church in Mabank, Texas

Larry was born in Atlantic, Iowa to Martha Hancock Castleberry and Pat Castleberry. He graduated from Red Oak High School in 1962 and joined the United States Air Force in October of 1962.

Larry was a man with the most fascinating stories, an artist, a creator, and an avid toy train collector. His southern accent could lull you into any conversation. He loved old school things like a bottle of Pepsi with peanuts. He was not a simple man; his mind was always in action, but there was never a thought that he was above anyone. He was a bronze foundry artist who re-created the sculpture's work into beautiful bronze art. One of his favorite projects was the National Cutting Horse Trophy. Larry was a wonderful man, loving husband, great father, and grandfa-



ther. Most of all he was a child of God and was ready to go be with his Savior, Jesus Christ.

He is preceded in death by his mother Martha, father Pat, his brother Doug, and his brother Brian.

Larry is survived by his wife, Jan; three sons: Joe and wife Kathy, Marc and wife Carlotta, and Patrick. Daughter Judy. Grandchildren; Diana Fisher and Husband Arthur; Kurt Lynn and wife Shanea, and many great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and cousins. As well as his Uncle David Hancock.

The Azle News, April 12, 2023 Edition

It was a weekend to remember

BE AMAZING

By Gerry Lewis



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

What was this past weekend like for you? Family gathering? Church? Easter egg hunt? Cookout? Timeout?

For us it was almost all of the above, plus a surprise birthday party.

Some of those who regularly read my posts (or follow me on Facebook) know that we are planning to move to Amarillo this summer after my retirement at the end of June. That's been pretty public for the last month or so.

What hasn't been so public (not that it's a secret, just hasn't been as relevant to public conversation) is that we already have a house in Amarillo that we've been in the process of remodeling. We've been staying there since last October every time we travel up there to see the kids.

My favorite daughter checked in with me a few weeks ago and asked about the possibility of a surprise birthday party for Mrs. Sweetie, to celebrate the 40th anniversary of her 20th birthday. The trick would be to find a reason to be in Amarillo less than two weeks after our most recent trip.

No problem. I'll just tell her that I think we should spend Easter with the family in Amarillo.

Then I had another idea: How about we invite my Mom ("Grandmother") to go with us to see our house? Mom lives in Mabank (just southeast of Dallas) and it will be a lot easier for me to go get her while we still live in Azle than it will when we move to Amarillo.

Good idea. Then Sweetie had another idea: How about we celebrate Grandmother's 88th birthday while we're there since it is coming up in a couple of weeks?

Good idea. So, on Good Friday, we had all our kids and grand-

kids together at our Amarillo house (known as "Las Casita de Grandpa and Sweetie") to celebrate Grandmother's and Sweetie's birthdays.

On Saturday, we had everyone back over again to dye Easter Eggs and then have the inaugural Casita Easter Egg hunt in our front yard.

Then, on Sunday, Sweetie, Grandmother, and I joined favorite son's family for worship at FBC Amarillo, where Grandmother (a former junior high choir director and church organist) got to hear a wonderful choir and massive pipe organ.

As the choir was singing, Sweetie nudged me and pointed to Grandmother. She was unconsciously directing with her right hand in her lap.

Priceless. Sometime someone asks, "Why in the world would you want to move to Amarillo?"

That's why.

And here's another twist: The house we bought in Amarillo is the house in which a college friend grew up. We met our freshman year at West Texas State University (now WTAMU) in an organization called Campus Services (a group of freshmen who served as hosts/recruiters for prospective students) and have kept up for these almost 43 years.

On Friday before the birthday party, we had an appointment with a local business to give us a bid on an installation of smart blinds in our living room. During the visit, I had a flashback when he mentioned where he grew up. I didn't figure it out until after he left, but I can't wait until the installation happens so I can tell him that we met 43 years ago.

In Campus Services.

As Jerry Clower used to say, "Ain't God good!"

Be amazing today, my friend.

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EVENTS

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The joys, mysteries of marriage are no joke

There is an old saying that declares there are three different kinds of rings during marriage. There is the engagement ring, the wedding ring, and then the suffer-ring. It is hard to hear that old joke and not crack at least a little smile. The joke is not told here in an attempt to make a mockery of the institution of marriage, but rather to acknowledge the long and continuing struggle marriage brings.

I have a unique family for one reason; The Houstons marry and stay married for a long time. My grandparents were married just a month or two short of 74 years! There are not many people who will surpass that record of longevity. I also have two aunts/uncles who were married for more than 70 years! All my aunts and uncles were married more than 60 years, with the lone family exception being my folks who only made 58 and that is because my dad passed.

Many times, I have sat and



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.

examined all those married relationships to see what they had in common and how they were different from each other. What made this group of people stick together when so many couples don't make it?

The conclusion I drew was, each one of the couples were committed to each other. People nowadays seem to say the word commitment, but I am not sure they really and truly "live" the commitment. All the family members I referred to would have given their last drop of life to their mate, and never considered doing otherwise. They stayed together even when things were rough during the Great Depression, when they lived through rationing and uncertainty during World War II,

or when children were sick hurt or troubled. Oh, they had plenty of problems to face, plenty of challenges to confront, and fears to overcome, but each couple did it together, never wavering on their course and never losing faith in their partner.

It is a little humorous to reflect on, but I would have never chosen my dad to be with my Mom. She was gregarious, fun loving and outgoing almost to a fault, while my Dad was quiet and reserved and very seldom smiled or laughed out loud. Yet, they were a true team in every sense of the word. If Dad was digging out tree stumps Mom would have a shovel digging right along side him, doing work no woman should have to do.

At the same time, when they were done and walked in the back door, dad was just as likely to turn to mom and say, "Give me the dirty clothes you have on so I can throw them in the washer, then I will start some dinner. You go jump in the bath and relax for minute. I will wash up when you get done." They were a team! Marriage truly worked for them. While love might make a heart flutter, it is the commitment, devotion and dedication to each other that creates an enduring marriage.

I am the black sheep of the family (perhaps for more reasons than one!). The mother of my two children and I ended our relationship after seven years. Not even 10% of the length of my parents' marriage. Sometimes I look back and while I can recite my ex-wife's failures with specificity, I also know I was not the perfect husband and at some level failed to make the absolute commitment my grandfather made to his

bride. Is it the contemporary time we live in, or the time they lived in, or is there a difference? Guess that is an answer I will always want.

At the end of this year, I will be married five years. After my first wife I was single for many, many years. I never gave up on marriage and hoped one day I would find the right woman to truly commit to and hoped she would do the same with me. I am certain I have many shortcomings and am far from the perfect husband, but with age, I have learned marriage is something for which you sacrifice, because your partner's happiness means more to you than your own. I have fallen short many times in life, but I hope this is one commitment where I never falter.

In the meantime, one of our young reporters at the paper is getting married this fall. She is giddy and excited, and this past week she and her beau were shopping around trying to get an offer in on a

house. Her happiness overflows like pouring a gallon of water in a quart container. She has been smiling nonstop and I truly wish her and her future husband all the happiness in the world. I wish them the very best in life and urge them to live the commitment to each other the institution of marriage truly requires.

Granddad told me on their wedding night he and Grandma made a promise to each other. He would make all the major decisions in their marriage, and she would make all the minor ones. He would proudly proclaim in nearly 74 years of marriage, there was never one major decision. Then he would look at me, wink, and say, "I sure do have a fine wife." He was 100% right.

Thought for the day: In every good marriage it pays for someone to be a little deaf!

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

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NOTICE OF CLAIM AND PUBLIC SALE
Storage unit contents to be sold to satisfy landlord's lien. Seller reserves the right to withdraw property from the sale. Unit items to be sold to the highest bidder. Sale to be held ONLINE at <https://www.storage-treasures.com/>. Location of Units for Public Sale: Longhorn State Storage Springtown at 1905 E Hwy 199, Springtown TX 76082. Auction to be held on Monday April 24th, 2023 beginning at 9:00 a.m. for the following tenants: Dakota Young, Pressy Renois, Wanda Dawson, Dena Crowe

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE
Storage Bright will hold a public auction to satisfy Storage Bright's lien(pursuant to Title 5, Liens, Chapter 59, Sec. 59.044), by selling personal property described below belonging to those individuals listed below at the locations indicated: All spaces contain household goods unless otherwise noted. Storage Bright Springtown East, 104 Adalida LN, Springtown, TX. 76082. (817) 409-8634. Danny Himes. Storage Bright Springtown North, 1715 N Hwy 51, Springtown, TX. 76082 (817) 409-8886. Meg Smith. April 24, 2023, 10:00AM.. The auction will be listed and advertised on www.storage-treasures.com. Purchases must be made with card and paid to the above referenced facility in order to complete the transaction. Storage Bright may refuse any bid and may rescind any purchase up until the winning bidder takes possession of the personal property.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
On April 27, 2023 at 7 p.m., the City of Springtown City Council acting as the Zoning Board of Adjustments will hold a public hearing and consider a request for variance for the required side yard setback for 317 W. 5th Street, Springtown, Parker County Texas also known as Lot 8R, Block 1, McCracken Addition Lot 3, being an addition to the City of Springtown, Parker County, Texas. The meeting will take place in the Council Chambers and the Municipal Annex Building located at 200 North Main Street, Springtown, Texas 76082.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
On April 13, 2023, at 6:30 PM the City of Springtown Planning and Zoning Commission held a public hearing and consider a recommendation to the City Council on a request to amend the Planned Development Zoning Ordinance for Covenant Springs, an addition to the City of Springtown, Texas. This property is located north of Springfield Road, west of Smith Road. On April 27, 2023, at 7:00 PM the City of Springtown City Council will hold a public hearing and consider the Planning and Zoning Commission's recommendation on the same. Both meetings will take place at in the Council Chambers at the Municipal Annex Building located at 200 North Main Street, Springtown, Texas, 76082.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE
Pursuant to Chapter 59, Texas Property Code, Innerspace Storage which is located at 1447 East Hwy 199 Springtown, Tx 76082 will hold a public auction of property being sold to satisfy a landlord's lien. The sale will be held at 10 o'clock a.m. on May 6th, 2023 at 3090 West Hwy 199 Springtown, Tx 76082. Property will be sold to highest bidder for cash. Deposit for removal and cleanup may be temporarily required. Seller reserves the right to not accept any bid and to withdraw property from sale. Property in each space may be sold item-by-item, in batches, or by the space. Property being sold includes contents in space(s) of the tenant listed below, with brief description of contents in the space(s). **TENANT'S COMPLETE NAME** as shown on rental agreement: Sara Stark, William Adair, and Larry Pruitt. General description of property: Household Goods.

SPRINGTOWN SCHOOL MENU

April 17-20, 2023
PK through 12th Grade

*Menus are subject to change.

BREAKFAST PRICES	
EC-12th Grade	\$1.75
EC-12th Reduced	\$0.30
Adult	\$2.25
LUNCH PRICES	
PK-4th Grade	\$3.00
5th-8th Grade	\$3.25
High School	\$3.00
Reduced	\$0.40
Adult	\$4.25

Students may prepay for their meals.

PK - 12th Breakfast **BREAKFAST: Everyday** - Various Juices & Cereals, Toast, Milk Variety, Fruit, Jelly Assortment, Buttermilk Biscuit, Variety of milk is offered every day for breakfast and lunch.

Mon Mini Pancakes, Applesauce **Tues** Chicken Biscuit, Pineapple Cup **Weds** EggStravaganza, Blueberries **Thurs** Breakfast Pizza, Apple Slices **Fri** Strawberry Banana Yogurt, Vanilla Yogurt, Banana Muffin

K - 4th Lunch **Lunch: Everyday** - Choice of one meat, two vegetables, and one grain/bread with milk. Variety of milk is offered every day for breakfast and lunch.

Mon Popcorn Chicken, Steakfingers, Roll, Mashed Potatoes, Corn, Grapes **Tues** Stuffed Bread Sticks, Ck Fried Steak Sand, Baby Carrots, Green Beans, Rosey Applesauce **Weds** Chicken & Waffles, Tator Tots, Cucumber & Tomato Cup, Blueberries **Thurs** Beef Tamales, Hot Dog, Black Beans, Fiesta Sticks, Apple Slices **Fri** Pepperoni Pizza, Chicken Sandwich, Glazed Carrots, Fresh Broccoli, Banana, Craisins

5th - 12th Lunch **Lunch: Everyday** - Choice of one meat, two vegetables, and one grain/bread with milk. Variety of milk is offered every day for breakfast and lunch.

Mon EggStravaganza, Sausage Or Chicken Patty, Biscuit, Hashbrown, Baby Carrots, Cucumber & Tomato Cup **Tues** Mac & Cheese, Salisbury Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Roll, Fresh Broccoli, Carrots, Applesauce **Weds** Reg, Spicy or Grilled Chicken Sandwich, Potato Wedges, Broccoli Salad, Strawberries **Thurs** Enchilada Bake, Corn Dogs, Spanish Rice, Rancho Beans, Garden Salad **Fri** Pepperoni Pizza, Chicken Wings (Reg & Spicy), Baked Potato Basket, Roll, Baby Carrots, Baked Beans, Celery & Carrot Cup, Banana

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**ORDER CALLING A BOND ELECTION
AND NOTICE OF BOND ELECTION**

THE STATE OF TEXAS
PARKER AND WISE COUNTIES
SPRINGTOWN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Springtown Independent School District (the "District") deems it advisable to call the bond election hereinafter ordered (the "Election"); and

WHEREAS, the bond referendum is subject to the provisions of Section 45.003, Texas Education Code, and the District is contracting with Wise County, Texas ("Wise County") and Parker County, Texas ("Parker County", and together with Wise County, the "Contracting Counties") for the administration of the Election pursuant to an interlocal agreement with the Contracting Counties (the "Election Contract"); and

WHEREAS, Wise County, acting through the Wise County Elections Administrator (the "Wise County Elections Administrator") in accordance with the Election Contract will provide for the administration of the Election for residents of the District residing in Wise County, and Parker County, acting through the Parker County Elections Administrator (the "Parker County Elections Administrator", together with the Wise County Elections Administrator, the "Elections Administrators") in accordance with the Election Contract will provide for the administration of the Election for residents of the District residing in Parker County, Texas; and

WHEREAS, it is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this Order was adopted was open to the public, and public notice of the time, place, and purpose of the meeting was given, all as required by the Texas Government Code, Chapter 551.

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE SPRINGTOWN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT:

Section 1. The statements contained in the preamble of this Order are true and correct and adopted as findings of fact and operative provisions hereof.

Section 2. Election Ordered; Polling Places. The Election shall be held in the District between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on May 6, 2023 ("Election Day"). The Election is to be conducted and administered by the Contracting Counties as provided by Chapter 271 and Chapter 31, Subchapter D of the Texas Election Code (the "Code"), and the Election Contract. Election Day and Early Voting shall occur on the dates and during the hours and at the designated polling places as set forth in Exhibit "A" attached hereto, which exhibit is hereby made a part hereof for all intents and purposes. Exhibit "A" shall be modified to include additional or different Election Day polling places required to conform to the Election Contract and the Code.

Section 3. Early Voting. Early voting shall be administered by the Contracting Counties. Early Voting by personal appearance shall begin on April 24, 2023 and conclude on May 2, 2023 and will be conducted at the Early Voting locations on the dates and at the times specified in Exhibit "A" attached hereto. The early voting polling places shall remain open during such hours for early voting by personal appearance for any registered voter of the District at such voting place. Exhibit "A" shall be modified to include additional or different early voting polling places required to conform to the Election Contract and the Code.

Section 4. Election Officials. The appointment of the Presiding Election Judges, Alternate Judges, Early Voting Clerks, the Presiding Judge of the early ballot board and other election officials for the Election shall be made by the Elections Administrators.

Section 5. Voting by Mail. Applications for voting by mail for all residents of the District shall be submitted by personal delivery or shall be mailed to the address below prior to the deadline prescribed by law:

(a) Applications for voting by mail for all Parker County residents of the District shall be sent as follows:

Postal Mail: Parker County Elections
Elections Administrator
1112 Santa Fe Drive
Weatherford, TX 76086

Commercial Carrier/
Personal Delivery Parker County Elections
Elections Administrator
1112 Santa Fe Drive
Weatherford, TX 76086
Telephone (817)598-6185
Fax (817)598-6183
Email elections@parkercountytx.com

(b) Applications for voting by mail for all Wise County residents of the District shall be sent as follows:

Postal Mail: Wise County Elections Administrator
PO Box 1597
Decatur, Texas 76234

Commercial Carrier
or Personal Delivery Wise County Elections Administrator
200 S. Trinity
Decatur, Texas 76234

Telephone (940) 626-4453
Fax (940) 626-4283
Email elections@co.wise.tx.us

Section 6. Early Voting Ballots. An Early Voting Ballot Board shall be created to process early voting results of the Election, and the Presiding Judge of the Early Voting Ballot Board shall be designated by the Elections Administrators. The Presiding Judge of the Early Voting Ballot Board shall appoint two or more additional members to constitute the Early Voting Ballot Board members and, if needed, the Signature Verification Committee members required to efficiently process the early voting ballots.

Section 7. Qualified Voters. All qualified electors of and residing in the District, shall be entitled to vote at the election.

Section 8. Proposition. At the Election the following PROPOSITION shall be submitted in accordance with law:

SPRINGTOWN INDEPENDENT
SCHOOL DISTRICT SPECIAL ELECTION
SPRINGTOWN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
PROPOSITION A

Shall the Board of Trustees of the Springtown Independent School District be authorized to issue the bonds of the District, in one or more series, in the aggregate principal amount of \$120,780,000 for the purpose of constructing, improving, and equipping a new middle school campus; restroom renovations at the existing intermediate school and purchasing land for school buildings; with the bonds to mature, bear interest, and be issued and sold in accordance with law at the time of issuance; and shall the Board of Trustees be authorized to levy and pledge, and cause to be assessed and collected, annual ad valorem taxes, on all taxable property in the District, sufficient, without limit as to rate or amount, to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds?

Section 9. Ballots. The official ballots for the Election shall be prepared in accordance with the Texas Election Code to permit the electors to vote "FOR" or "AGAINST" the aforesaid PROPOSITION with the ballots to contain such provisions, markings and language as required by law, and with such PROPOSITION to be expressed substantially as follows:

SPRINGTOWN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
SPECIAL ELECTION

SPRINGTOWN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
PROPOSITION A

FOR _____)
AGAINST _____)
THE ISSUANCE OF \$120,780,000 OF BONDS BY THE SPRINGTOWN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR A NEW MIDDLE SCHOOL CAMPUS; RESTROOM RENOVATIONS AT THE EXISTING INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL AND PURCHASING LAND FOR SCHOOL BUILDINGS, AND LEVYING THE TAX IN PAYMENT THEREOF. THIS IS A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE.

Section 10. Compliance with Federal Law. In all respects, the Election shall be conducted in accordance with the Code. Pursuant to the federal Help America Vote Act ("HAVA") and the Code, at each polling place there shall be at least one voting system that is equipped for disabled individuals, and each such voting system shall be a system that has been certified by the Texas Secretary of State as compliant with HAVA and the Code. The District hereby finds that the voting system to be used by the Contracting Counties in administering the Election is such a system, and orders that such voting equipment or other equipment certified by the Texas Secretary of State shall be used by the District in its elections.

Section 11. The Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the Superintendent, President, Vice President or the Secretary of the Board of Trustees to execute or attest on behalf of the District the Election Contract with the Contracting Counties.

Section 12. The following information is provided in accordance with the provisions of Section 3.009(b), Texas Election Code.

(a) The proposition language that will appear on the ballot is set forth in Section 9 hereof.

(b) The purpose for which the bonds are to be authorized is set forth in Section 8 hereof.

(c) The principal amount of the debt obligations to be authorized is \$120,780,000 for Proposition A.

(d) If the bonds are approved by the voters, the Board of Trustees will be authorized to levy annual ad valorem taxes, on all taxable property in the District, sufficient, without limit as to rate or amount, to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds and the cost of any credit agreements executed in connection with the bonds.

(e) Based upon the bond market conditions at the date of adoption of this Order, the maximum interest rate for any series of the bonds is estimated to be 5.50%. Such estimate considers several factors, including the issuance schedule, maturity schedule and the expected bond ratings of the proposed bonds. Such estimated maximum interest rate is provided as a matter of information but is not a limitation on the interest rate at which the bonds or notes, or any series thereof, may be sold.

(f) If the bonds are approved, they may be issued in one or more series, to mature serially, over a period not to exceed thirty years from the date of issuance of each series of bonds.

Sección 2. Elección ordenada; lugares de votación. La Elección se llevará a cabo en el Distrito en el horario de 7:00 a. m. a 7:00 p. m. el 6 de mayo de 2023 (el “*Día de Elección*”). Los Condados Contratados organizarán y administrarán la Elección según lo dispuesto en el Capítulo 271 y el Subcapítulo D del Capítulo 31 del Código Electoral de Texas (el “*Código*”) y el Contrato Electoral. La votación del Día de Elección y durante la Votación Anticipada se llevará a cabo en las fechas y horarios y en los lugares de votación designados de la forma indicada en el Anexo “A” adjunto a este documento, el cual, por la presente se incorpora a esta Orden para toda intención y propósito. El Anexo “A” será modificado para incluir lugares de votación adicionales o diferentes para el Día de Elección requeridos para cumplir con el Contrato Electoral y el Código.

Sección 3. Votación anticipada. La votación anticipada será administrada por los Condados Contratados. La votación anticipada en persona comenzará el 24 de abril de 2023 y terminará el 2 de mayo de 2023, y se llevará a cabo en los lugares de Votación Anticipada en las fechas y horarios especificados en el Anexo “A” adjunto a este documento. Los lugares de votación anticipada se mantendrán abiertos durante dichos horarios para la votación anticipada en persona para cualquier votante del Distrito registrado en dicho lugar de votación. El Anexo “A” podrá modificarse para incluir lugares de votación adicionales o diferentes para la elección anticipada requeridos para cumplir con el Contrato Electoral y el Código.

Sección 4. Funcionarios Electorales. La designación de los Jueces Electorales Presidentes, Jueces Alternos, Oficiales de Votación Anticipada, el Juez Presidente del consejo de boletas de votación anticipada y demás funcionarios electorales de la Elección la harán los Administradores de Elecciones.

Sección 5. Votación por correo. Las solicitudes de votación por correo para todos los residentes del Distrito deben entregarse en persona o deben enviarse por correo postal a la siguiente dirección antes de la fecha límite indicada por la ley:

(a) Las solicitudes de votación por correo de todos los residentes del Distrito en el Condado de Parker deben enviarse a:

Correo postal: Parker County Elections
Elections Administrator
1112 Santa Fe Drive
Weatherford, TX 76086

Servicio de correo privado/ Entrega en persona Parker County Elections
Elections Administrator
1112 Santa Fe Drive
Weatherford, TX 76086
Telephone (817)598-6185
Fax (817)598-6183
Email elections@parkercountytexas.com

(b) Las solicitudes de votación por correo de todos los residentes del Distrito en el Condado de Wise deben enviarse a:

Correo postal Wise County Elections Administrator
PO Box 1597
Decatur, Texas 76234
Servicio de correo privado o entrega en persona Wise County Elections Administrator
200 S. Trinity
Decatur, Texas 76234
Teléfono (940) 626-4453
Fax (940) 626-4283
Correo electrónico elections@co.wise.tx.us

Sección 6. Boletas de votación anticipada. Se creará un Consejo de Boletas de Votación Anticipada para procesar los resultados de la votación anticipada de la Elección, y los Administradores de Elecciones designarán al Juez Presidente de dicho Consejo. El Juez Presidente del Consejo de Boletas de Votación Anticipada nombrará a dos o más miembros adicionales para formar el Consejo de Boletas de Votación Anticipada y, de ser necesario, a los miembros del Comité de Verificación de Firmas requeridos para procesar de forma eficiente las boletas de votación anticipada.

Sección 7. Votantes habilitados. Todos los votantes habilitados y residentes en el Distrito tendrán derecho a votar en la elección.

Sección 8. Proposición. En la Elección se presentará la siguiente PROPOSICIÓN en conformidad con la ley:

ELECCIÓN ESPECIAL DEL DISTRITO ESCOLAR
INDEPENDIENTE DE SPRINGTOWN
PROPOSICIÓN A DEL DISTRITO ESCOLAR INDEPENDIENTE DE SPRINGTOWN

¿Se deberá autorizar a la Junta de Síndicos del Distrito Escolar Independiente de Springtown a emitir los bonos del Distrito, en una o más series, en la cantidad total de capital de \$120,780,000, para el propósito de construir, mejorar y equipar un nuevo campus de escuela intermedia; renovaciones de baños en la escuela intermedia existente y compra de sitios para edificios escolares, con los bonos venciendo, devengando interés y siendo emitidos y vendidos en conformidad con la ley al momento de emisión; y se deberá autorizar a la Junta de Síndicos a imponer y comprometer y hacer tasar y recaudar impuestos anuales ad valorem sobre toda propiedad gravable en el Distrito, suficientes, sin límite en cuanto a tasa o cantidad, para pagar el capital y el interés de los bonos?

Sección 9. Boletas de votación. Las boletas de votación oficiales para la Elección se prepararán en conformidad con el Código Electoral de Texas para permitir a los electores votar “A FAVOR” o “EN CONTRA” de la PROPOSICIÓN antedicha, y de manera que contengan dichas disposiciones, marcas y lenguaje conforme a lo que exige la ley, y con dicha PROPOSICIÓN expresada básicamente de la siguiente manera:

ELECCIÓN ESPECIAL DEL DISTRITO ESCOLAR
INDEPENDIENTE DE SPRINGTOWN

PROPOSICIÓN A DEL DISTRITO ESCOLAR
INDEPENDIENTE DE SPRINGTOWN

A FAVOR)
_____)
EN CONTRA)
_____)
_____)

La emisión de \$120,780,000 en bonos por parte del distrito escolar independiente de Springtown para un nuevo campus de escuela intermedia; renovaciones de baños en la escuela intermedia existente y compra de sitios para edificios escolares, y la imposición del impuesto para el pago de los bonos. Esto es un aumento al impuesto predial.

Sección 10. Conformidad con las leyes federales. En todos sus aspectos, la Elección se llevará a cabo de acuerdo con el Código. En virtud de la Ley federal Ayude a América a Votar (“HAVA”) y el Código, cada lugar de votación dispondrá como mínimo de un sistema de votación equipado para personas con discapacidad, y cada uno de los sistemas de votación de ese tipo será un sistema que cuente con la certificación de cumplimiento de HAVA y el Código emitida por el Secretario de Estado de Texas. El Distrito halla por la presente que el sistema de votación que será utilizado por los Condados Contratados para administrar la Elección es uno de dichos sistemas, y ordena que el Distrito, en sus elecciones, utilice tal equipo de votación o algún otro equipo certificado por el Secretario de Estado de Texas.

Sección 11. La Junta de Síndicos autoriza por este medio al Superintendente, Presidente, Vicepresidente o Secretario de la Junta de Síndicos a celebrar o atestiguar, en nombre del Distrito, el Contrato Electoral con los Condados Contratados.

Sección 12. De acuerdo con las disposiciones de la Sección 3.009(b) del Código Electoral de Texas, se provee la siguiente información:

- (a) El lenguaje de la proposición que aparecerá en la boleta de votación se establece en la Sección 9 de este documento.
- (b) El propósito por el cual se han de autorizar los bonos se establece en la Sección 8 de este documento.
- (c) La cantidad del capital de las obligaciones de deuda que se ha de autorizar es de \$120,780,000 para la Proposición A.
- (d) Si los votantes aprueban los bonos, la Junta de Síndicos estará autorizada a imponer impuestos anuales ad valorem sobre toda propiedad gravable del Distrito, suficientes, sin límite en cuanto a tasa o cantidad, para pagar el capital y el interés de los bonos y el costo de cualquier convenio crediticio celebrado en relación con los bonos.
- (e) Según las condiciones del mercado de bonos en la fecha de adopción de esta Orden, la tasa de interés máxima para cualquier serie de bonos se estima en 5.50%. Dicho estimado considera diversos factores, incluidos el programa de emisión, el programa de vencimiento y las clasificaciones de bonos esperadas de los bonos propuestos. Dicha tasa de interés máxima estimada se provee a título informativo, pero no es un límite a la tasa de interés a la que podrían venderse los bonos o pagarés, o cualquier serie de estos.
- (f) Si se aprueban los bonos, se podrán emitir en una serie o más, para vencer en serie en un periodo que no exceda los treinta años a partir de la fecha de emisión de cada serie de bonos.
- (g) La cantidad total de capital pendiente de las obligaciones de deuda del Distrito a la fecha de esta Orden es de \$45,770,000.
- (h) La cantidad total de interés pendiente de las obligaciones de deuda del Distrito a la fecha de esta Orden es de \$17,477,037.50.
- (i) La tasa del impuesto ad valorem para el servicio de la deuda para el Distrito a la fecha de esta Orden es de \$0.200271 por cada \$100 de tasación fiscal gravable.
- (j) El sitio web del Distrito (como la autoridad que organiza la elección) es www.springtownisd.net y el sitio web del Administrador de Elecciones del Condado de Parker es www.parkercountytexas.com/118/Elections el sitio web del Administrador de Elecciones del Condado de Wise es www.co.wise.tx.us/315/Elections.

House OKs \$302 billion budget; Temps topped 100 degrees in Texas prisons



CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Gary Borders

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HOUSE OKS \$302 BILLION BUDGET

The Texas House approved a \$302 billion budget last week that included an amendment prohibiting the use of state money on private school tuition — a major setback to Gov. Greg Abbott's plan to establish a school voucher system. The Austin American-Statesman reported that more than 20 Republicans joined nearly all House Democrats to pass the amendment, while 11 lawmakers voted present.

The amendment is seen as a rebuke to Abbott, who has traveled the state pushing what he calls "school choice."

The amendment's sponsor, state Rep. Abel Herrero, D-Robstown, said his proposal to block using public money for private schools boiled down to "public money for public schools."

The House's budget now heads to the Senate, which has passed an education reform bill calling for \$8,000 in state funding a year for a student who attends a private school. Since that funding is not included in the House budget, the issue could lead to tense conference committee negotiations between the two chambers. Some lawmakers have speculated the conflict could lead to a special called legislative session after the regular term ends on Memorial Day.

Among the highlights of the House budget are record funding increases for public schools and highway construction, as well as raises for state employees.

CONTROVERSIAL ELECTRIC GRID PLAN PASSES SENATE

The Texas Senate has passed a controversial plan to build more natural gas-powered plants in the state, despite widespread opposition from critics who say the two bills could lead to billions in added costs to customers. The goal of the bills, according to its sponsors, is to avoid another massive power outage such as the one in the winter of 2021 that killed more than 200 people, the Texas Tribune reported.

Houston Chronicle columnist Chris Tomlinson reported that 22 out of 24 people who testified on Senate Bill 6 voiced opposition. The plants would sit idle at least 97% of the time.

"The Association of Electric Companies of Texas found common ground with the Sierra Club. Texas Competitive Power Advocates agreed with the South Texas Electric Cooperative. Energy giant NRG joined the consumer advocacy group Pub-

lic Citizen in declaring SB 6 a lousy idea," Tomlinson wrote.

State Sen. Charles Schwertner, R-Georgetown, the lead sponsor of both bills, said the measures were "in memory of the hundreds of Texans that died and the millions of Texans that suffered."

Court rules degrees can be revoked for misconduct

The Texas Supreme Court reversed previous lower-court rulings and ruled last week that Texas universities can revoke previously awarded degrees for academic misconduct, the Statesman reported. The University of Texas at Austin and Texas State University, in separate cases that were consolidated, argued they should be able to revoke doctorate degrees from students who committed academic misconduct to "protect their reputations and the value of degrees conferred upon their students."

Both cases involved students accused of fabricating data that was discovered after the degrees had been conferred. Both students sued their respective universities after their degrees were revoked.

"The only difference between expelling a current student for academic misconduct and revoking the degree of a former student for the exact same academic misconduct is one of timing," Justice Debra Lehrmann wrote.

TEMPS TOPPED 100 DEGREES IN TEXAS PRISONS

The indoor temperature inside at least 15 state-operated jails and prisons exceeded 100 degrees last summer, according to a report by The Dallas Morning News. The data indicates that both inmates and staff are exposed to dangerous levels of heat in the state's facilities that do not have air conditioning.

A lack of climate control has contributed to the deaths of nearly two dozen inmates between 1998 and 2012, according to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, as well as the heat-related illnesses of dozens of prison guards.

The News reported that state standards say county jails and animal shelters should get no hotter than 85 degrees, but Texas prisons are not required to have air conditioning.

While previous attempts to fund air conditioning for the state's prisons have failed, the House budget passed last week sets aside more than a half-billion dollars for that purpose. In addition, two bills to install cooling systems in the prison system were approved in committee.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION (*AVISO DE ELECCIÓN ESPECIAL*)

To the registered voters of the Parker County Emergency Services District No. 1, Parker County, Texas: (*A los votantes registrados del Distrito Numero 1 de los Servicios de Emergencia del Condado de Parker, Condado de Parker, Texas*):

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., on May 6, 2023 for voting in a special election for or against the proposition: (*Notifíquese, por lo presente, que las casillas electorales citadas abajo se abrirán desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el día 6 de mayo de 2023 para votar en la elección especial a favor o en contra de la proposición.*)

For registered voters in the territorial limits of the District:

PROPOSITION AA *PROPOSICIÓN AA*

"Adding the East Parker County Area to Parker County Emergency Services District No. 1. (*La adición del Área del Este del Condado de Parker al Distrito No. 1 de los Servicios de Emergencia del Condado de Parker.*)"

PROPOSITION BB *PROPOSICIÓN BB*

"The East Parker County Area assuming its proportionate share of the outstanding debts and taxes of the Parker County Emergency Services District No. 1, if it is added to the District. (*El Área del Este del Condado de Parker asumiendo su parte proporcional de las deudas e impuestos pendientes del Distrito No. 1 de los Servicios de Emergencia del Condado de Parker, si es agregado al distrito.*)"

For the registered voters in the Defined Territory:

PROPOSITION A *PROPOSICIÓN A*

"Adding the East Parker County Area to Parker County Emergency Services District No. 1. (*La adición del Área del Este del Condado de Parker al Distrito No. 1 de los Servicios de Emergencia del Condado de Parker.*)"

PROPOSITION B *PROPOSICIÓN B*

"The East Parker County Area assuming its proportionate share of the outstanding debts and taxes of the Parker County Emergency Services District No. 1, if it is added to the District. (*El Área del Este del Condado de Parker asumiendo su parte proporcional de las deudas e impuestos pendientes del Distrito No. 1 de los Servicios de Emergencia del Condado de Parker, si es agregado al distrito.*)"

7:00AM-7:00PM

ELECTION DAY SITES (*Sitios del día de las elecciones*)

Election Day sites for voting by personal appearance for the GENERAL/SPECIAL ELECTION to be held on MAY 6, 2023 as conducted by Parker County, Texas are as follows:

(*Los lugares del Día de las Elecciones para votar en persona para la ELECCION GENERAL/ESPECIAL que se llevara a cabo el 6 de MAYO de 2023 segun lo realizado por el Condado de Parker, Texas son los siguientes:*)

Parker County Courthouse Annex, Annex Kitchen, 1112 Santa Fe Drive, Weatherford, Texas 76086

Springtown Senior Center, Community Room, 1070 North Main Street, Springtown, Texas 76082

Peaster ISD Rock Gym, Back Room of Gym, 8512 FM 920, Peaster, Texas 76088

Aledo ISD Administration Building, Loudon Room, 1008 Bailey Ranch Road, Aledo, Texas 76008

Hudson Oaks Public Safety Building, Training Room, 150 North Oakridge Drive, Hudson Oaks, Texas 76087

Azle City Hall, Community Room, 505 West Main Street, Azle, Texas 76020

Precinct 3 County Barn, Break Room, 1111 FM 1189, Brock, Texas 76087

Walsh Athletic Club, Movement Studio, 13757 Assembly Park Drive, Fort Worth, Texas 76008

Millsap Community Center, 104 Fannin Street, Millsap, Texas 76066

Garner ISD, Ryan Gymnasium, 2222 Garner School Road, Weatherford, Texas 76088

For early voting, a voter may vote at any of the locations listed below:

(*Para votación Adelantada, los votantes podrán votar en cualquiera de las ubicaciones nombradas abajo:*)

Main Voting Site (*Sitio de votación principal*)

**Parker County Courthouse Annex
Annex Kitchen, 1112 Santa Fe Drive Weatherford, Texas 76086**

Branch Voting Sites (*Sitios de votación de sucursales*)

Springtown Senior Center, Community Room, 1070 North Main Street, Springtown, Texas 76082

Aledo ISD Administration Building, Loudon Room, 1008 Bailey Ranch Road, Aledo, Texas 76008

Hudson Oaks Public Safety Building, Training Room, 150 North Oakridge Drive, Hudson Oaks, Texas 76087

Azle City Hall, Community Room, 505 West Main Street, Azle, Texas 76020

Precinct 3 County Barn, Break Room, 1111 FM 1189, Brock, Texas 76087

Millsap Community Center, 104 Fannin Street, Millsap, Texas 76066

Peaster ISD Rock Gym, Back Room of Gym, 8512 FM 920, Peaster, Texas 76088

Regular Early Voting Hours and Days (*Horas y días regulares de votacion anticipada*)

Monday, April 24, 2023 (<i>Lunes 24 de abril de 2023</i>)	8:00AM-5:00PM
Tuesday, April 25, 2023 (<i>Martes 25 de abril de 2023</i>)	8:00AM-5:00PM
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Friday, April 28, 2023 (<i>Viernes 28 de abril de 2023</i>)	8:00AM-5:00PM
Saturday, April 29, 2023 (<i>Sabado 29 de abril de 2023</i>)	CLOSED (CERRADA)
Sunday, April 30, 2023 (<i>Domingo 30 de abril de 2023</i>)	CLOSED (CERRADA)
Monday, May 1, 2023 (<i>Lunes 1 de mayo de 2023</i>)	7:00AM-7:00PM
Tuesday, May 2, 2023 (<i>Martes 2 de mayo de 2023</i>)	7:00AM-7:00PM

beginning on April 24, 2023 and ending on May 2, 2023.

(*empezando el día 24 de abril de 2023 y terminando el día 2 de mayo de 2023.*)

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:

(*Las solicitudes para boletas de votación por correo deberán enviarse a:*)

Early Voting Clerk

P. O. Box 639 Weatherford, Texas 76086 Email: j.hasenjaeger@parkercountytx.com

Telephone: 817/598-6185 Facsimile: 817/598-6183 Website: www.parkercountytx.com

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on April 25, 2023. (*Las solicitudes para boletas de votación por correo deberán recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio el día 25 de abril de 2023.*)

ISSUED this the 15th day of February 2023. (*EMITIDA este día 15 de febrero de 2023.*)

PARKER COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 1 (*Distrito Numero 1 de los Servicios de Emergencia del Condado de Parker*)

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Upper Trinity GCD Meeting April 20

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Upper Trinity GCD's Public Hearing and Regular Board meeting are set for 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 20, 2023 at the District office or via Zoom videoconference. In addition to their Regular Board meeting agenda (begins at conclusion of Hearing), other items of interest include:

Hearing regarding applications for Operating Permits for one public water supply well and one commercial water well in Wise County.

The mission of UTGCD, established in November 2007, is to develop rules to provide protection to existing wells, prevent waste, promote conservation, provide a framework that will allow

availability and accessibility of groundwater for future generations, protect the quality of the groundwater in the recharge zone of the aquifer, ensure that the residents of Montague, Wise, Parker, and Hood Counties maintain local control over their groundwater, respect and protect the property rights of landowners in groundwater, and operate the District in a fair and equitable manner for all residents of the District.

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

The public is welcome and encouraged to remotely attend via online videoconference/teleconference.

JOIN ZOOM MEETING:

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1 (346) 248-7799 – US

Meeting ID: 828 2562 3505

HIGHLIGHTS

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LAND OFFICE AWARDS \$6 MILLION FOR COASTAL COUNTIES

The Texas General Land Office has awarded \$6 million for projects across seven coastal counties with a combination of federal and state funding.

The projects are intended in part to improve amenities for greater beach access in a number of locations, as well as developing early warning systems for coastal flooding.

"As a Texan who grew up near the coast and lived in Galveston for more than a decade, preserving our state's precious shorelines and their communities is a top priority of mine," said Land Commissioner Dawn Buckingham.

Tentative settlement in Texas church shooting

The Justice Department last week announced a tentative \$144 million settlement with the families and victims of a 2017 mass shooting at a church in Sutherland

Springs, the Associated Press reported. More than two dozen people were killed when a former U.S. airman opened fire during a church service. It was later determined that the gunman had been able to purchase firearms despite a criminal history. Three years earlier, while in the Air Force, he was convicted of assaulting an ex-wife and stepson, cracking the child's skull. He was discharged for bad conduct.

The Air Force had previously acknowledged it was remiss in not putting the felony conviction for domestic violence in into the FBI database, which could have prevented the shooter from buying guns from a licensed firearms dealer.

The settlement is still subject to court approval.

"No words or amount of money can diminish the immense tragedy of the mass shooting in Sutherland Springs," Vanita Gupta, associate attorney general for the Justice Department, said in a statement. "Today's announcement brings the litigation to a close, ending a painful chapter for the victims of this unthinkable crime."

NOTICE OF GENERAL/SPECIAL ELECTION FOR OTHER POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS AND MUNICIPALITIES

AVISO DE ELECCIÓN GENERAL/ESPECIAL PARA OTRAS SUBDIVISIONES POLÍTICAS Y MUNICIPIOS

To the registered voters of the County of Parker, Texas: *(A los votantes registrados del Condado de Parker, Texas):*

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00am -7:00pm, May 6, 2023 for voting. *(Notifíquese por la presente, que los sitios de votación citados abajo se abrirán desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 6 de mayo de 2023 para votar.)*

The following political subdivisions will be holding a General Election: *(Las siguientes subdivisiones políticas celebrarán elecciones generales:)*

City of Aledo, City of Azle, City of Cresson, City of Fort Worth, City of Hudson Oaks, City of Reno, City of Springtown, City of Weatherford, Millsap Independent School District, Peaster Independent School District, Weatherford Independent School District, Weatherford College

The following political subdivisions will be holding a Special Election: *(Las siguientes subdivisiones políticas celebrarán una elección especial:)*

Aledo Independent School District, Brock Independent School District, City of Cool, City of Cresson, City of Reno, Emergency Services District No. 1, Garner Independent School District, Springtown Independent School District, Weatherford College

Early Voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at:

La votación anticipada en persona se llevará a cabo todos días de la semana en:

Parker County Courthouse Annex

1112 Santa Fe Dr
Weatherford, 76086
Annex Kitchen

Springtown Senior Center

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Springtown, 76082

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Peaster, 76088

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Hudson Oaks Public Safety Building

Training Room
150 N. Oakridge Dr
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Azle City Hall

Community Room
505 W Main St
Azle, 76020

PCT 3 County Barn

Break Room
1111 FM RD 1189
Brock, 76087

Millsap Community Center

104 Fannin St.
Millsap, 76066

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Thursday, April 27, 2023 <i>(Jueves 27 de abril de 2023)</i>	8:00AM-5:00PM
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Saturday, April 29, 2023 <i>(Sábado 29 de abril de 2023)</i>	CLOSED (CERRADA)
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Tuesday, May 2, 2023 <i>(Martes 2 de mayo de 2023)</i>	7:00AM-7:00PM

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Azle City Hall

Community Room
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Azle, 76020

PCT 3 County Barn

Break Room
1111 FM RD 1189
Brock, 76087

Walsh Athletic Club

Movement Studio
13757 Assembly Park Dr
Fort Worth, 76008

Millsap Community Center

104 Fannin St.
Millsap, 76066

Garner ISD

Ryan Gymnasium
2222 Garner School Rd
Weatherford, 76088

Applications for Ballot by Mail may be obtained by calling (817) 598-6185
Applications for ballots by mail must be received by the Early Voting Clerk
NO later than the close of business day on Tuesday April 25, 2023
Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:

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Weatherford 76086

Email: elections@parkercountytexas.com

Fax: (817) 598-6183

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Kids meet Easter bunny, collect eggs at Reno's holiday event



MADELYN EDWARDS | THE SPRINGTOWN EPIGRAPH

Three-year-old Dalton Palmer hunts eggs with his mother Ashley Palmer at Reno's Easter egg hunt on April 8 at Reno Elementary School.



With the help of her family, 10-year-old Penny Schrader opens plastic eggs to retrieve the candies or prizes inside after Reno's Easter egg hunt on April 8.



Jentzen Hampton, 9, squints in the sunlight as he shows off his basket of eggs from Reno's Easter egg hunt on Saturday.



Faith Leal, 5, focuses on staying in-between the lines as she colors a picture of an Easter egg at Reno's Easter event on April 8.



Brenda Mahon and Monica Keil wear hats with rabbit ears for their photo with the Easter bunny at Reno's Easter event on Saturday at Reno Elementary School.

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Hop around! *Springtown hosts annual Hop & Shop*



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Members of the Tedder family take a picture with the Easter bunny at the Springtown Hop & Shop event on the Square. From left are 3-year-old Indigo Tedder, 6-month-old Lennox Tedder, and Madison Tedder.



MADELYN EDWARDS | THE SPRINGTOWN EPIGRAPH

This year's Hop & Shop event marked the return of the city's Easter egg hunt. Aided by their families, children rushed around to grab as many eggs as possible.



MADELYN EDWARDS | THE SPRINGTOWN EPIGRAPH

Leah Stern, 6, gets a rainbow painted on her face by Ana María Sánchez of Fun Express Novelty at the Hop & Shop on Saturday.

PORCUPINE Pals

Space

Astronaut

On April 9, 1959, NASA introduced the first 7 astronauts in US History. Scott Carpenter, L. Gordon Cooper Jr., John H. Glenn Jr., Virgil "Gus" Grissom, Walter Schirra Jr., Alan Shepard Jr., and Donald Slayton were all part of the Mercury space program and the first Americans in space.

Draw your face in the helmet and color your space suit!

Space

Words can be found in any direction (including diagonals) and can overlap each other. Use the word bank below.

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Ryatt Patterson runs with pole in hand toward the bar.

JEFF PRINCE | SPRINGTOWN EPIGRAPH

Best of the best

Springtown Middle School track athletes go fast, far at Meet of Champions

JEFF PRINCE
jeff@azlenews.net

Not long ago, Eddy Swanzy was doing what he enjoys

— teaching kids how to pole vault — when he saw a new face among the pupils.

Ryatt Patterson, a 13-year-old student at Springtown

Middle School, stood nearby, listening intently but saying nothing.

PLEASE SEE **TRACK** | B2



Alejandra Mancía sails through the air on her way to winning the triple jump.

JEFF PRINCE | SPRINGTOWN EPIGRAPH

Stable geniuses

Springtown rodeo team preparing for push to finals

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Springtown's rodeo enjoyed a weekend off to celebrate Easter, and now, the cowboys and cowgirls are

ready to return to the task at hand — landing as many of them in the finals as possible.

Three weeks remain in the season. Athletes who secure a top 15 standing in their event at the end of the season will

qualify to compete in the rodeo finals in May.

Next up, Springtown will compete this weekend, April 14-16, at the North Texas High School Rodeo Association Arena in Saginaw.



Kallie Gray and the Springtown rodeo team will compete April 14-16 at the NTHSRA Arena in Saginaw.

PHOTO COURTESY GATEMAN PHOTOGRAPHY



Layton Murrell and the Springtown Porcupines are enjoying a fun ride through the District 8-4A baseball season.

JEFF PRINCE | SPRINGTOWN EPIGRAPH

Springtown eyes another big baseball win on Friday

JEFF PRINCE
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The Springtown Porcupines used to worry about matching the high bar set by the 2021-22 baseball squad.

That bunch plowed deeper into the playoffs than any team in school history and won an area championship.

Today's Porcupines don't appear to be worrying about

anything anymore. They just keep winning.

On April 11, their 7-5 victory over the Decatur Eagles made four in a row and landed them in sole possession of first place in District 8-4A with two weeks remaining in the regular season.

The Eagles will be seeking revenge when they challenge Springtown to a rematch at 7:30 p.m. Friday at

Porcupine Stadium.

After the Decatur series, Springtown's only remaining district games are the two against Bridgeport, a team currently in fifth place. Those games are set for April 18 and 21.

Last year's record-setting Porcupines won bi-district and area championships before falling to Argyle in the regional quarterfinals.



JEFF PRINCE | SPRINGTOWN EPIGRAPH

Ryatt Patterson listens to advice from Eddy Swanzy, a National Senior Games champion in pole vault.



JEFF PRINCE | SPRINGTOWN EPIGRAPH

Ryatt Patterson vaults himself skyward.



JEFF PRINCE | SPRINGTOWN EPIGRAPH

And clears the bar at 7 feet on his first attempt.

TRACK

FROM PAGE B1

Swanzy knows plenty about pole vaulting. The Senior Olympics gold medal champion continues to compete despite being 80.

Swanzy tried to make Patterson feel welcome. "He came to our after-school practice, and he stood off to the side, very shy," Swanzy recalled. "I asked him if he was a pole vaulter, and he said, 'I'd like to try.' He got on the runway and within a couple rundowns and him clearing a bar that nobody else was, I said, 'Hey, this kid is something special.'"

Patterson placed second at a track meet earlier this season and qualified to compete against the best athletes from 13 other schools from Azle, Decatur, Fort Worth, and Mineral Wells at the 2023 Big 5 Meet of Champions. The meet was held April 4 at Porcupine Stadium, and numerous Porcupine track athletes — boys and girls — made their presence known. Patterson, still new to the sport, didn't beat his personal record, or PR, of 7 feet, 6 inches. He cleared 7 feet but missed at 8 feet and finished near the back of the pack.

He would have liked to have done better, but he knows he has many years ahead of him to improve his prowess.

The seventh grader has moved around during his short life, living in Arizona, North Dakota, and California before settling in Springtown

three years ago.

He credits Swanzy for teaching him proper techniques at this early stage of his pole vaulting career.

"I really like it," Patterson said. "The coach taught me everything."

Patterson's father, Adam Patterson, stood nearby watching the track meet and encouraging his son in between jumps. The father suggested his son should remove his dangling neck chain after a failed jump attempt.

When someone asked Adam Patterson how his son's name was spelled, he said, "Like Wyatt, but with an R" and lifted his left forearm to reveal RYATT tattooed in bold letters.

"He did cross country last year," Adam said. "This year, he wanted to just give (pole vaulting) a shot. He did it, and he's a natural. I'm pretty impressed. I was a baseball player. I never did track and field. He is the first Patterson to do it. He is showing us how it's done."

Ryatt Patterson was among about two-dozen Springtown athletes who qualified to compete. Some finished near the top of the pack, some in the middle, some near the end. Regardless, the Porcupines gave their best effort and appeared to have fun throughout the long day of events.

PORCUPINE HIGHLIGHTS

Alejandra Mancía earned first place in the triple jump, third place in long jump, third place in the 100-meter dash, fourth place in the 200-meter

dash, and second place in the 4x200-meter relay.

Madelyn Walker won first place in the 1,600-meter run and was third in the 2,400-meter run.

Kylee McNeeley captured first place in the discus event.

Omar Hernandez took second place in the triple jump, third place in the 110-meter hurdles, third place in the 300-meter hurdles, and seventh place in the long jump.

BOYS SHINE

Jurvan Gutierrez, fourth place, shot put.

Aiden Adams, 10th place, 100-meter dash.

Ike Leach, sixth place, 200-meter dash.

Colin McKinney, fifth place, 400-meter dash.

Haidan Carrizales, ninth place, 400-meter dash.

Anthony Salvato, 15th, 400-meter dash.

Caymen Watson, 14th, 110-meter hurdles.

Boys, third place, 4x100-meter relay.

Boys, eighth place, 4x200-meter relay.

Boys, seventh place, 4x400 relay.

Kasen Beaman, sixth place, high jump.

Jett Bryant, 14th place, long jump; 13th place, discus throw; sixth place, shot put.

Juan Bencomo, eighth place, triple jump.

Hayden Murrell, 10th place, triple jump and discus throw.

Kenneth Perdomo, 15th place, triple jump.

GIRLS SHINE

Gracelyn Graham, seventh place, long jump; seventh

place, 100-meter hurdles; seventh place, 300-meter hurdles; and eighth place, triple jump.

Kaylee Falcon, 11th place, 100-meter dash; 12th place, 200-meter dash; 12th place, 400-meter dash; eighth place, discus.

Nallely Lopez, 13th place, 100-meter dash.

Brylynn Bazzell, 14th place, 100-meter dash; 10th place, long jump.

Blakelee Hennesay, 15th place, 100-meter dash; 15th place, 400-meter dash.

Elizabeth Tedder, sixth place, triple jump; 10th place, 200-meter dash.

Olivia Williams, fourth place, long jump; 11th place, 200-meter dash.

Marleigh Perales, fourth place, 400-meter dash.

Reagan Beall, 11th place,

400-meter dash.

Brynley Howard, 13th place, 400-meter dash.

Izzy Parker, fifth place, 800-meter run; fourth place, 1,600-meter run.

Madison Mussulman, ninth place, 800-meter run; 11th place, 2,400-meter run; 15th place, long jump.

Dixie Crain, 10th place, 800-meter run 14th place, 1,600-meter run.

Caroline Trevino, 11th place, 1,600-meter run; 12th place, 2,400-meter run.

Kaylee Sweely, second place, 100-meter hurdles; fourth place, 300-meter hurdles; ninth place, long jump.

Brynley Upton, fourth place, 100-meter hurdles.

Lilly Butler, eighth place, 100-meter hurdles; 13th place, 300-meter hurdles.

Addy Burtnett, 10th place,

100-meter hurdles; eighth place, 300-meter hurdles; 10th place, long jump; fifth place, triple jump.

Girls, third place, 4x100-meter relay.

Girls, second place, 4x200-meter relay.

Girls, second place, 4x400-meter relay.

Ryleigh Strickland, 13th place, long jump.

Kayden Spencer, ninth place, triple jump.

Kinzie Hooper, ninth place, pole vault.

Savannah Macklin, 10th place, pole vault.

Kelsey Brandt, fifth place, shot put.

Mariam Kolb, sixth place, shot put.

Reiss De La Fuente, 12th place, shot put.

Logan Phillips, 11th place, pole vault.



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Gracelyn Graham reacts to a coach telling her how far she sailed through the air in the long jump event.



Nevaeh Vasquez throws a warmup pitch before the game.

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Noelle Fernandez hits the ball.

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POJO YOYO

Springtown softball team up, down this season

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The up-down nature of the Springtown softball season just made another change in direction.

On Tuesday, April 11, the Lady Porcupines traveled to Castleberry High School in River Oaks and tamed the Lady Lions 19-3 amid a flurry of hits and solid pitching.

The rest of the season has offered loads of fun on the field with mixed results on the scoreboard.

On March 21, the Lady Porcupines opened the district portion of their schedule by playing Decatur. Springtown had just beaten Kennedale 12-2 and looked forward to keeping their flow rolling in district.

Instead, Decatur pounded

Springtown 12-2.

On March 24, Springtown played Castleberry, another district rival, and won 15-2, then beat Lake Worth 10-0 for two consecutive district wins.

It's been a yo-yo ever since.

They lost to Krum.

They beat Bridgeport.

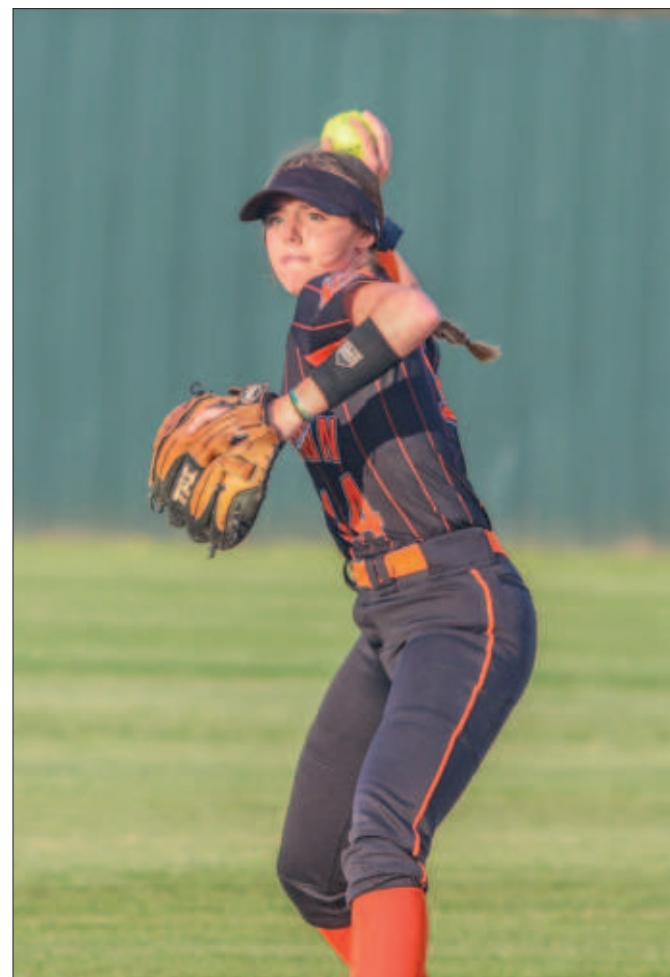
They lost to Decatur.

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The scores indicate Springtown is improving. The Lady Pines, who lost to Decatur 12-2 early in the season, looked much better on April 6, losing 2-1 but almost pulling out a victory.

The Lady Pines made it to the regional quarterfinals last year and have challenged themselves to go deeper into the playoffs this season.

Springtown plays Lake Worth at 5:30 p.m. Friday, April 14, at Pojo Stadium.



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Lauren Brandt and the Springtown Lady Porcupines are fighting for a playoff spot.

SPRINGTOWN Game Faces

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Springtown Porcupine softball players apply
eyeblick to each others' faces before the game.

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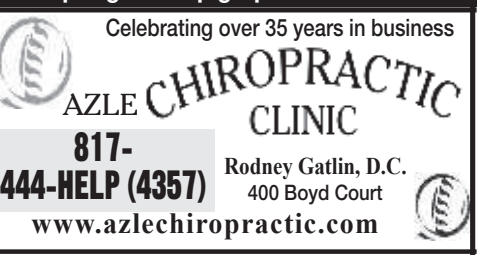
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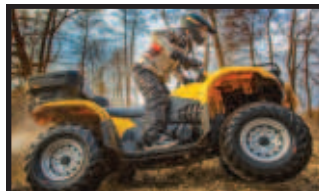
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