

# Who are you voting for?

Get to know the candidates in the Reno mayoral, city council races **MORE CANDIDATES PAGE 7**

## STAFF REPORTS

The News and Epigraph invited the eight candidates running for election in the Reno mayoral and city council races to answer questionnaires to provide readers with details about themselves

and their platforms.

Current Mayor Sam White is being challenged by Hector Bas Jr. for the mayoral seat. The race for Place 2 includes two candidates who are not incumbents of the current city council — Planning

and Zoning Commission Chairperson Brian Schrader and Tod Siedell. In Place 4, current Mayor Pro Tem Katie Tucker is being challenged by Jennifer Vogle. The special election for Place 1 — currently filled by Jody Works,

who was appointed after the death of council member Granville “Randy” Martin III — includes current Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Hernando Herrera and Planning and Zoning Commission Pro Tem Jason Holden as the candidates.

Place 1 is a one-year term. The rest of the positions have two-year terms. Early voting starts on April 24 and ends on May 2. Election Day is on May 6. Reno residents in Parker County can vote at the Springtown Area Senior

Center, Azle City Hall or at other voting locations in Parker County. Reno voters who live in Tarrant County need to vote at Azle City Hall. The candidates’ answers to the questionnaires are provided below.

### NAME:

Sam White

### PLACE OR POSITION YOU ARE RUNNING FOR:

Mayor

### OCCUPATION:

Consultant

### EDUCATION:

Associates in Information/Computer Technology; Bachelors in Business/Technical Management

### COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:

- Partnered with others to raise donated funds to provide hams/turkeys for Thanksgiving & Christmas meal boxes and toys for kids at Christmas.
- Volunteered on numerous occasions at the food pantry.
- Set up and helped cook at all community events to date.
- Assist older residents with



Sam White

### why you are running for mayor, and what experience you are bringing to the position.

I am running for mayor because I have a deep-rooted desire to make a positive impact on our community. I believe I have much more to accomplish for the city over the next two years and by continuing to address the issues that have long plagued the residents of Reno and improving the city’s infrastructure I can positively put Reno in a better position than when I took office in 2021. While I’m only bringing two years of experience to the table as a mayor, I believe my extensive operations and management background has provided me the skills necessary to help facilitate some of the repairs and replacements needed

some basic maintenance needs.

- Raising funds to donate new winter coats to kids at Reno Elementary and Springtown Elementary

### FAMILY:

Married for 27 years this year, 5 children and a number of grandchildren

**In 300 words or less, describe**

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### NAME:

Hector G. Bas Jr

### PLACE OR POSITION YOU ARE RUNNING FOR:

Mayor of Reno

### OCCUPATION:

Train Dispatcher for BNSF RR and Vice General Chairman for American Train Dispatcher Association (ATDA)

### EDUCATION:

Graduated in 1986 and have some college.

### COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:

Volunteer time and donations whenever I can improve the community.

### FAMILY:

Married to Jody Bas for 35+ Years, approaching 36 Years Aug. 15, 2023. We have four boys, Matthew (34), Kevin (32), Hector III (28), and Roy (26), along with



Hector G. Bas Jr

four grandchildren and another on the way.

### In 300 words or less, describe why you are running for mayor, and what experience you are bringing to the position.

I am running for Mayor of Reno to be a voice for ALL Reno citizens. It does not matter if you live in an RV,

Modular Home, or Housing Subdivision. The City of Reno should be committed to every citizen in Reno, without regard to their tax contribution. My work with the ATDA has prepared me to represent the underrepresented by fighting for their benefits and rights. It has given me invaluable leadership and teamwork skills that would be an asset to the City of Reno. I believe everyone in the community counts, and I will work hard to make sure everyone feels valued.

### In 300 words or less, what goals do you have that you feel will help serve Reno residents?

My goal, if elected Mayor of Reno, is accountability on the budget. I believe there

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## SHS First Responders Club nabs first place in felony traffic stop at state contest

Club also won in foot pursuit, agility, 911 call taking

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Winning first place in the state felony traffic stop competition left some Springtown High School First Responders Club members in a state of shock.

“I know when I first heard it, I started looking around, wondering if it was true,” junior Thomas Gillham said about how he felt when the results were announced. “And I looked back up at the board, and yeah, it was.”

Earlier this month, the club participated in the Texas

Public Safety Association’s state conference in Allen, where they captured multiple awards. Gillham, along with Adam Deleon, Bryson Spikes and Skyler Tyree won first place in the felony traffic stop event. Zachary Schlotter

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COURTESY PHOTO

Springtown High School students in the First Responders Club performed well at the state competition.



## Springtown Chamber hosts 12th annual sporting clay shoot

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Shooting on team Dead Eye Range, Kayla Brister of Colt Midstream narrows in on a clay target during the Springtown Chamber’s annual clay shoot last week at Fossil Pointe Sporting Grounds in Decatur.

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# Springtown Chamber hosts 12th annual sporting clay shoot

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The Long Branch group won first place as a team at the Springtown Area Chamber of Commerce's 12th annual sporting clay shoot on April 14. Members of the team included Bob Langford, John Woods, Danny Knight, John C. Woods and Lynn Kemp.



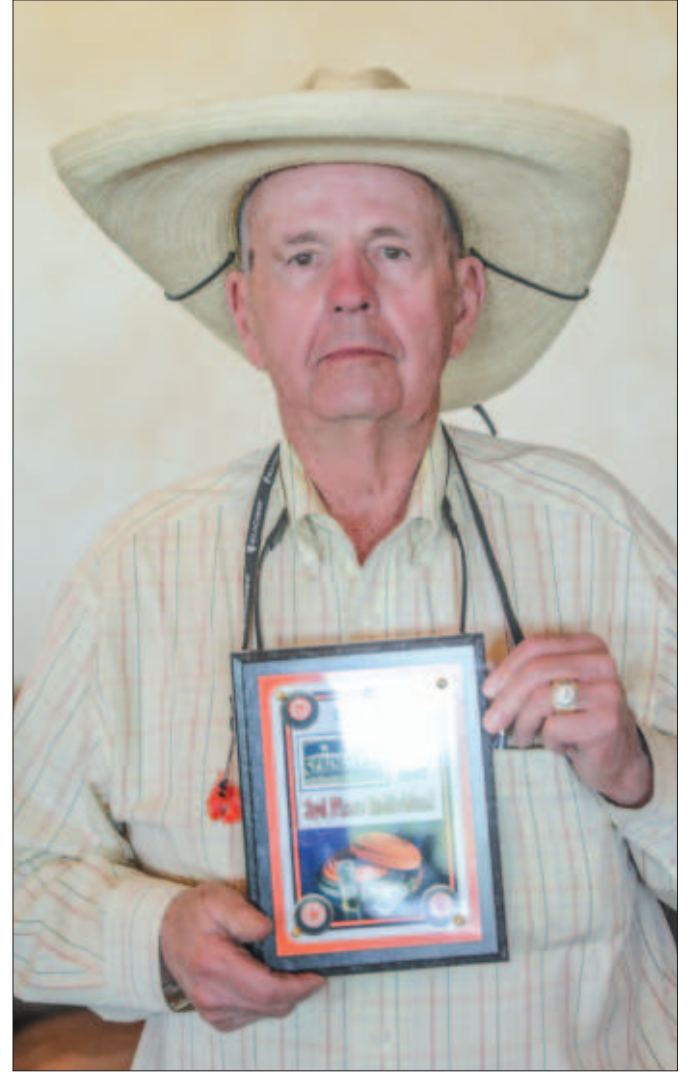
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In the individual awards, Bob Langford of the Long Branch team won first place at the Springtown Area Chamber of Commerce's 12th annual sporting clay shoot on April 14.



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In addition to winning in the team competition, John Woods of the Long Branch team placed second in the individual contest at the Springtown Chamber's sporting clay shoot.



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John Stinnett of Concrete Cowboys took third place in the Springtown Area Chamber of Commerce's 12th annual sporting clay shoot this year. As a team, Concrete Cowboys took home second place.

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# Family helps homeless vets stand strong

With the opening of a new resale store, Operation Texas Strong aims to better self-sustain

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Operation Texas Strong is a Weatherford-based non-profit that gives RVs to homeless veterans. On Monday, March 10 Bobby and Peggy Crutsinger opened the Operation Texas Strong Complex resale store. "The money that's made here helps us be sustainable for operation Texas Strong," Bobby said. "It costs us a lot of money to move RVs, buy tires, and work on RVs. Now that I have an intake facility, I can take stuff to work on RVs as long as it's not massive stuff."

The store saw nine customers on its first day and received an entire trailer load of donations from one family. The early success the store has had is all due to hard work and a long time spent planning. "A year and a half ago, we were trying to open a store in Weatherford," said Bobby.

"We had a little building, but we were using it just for the weekend sales and garage sales when we can. That helped start to fund the project. I've been looking for seven months until I found this building here. It's cheap, reasonable and the landowners are awesome. We want to be able to grow bigger and go to other places and other towns and be able to help veterans there."

The resale store is open Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and is located at 1507 Ranger Hwy, Weatherford, Texas, Building 103. It will soon begin to post items online as well. "We're open to the public because if somebody needs something they can buy it cheap because the way everything is very expensive. I try to have nice stuff for people," said Bobby.

The Crutsingers work to develop connections with providers of homeless and veteran services throughout North Texas to ensure that



The Crutsingers run the store with the help of their children.

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"Five people go homeless every day, that's just in Fort Worth."

people can receive the support they need.

"The biggest thing we want people to understand is that everybody is loved and wanted," said Bobby. "I had a single mom reach out to me, she has four kids, she's sleeping in her van. We got her help, we found somebody that would help her. We're building a network of people to be able to help one another no matter who you are... If I can't help you, I'll find somebody who can."

One RV at a time, Operation Texas Strong is able to give homeless vets a new lease on life and open up a whole new world of opportunity. "We gave an RV to a veteran between Springtown and Azle in an RV park," said Bobby. "He calls me once a week to let me know how he's doing. He's been in it for about three months now. The RV is in

his name, and he tells me all the time, 'I can't believe I'm a homeowner now.'"

The Crutsingers are still planning and hope to build up to an even bigger and better operation in the near future. "I plan years ahead and you have to," said Bobby. "The building I want is nine offices, three bays to take 18-wheeler loads, and 14 thousand square feet. The cost is close to \$500,000 dollars. I want to be done with that in about a year, all paid for, debt-free."

In the short time that Operation Texas Strong has been around, it has made amazing progress. "We're a two-year nonprofit as of last month." In the last year and four months they've been able to get 123 RVs to veterans. "We've got nine more RVs donated in just the last three days," said Bobby.

"If we can get 100 vets off the street per year, that's our minimum," said Peggy Crutsinger.

The Crutsingers recently received a phone call from a 76-year-old veteran living in Rio Vista who had received an RV from Operation Texas Strong in its early days. "He had been homeless for a while," said Peggy. He was probably our 24th or 25th vet. He called us about a month ago. He was in tears as he was talking to me, he says he was doing great, he has a puppy now and he has his own place, he's happy... That's our whole goal to get them to feel the way that they do. You can have a million and one problems, but if you take care of homelessness, it brings a whole new light to them and it takes care of 100 other problems."

For the time being,

Operation Texas Strong needs donations and sponsors to continue operating. "We need more volunteers, we need more people helping, sponsorships, Honor Walls, any donations. I just can't take beds or couches," said Bobby. With veterans being the focus of Operation Texas Strong, the Crutsingers hope to soon be able to plaster their walls with stories from veterans and their families. "I want letters from people talking about their loved ones who were in wars. Anything they want to write," said Bobby.

The Crutsingers can be contacted through their number at (940) 452-6052 or email [peggycrutsinger@rocketmail.com](mailto:peggycrutsinger@rocketmail.com). Homeless vets in need of resources should reach out to (682) 803-8344. More information can be found at <https://operationtexasstrong.com> online.

## Sudoku

APRIL 20, 2023

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## Solution to last week's puzzle

APRIL 13, 2023

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**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.

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**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** General Tso's Chicken, Tangerine Chicken, Fried Rice, Broccoli, Roll, Cucumber & Tomato Cup, Baby Carrots, Mandarin Oranges **Tues** Lasagna, Garlic Bread, Crispy Chicken Sandwich, Glazed Carrots, Fresh Broccoli **Weds** Reg or Spicy Chicken and, Waffles, Broccoli Salad,, Tator Tots, Strawberries **Thurs** Tostada or Nachos, (Beef or Chicken), Refried Beans, Corn, Blueberries, Applesauce **Fri** Cheese Pizza, Chicken Wings (Reg & Spicy), Baked Potato Basket, Roll, Baby Carrots, Baked Beans, Celery & Carrot

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# SHS graduation to have new setup at Porcupine Stadium

*New setup to include stage, using bleachers on both sides of field for seating*

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To accommodate growth, the setup of this year's Springtown High School graduation ceremony at Porcupine Stadium is expected to change.

Principal Melissa Hutchison said the feedback received after last year's ceremony was that the amount of space for graduation attendees to sit was running out.

"I've been meeting with our leadership team on campus," Hutchison said during last month's school board meeting. "We've been talking a lot about how can we adjust so that we can still honor and be able to continue at the venue of our stadium and continue that legacy but also adjust to the growing class sizes and just the growing amount of people who do want to attend graduation without yet having to limit number of tickets or things like that."

SHS campus leaders voted on changes that would in-

clude placing the stage on the south side of the field with students seated on the field facing the stage, according to the report to the school board. The graduates will be split into two groups sitting on the east and west sides of the field, respectively, and staff members will sit behind them, unless they are row leaders.

On graduation day, students are expected to enter the stadium from the north side by the visitor's bleachers, according to the report. To receive their diplomas, the graduates will stand up one row at a time and line up near the west side of the stage. They will then cross the stage and exit on the east side.

"It's going to be a beautiful setup, and it already is a beautiful evening, but we're just going to add that extra touch," Hutchison said of the stage arrangement.

Family members and friends of the graduates will sit on the bleachers, both on the home side and the visitor



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Springtown High School Class of 2022 graduates threw their caps into the air at the graduation ceremony at Porcupine Stadium. This year's setup for graduation is expected to change to accommodate growth.

side. Opening the visitor side for seating means that the number of family members and friends attending the ceremony will not be limited, according to the report.

Graduates are encouraged to let their families know what

side of the stadium they will be seated on after attending graduation practice, so their families can plan accordingly. However, the graduates' seating may change if a student is late or does not attend the ceremony at the last minute,

according to the report.

Hutchison said notifying parents on where their graduates are sitting is part of the plan. She also said the graduation team is working on making sure the sound projection is clear and works

well with the new setup.

"Everything we do is for that time," Hutchison said about graduation. "We want to make sure that night is very special and that those kids get that awesome experience."

## A long obedience in the same direction

What does faithfulness look like?

On April 22, 1973 (coincidentally, my mom's 38th birthday), I was about a month away from completing my 5th grade year (Mr. Horne's class) at Gensler Elementary School in Wickett, Texas. All I knew about faithfulness at that point was that I should tell the truth, behave, do my homework and keep my promises. (Mr. Horne was a member of our church, so he saw me six days per week).

On April 22, 1973 something happened in a place I didn't know about for another 35 years. Will Aston became the pastor of



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Antelope Baptist Church in Jack County, Texas (between Jacksboro and Wichita Falls).

I became acquainted with Antelope and Will when I started my ministry as executive director of Harvest Baptist Association in 2008 because the church was one of 12 in Jack County that was a member of HBA at that time.

I didn't know much about ABC and Will until 2013. We

happened to be having an association meeting at First Baptist Jacksboro on April 22 and I had seen on my calendar that it was Will's 40th anniversary as pastor. I mentioned that fact and congratulated him in front of the gathering. He told me later that — other than his wife — I was the only one who had acknowledged that day. That made me really sad.

Will also told me that for the first 19 years of his pastorate there, he operated under an "annual call." That means the church voted EVERY YEAR whether he would remain as their pastor! As someone who spent 20 years as a pastor, I cannot imagine the anxiety of that vote coming up every year and hoping that those who wanted to keep you outnumbered those who were tired of you.

I'm not sure I would have stayed.

But Will stayed. Because the church was never large enough to provide a full-time salary, he made his living as a school teacher.

When he retired from teaching, he stayed at the church.

Yesterday I attended Antelope Baptist Church and presented Will with a plaque from HBA acknowledging his faithful kingdom service in one church for 50 years. FIFTY YEARS AS PASTOR OF THE SAME CHURCH!

There were 20 of us gathered at ABC yesterday in that little historic country church. At least three of us were guests.

Will, now 77 years old, preached his heart out.

One of my favorite pastor-authors, Eugene Peterson, wrote a book a few years ago titled "A Long Obedience In

The Same Direction."

I think my friend Will Aston is an example of that.

A small country church in the middle of nowhere with 20 people present for worship and an average Sunday school attendance of six. Sometimes they have a piano player and sometimes they don't. Will leads the singing regardless and preaches the word of God.

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# Mental health services available to SISD students

*Counseling, Behavioral Health Services coordinator talks about recently added programs*

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Vaping, not wanting to be with friends, having nightmares — all of these things combined could be symptoms of a larger mental health issue for kids. Springtown ISD Counseling and Behavioral Health Services Coordinator Tiffany Millsap described mental health issues as a nationwide pandemic, which can be worse in rural areas because of limited access to mental health services. Millsap and SISD aim to connect students with mental health needs to services by implementing TCHAT and Texas Systems of Care in the district. TCHAT, or Texas Child Health Access Through Telemedicine, allows students to access mental health services by providing telemedicine or telehealth programs to school districts.

These programs are meant to help recognize and evaluate behavioral health needs of students as well, according to the Texas Child Mental Health Care Consortium's website. In Education Service Center Region 11 — which includes Springtown ISD among other educational entities — there are 399 campuses and 22 school districts that are active in TCHAT, according to the consortium's website. In this group, a combined 255,556 students can access services through TCHAT. "Through this program, it's free of charge. So, it provides direct, evidence-based emotional health therapy by phone or by iPad from home or school," Millsap said during last month's school board meeting. "The child meets with a licensed therapist or psychiatrist and completes four to five sessions to help improve their overall mental health. And after reaching

the limited amount of sessions, children will have the opportunity to further services through outside mental health services." SISD started using TCHAT around the end of October, Millsap said during the school board meeting. After being referred, students and their parents can choose to use the program and complete it. TCHAT can also be used during the summer and holidays. SISD started using Texas Systems of Care in March, which students can use alongside TCHAT. "The Systems of Care program provides a spectrum of effective community-based services and supports for children, youth, and young adults with or at risk for mental health and related challenges and their families," Millsap told the Epigraph. "It is organized into a coordinated network, builds meaningful partnerships with families and

youth, and addresses their cultural and linguistic needs to help them function better at home, in school, in the community, and throughout life." After referrals are made and informed consent is obtained, the students' needs are assessed to decide what types of services and level of care they need, Millsap said. This can include a variety of services like therapeutic counseling for individuals, families or groups, psychiatric evaluation, medication management, training and support, skills training and development, crisis intervention, and referral to youth substance use disorder outpatient treatment services. A Systems of Care "School-based Services Team" is housed on the campuses it serves and includes a case manager and a therapist, Millsap said. The case manager provides skill-based groups to students, works with educators to support us-

ing effective, individualized plans with identified students, and organizes community-based services and supports. The therapist gives evidence-based, best-practice therapy to students and their caregivers as well as bolsters the system for identifying, assessing, referring, monitoring, intervening and preventing crisis for students with mental health needs, Millsap said. The Counseling and Behavioral Health Services coordinator said the team also includes a youth peer support provider and a certified family partner to help young people and their families, respectively, deal with behavioral health systems. Not only is Systems of Care new to SISD, but it's also new to Parker County, Millsap told the Epigraph. Weatherford and Springtown are the only school districts that use it in the county. "At this point, SISD has

begun to utilize this program at the high school for approximately one day a week, Monday, and twice a week by the end of the year," Millsap said. "Additionally, we have recently spoken to Systems of Care, and hopefully, we can use them at the middle school by the end of the year." Eventually, Millsap would like to expand Systems of Care to every campus in the district. Millsap said it's difficult to tell how many SISD students will be impacted by these programs. Judging by statistics — such as that in Texas, 17% of kids ages 6-17 experience a mental health disorder each year, according to National Alliance on Mental Illness — and the fact that there is a shortage of mental health professionals in rural areas, she said these programs at SISD could "tremendously impact our students and their families."

# Clean-up days in Reno, Springtown coming up

**MADELYN EDWARDS**  
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Spring cleaning season has arrived, and the cities of Reno and Springtown want to help residents to dispose of their junk. The Reno Community Clean Up Day will take place from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, April 22 behind Reno City Hall in the public works yard. Reno Public Works Director Chris Albright said residents

can bring brush that is cut up into five-foot sections, household furniture, scrap metal and even old boats — which was one of the items received to dispose of last year — to throw away during the clean-up day. However, Reno residents are asked to refrain from bringing appliances with refrigerants, batteries, hazardous materials, paint, solvents, tires, oil or oil filters, old computers and printers, waste oil, roofing shingles,

concrete and uncut brush, according to the flyer for the event on the city's Facebook page. Brush must be manageable to pick up by hand. Anything that is not on the prohibited list can be disposed of on the Community Clean Up Day, Albright said. "There is no limit for City of Reno residents, the more the better," the public works director said. "We want residents to take advantage of this opportunity because one, it helps keep our community

clean and two, it's also Earth Day and by cleaning up our community it's also helping keep our environment clean as well." Springtown residents are invited to partake in the annual City Cleanup Event from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on May 20. According to the city of Springtown's website, residents can drop off junk at 1361 Walnut Creek Drive, which is the Citizens' Collection Center. Items like furniture, appliances, yard

debris, fencing, clothing and other household items will be accepted for disposal. Residents are asked not to bring oil, gas, petroleum products, tires, paint, or any chemicals (labeled or unlabeled). Springtown's clean-up event also offers paper shredding at the Municipal Annex Building at 200 N. Main St., according to the city's website. Proof of residency is required to participate in these

clean-up days. Reno residents must bring a water bill or a valid ID to take part in the Reno Community Clean Up Day, and the same — driver's license or utility bill — must be provided by Springtown residents for the Springtown City Cleanup Event. For more information, call the Reno Public Works Department at 817-221-2500 or Springtown City Hall at 817-220-4834.

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# ESD 1 breaking ground on new training center

## Center to simulate multiple training scenarios

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Parker County Emergency Services District 1 is going to start construction on a new training center that is expected to help teach firefighters from across North Texas.

ESD 1 is inviting the public to witness the groundbreaking of the new Fire and Rescue Training Center at 10 a.m. April 21. The new training center will be located at 1439 Farmer Road, which is north of Aledo, in an industrial area between a gas compressor station and an electrical substation.

ESD 1 Fire Chief Stephen Watson said the center is expected to be finished in about a year and costs a little over \$2 million to construct.

ESD 1 leaders came up with the idea to build the training center in 2020 when the district was developing a master plan.

"One of the things that we identified was we were having to travel a long ways for certain types of training, and there was really a need in the region for a place that could do this," Watson said.

The closest Class A facility — which burns things like wood or hay to simulate a house fire — to train at is in Cleburne, Watson said. The closest Class B facility — which utilizes a smoke machine and liquid petroleum gas or propane to simulate a fire training scenario — is at Tarrant County College's Northwest Campus. ESD 1 serves areas on the east side of Parker County, including Springtown, as well as Peaster and Poolville.

Watson is expecting this training center to be unique compared to others in the area.

"I'm not aware of anywhere in the North Texas region that we would be able to do some of the things that we're going to do," he said.

The training facility will have multiple layouts and floor plans that firefighters can use to train for a variety of scenarios, Watson said. The 12-acre property will have training structures and props such as a five-story tower to simulate missions in a mid-rise mixed-use space with commercial businesses on the bottom floor and residences on the top floors. The training center will simulate

structures like interior hallways, a garden apartment layout, a two-story residential prop, a double-wide manufactured home and a vent-over-fire prop for ventilation training.

These training structures will be built with shipping containers, which makes the project cheaper and allows worn-out parts of the facility to be replaced in parts as opposed to replacing the entire prop.

This training facility will not only benefit ESD 1 staffers but firefighters across North Texas, Watson said. Regional training will be hosted at the center two or three times per year, and the facility will be available to

be rented out by other fire departments.

The ESD 1 fire chief described training for firefighters as the "backbone of their ability to do their job."

"You got to have good fit healthy people with good equipment and the proper training to be able to really do our job effectively," Watson said. "Training is a huge component of that and realistic training, to me, is key to performing well on the actual fire scene. So, the more we can simulate a realistic environment and training, the better they're going to perform on the actual fire ground."

## OBITUARIES

### William Foster 1944-2023

William John "Bill" Foster, 78 passed from this life on April 13, 2023. Bill passed away surrounded by a host of family and friends.

Bill was predeceased by his parents; a brother and sister; and his son, Andrew William Foster.

He is survived by his wife of 42 years, Kandy; his children, Leigh and David Webb of Palestine, Albert Adams, IV of Richardson, Laura and John Sims of Springtown, and Rachel and Cory Moreno of Springtown. He is also survived by his nine grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was held Tuesday, April 18, 2023, at First Baptist Church, Springtown.



Visitation with the family was held also on Tuesday, April 18, at 10 a.m. with service following at 11 a.m. Bill will be fondly remembered and sorely missed.

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## WHITE

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in the city's infrastructure thus far. Having experience from another governmental agency helped provide the problem-solving skills and financial acumen needed to help manage the city's needs and budgets. I believe building community involves a collaborative mindset of working with other local, county and state officials to achieve common goals to improve our city. I have worked hard to rebuild long lost relationships with Parker County by working closely with the Sheriff's office, the County Judge and the County Commissioner to help better serve the needs of Reno. The knowledge of the city that I have gained over the past two years has provided an understanding of the city's

history, culture and the people including the strengths and challenges the city faces. Being the mayor is much more than reciting agendas at meetings and signing ordinances into the books. Being the mayor means being a leader that builds strong teams of educated and experienced professionals to assist in the common goals and needs of our city. At the end of the day, I represent all citizens regardless of who they voted for. My goal is for a better Reno.

### In 300 words or less, what goals do you have that you feel will help serve Reno residents?

After the retirement of the city administrator, I assumed the responsibility of overseeing the city financials. Since March 2023, the staff and myself have been able to identify key deficiencies and have

taken action to complete the 2021 and 2022 audits. I am working closely with the staff and CPA to ensure all financials are accurately updated and entered into our single source accounting system. By accomplishing this, we will be able to provide a comprehensive and transparent working budget for each department in the city. This is crucial to provide the citizens with an accurate accounting of what the city departments are spending tax dollars on and it is equally important for the citizens to see the repairs and needs of the city being met.

Another important goal is to continue to manage the growth that is upon us. This is critical in maintaining our identity separate of the other cities around us, and with the second largest available landmass in Parker County, getting our ordinances, develop-

er's agreements and impact fees established will ensure only necessary and desirable growth is approved in Reno. I want to ensure Reno stays a city and is not disincorporated by the group being led by a former mayor and several candidates currently running for elected positions here.

Utilize the independent water reports in combination with the expertise of the Water Task Force to bring the water infrastructure into compliance with TCEQ and utilize grants and low interest loans to improve the water/road infrastructure that has been seriously neglected for some time without unfairly putting a burden on our residents.

My main goal is to make Reno a desirable place to raise a family, open a business and be part of a caring community, Reno is "Country Living That is Community Driven."

## BAS

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should always be a budget discussion before any council member votes to allocate any funds outside of the bud-

get. Equally important is the water infrastructure so Reno can provide safe water for customers. When those items fall in line, my goal would then be to focus on roads in Reno, developing a system-

atic approach to repairing the worst first. But first and foremost, can the budget accommodate all of this? The answer can only be sought after knowing what the budget looks like and the budget

needs. These questions cannot be solved by one person or in a quick fashion; however, I believe with a council working together with the mayor, we can work diligently to serve every citizen of Reno.

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# Who are you voting for?

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## City Council Place 1

**NAME:**  
Hernando Herrera  
**PLACE OR POSITION YOU ARE RUNNING FOR:**



Hernando Herrera

I am running for Reno, Parker County City Council, Place 1.

**OCCUPATION:**  
I have worked in the medical industry as a para-professional my entire adult life. I started as a 91 Alpha Combat Medic for an Army Reserve Medical unit, where I got my active-duty status, serving Operation Desert

Storm. I worked in the mental health and mental retardation industry for a while, until I discovered the sleep testing industry. I am an RPSGT, Registered polysomnographer, where I score and process sleep study data and help manage patient CPAP therapy compliance. My most important job to date is helping raise my granddaughter.

**In 300 words or less, describe why you are running for city council, and what experience you are bringing to the position.**

This will be my third term on Council, where I have

served as Mayor Pro Tem, and Deputy Mayor Pro Tem.

**In 300 words or less, what goals do you have that you feel will help serve Reno residents?**

While on council, I have dedicated my effort to helping maintain our country rural lifestyle. I believe we are at a crossroads, between dense development for the sake of increasing revenue, and limiting development to one home per acre or greater. A change of guard, so to speak, will usher in dense development to the point of rendering our landscape unrecognizable. Before

adding roof tops in hopes of offsetting spending, before we can address our issues with our infrastructure, we have to address our financial crisis here in RENO. Our focus going forward should start with an authentic realistic accounting. My goal will be to continue pushing this effort. Some of my goals for the upcoming year are to see the city fund a line item on the budget to hire a Certified Government Accountant or Government financial management firm to help develop a real accounting of our finances, to come up with a financial plan, and help the city stay the course

on this council's commitment to function without taking out new loans. I would like for us to do away with the city administrator position, and use that salary to finally hire a certified city secretary. During my time on council, we have supported this city's public service departments, I would like to continue my support of the departments that serve our community.

I have enjoyed my time serving Reno and would love your support in continuing to do so.

## City Council Place 1

**NAME:**  
Jason Holden  
**PLACE OR POSITION YOU ARE RUNNING FOR:**



Jason Holden

City Council Place 1

**OCCUPATION:**  
Senior Project Manager for High Hazard Emergency Response

**EDUCATION:**  
· State of Texas Certified Firefighter  
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**FAMILY:**

I have 3 daughters and 5 grandkids with #6 on the way in June of 2023

**In 300 words or less, describe why you are running for city council, and what experience you are bringing to the position.**

I plan to serve all of Reno, not just those that voted for me or agree with me. As a council member, it will be my job to make sure everyone has a voice and that can only be accomplished through an environment of trust and respect. I believe that together, we can work to accomplish making our city a safe, friendly and fun community to live in. I believe that the work of the Water Task Force should continue, so it can help mitigate the water issues that have plagued Reno for so long. I will help to make sure Reno has clean, reliable drinking water and do it without financially burdening the residents and landowners of Reno. I also support the installation of the previously approved electronic meters so residents can monitor their water usage, and de-

tect any possible leaks right away, which is a huge "plus" for the resident. I also believe that the city's budget process must be streamlined so that it is fair and equitable to all departments and transparent and easy to understand. I support having an outside auditor/controller come in and address the city's financials and to make any changes needed. I look forward to serving each and every one of our Reno residents!

**In 300 words or less, what goals do you have that you feel will help serve Reno residents?**

1. Bring trust and transparency back to citizens, City Hall, and Council.
  2. Have reliable, safe drinking water.
  3. Over-all life safety for our citizens.
  4. Keep our taxes as low as possible.
- We must have these four basic items to have a successful city.

### LEGAL PUBLIC NOTICES

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE**

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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of GLENDA JEAN VANFICKELL, Deceased, were issued on April 12, 2023, in Cause No. CAUSE NO. 23P083, pending in the County Court of Parker County, Texas to: GLEN MILNER. The address of the Resident Agent to accept service of process is in Parker County, Texas, and the name of the Resident Agent and the post office address are: Soraya Joslin, Attorney At Law, P.O.Box 1267 Weatherford, Texas 76086. All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. Dated this 12 day of April, 2023. SORAYA JOSLIN, P.C. By: S/Soraya Joslin, Soraya Joslin State Bar No. 00792408 P.O.Box 1267 Weatherford, Texas 76086 Telephone: (817) 386-8500 Facsimile: (817) 599-7005 ATTORNEY FOR THE ESTATE

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The City of Reno, Parker County, Texas proposes to hold a hearing on an Application for a Special Use Permit for property located at 4609 E Hwy 199 Springtown, TX 76082 consisting of 2.6844 acres, Part of the William C. Burton Survey Abstract No. 105, for building a multi-family resident facility, town homes. The application is on file in the Office of the City Secretary. A public hearing will be held by and before the Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of Reno, Parker County, Texas on the 1 day of May 2023 at 7 o'clock and City Council of the City of Reno, Parker County, Texas on the 22 day of May 2023 at 7 o'clock in the City Council Chambers of the City Hall of the City of Reno, Parker County, Texas, located at 195 W Reno Road, Azle, Texas 76020 for all persons interested in the above proposed annexation. At said time and place all such persons shall have the right to appear and be heard. For more information, please contact the City at (817)221-2500 Ext. 103.

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The City of Reno, Parker County, Texas proposes to hold a hearing on an Application for a Specific Use Permit for property located at 194 Jack Roy Road Azle, TX 76020 consisting of .559 acres for a minimum 1000 sq. ft. living quarters. The application is on file in the Office of the City Secretary. A public hearing will be held by and before the Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of Reno, Parker County, Texas on the 1 day of May 2023 at 7 o'clock and City Council of the City of Reno, Parker County, Texas on the 22 day of May 2023 at 7 o'clock in the City Council Chambers of the City Hall of the City of Reno, Parker County, Texas, located at 195 W Reno Road, Azle, Texas 76020 for all persons interested in the above proposed annexation. At said time and place all such persons shall have the right to appear and be heard. For more information, please contact the City at (817)221-2500 Ext. 103.

### 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:

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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.

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

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# Who are you voting for?

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## City Council Place 2

**NAME:**  
Brian D. Schrader

**PLACE OR POSITION YOU ARE RUNNING FOR:**  
City of Reno City Council, Place 2



**Brian D. Schrader**

**OCCUPATION:**  
Semi-Retired, Part-Time Consultant, Engineering and Management Services focusing on the Satellite Earth Station Industry.

**EDUCATION:**  
Graduated from Arlington High School, Arlington, Texas; Bachelor's Degree in Civil Engineering from Texas Tech University, Master's Degree in Civil Engineering from Texas A&M University

**COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:**  
Chairman of the Reno Planning & Zoning Committee, Head of the Water Task Force

**FAMILY:**  
My wife, Michele and I have been married 42 years. Both of our families have been in Texas since the 1800s. We raised four sons in Longview, Texas, and currently enjoy our 5 grandchildren.

**In 300 words or less, describe why you are running for city council, and what experience you are bringing to the position.**

As a Registered Professional Engineer in Texas, my career duties and decisions have always been logic-driven, derived from analysis of facts, figures, regulations, and standards. During my service

on the Planning & Zoning Committee, I have learned much about how our city government operates. With very few exceptions, I have attended every budget workshop, every Council meeting, every P&Z meeting and workshop for the past two years. I have studied the Engineering water reports that were commissioned prior to 2019 for a total cost of \$95,000. The recommendations by the Engineers and the TCEQ violations dating back to 2019 were undisclosed until the Mayor and the Water Task Force conducted in-depth investigations.

When presented with facts, figures, recommendations, and deadlines our city appeared incapable of constructive discussions, evaluation of proposed actions, and unable make informed decisions on urgent matters impacting our community. The citizens could observe the city often ineffectively opting to table and delay actions on an issue rather than evaluate the merits and be decisive. Our citizens

deserve forward thinking, action-oriented leaders that can exercise discernment and make decisions that are in the best interest of Reno, for both now and the future.

I have managed large teams of multi-disciplined professionals on programs domestic and international, commercial and government, short term and multi-year contracts. These programs required budgets, planning, scheduling, staff, execution and accountability. Our city has many needs, and the council must be able to prioritize capital projects and budgets. My proven performance in managing large scale design and construction projects provides a skill set that is needed for the future of the city of Reno.

I am running for council to make a change, to make a positive difference, to restore credibility to the council and accountability to all levels of our city government.

**In 300 words or less, what goals do you have that you feel will help serve Reno residents?**

The first goal is a reliable and trustworthy budget. The Mayor has been pushing for a single set of books that are traceable and provide accountability for every transaction. The former accounting methods moved budgets between QuickBooks, FundView, and Excel. Traceability and documentation would get lost in translation between software platforms. An independent audit is underway to establish the starting point after the city administrator retired in February. Once an accurate

budget is established the city will be able to properly plan for staffing and infrastructure improvements. An accurate budget with proper account numbers will also allow consolidation of services and reduce waste.

The current loans and grants must be reviewed in detail. Grants and loans have expirations and maturity dates that must be reviewed to ensure the city remains qualified and in good favor with grant agencies. Low interest loans and grants are vital to stretching our limited property tax income.

The Water Task Force and the Water Department along with the council must take actions to remedy the violations and enforcement actions that have been imposed since 2019. Several corrective actions are scheduled to be funded by grants. These actions must be completed in a timely manner before grants expire and within the time frame imposed by the TCEQ.

Parker County is ranked within the top 10 counties in the nation that experienced the largest percent population growth from 2021 to 2022. Growth is all around our city. Developers are eager to fill the gaps as growth has leapfrogged from Lake Worth to Springtown. Legacy landowners will be tempted to sell to developers for large profits. This growth can be managed through proper ordinances and a well-developed Comprehensive Plan. Recent experience has proven the infrastructure must be planned and ready before development commences.

## City Council Place 2

**NAME:**  
Tod A. Siedell

**PLACE OR POSITION YOU ARE RUNNING FOR:**  
Place 2



**Tod A. Siedell**

**OCCUPATION:**  
Financial Advisor/ Self Employed

**EDUCATION:**  
B.S. Management from Mississippi State University

**COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:**  
served on Justin Civic Foundation, Justin EDC, Justin Master Plan committee

**FAMILY:**  
Wife/Candy

**In 300 words or less, describe why you are running for city council, and what experience you are bringing to the position.**

I hope to have an influence on the growth and maintenance of our community. I have several years of experience working with another small community and its growth from a volunteer position. My wife and I have been residents here for 17 years which gives us the perspective of time to observe the diverse area in which we live and work.

**In 300 words or less, what goals do you have that you feel will help serve Reno residents?**

We have a very diverse community, with large landowners, small landowners, individual residences, designed communities and residents with large and/or small animals. It is important to find

a balance between these lifestyles, which is very different from our larger cities in our area. Reno should seek a master plan that takes in mind this and the future growth coming our way, instead of reacting to what comes our way. We should look at the possibility of establishing an EDC to help guide us with potential businesses looking to expand or establish in our area.

We need to review several areas with how the city functions, starting with the budget, water and roads, while being good stewards of our taxpayer money. Reducing the minimum one acre rule to add more rooftops and hoping this solves our financial difficulties, simply isn't a workable plan. We need a review and update our Developers Agreement, subdivision ordinances and codes, while finding ways to help our neglected areas.

I look forward to meeting many of you before and after the election.

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## City Council Place 4

**NAME:** Kathleen "Katie" Tucker  
**PLACE OR POSITION YOU ARE RUNNING FOR:** Running for Reno City Council Place 4



Kathleen "Katie" Tucker

**OCCUPATION:** Retired communications technician  
**EDUCATION:** Attended UT Arlington and UNT  
**COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:** Heavily involved in my church. Volunteer for Reno city events.

**FAMILY:** Married for 37 years—three children and six grandchildren.

**In 300 words or less, describe why you are running for city council, and what experience you are bringing to the position.**

I am running for reelection because I want to continue to serve the community and improve the quality of life for all Reno residents, newcomers and long timers. I have lived in several different states, so I think I bring knowledge of some actions that do and do not work for a city. I served in the USAF, so I know that it is very important for everyone to follow the same set of ordinances and be treated fairly and equally under the law.

I have shown in the past two years that I will stand for what I believe even when I am standing alone. I have demonstrated that I can take criticism from the public without lashing out, admit my mistakes, and move on. I have also shown that my vote on an issue will be based upon all the information presented and not upon my personal feelings.

My opponent is one of the people behind the petition to disincorporate the city of Reno. She is also one of the people pursuing an active lawsuit against the city. My efforts have been and will be to improve services to Reno citizens, not remove them. Since the retirement of the City Administrator, many of his duties have been assigned to other city employees, increasing their workload. In an effort to relieve this add-

ed burden, I have stepped up and am currently performing some of the City Administrator duties without compensation.

**In 300 words or less, what goals do you have that you feel will help serve Reno residents?**

Repair and upgrades to the existing water system are a must to ensure that clean drinking water is provided to residents and to provide the proper water pressure to assure the Fire Department has the water they need to extinguish a blaze. Repairs and improvements to the roads and updating some intersections will improve the safety of residents. Reno needs to procure and use grant money wisely for these projects.

Developers need to shoulder the burden of infrastructure costs for new developments, not the taxpayers. Businesses need to be attracted to set up in Reno to increase revenue while keeping taxes low for residents. Growth has come to Parker County and Reno needs to have a plan for that growth so it does not destroy the "country feel" that was the reason so many moved here.

City government needs to be transparent in decision making and financial obligations. The use of executive sessions, which exclude the public, needs to be minimized. Citizen input needs to remain a part of the process of deciding when, where, and how their taxes are spent.

## City Council Place 4

**NAME:** Jennifer Kay Vogle  
**PLACE OR POSITION YOU ARE RUNNING FOR:** Place 4



Jennifer Kay Vogle

**OCCUPATION:** Area Manager Media Spokesperson D/FW Emergency Medical services Supervisor Dispatch EMT/CVT

**EDUCATION:** Weatherford College, Tarrant County College Medical

**COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:** Animal Rescue, The Abbey Church

**FAMILY:**

I married my high school sweetheart, Damian Vogle, in 1997. We were engaged for 7 years. We were only 15 and 16 when we met at the local volunteer fire department. God sent me my soul-mate when I was young. We fell in love and I knew that we would grow old together but we had a few things to do before we could get married. We had to graduate high school, go to college and get good jobs! He's been with Haltom City FD for 30 years. I have spent most of my career working EMS, volunteer and paid. In 2008, we had our son,

**In 300 words or less, describe why you are running for city council, and what experience you are bringing to the position.**

We built our home in Reno over 20 years ago. I noticed Reno politics seemed to be a mess, when a proposed animal ordinance surfaced. It didn't suit a small town such as Reno. I've been involved in Wildlife animal rescue since 2009. I attended meetings at the city hall and was voted to lead the Reno Animal Care and Protection in 2018. I had other concerns as well.

Working management and EMS long term, I know how to problem solve under pressure. I'm great at mediation and research. I served as the Media Spokesperson for a nationwide tax corporation for 4 years. I've served Reno's citizens as an EMT and volunteer for over 30 years. I'm ready to serve as a council member. I believe that every person has a right to vote.

**In 300 words or less, what goals do you have that you feel will help serve Reno residents?**

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# Dueling tax proposals in the Lege; drought conditions expand in Central, West Texas

## DUELING TAX PROPOSALS IN THE LEGE

The Texas House passed a bill promising \$17 billion in tax relief, a measure that is at odds with the Senate's tax break plan, according to the Austin American-Statesman. The House bill would lower by half a home's cap on appraisal increases. It passed overwhelmingly, 141-9. However, Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, who presides over the Senate, said that body will not approve it, preferring its plan to raise property exemptions from \$40,000 to \$70,000.

In a press conference held Thursday, Patrick reiterated his opposition, saying appraisal caps do not have much effect on property tax bills.

"So let me be very clear, I've said before this session, I've said it at the beginning of session, I've said recently, you don't negotiate on bad math," Patrick said.

House Speaker Dade Phelan took a less confrontational stand.

"I think we need to do what's best for all Texans, and that is sit down and hammer out a compromise," Phelan said in part. "We are ready, willing and able to do it in the Texas House."

## PARENTAL BOOK BILL PASSES THE SENATE

The Texas Senate passed a bill last week that would require schools to inform parents of all books their children check out of school libraries, The Dallas Morning News reported. The bill's sponsor, state Sen. Angela Paxton, R-McKinney, said she sponsored the bill after being contacted about sexually explicit materials in school libraries.



## CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Gary Borders

Gary Borders is a veteran award-winning Texas journalist. He published a number of community newspapers in Texas during a 30-year span, including in Longview, Fort Stockton, Nacogdoches and Cedar Park. gborders@texaspres.com.

"I cannot unsee what I saw," Paxton said on the Senate floor. "More importantly, a child cannot unsee sexually explicit materials, and this certainly shouldn't happen in a school library, of all places."

Critics say the bill could lead to politicized book bans and undermine the work of librarians. It requires school boards to create local library advisory panels made up mainly of parents.

The bill now heads to the Texas House for consideration.

## DROUGHT CONDITIONS EXPAND IN CENTRAL, WEST TEXAS

Warmer temperatures and less rain in March expanded drought conditions throughout the central and western parts of the state, hydrologist Dr. Mark Wentzel of the Texas Water Development Board reported. More than two-thirds of the state is affected by drought, up five percentage points from the previous month. The exception is in the eastern portion of Texas, which is now drought free.

The La Niña weather system, which is at least partially responsible for drought conditions in the state for the past two-and-a-half years, is predicted to give way by fall to El Niño conditions, which tend to be wetter, according to Wentzel.

"Why are La Niña, neutral, and El Niño conditions important to Texas? Each of these

conditions sets up different atmospheric circulation patterns that impact weather around the world, including Texas," Wentzel wrote.

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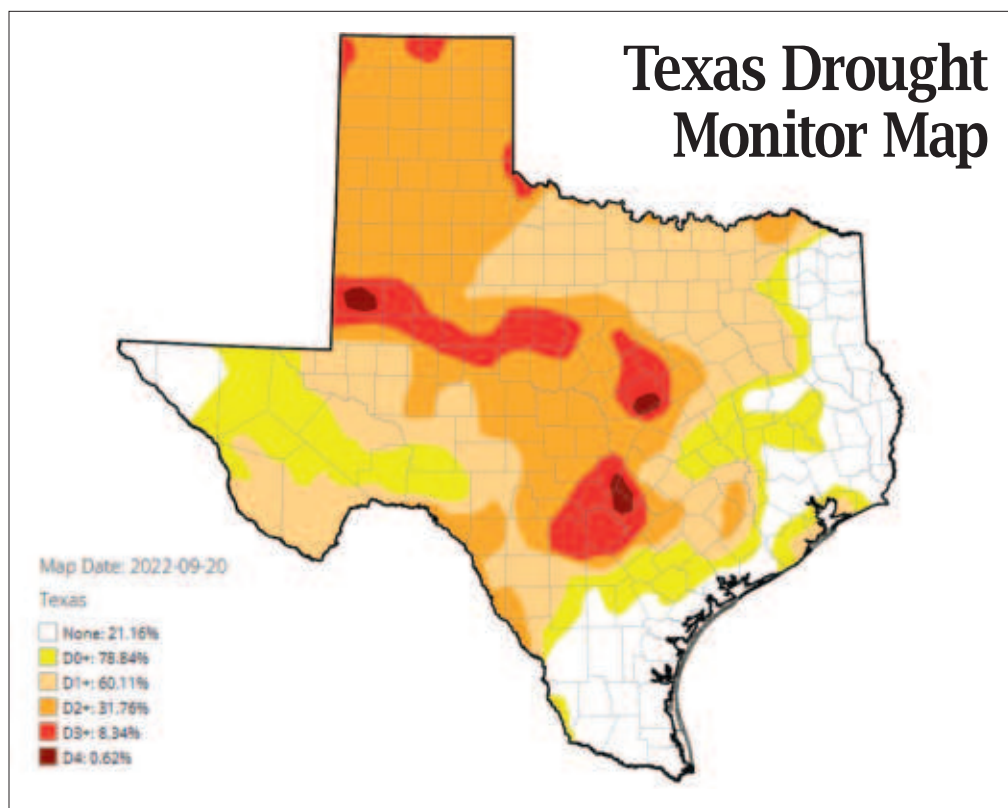
With the Texas Education Agency taking over management of the Houston Independent School District, nearly 400 applications have been received to join the district's Board of Managers. In a news release, TEA said it is looking for Houston residents with "a wide array of backgrounds, experiences, and perspectives who believe all children can learn and achieve at high levels when properly supported and who can work together as a governance team."

"I am looking for Houstonians with wisdom and integrity who can be laser-focused on what is best for students," Texas Education Commissioner Mike Morath said. "It is exciting to see so many Houstonians express a willingness to help move the school system forward in service of students."

The Board of Managers will hold public board meetings and has the same legal requirements and obligations as any elected school board, according to TEA.

## MORE FUNDING FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGES?

A bill approved last week



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by the Texas House would allocate additional funding to the state's 50 community college districts, the Statesman reported. The additional amount each district would receive would be based on several factors, including the number of degrees and certificates a college awards "that equip students for continued learning and greater earnings," the Statesman reported.

The bill is one of House Speaker Dade Phelan's priorities and has more than 90 co-authors.

"This would be the most significant state investment for community colleges in decades," said Ryan Franklin,

senior director of policy and advocacy for Educate Texas.

Community colleges in Texas are funded by a combination of local property taxes, tuition and fees, state revenue, and various other sources. The bill guarantees a certain amount of funding for rural community college districts that are unable to raise as much in property taxes as urban districts.

## MORE THAN 18,000 CATTLE KILLED IN EXPLOSION

What is being called the deadliest barn fire for cattle on record left more than 18,000 cattle dead and one worker critically injured at a dairy farm in the Texas

Panhandle, The Dallas Morning News reported. The fire swept through the holding pens of Southfork Dairy Farm in Dimmitt last week as the cattle were waiting to be milked.

"It's mind-boggling," Dimmitt Mayor Roger Malone said. "I don't think it's ever happened before around here. It's a real tragedy."

The cause has not been determined, but Castro County Sheriff Sal Rivera told KCBDTV that overheating electrical equipment in the holding pens may have ignited methane gas. Photos and video posted on social media show a massive plume of smoke rising from the facility.

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under boil water notices frequently. One lasted nearly 6 weeks. Our water infrastructure needs to be fixed.

Citations need to be fixed in a timely manner and not many months past TCEQ deadlines.

Second, the City of Reno's budget is a mess. There has not been an external audit in more than 2 years. How can you run a city when you don't

know the budget? Budgeting with transparency is something I plan to achieve.

Third, growth is coming to Reno. I would like to see minimum of one acre lots, 2 would be better. That helps keep Reno rural and would al-

low property owners to build wells. Our water infrastructure can't support the homes it has. Our roads need to be improved. We must be smart while planning.

Finally, we need teamwork in Reno. Fighting between

council members and citizens is not going to solve problems. We must work together to problem solve. Blaming previous council members will never fix anything and we will never have peace in Reno if this continues. I strive to

teach my children that positive changes can be made. I take them with me to vote. Every voice matters and doing the right thing, especially when it's hard, is necessary.

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earned second place in foot pursuit; Hayley Knight placed third in law enforcement agility; and Dillon Wilson took home third place in 911 call taking.

SHS teachers Larynn Bolyer and Terri Massey serve as advisers to the club.

Knight, a junior, also expressed disbelief at the results of the contest but said she was happy with the outcome. She said she was nervous before competing but described the contest as easy and fun, and she said the support of the instructors is what made the club members successful competitors this year.

This was Knight's first year in the First Responders Club.

"I've learned that you need to be flexible and forgiving," Knight said about what she's learned from being in the club. "Not everything goes as planned."

To get to the state competition, the First Responders Club students participated in the regional competition in March, where all the SHS students competing qualified for state.

After regionals, the felony traffic stop team trained for its competition every week. Spikes, a sophomore, said the law enforcement officers training them would set up scenarios for the students and give them feedback afterward.

Gillham said that going into the felony traffic stop competition was nerve wracking, but because he had competed in that category last year, he didn't feel as nervous and was more prepared.

Team members reminisced over last year's competition, which involved a U-Haul van

and required them to think on their feet.

"Some of us weren't prepared for it," Gillham said about last year's competition. "And we had to improvise everything."

The felony traffic stop team had to address an armed robbery in this year's competition. They were advised to be on the lookout for a truck, which they saw speeding off. The competitors stopped the truck, arrested its occupants and found drugs and weapons in the vehicle.

Spikes pointed out that one of the truck's occupants was concealed in the bed of the truck, which was covered, and the team had to open the tailgate to find the other occupant.

Communication was a challenging part of the competition, according to Spikes and Deleon, a sophomore. Deleon recalled a frustrating point during the contest when one of his teammates was trying to tell him something and he couldn't hear them.

Spikes said they were in a "huge room with multiple cars on. It was difficult to hear each other. Even with yelling, you could barely hear anyone."

Nevertheless, the felony traffic stop team felt assured after finishing the contest.

"They felt very confident, like they did extremely well," Bolyer said, recalling how her students came back after their contest. "They pretty much told me that it went really, really, really good."

Last year, the students competed in felony traffic stop and didn't place, but made the top 10. Gillham said this year, the team tried to plan for the unexpected. Spikes said the fact that some team members participated in outside training, like Springtown Police Explorer Post 1340, was also helpful.



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First Responders Club President Sarah Smith, a senior, said she was "so incredibly proud" of her peers who won at the state contest, even though she didn't place in her competitive event. She said "everyone's hard work and their willingness to take critiques from the trainers" helped the club succeed at this year's competition.

Bolyer also said the students' success speaks to the hard work and practice time spent.

"I'm just super proud of them," Bolyer said. "I think that hard work and practice really pays off."

She added, "I think the kids are getting a head start into careers that they'd like to fol-

low, and all I can do is hope to impart knowledge to the best of my ability, hope they learn something and hope it gives them a leg up in the career field."

Senior Samantha Morris said though she didn't place in the state job interview competition, she has been inspired to consider pursuing a career as a jailer. At regionals, she placed first in the job interview competition, in which she was interviewed and tested for a detention officer position. She figures that will be beneficial to include on her resume.

"Coming from a long line of military family, I didn't really want to go down the military route because it's just like

not my strong suit, but I do want to help people," Morris said. "If I become a jailer, it gives me a chance to talk to (people in jail), and like help them figure out what they need to do in life and stuff like that."

She added, "Sometimes people just need a stranger to talk to, to work stuff out."

Morris said the First Responders Club has helped give her confidence, and she praised the club's advisers for their guidance.

"To me, Ms. B and Ms. Massey are both role models, and so everything that they say, I listen to," Morris said. "And it definitely helps in life."

In her three years being a

part of the club, Smith said she has learned to speak up for herself and others as well as how important communication is.

"I don't know what my time in high school would have looked like without this club, and I don't want to know," Smith said. "The things I've learned from Mrs. Bolyer and Mrs. Massey will stay with me forever. I wouldn't trade this experience for anything. This was the best choice made during my high school career."

To support the SHS First Responders Club, contact Bolyer at [lbolyer@springtownisd.net](mailto:lbolyer@springtownisd.net) to buy a shirt or donate to the club.

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# Texas Earth Team volunteers

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### FROM STAFF REPORTS

Temple, Texas, April 17, 2023 - The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in Texas is recognizing Earth Team volunteer efforts throughout the nation during April 16-22, 2023, for National Volunteer Week. This year's theme, "Shining the Light," shows our gratitude to the Earth Team volunteers for their superb service to conservation.

The Earth Team program allows NRCS to stretch available resources by partnering volunteers with Federal employees to provide a wide range of services to private landowners and the public. Since 1985, Earth Team volunteers have provided a valued source of talent to NRCS. These dedicated vol-

unteers work with conservation professionals on private lands to improve soil quality, conserve water, improve air quality and enhance wildlife habitat.

"Whether Earth Team volunteers donate a year, a month or a lifetime to help producers improve their natural resources, the impacts of volunteer efforts are felt far and wide," said NRCS Texas State Conservationist Kristy Oates. "Last year, 65 volunteers across Texas donated 437 hours of service because they believe in our critical conservation work."

Oates said NRCS appreciates the important work these volunteers do.

"Their efforts help NRCS bring more conservation services to farmers and ranch-

ers throughout the state.

Across Texas in 2022, Earth Team volunteers provided more than \$12,471\* of benefit to NRCS customers and taxpayers," she said. "Some examples of the work being done throughout the state included soil sampling, assistance with trade shows and events to share information about conservation technical and financial assistance available through NRCS, and helping NRCS staff measure, record and certify conservation practices for payment. The volunteer hours that continue to be performed by our Earth Team members helps NRCS improve lands and wildlife habitat, and contributes to cleaner water and air for everyone," Oates said.

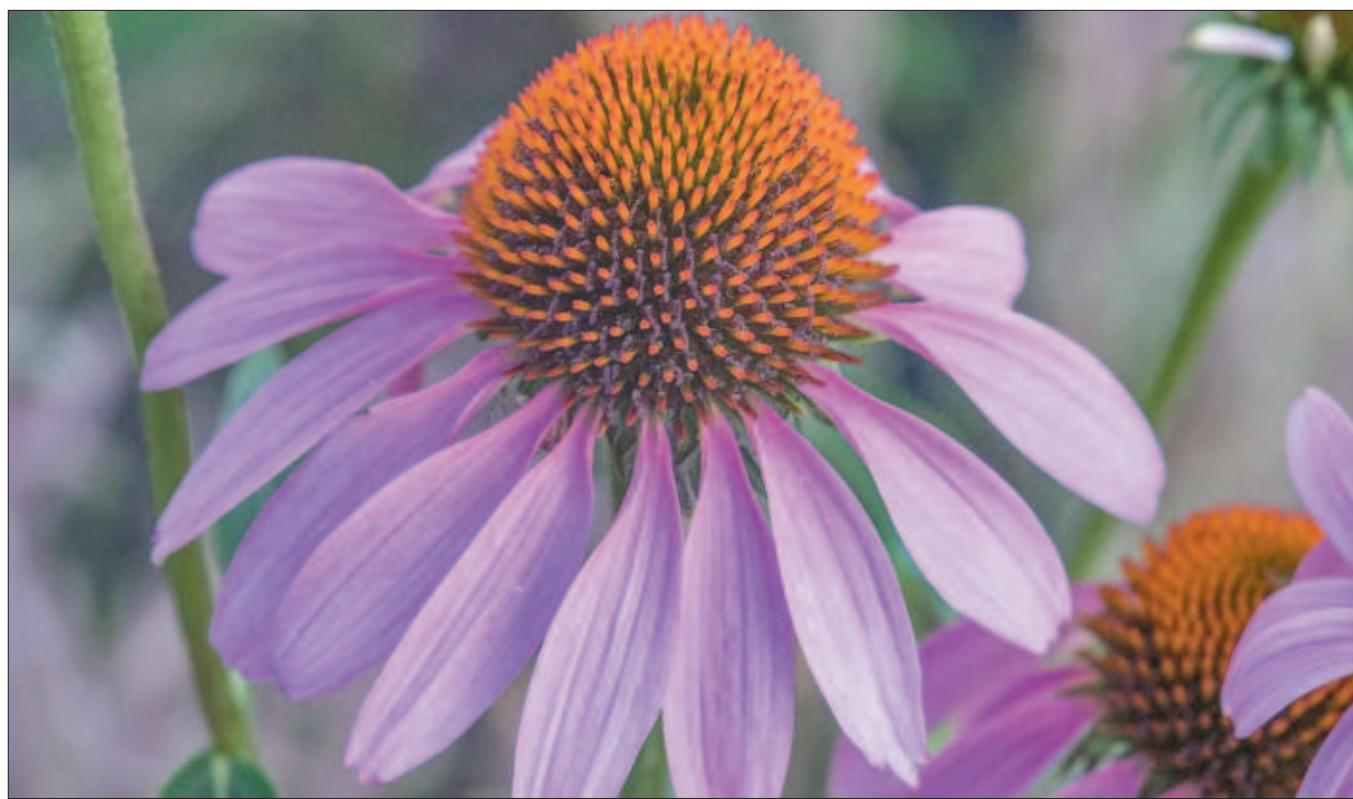


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## Native Plant Sale set April 29

### STAFF REPORTS

The Cross Timbers Chapter of the Native Plant Society of Texas is scheduled to have its annual Native Plant Sale from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. April 29 in Weatherford's Heritage Park. The sale will be held during the First Monday Trade Days, which is a new location for the chapter's annual event.

The sale will feature dozens of native species including grasses, flowering perennials, groundcovers and shrubs.

Attendees can find natives for sun or shade, moist or dry environments, patio pots or large landscapes, butterfly gardens and lots more. Chapter members will be on hand to answer questions and offer educational materials.

A list of plants in the sale will be posted soon on the Cross Timbers Chapter website at [npsot.org/wp/cross-timbers/](http://npsot.org/wp/cross-timbers/) online.

Introduce biodiversity to your yard with Texas natives like Purple Coneflower (*Echinacea purpurea*)

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## APRIL 15 IS NATIONAL AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE DAY

# American Sign Language

A statue of Thomas Gallaudet and Alice Cogswell. Gallaudet founded the American School for the Deaf on April 15, 1817. Alice was his first student and inspired him to create American Sign Language.

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**American Sign Language**

American Sign Language or ASL is a language for people who can't hear. It was developed over 200 years ago by Thomas Gallaudet at the American School for the Deaf.

It is estimated that between 250,000 and 500,000 people use ASL to communicate.

**Can you spell your name in ASL using the chart to the left? Try it!**

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**American Sign Language**

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## Springtown locks down district championship

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Springtown baseball edged out Bridgeport 10-9 on Tuesday, April 18, to lock down the district championship.

Their victory against Bridgeport made Springtown a mathematical certainty to win first place with one game remaining on the District 8-4A schedule. That game, another matchup with Bridgeport, is set for Friday, April 21.

The Pines put themselves in a position to clinch the district title by sweeping Decatur in two games during the previous week.

On April 11, Springtown beat Decatur 7-5. Three days later, the teams squared off again at Porcupine Stadium with ace Brayden Fox on the mound for Springtown. The crafty pitcher illustrated how he has helped the Porcupines stay ahead of the pack this season.

In the first inning, Fox forced the leadoff batter to ground out to first base for the first out.

The next batter hit a single, then stole second base, then advanced to third on a sacrifice fly for the second out.

Fox walked the third bat-

ter to put runners on the corners.

That put the pitcher face to face with Bridgeport's clean-up hitter.

One, two, three strikes, you're out.

Fox struck out the batter and kept up the pressure on Decatur all evening, and Springtown won 12-6.

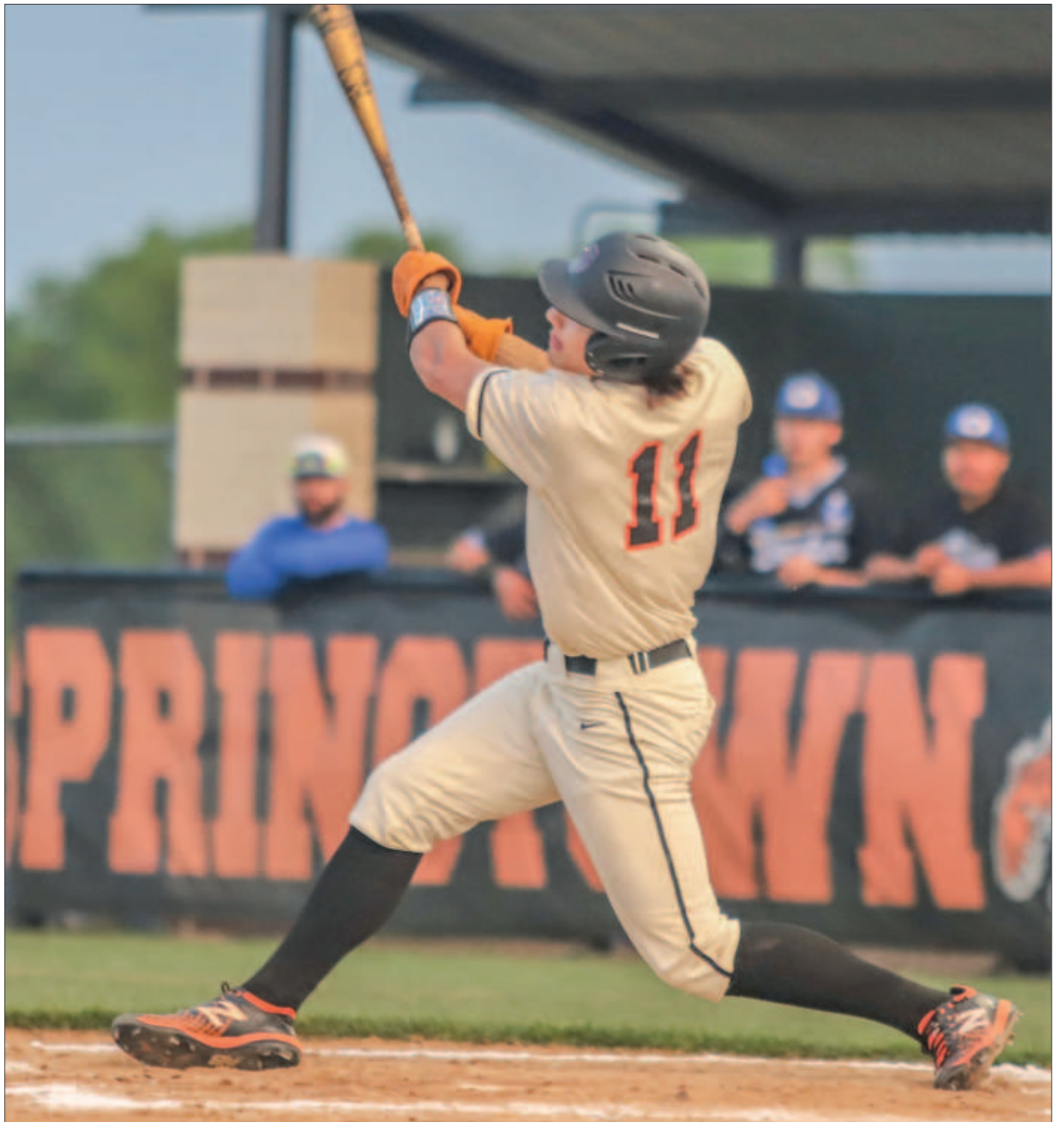
The Porcupines will play their final district game of the regular season at 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 21, at Bridgeport.

In the following days, the Porcupines will play a couple of warm-up games to prepare for the upcoming postseason. The first contest will pit Springtown against Paradise at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 22, at Porcupine Stadium.

Last year, the Porcupines won bi-district and area championships before falling to Argyle in the regional quarterfinals. It was the farthest any Porcupine baseball squad had advanced in the playoffs in school history. Most of the starters from that team were seniors and graduated.

This year's team began the season wondering whether they could live up to the legacy.

Rather than wilt under pressure, this bunch has persevered.



Brayden Adams takes a mean cut against Decatur.

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From left, Noelle Fernandez received congratulations from teammates after throwing her 300th career varsity strikeout. Also pictured are Haylee Sanborn, Megan Sanderson, Lauren Brandt, and Kyra Reeves.

## Clinched

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The Springtown Epigraph is unaware of any high stakes gambling operations taking large wagers on Lady Porcupine softball contests.

If such an entrepreneurship existed, however, smart betters would have plunked their greenbacks on the orange team.

On April 14, Springtown and Lake Worth met at Porcupine Stadium for a district game, and the Lady Pines were the clear favorites. The girls appeared confident during warmups.

Their swagger was justified. Three days earlier, they had beaten Castleberry 19-3 to clinch a playoff spot with three games remaining in the regular season. Lake Worth had struggled all season, resting among the cellar dwellers in District 8-4A.

Somebody forgot to tell the Bullfrogs they were underdogs.

## Springtown locks down softball playoff spot

In the first inning, Lake Worth lit up the scoreboard, tagging Lady Pine pitcher Noelle Fernandez for a couple of runs with the help of Springtown fielding miscues.

Lake Worth had grabbed a 2-run lead with runners on base and no outs.

The Lady Pines called a timeout.

The players gathered around Fernandez on the mound for a pow-wow. The crowd was quiet, although not hushed enough to hear what the girls were saying to one another in the huddle.

After 30 seconds, the Lady Pines scattered back to their positions, and play resumed.

Fernandez began blazing pitches toward home plate. She mowed down the next three batters to end the

inning.

Springtown batters responded by scoring 8 runs in the bottom of the first inning, 3 in the second, and 6 more in the third inning to win 17-2 by the run-rule.

Karley Haynes was the first batter for Springtown. She drew a walk and was batted around the bases to score. Before the first inning had ended, Haynes was up to bat again. She knocked in an RBI. Then, Lauren Brandt smashed a double to score Haynes.

The rest of the game was a blaze of Fernandez fastballs and Porcupine batters smacking balls out of the infield time and again.

After the game, the team celebrated Fernandez for

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## AREA BOUND

### Springtown tracksters shine at district meet

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During the past two seasons, the star quarterback at Springtown rushed for more than 1,300 yards on the football field.

Running on the oval track

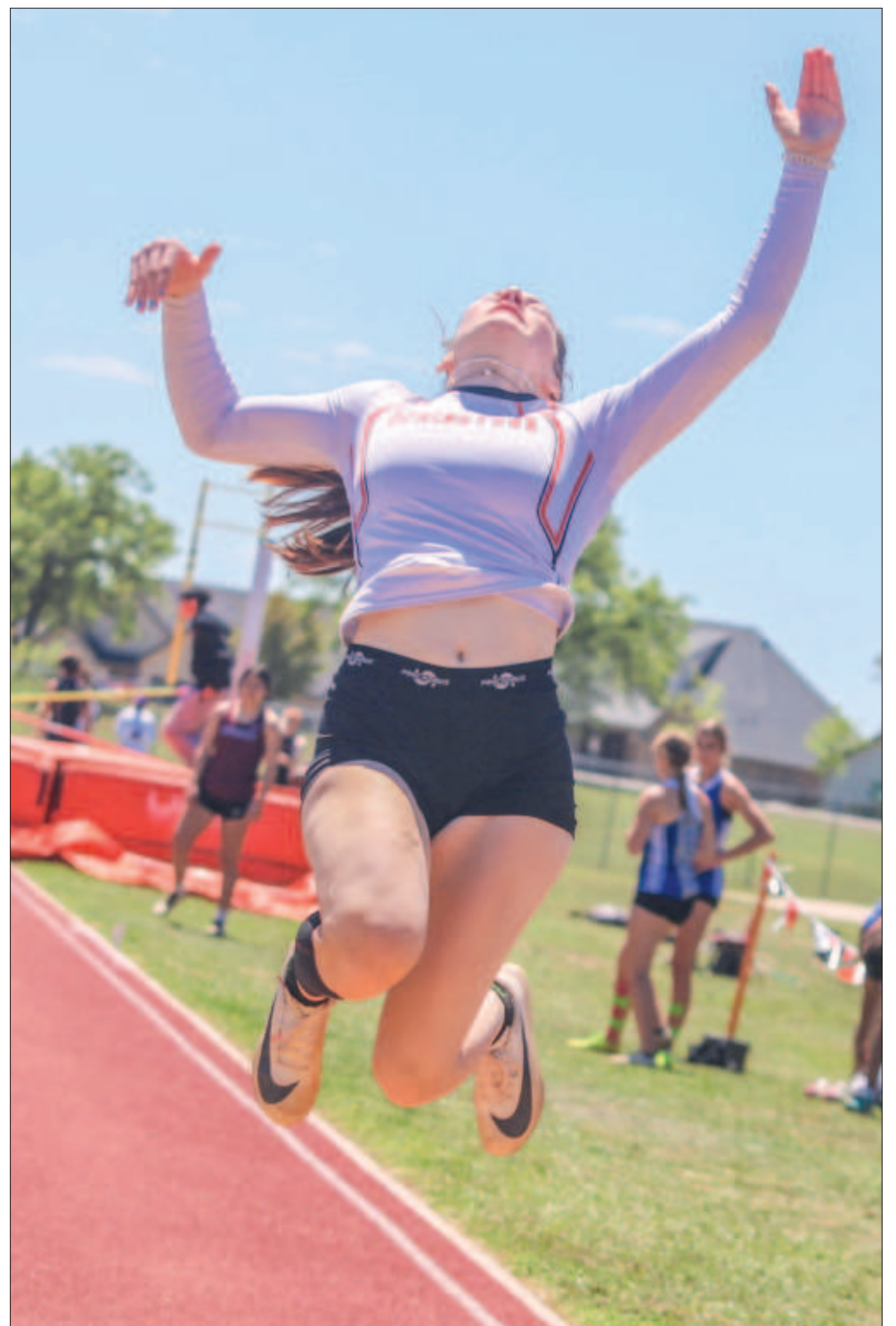
that encircles football fields is a whole other planet.

Hulett is a big guy. His 6 feet 3 inches of height and 215 pounds of heft give him an advantage when plowing past opponents but not necessarily for outrunning them. Flinging a discus was

more suited to his strengths than running sprints or long-distance events.

Hulett's combination of height, strength, agility, and coordination helped him fling a discus 130 feet to

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Skyler Tyree earns third place and a trip to the area meet with this long jump.



Brylee Bailey and the Springtown High School rodeo team are riding hard as the end of the season looms.

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# Springtown rodeo barreling toward finals

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Fourteen members of the Springtown High School rodeo team are qualified currently for the finals in May, and the cowboys and cowgirls are riding hard to ensure they'll still be there when the season ends on April 30. The finals are in mid-May. At the April 14-15 ro-

deo, numerous Springtown athletes earned medals and points for their team. Springtown is in sixth place among the more than 70 teams that compete in the North Texas High School Rodeo Association. Here are the results: Sean Bunero won first place in ribbon roping. Lindsey-Kay Reichert won first place in barrel racing,

followed by Hevenli Scribner in eighth place. Nickolas McElhannon took second place in bareback riding. Scribner earned third place in pole bending. Skyler Moore and Caitlyn Colley placed eighth and ninth, respectively, in walkup goats. Colley won eighth place in rideup goats.

## SOFTBALL

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throwing her 300th career strikeout on varsity. "It's really exciting, especially since I achieved most of them here," she said. Fernandez played her first varsity season as a sopho-

more at a California school. One question remained. What was said in that team huddle in the first inning that seemed to change the direction of the game? "We talked and said, everybody needs to calm down, breathe, do what you need to do, and make plays for everybody," Fernandez said. "I knew I had to work harder

for my team and get those runs back." She is looking forward to Senior Night on Friday, April 21, to be celebrated before the last game of the regular season at Porcupine Stadium. Springtown will play Bridgeport at 7:30 p.m. Friday at home.



The Lady Pines celebrate their ace pitcher's accomplishment.

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Lauren Brandt knocks in an RBI and slides into third base against Lake Worth.

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# SPRINGTOWN Game Faces



Brayden Fox

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Todd Smith

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Trout Richards

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win second place at the UIL District 8-4A Track and Field Championships on April 12 at Porcupine Stadium. Schools competing included Bridgeport, Decatur, Krum, Lake Worth, and River Oaks.

The top 4 finishers in each event qualified to compete at the area meet, which was scheduled for this week in Springtown. (Watch for results in next week's paper).

"I've always wanted to go to area," Hulett said. "This is my first year to be eligible to qualify."

Last year, as a sophomore, Hulett threw discus on the JV track team. Junior varsity athletes don't qualify for area meets. Back then, he was beginning to hit the 100-foot mark.

This year, Hulett pushed his personal record to 118 feet prior to the district meet. By tossing 130 feet and winning silver, he beat his PR and qualified to compete with the best discus throwers in the area.

Hulett credited his teammates and "Coach Goot," referring to powerlifting and track coach A.J. Gutierrez.

"Coach Goot will get you right," Hulett said. "Competing with other throwers from Springtown helps a lot, too."

Teammates Kelby Castro and Jeremy Morrow finished fifth and sixth respectively.

### HIGHS, LOWS OF JUMPING

Nearby, the girls long jump event was underway, and three of the top contenders wore Springtown orange. Brinklee Dauenhauer, Mackenzie Flaughner, and Skyler Tyree were each capable of jumping close to 17 feet on a good day, a distance likely enough to put them all in the top 4.

Dauenhauer made her reputation for four years as a volleyball standout who will be playing at college soon. She long jumps for fun but does well at meets due to her natural athleticism and competitive drive. At district, she reached 16 feet 2 inches, which landed her in fifth place.

Flaughner created the most buzz leading up to the event. Last year, as a freshman, she competed in the triple jump and was Springtown's only track member to advance to the state meet. This year, she added long jump to her repertoire and set a goal to advance in both events.

At district, she won first place in triple jump but struggled with her steps during her long-jump approaches. After scratching on her first two attempts during the preliminaries, she overcompensated on her third and final attempt, launching too soon. She missed the finals.

"For some reason, I couldn't get my mark today," she said. "I really wish I did better in long jump. I was hoping to advance in both - long and triple jump. That would have been a great experience."

A few tears escaped her eyes, although Flaughner composed herself quickly.

"I was upset because the jumps weren't good," she said. "I was hoping to get at least one mark to be able to make it in the finals, and then hopefully get three good jumps there. It just wasn't there."

She was happy, however, for teammate Tyree, who jumped 16 feet 11 inches to claim third place.

Not far away, pole vaulters were trying to hoist themselves over metal bars with varying degrees of success. Springtown vaulters held high hopes going into the meet but struggled to reach their PRs. When the competition ended, none of the varsity team members made it to the top 4.

Jamie Mueller, a sophomore, was new to pole vaulting. What stood out most in his mind at district was the kill-me-now pain he felt every time he smacked his shin against the metal bar. Imagine walking into a bumper hitch with your shin while 10 feet high in the air.

Anticipating the pain was causing Mueller to flinch, impacting his launches.

"I let the bar get to me," he

said.

During practices, the kids use rubber bungee cords in place of metal bars. That rubber shields them from pain at practice but doesn't prepare them for the agony at meets. Vaulters hit the bar with their shins or heads or land on the bar after they fall sometimes.

"The bar hurts quite a bit," Mueller said. "I need to work on swinging up, so I can get more height."

He would rely on coach Eddy Swanzy to teach him how to overcome his aversion. Swanzy, 80, has been pole vaulting for much of his life and remains active at Senior Olympic meets. He volunteers to teach Porcupines vaulters how to accomplish what is one of track and field's most difficult events.

"Your shins get skinned up" in the beginning, Swanzy said. "That's the toil and tribulation of becoming a good pole vaulter. You take the good with the bad and try to be the best you can be."

The coach expected brighter days for all of his pole vaulters and predicted Mueller would conquer his mental and physical war with metal bars that are the bane of many young vaulters.

"Right now, he is learning," Swanzy said. "If they hit the bar a couple of times, it draws their attention to it and works on their minds a little bit. You've got to learn how to cope with the pain and overcome the fear. He is a work in progress and will do fine in his junior and senior years."

### ANOTHER PROSPECT

A Swanzy protégé with better success at district was sophomore Corinne Hall, a JV track member who won first place in pole vault and high jump.

She beat her PR by 6 inches in pole vault.

"I'm feeling relieved," she said. "It's been a struggle this season. I haven't gone very high."

She cleared 7 feet 6 inches and hopes to be hitting 8 feet soon.

She credited Swanzy for providing "positive words about how to come in with a better mindset and not be so down on myself," she said. "I came in, and I was like, I'm going to do it. And I did. It feels really good."

Having her mom there to cheer her exploits provided additional momentum.

"My mom got to watch me today, so that was a good luck charm," she said.

Hall ran track in middle school but didn't begin pole vaulting until this year. She wasn't enthused at first but caught the bug after working with Swanzy.

"He made me want to be good at it," she said.

Hall began high jumping just two weeks before the



Ty Parrot clears the metal bar for the JV team.

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Hudson Hulett qualifies for the area meet in discus toss.

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district meet. She thanked coach Leighann Strickland for advising her and helping her along so quickly. Hall plays volleyball and basketball in addition to track.

Her brother is Brendan Hall, the former Springtown football placekicker who amazed Porcupine fans before moving on to kick for SMU in 2021.

Living up to her brother's accomplishments isn't easy. Corinne Hall doesn't try. She loves and supports Brendan while doing her own things her own way.

"I like to watch my brother excel," she said. "It's one of my favorite things to do, because he is just so good. He

was first in his class and got a DI scholarship. Sometimes I wish I was the same as him, but my mom doesn't really hold me to that standard. She's proud of me for whatever I do."

Hall is growing tall like her brother. At 16, she stands 5 feet 10 inches and is slender but strong.

"I'm ready for next year," she said. "I hope to be good at anything that I want to be good at. I'm going to focus mainly on volleyball and track."

### DISTRICT MEET RESULTS

Here are the Springtown athletes who qualified to compete at the area meet this week:

Brayden Fox, first place, 100-meter dash.

Wesley Payne, first place, 1,600-meter run; first place, 3,200-meter run.

Ashlynn Dickey, first place, high jump.

Riley Jackson, first place, long jump.

Mackenzie Flaughner, first place, triple jump.

Brinklee Dauenhauer, second place, triple jump; fourth place, high jump.

Brayden Florence, second place, triple jump; third place, long jump.

Dylan Mann, second place, 110-meter hurdles.

Hudson Hulett, second place, discus throw.

Dezrae Robinson, second

place, shot put.

Natalia De Valle Gonzalez, third place, shot put.

Darren Sweeley, third place, 110-meter hurdles.

Daishune Elam, third place, triple jump.

Skyler Tyree, third place, long jump; fourth place, 100-meter dash.

Boys 4x100-meter relay, first place.

Boys 4x200-meter relay, first place.

Boys 4x400-meter relay, second place.

Girls 4x100-meter relay, second place.

Girls 4x200-meter relay, third place.

Girls 4x400-meter relay, third place.



Daishune Elam advances to area in triple jump, placing third.

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Corinne Hall won first place in high jump and pole vault for the JV squad but won't be eligible for the area meet until next year, when she is expected to make the varsity roster.

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# Springtown ISD Soccer

Congratulations to head coaches Katherine Kummerfeld and Brian Maloney and their staff for helping improve the Springtown ISD soccer program. The boys team posted its best record in a decade, and the girls won a bi-district playoff title. The future looks poised for more success as the program grows and spreads. Springtown Middle School played its first soccer game recently and won.



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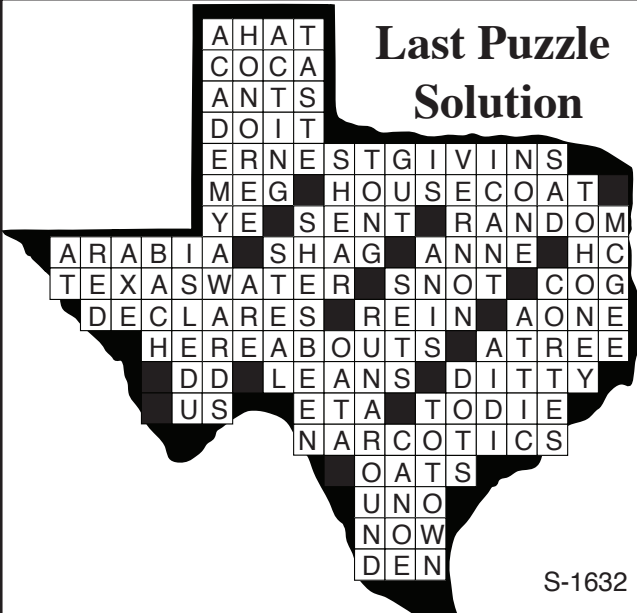
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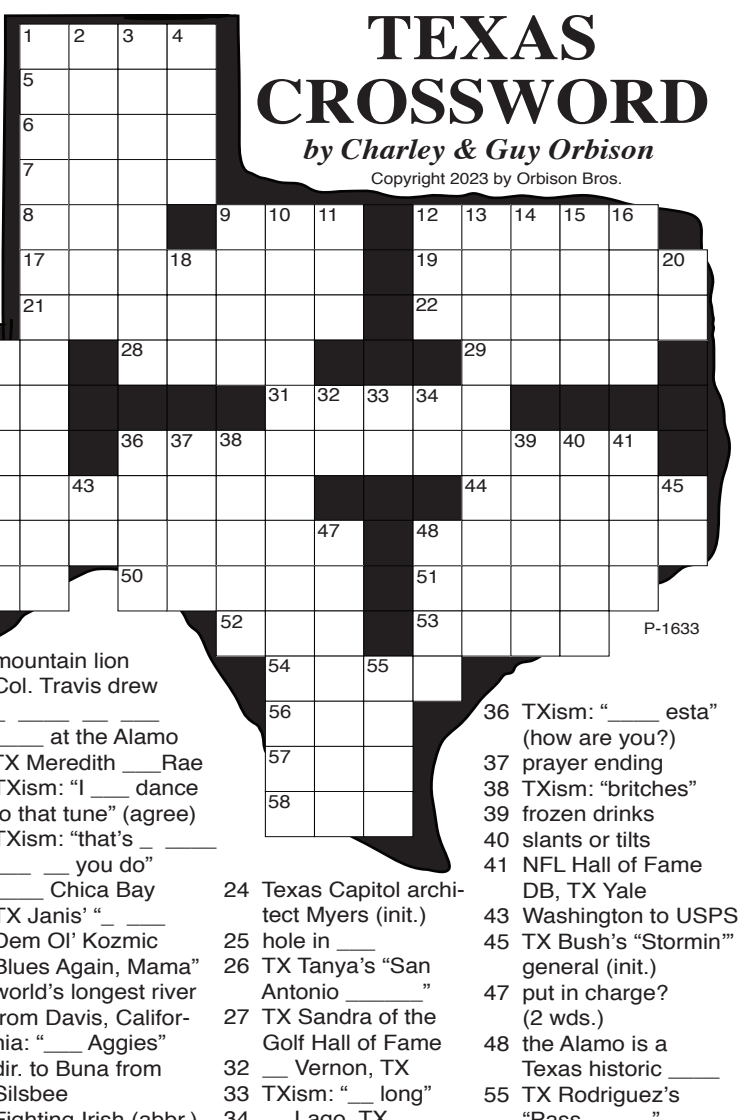
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- TXism: "fits like ugly \_\_\_ ape"
- seat of McLennan County
- TXism: "he's \_\_\_ bricks shy of a load"
- Texas actor Torn of "Men in Black"
- she married Bobby Ewing on "Dallas"
- John Neely Bryan's historic abode in downtown Dallas
- TX Jim Hart wrote screenplay for "Brad Stoker's \_\_\_"
- TX O. Henry's "\_\_\_ Santone"
- carpet alternative: \_\_\_ tile
- daughter of Texas Louise Mandrell
- Sam Houston's Indian home "Wigwam \_\_\_"
- disfavored group: "Ku Klux \_\_\_"
- former Cowboy guard, Newton
- TXism: "he uses barbed wire for \_\_\_ floss"
- TXism: "never let \_\_\_ you sweat"
- Streep of TX-filmed "Silkwood"
- TX Cruz & Cornyn hang-out (2 wds.)
- as a \_\_\_ team, TX "Babe" won 1932 AAU
- Atlantic \_\_\_ meets the Gulf of Mexico
- bone-connecting tissues
- takes an oath to tell the truth before testifying
- TX Tommy \_\_\_ Jones
- TXism: "quit spittin' \_\_\_ handle" (get to work)
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- TXism: "it ain't \_\_\_ in cement"
- TXism: "\_\_\_ in the towel"
- Texas Capitol has one on top
- TX Lefty's "If You've Got the Money \_\_\_ Got the Time"
- Confederate soldier: "Johnny \_\_\_"
- TXism: "\_\_\_ every trick in the book"
- higher learning in Big Spring (2 wds.)
- TXism: "you're pouring gasoline \_\_\_"
- horse wagering site: "Sam Houston \_\_\_"
- TXism: "as pure as the driven \_\_\_"
- 9 mountain lion
- Col. Travis drew \_\_\_ at the Alamo
- TX Meredith \_\_\_ Rae
- TXism: "I \_\_\_ dance to that tune" (agree)
- TXism: "that's \_\_\_ you do"
- Chica Bay
- TX Janis' "\_\_\_ Dem Ol' Kozmic Blues Again, Mama"
- world's longest river
- from Davis, California: "\_\_\_ Aggies"
- dir. to Buna from Silsbee
- Fighting Irish (abbr.)
- TXism: "\_\_\_ esta" (how are you?)
- prayer ending
- TXism: "britches"
- frozen drinks
- slants or tilts
- NFL Hall of Fame DB, TX Yale
- Washington to USPS
- TX Bush's "Stormin'" general (init.)
- put in charge? (2 wds.)
- the Alamo is a Texas historic \_\_\_
- TX Rodriguez's "Pass \_\_\_"

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