



'Hometown heroes' meet Cub Scouts

Springtown Cub Scouts in Pack 303 meet firefighters, McGruff at annual 'Hometown Heroes Night'

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Parker County Emergency Services District 1 Lt. Tyler Ramsey answers questions from Cub Scouts in Pack 303 on April 25 at Springtown First United Methodist Church.

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COURTESY PHOTO

The numbers on 2-year-old Turner Dennis's hat represent the number of hours he was on ECMO, a high level of life support. Turner was diagnosed with leukemia about a year ago.

'Tough like Turner'

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Local toddler Turner Dennis is just as wild as any other 2-year-old boy, except Turner is recovering from leukemia.

Turner will be the benefi-

Annual Randy's Benefit Ride to aid toddler recovering from leukemia

ciary of this year's Randy's Benefit Ride, which is an annual event in Springtown that brings motorcyclists together to raise money for people

diagnosed with cancer or others in need. The benefit ride started in 2009 and is

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Bond Q&A

SISD communications coordinator talks May 6 bond election at chamber luncheon

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Springtown ISD Communications Coordinator Kendra Hutchison spoke about the upcoming bond election and answered questions at the Springtown Area

Chamber of Commerce's monthly luncheon last week. SISD's \$120.78 million-bond measure will be on the ballot for the May 6 election and would fund a new middle school for grades six through eight, along with additional land on Williams-Ward Road to build that

middle school, and restroom additions and renovations to Springtown Intermediate School so it can be turned into SISD's fourth elementary school. The bond price would also include furnishings for the new building.

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Springtown ISD Communications Coordinator Kendra Hutchison spoke about the upcoming bond election and answered questions at the Springtown Area Chamber of Commerce's monthly luncheon on April 27.



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Springtown Chamber recognizes overdose awareness group with ribbon cutting

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The Springtown Area Chamber of Commerce honored local overdose awareness group "We ARE our brother's keeper" with a ribbon cutting during the monthly luncheon on April 27 at Hilltop Family Church. "We ARE our brother's keeper" was founded by Joe and Jessica Castro, who opened a resource center for the group earlier this year at 824 E. State Highway 199.



Springtown Chamber recognizes vocational student of the month

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Springtown Area Chamber of Commerce recognized high school senior Rylee Walsh as the vocational student of the month at the luncheon on April 27 at Hilltop Family Church. Walsh is involved with the Texas Association of Future Educators and hopes to be a kindergarten teacher someday. She is pictured with Chamber Board President Jennifer Conway, left, and her teacher Cheryl Brouhard, right.



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Springtown Council approves rate increases for trash services

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Trash bills for Springtown customers receiving services from the city will increase in July. During the April 27 meeting, the Springtown City Council heard from a Frontier Waste Solutions representative, the city's solid waste disposal services contractor, and unanimously approved in-

creasing rates for residential and commercial customers. Frontier requested an 11.1% rate increase to correlate with the upswing in consumer price index and fuel costs. For residential customers with one hand cart, bills would increase by \$1.39. This increase would go up to \$2.47 for residential customers with an additional hand cart. According to the agenda background report, commer-

cial customers are expected to only see a 9% increase for dumpster services "to alleviate the impact of the increase since those services are widely used by (the city's) commercial customers and have higher priced fees associated with them." This rate increase is expected to take effect on July 1 and will be present on customers' July bills. Frontier's contract with

the city is due for renewal in October, and this rate increase would be included in that contract, City Administrator David Miller said during the meeting. At that time, Frontier could request additional rate increases, but Miller doesn't think that is likely to happen. "You tell them we don't want that," Mayor Pro Tem Richelle Pruitt said to the Frontier representative about

additional rate increases upon renewal, prompting laughter from others at the dais. During the meeting, Miller and some council members took the opportunity to praise Frontier's service, especially compared to past trash contractors. "It is very refreshing not to have trash blowing all over the city," Miller said. "It is very refreshing for me not having to call you up and say

that you have dumped gallons of hydraulic fluid up and down our city streets again, two or three weeks in a row. We get very minimum complaints from the customer service side." Miller added that issues that have been encountered with trash services are being rectified.

You're invited! How will you respond?

The invitation may come in the mail in a fancy envelope. Or maybe by email, text message, phone call, or personal conversation. Regardless of the format of the invite, there is an action required for each one of them: A response to let the inviter know if the invitee will be attending. Sometimes it's required for planning purposes. Sometimes it's requested for the sake of courtesy. And the question is not IF we will respond, but HOW we will respond (because ignoring the invite IS a response). In early 2009, my friend, John Bell, invited me to be part of the Singing Men of North Central Texas. I accepted the invitation and have



BE AMAZING
By Gerry Lewis

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enjoyed 14 years of singing with this group. (My long-time readers are familiar with some of this story). The group was to take a mission trip to Ukraine in the spring of 2010, but I was not in a position financially to even consider it, so I declined the invite. Then a volcano eruption in Iceland created havoc with air transportation and the trip was postponed until October. John contacted me and asked me if the delay would

allow my participation. My financial situation had not changed. Both my kids were in college and one of them was about to get married after her December graduation. But I didn't say simply, "There's no way." What I said was, "There's no way unless God shows up amazingly." John asked my permission to make some contacts and—to make a long story short—God showed up amazingly and I not only made that trip, but returned to Ukraine with

SMONCT in 2012, 2015, and 2017. In 2019, we went to Hungary and Romania. And just 3 days ago, we returned from 10 days in Poland. Six overseas trips in 14 years. More than 50 concerts performed for around 70,000 people. Over 30,000 positive decisions for Christ. Opportunities to encourage desperate people in places that are no longer possible to visit for mission enterprises like this (Crimea and Ukraine). Seeing sights that most people have only read about. And experiencing a sense that I'm a part of something that is so much bigger than me. So, why me? Why was I invited?

Depending on who you talk to, I'm a pretty decent singer. But SMONCT has taken at least 80 singers on every one of these trips. THEY DON'T NEED ME! So, it must have been God that needed me, right? No. If God needs me, that means He lacks something I can contribute. And since I don't have anything that didn't come from Him in the first place, that's a ridiculous notion. Here's what I've concluded about every invitation God has ever sent my way, regardless of who He used to do the inviting: He has invited me because He loves me so much that He doesn't want me to miss out on being part of

what He's doing. That includes the amazing experiences I've been part of with SMONCT and it also includes the serendipitous moments of spontaneous conversations in the grocery store when I've had a chance to pass along a little encouragement. And here's the deal: He's inviting every one of us to join Him in what He's doing in the world. We just need to pay attention to opportunities that look like Jesus and politely decline opportunities that carry us in different directions. (In other words, you don't have to accept every invitation to a squabble). You're invited to be amazing. How will you respond today?

Sudoku

MAY 4, 2023

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Solution to last week's puzzle

APRIL 27, 2023

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9	1	8	4	7	5	3	6	2
3	6	2	1	8	9	5	4	7

Puzzle by websudoku.com

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Kove Monroe Ramos

Justin and Lexy Ramos of Springtown welcomed baby girl Kove Monroe Ramos to the world on April 15. Grandparents are Keith and Alyssa Burt of Springtown, George and Lisa Ramos of Paradise, and Melissa and Ricky Shockley of Granbury; great-grandparents Neva Bridges of Springtown, Don and Phyllis Wilson of Azle, Margie and Garry Gray of Granbury, Doug and Kathy Burt of Azle, and Celina Ramos; great-grandfather Bruce Glatzel of Granbury.

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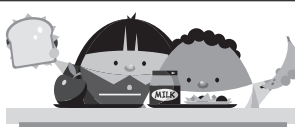


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Students may prepay for their meals.

PK - 12th Breakfast	BREAKFAST: Everyday - Various Juices & Cereals, Toast, Milk Variety, Fruit, Jelly Assortment, Buttermilk Biscuit, Variety of milk is offered every day for breakfast and lunch.
Mon Dutch Waffle, Strawberries	Tues Bacon Scramble Pizza, Blueberries
Thurs Cinnamon Roll, Strawberry Applesauce	Fri Strawberry, Vanilla Yogurt, Blueberry Muffin
Weds Scramble Eggs, Apple	
K - 4th Lunch	Lunch: Everyday - Choice of one meat, two vegetables, and one grain/bread with milk. Variety of milk is offered every day for breakfast and lunch.
Mon Salisbury Steak, Chicken Tenders, Roll, Mashed Potatoes, Garden Salad, Apple	Tues Hamburger, Cheeseburger, French Fries, Cucumber & Tomato Cup, Blueberries
Thurs Tostadas or Nachos, Refried Beans, Corn, Applesauce, Blueberries	Fri Cheese Pizza, Corn Dog, Mixed Veggies, Fresh Broccoli, Banana, Apple Slices
Weds Spaghetti w/ Garlic Toast, Green Beans, Baby Carrots, Pear, Craisins Watermelon	
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, Roll, Broccoli, Baby Carrots, Mandarin Oranges	Tues Pasta Bar (Meat Sauce or Alfredo with Chicken), Garden Salad, Fresh Broccoli, Glazed Carrots, Applesauce
Thurs Tostada or Nachos, Refried Beans, Corn, Applesauce, Blueberries	Fri Cheese Pizza, Hot dog, Baked Potato Basket, Baked Beans, Green Beans, Celery & Carrot Cup, Banana, Pear
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The second-annual Cars for the Cause Car Show will take place from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, May 13 at the Springtown Square. Proceeds of the event will support those seeking substance abuse treatment as well as help families who have lost someone to overdose pay for funeral arrangements.

'Cars for the Cause'

Springtown overdose awareness group to host car show fundraiser May 13

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Motorheads and casual car fans alike are invited to check out some cool-looking cars while supporting people who have been affected by drug addiction and overdose at the Springtown Square next week.

The second-annual Cars for the Cause Car Show will take place from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, May 13. Proceeds

of the event will support those seeking substance abuse treatment as well as help families who have lost someone to overdose pay for funeral arrangements.

This event is hosted by the Springtown overdose awareness group "We ARE our brother's keeper," which was founded by Joe and Jessica Castro.

This year's car show is expected to have a DJ, raffle prizes, vendors selling a variety of wares and food like funnel cakes and roasted

corn, Jessica Castro said. People can register their cars, trucks, and motorcycles for the show for \$20, and vendors can participate for \$30.

The car show also will have a contest for the best vehicles as well as some specialty awards, Jessica Castro said.

Since the last car show, Jessica Castro said "We ARE our brother's keeper" has been able to connect people with substance abuse treatment. No one has called upon the group to help with funeral costs yet, but that's fine

with Castro who knows all too well the feeling of burying a loved one who died of overdose.

"I always say I'm happy that we can put this fund together, but I don't ever want to use it," she said.

Joe and Jessica Castro opened a resource center for "We ARE our brother's keeper" earlier this year that is located at 824 E. State Highway 199, which is now the location for Alcoholics Anonymous meetings at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesdays.

Jessica Castro wants to help people whose lives have been affected by addiction and let them know that they are not alone. She recalled feeling touched when someone told her that Narcan - which can treat an overdose in an emergency - they got from the resource center was used to save a person's life.

"I'm glad that it's there for when the community does need it, they can get to it," she said.

Jessica Castro encourages people to attend Cars

for the Cause not only to enjoy seeing the cool cars but also to support people who have been affected by addiction or drug overdose in the community.

"You're doing something really to help a lot of people by donating and by being there and talking to other individuals about their stories," she said. "It really can change a person's life."

For more information about the car show or to be a vendor, contact Jessica Castro at 817-629-6129.

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House OKs \$4.5 billion for teacher pay raises; voters may decide fate of broadband expansion

HOUSE OKS \$4.5 BILLION FOR TEACHER PAY RAISES

The Texas House last Thursday passed two education-related bills, one that allocates \$4.5 billion for teacher pay raises and another to increase the annual per-student base funding from \$6,160 to \$6,300 – a 2.3% increase.

The Austin American-Statesman reported the bill would create minimum salaries for teachers ranging from \$35,000 to \$63,000 depending on experience and level of education. It would also increase funding for special education and fine arts.

Some education advocates worry the per-student funding is insufficient to keep up with inflation, which has grown by 17% in the last four years, the Statesman reported.

The bill also creates a method to adjust the per-student funding for inflation every other year, starting in 2025.

VOTERS MAY DECIDE FATE OF BROADBAND EXPANSION

Voters could decide whether the state should invest \$5 billion to expand internet availability if a bill passed last week by the Texas House makes it through the Senate. House Bill 9, spon-

sored by state Rep. Trent Ashby, R-Lufkin, would create the Texas Broadband Infrastructure Fund, the Texas Tribune reported.

“This bill will have a measurable impact on each one of your districts,” Ashby said last week on the House floor. “No matter whether they be urban, suburban or rural.”

Nearly 7 million Texans do not have reliable broadband service, a fact hampered home during the pandemic, when connectivity often was crucial for schools and people trying to work from home. However, state Comptroller Glenn Hegar said in March that it would take closer to \$10 billion to get all Texans connected.

The state is also expected to receive federal dollars for broadband expansion out of the infrastructure package passed by Congress in 2021, though it is unknown how much Texas will receive out of the \$42.45 billion allocated for broadband expansion. The state will need to match one-fourth of whatever it receives from the federal government.

\$200 ANNUAL FEE FOR EV OWNERS GOES TO ABBOTT

A bill requiring electrical vehicle owners to pay a \$200 annual fee to the state has



CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

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passed both chambers and sent to Gov. Greg Abbott, The Dallas Morning News reported. Backers of the bill say the higher vehicle registration fees are needed because EV owners don't pay fuel taxes built into the price of fuel and used to fund the state's highway system. The state fuel tax on both gasoline and diesel is 20 cents per gallon.

Opponents of the bill say it would slow the expansion of EVs in the state, which pollute less than vehicles using carbon-based fuels. They also note the fuel tax funds just 29% of what is spent on Texas highways.

“The primary cause of the road funding shortfall in Texas has nothing to do with EVs, but rather with the fact that Texas has not increased their gas tax since 1991,” Dylan Jaff, sustainability policy analyst with Consumer Reports, said in a memo.

FENTANYL TEST STRIP BILL STALLS IN SENATE

A bipartisan effort to decriminalize the use of fentanyl test strips has stalled in a Texas Senate committee after passing the Texas House with near unanimous support, The Morning News reported. The bill also has the backing of Abbott.

State Sen. John Whitmire, D-Houston, chairs the criminal justice committee. He said some members fear making the test strips legal would lead to more people feeling confident about using dangerous drugs.

Fentanyl is often mixed with more expensive drugs such as heroin, leading to thousands of fatal overdoses, including more than 5,000 in Texas from July 2021 to July 2022.

“It's just illogical, but there's a belief by some members that it might safeguard

the use,” Whitmire said.

The testing strips are currently treated as drug paraphernalia. The strips are used to test for the presence of fentanyl in other drugs.

BILL CALLS FOR ARMED OFFICERS AT ALL SCHOOLS

A bill that would require school districts to place at least one armed officer on each campus has passed the Texas House, the Statesman reported. The measure comes almost a year after a gunman killed 19 children and two teachers in a mass shooting in Uvalde last May.

Any officer or school employee would have to complete handgun safety training. The measure also requires at least one audit for intruder detection each year in all districts. The state would provide at least \$100 per student and \$15,000 per campus to maintain and improve school safety.

State Sen. Roland Gutierrez, D-San Antonio, has filed several gun control measures in that chamber that have yet to receive a hearing. Gutierrez represents Uvalde and says more needs to be done besides the House measure.

“Let me be very clear: I'm for anything that's going to make our schools safer,” Gutierrez said in the

Statesman story. “But the three things that is going to really make our schools safer is extreme risk protective orders, you take guns out of the hands of the mentally ill, Florida did it, it worked; raising the age limit, take guns, AR-15's out of (the hands of) 18-, 19- and 20-year-olds, Florida did it, it worked; closing the gun show loophole and universal background checks.”

DISASTER DECLARATION PARTIALLY APPROVED

President Joe Biden has partially approved the state's request for a major disaster declaration for counties affected by an ice storm in late January.

The original request included 23 counties, but 13 were given access to funds from the Federal Emergency Management Agency — Bastrop, Blanco, Burleson, Burnet, Hays, Henderson, Kendall, Lee, Leon, Milam, Robertson, Travis and Williamson.

The ice storm damaged millions of trees, particularly in the Austin area, and caused widespread power outages throughout Central Texas. A total of 350,000 people in Texas were without power at some point, according to Spectrum News 1.

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OBITUARIES

Bernice Kinchen 1924-2023

Bernice Bivins Kinchen was called home to be with her Lord March 3, 2023, in Weatherford Texas.

Memorial services will be held at Sunset Church, 247 Sunset Dr Springtown, Saturday May 6th at 2pm. Visitation and covered dish dinner following service.

Bernice was born April 7, 1924, in Wise County.

She was member, Past Worthy Matron, of the Order of the Eastern Star, Springtown, and member of First Baptist Church Springtown for over 60 years.

Bernice was preceded in death by both parents, two sisters, six brothers.

Survived by daughter Teresa Noryian Harborth and Robert Harborth; Janice and



Jimmy White of Springtown; six grandchildren; 12 great grandchildren; three sisters, and many nieces and nephews.

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Jane Crawford 1945-2023

Jane Vick Crawford, devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and sister passed away suddenly from a stroke Friday, April 28, 2023.

Memorial service was held at the Springtown First United Methodist Church at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday May 3, 2023.

Jane was born in 1945 to the late Harold and Mildred Wilkerson Vick.

Mrs. Crawford came from a family of teachers and taught math for 30 years in Azle and EMS ISD. She had the heart of a true servant, always wanting to serve where she was needed.

Jane and her husband Art were married for 56 years. They were blessed with two children, Joe Crawford (Kerri) and Vicky Trichel (Gerry). She has four grandchildren, Jake Crawford (Myranda), Grant, Garrison, and Gage Trichel and a great-grandson, James Crawford.



She is survived by her husband, Art Crawford; children, Joe Crawford and Vicky Trichel; four grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and sister, Linda Brown (Ronnie) and her family.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the First United Methodist Church of Springtown or an education charity of your choice.

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Ashley Kelley 1983-2023

Ashley Marie Kavanaugh Kelley, 39, passed away, Tuesday, April 25, 2023 at home.

Visitation is 6 to 8 p.m., Thursday at Alexander's Midway, Springtown. Funeral is 11 a.m. Friday at New Hope Baptist Church.

Ashley is preceded in death by her father, Michael Kavanaugh; and grandparents, Charles Walker and Bobby and Shirley Paris.

Survivors include children, Bailey Kavanaugh, Kyler Kavanaugh, Caitlynn Fields and Tiffanie Kelley; mother and stepfather, Sandy and Joe Walker; grandmother, Delores Walker; brother, Michael Collins and wife, Christina; sisters, Kristy Scribner and husband, Kelly, Misty Peek and husband,



Byron, and Kyra Boling and husband, Waylon; grandchildren, Brixton and Landree; several aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and extended family.

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Texas Legislature pursues innovative bipartisan health care

BY CHARLES MILLER
Texas 2036 Senior Policy Advisor

With each passing year, access to affordable health care is a barrier to more and more Texas families and a greater strain on employers' budgets. The Texas Legislature is taking steps to address this through innovative, bipartisan action to foster competition, create more transparency and encourage a healthy market for health care.

House Bill 711, by state Rep. James Frank, R-Wichita Falls, and co-authored by state Reps. Sam Harless, R-Spring, Greg Bonnen, R-Friendswood, and James Talarico, D-Round Rock, passed the Texas House last week on a 146-0 vote.

It seeks to address a leading cause of higher prices — an unhealthy market consisting of high market concentrations and business practices that limit choices and innovation.

Currently, the total cost of employer-sponsored insurance averages \$22,000 per year, which is nearly one-third of the median household income in Texas. These rising costs can be attributed, in part, to Texas' hospital market consolidation, which is well above the national average.

HB 711 is just one piece of a package of health care bills designed to make the state's health care markets healthy through a more informed, competitive and engaging system.

Other bills under consideration in the Legislature offer innovative approaches to creating healthy markets: expanding existing price transparency requirements, improving the availability of information on provider quality, empowering patients to be smart shoppers, and rewarding them when they are.

Texans deserve access to affordable, high-quality health care, and the Legislature is taking impor-

tant steps toward making this a reality. This package of bills aims to provide Texans with choices and enough information to make a good choice, while ensuring that they're rewarded for doing so. Given the potential benefit these efforts will have on everyday Texans, we hope more people will be able to engage in the conversations around health care reform.

The bills under consideration would help improve the three requirements for healthy markets: transparent information, abundant competition and aligned incentives. The bills under consideration address all these issues and offer a path forward toward affordable, high-quality health care for all Texans.

The 88th Legislature has an opportunity to build upon existing price transparency requirements, eliminate restrictions preventing disclosure of quality information, address the growing impact of consolidation and market

power, and limit the potential of private equity to add hidden fees to your bill.

Lawmakers can also ensure when health benefit plans encourage enrollees to obtain a health care service from a particular provider that they do so for the primary benefit of the enrollee.

Over the years, Texas legislators have been adopting measures around hospital price transparency and the elimination of surprise medical bills. Prioritizing healthy markets is the single most important thing the state can do to help empower employers to provide more affordable health care for their employees during this legislative session.

Learn more about healthy markets at texas2036.org/healthy-markets online. Charles Miller is a senior policy advisor for Texas 2036 where he works to improve the affordability and accessibility of health care for all Texans.

Donations needed to aid local older adults

STAFF REPORTS

Angels Care Home Health is collecting nutrition and hygiene products as well as medical equipment donations for local older adults.

The last chance to donate to the Caring Supplies Drive is on May 12. Needed items

include nonperishable food, nutritional products like Boost and Ensure, pull-ups, briefs, pads, walkers, canes, bedside commodes, shower chairs, grab bars, shower safety mats and wheelchairs.

Angels Care Home Health has hosted donation drives

before, such as for clothing items and blankets to keep older adults warm in the winter and fans to help cool them in the summer. These drives are to benefit older adults who can't afford or don't have access to necessities.

People can bring donated items to the Springtown Area Chamber of Commerce at 112 S. Main St.

For more information, contact the Angels Care Home Health office in Weatherford at 817-807-0224.

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Reno council approves three plats for new homes

MADELYN EDWARDS
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Reno City Council approved three plats, which are expected to bring multiple new homes into Reno and its extraterritorial jurisdic-

tion, during the April council meeting.

One of these is Dove Ranch Estates on West White Dove Street, west of Quail Run. This development would build custom homes on 10 lots situated on 51 acres.

Nine of the lots are at least five acres each, and one is more than six acres. The plan is for the homes on these lots to use septic systems and water wells, though the builders would have the option to use city water, said

Kerry Knott of Bridgepoint Development.

The council also approved the final plat for four lots in the Savannah Place subdivision as well as a plat showing of three lots in the Point Break Addition.

The land for Savannah Place is almost five acres on the corner of Harris Road and East Barry Street. All lots are expected to be more than an acre.

Point Break Addition is situated on almost four acres

in the city's extraterritorial jurisdiction. Walnut Creek Special Utility District is expected to be called upon to supply water to these lots.

The votes were unanimous.

BOND

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Space needs at SISD facilities aren't a new issue. Voters previously rejected two bond proposals that would have given the district funds to build a new elementary school as well as additions to some of the campuses.

Hutchison said that Parker County is the eighth-fastest growing county in the nation, and Springtown is the fastest-growing community in Parker County. Moreover, the Texas Education Agency has reported that SISD is growing faster than 90% of all other districts in the state.

"If you don't believe it, I promise you'll visit our schools, you'll see it," Hutchison said.

Hutchison added that if the bond passed, the district

would be able to add 1,455 seats for students to its functional capacity districtwide.

At the luncheon, SISD Board President Rick Beall said the bond projects would help the district accommodate growth for at least the next decade, and because the district added extra inflation costs to the price, costs to build may be less than \$120.78 million.

"You don't sell the bonds until you know what the cost is going to be," Beall said. "So, it may not be that it's that much, but we wanted to be careful and make sure we had enough."

If the bond election is successful, ninth-grade students will be taught in the current middle school building, which would free up space at Springtown High School. Also, the conversion of the intermediate school to an elementary would mean that all elemen-

tary schools would house pre-kindergarten through fifth grades.

Hutchison clarified that ninth-grade students would still be able to compete at the varsity level under the new structure.

"We will never, ever hold back students and their athletic/academic ability," she said.

The bond proposal was developed after the district held several meetings with parents and other members of the community to discuss the district's growth and how that growth has impacted facilities. Those meetings also included discussions about SISD's financial standing, existing school facilities, different scenarios for building new facilities and/or renovating existing facilities and costs related to adding more space.

Hutchison said the reason SISD officials didn't pursue a plan to add on to existing campuses in lieu of building a new campus is because that plan was very expensive compared to a new building. She also said a new campus would be a longer lasting solution.

According to SISD's website, a successful bond election is projected to increase the district's total tax rate from \$1.14 per \$100 valuation to \$1.43. However, Hutchison said the tax rate impact could be lower than that 29-cent raise because of increased appraisals.

"If the tax values increase faster than the assumptions used to determine the tax rate impact, the actual tax rate will be less than the projected 29 cent increase," she said. "Meaning, we did this projection off of our 2022 appraisals. Y'all all came in way

higher."

Those who have filed for the 65 and older exemption on their homestead will not see a rate increase in school district taxes.

It may seem like SISD is making a lot of money from increased appraisals, but Hutchison said this is not the case. She informed luncheon attendees that if the district receives more money from local taxpayers, it will generally get less money from the state.

If the bond does not pass, any renovations or portable buildings needed to accommodate growth would come out of the district's Maintenance and Operations fund, which pays for costs like salaries, maintenance and electricity among other expenses.

"If we're spending money on portables and trying to renovate and add on to aging

buildings, that is taking away from teacher resources and teacher salaries," Hutchison said.

Adrienne Malmberg, who works with the Servolution Network, stood up during the luncheon and warned against not taking action to accommodate growth. She recalled her experience from living in the Seattle area and watching the community grow while people there resisted building infrastructure, a situation that she described as a "disaster" that has had long-lasting impacts.

"Please do not put your head in the sand," Malmberg said. "Failing to plan to do this kind of thing is going to cause Springtown to fail."

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

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ORDINANCE NO. 2023-O-1048

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SPRINGTOWN, TEXAS, BY ASSIGNING PLANNED DEVELOPMENT-SINGLE FAMILY 1 (PD-SF-1) ZONING CLASSIFICATION TO 30.49-ACRE TRACT OF LAND SITUATED IN THE J.P. MONTGOMERY SURVEY, ABSTRACT NO. 895 IN THE CITY OF SPRINGTOWN; PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE CUMULATIVE OF ALL ORDINANCES; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION IN THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER; PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR VIOLATIONS HEREOF; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Any person, firm or corporation who violates, disobeys, omits, neglects, refuses or fails to comply with, or who resists the enforcement of any provision of this ordinance shall be fined not more than Two Thousand Dollars (\$2000.00) for each offense. Each day that a violation is permitted to exist shall constitute a separate offense. Passed April 27, 2023 This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication as required by law.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

On May 4, 2023, at 6:30 PM the City of Springtown Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing and consider a recommendation to the City Council for a zoning change request for a 1.681-acre tract of land and a 2.883-acre tract of land situated in the John A. Freeman Survey, Abstract No. 472 from P-Public to MF-Multifamily. This property is located north of Martin Avenue west of Hilltop Drive. On May 25, 2023, at 7:00 PM the City of Springtown City Council will hold a public hearing and consider the Planning and Zoning Commission's recommendation on the same. Both meetings will take place in the Council Chambers at the Municipal Annex Building located at 200 North Main Street, Springtown, Texas, 76082.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

On May 4, 2023, at 6:30 PM the City of Springtown Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing and consider a recommendation to the City Council for a zoning change request for a 34.392-acre tract of land in the Valentine Yoakum Survey, Abstract 1691, City of Springtown, Parker County, Texas from SF-1 Single Family Residential 1 to SF-2 Single Family Residential 2. This property is located north of Walnut Creek Drive and west of Williams-Ward Road. On May 25, 2023, at 7:00 PM the City of Springtown City Council will hold a public hearing and consider the Planning and Zoning Commission's recommendation on the same. Both meetings will take place in the Council Chambers at the Municipal Annex Building located at 200 North Main Street, Springtown, Texas, 76082.

Springtown City Council Candidate

Place 2 Incumbent Michele Chandler Kelley
Springtown resident 19 years, Native Texan

Occupation: Business Owner, Business Development for Straight Up Roofing and Construction Texas

Education: High School Graduate, College TCC - English Major

Family: I have two beautiful daughters. Sophia, my oldest, has an Agricultural Science degree, with teaching emphasis from Texas A&M; and a Masters in Agriculture and Consumer Resources from Tarleton. She is currently an Ag teacher at SHS. My youngest, Ava, is a Junior at SHS, enrolled in dual credit and honors classes. She shows lambs and is an officer in FFA.

Community Involvement:

- Volunteer Domestic Abuse Shelter - 20+ years
- Volunteer Springtown Animal Shelter - 2022-present
- Volunteer Overdose awareness group "We Are Our Brothers Keeper" - 2021-present
- Springtown Lions Club Cheer and Volleyball coach - 7 years
- SIS PTA Treasurer - 2 years
- Springtown Optimist Club - 2018-2019
- Springtown City Council - 2017-present Mayor Pro Tem - 2018-2019
- Texas Community Development Block Regional Review Committee - 2018-2019
- Financial Officer City of Springtown - 2019-present
- City of Springtown Events Committee and Downtown Advisory Board - 1 year
- Delegate for Texas Municipal League Legislative Program - 2019-2021
- City of Springtown Animal Control Board - 2022-present

Why am I running for city council? What experience do I bring to the position?

I am currently serving the citizens of Springtown in Place 2. I was appointed to council in July 2017, elected in 2018-present. Being a voice for our citizens is something I take seriously. I have a very strong desire to continue serving our citizens. I am committed to continue addressing the wants and needs of every citizen and making decisions that are best for the city as a whole. Being on council is not a "bucket list" item for me.

I'm not afraid to make hard decisions, and I speak out when necessary. I am skilled at research and I do my "homework" before voting on every single issue brought to council. I believe it is my duty to be well informed of the pros and cons before rendering a vote that affects the citizens.

I am the first, and only, Springtown City Council member to earn the distinction of "CMO" or Certified Municipal Officer from the Texas Municipal League in 2020 and 2021. To earn this title, you must have at least 72 continuing education hours annually, pertaining to city government. The knowledge I obtained earning my CMO, helps me better serve our citizens in every aspect.

My background in accounting for a large aerospace and defense company sets me apart. I was responsible for large money budgets and contract payments to the Department of Defense, Customs and Border Protection and Homeland Security. Honesty and integrity are embedded strongly in my character.

What goals do I have that will help serve Springtown residents?

One goal is continuing the upgrades to our aging infrastructure and upgrading more streets. We have been able to do many infrastructure upgrades without incurring more debt because of the Capital Improvement Fund, that I voted in favor of establishing. This fund is designed to set aside a portion of monies annually for infrastructure improvements, without debt issuance.

Council should also evaluate how we handle economic development. We must bring the right kind of high quality businesses into Springtown. As a city, we need to embrace controlled growth. Growth is what helped us afford crucial improvements, to our infrastructure and repairing several streets. Council should ensure that the growth provides a quality of life our citizens want and deserve.

Council recently modified our residential zoning ordinances, an item I had placed on the agenda, to help keep the small town feel of Springtown by increasing the minimum lot sizes, the distance between houses, etc. I believe Council needs to also review and modify the commercial zoning ordinances in preparation for businesses that want to come to Springtown in the future.

We need more family friendly events in town, such as movies or concerts at the park. This would bring in additional revenue for our businesses, and provide something fun for our residents. I would like to explore the idea of having a food truck court in town, to offer unique, fun and varied dining options for our residents. Council members should always welcome suggestions from the citizens they have the privilege of serving.

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named after Randy Horton, a Springtown man who died in 2007 of leukemia at age 38. More recently in the ride's history, organizer David Vaughan said it's important to him for the proceeds of the event to benefit a local person.

"In the past five years, I've picked a local kid or somebody going through something and that way, all riders there who donate see right where the money's going," Vaughan said. "The first nine years I did it for American Cancer Society Relay for Life, and it's a good organization, but you don't really see where the money is going."

Registration for Randy's Benefit Ride starts at 11 a.m. at Newby Pavilion in Springtown Park (behind Wells Fargo), and there will be a raffle at 11:30 a.m. Bikers are expected to leave at noon and ride to Hemmingway's Craft House in Graford. Participation in the ride costs \$20 per bike, and t-shirts will be sold for \$10 each.

On the flyer for the event, Turner is described as a "leukemia warrior," which Vaughan said was the wording Turner's mother, Tessa May, chose.

Turner was diagnosed with leukemia about a year ago when he was about 15-16 months old. May said Turner had gotten sick in February 2022 and just never got better. Turner was in and out of the hospital for two months before being diagnosed. May described finally getting the leukemia diagnosis as a "gut punch."

Turner finished treatment in February after starting in April 2022, May said.

"April 25 to Feb. 6, we were in the hospital 195 days," she said. "I think it's like out of 260 days, we were at the hospital 195."

After finishing his first round of chemotherapy, May said

Turner contracted RSV, or respiratory syncytial virus, and was put on life support for 46 days. After that, there were two to four weeks between treatments, and each of the five admissions to the hospital would last a month at least.

After finishing treatment, Turner had weekly doctor appointments, and recently those appointments have been reduced to monthly, May said.

"At every doctor appointment we go to, he gets his blood drawn. They test his blood and make sure there's nothing that looks (like) leukemia, and thankfully we've been in the clear," she said.

However, relapse is possible. May said the doctors won't consider Turner as fully cured until 10 years after he finished treatment.

May said she was grateful to have insurance that helped with the medical expenses, but the family was still affected financially as May and her partner Doug Dennis - Turner's dad - had to take off work to care for Turner.

"I would say our income went from normal income to almost nothing," May said.

May said the Springtown community has come together to support her family during this time, and there have been multiple fundraisers for Turner. She said it felt good to see people "rally together and have your back."

May said she was surprised to find out that Turner had been selected to benefit from Randy's Ride. She appreciates Vaughan including her family in this year's ride and the support she's received from Springtown and surrounding communities.

To donate directly to May, find her on Venmo at may12 or tessamay12 on Cash App.

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Turner Dennis is just like any other 2-year-old boy, except Turner is recovering from leukemia. He finished chemotherapy in February. COURTESY PHOTOS

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Springtown recognizes National Police Week, Public Works Week



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Also at the city council meeting on April 27, Springtown Mayor Greg Hood designated May 21-27 as National Public Works Week in the city. Hood said in his proclamation that "public works professionals focus on infrastructure, facilities and services that are of vital importance to sustainable and resilient communities and to the public health, high quality of life and well-being of the people of the city of Springtown." He is pictured with Springtown Public Works Director Joseph McCannless.



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Springtown Mayor Greg Hood proclaimed May 9-20 as National Police Week in the city during the council meeting on April 27. In his proclamation, Hood said the city "publicly salutes the service of law enforcement officers in our community and in communities across the nation." He is pictured with Springtown Police Deputy Chief Jamie Oliver.

Math and science students recognized for their hard work

SISD school board recognizes TMSCA state-qualifiers from Springtown Intermediate

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During a board meeting on April 24, the Springtown Independent School District board of trustees recognized students from Springtown Intermediate School who qualified for the Texas Math and Science Coaches Association state meet. Students in grades fifth through eighth participated in math and science competitive events. Fifth graders do not qualify for the state meet, but they were still recognized for their work at the school board meeting along with sixth graders.



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'Hometown heroes' meet Cub Scouts

Springtown Cub Scouts in Pack 303 meet firefighters, McGruff at annual 'Hometown Heroes Night'

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Bear-ranked Cub Scouts in Pack 303 sit on the fire truck bumper for a group photo during the pack's annual "Hometown Heroes Night" last week at Springtown First United Methodist Church. From left are Kaiden Joyner, Oliver Lanigan, Abi Carter, Logan Jones, and Liam Gottlieb.



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Bear-ranked Cub Scout Abi Carter and her mom Amanda Carter talk with McGruff the Crime Dog, who is accompanied by Linda Hughes from the Weatherford Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association. McGruff attended Springtown Cub Scout Pack 303's annual "Hometown Heroes Night" on April 25.



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Firefighter and emergency medical technician J.B. Dalton of Parker County Emergency Services District 1 helps Lion-ranked Cub Scout Jameson Law out of the fire truck. Cub Scouts in Pack 303 got to tour the fire truck at the pack's annual "Hometown Heroes Night" on April 25.

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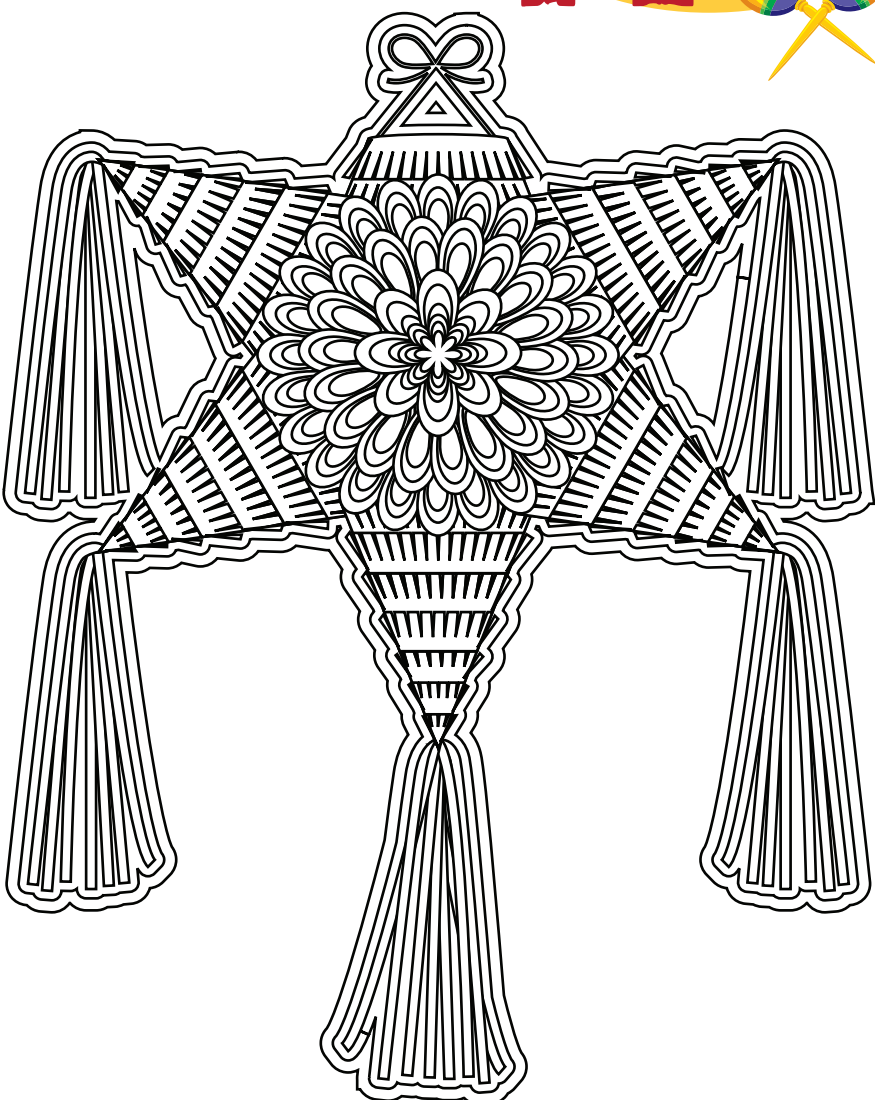
Cinco de Mayo is a holiday that is celebrated on May 5th every year. It is a special day that commemorates the Mexican army's victory over the French army at the Battle of Puebla on May 5th, 1862. Cinco de Mayo is celebrated mainly in Mexico and the United States, where it is a chance for people to celebrate Mexican culture and heritage. On this day, people often have parades, wear traditional Mexican clothing, listen to Mexican music, and eat delicious Mexican food like tacos and guacamole. It is a fun and exciting holiday that brings people together to celebrate Mexican pride and history!

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Delaney Harris and Cinch spent many hours practicing and hanging out to prepare for rodeos.

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Remembering Cinch

Delaney Harris loses favorite horse to colic as finals draw near

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Seeing her horse lying down in a pasture in Springtown wasn't uncommon.

What Delaney Harris found troubling on April 11 was that Cinch stayed down even as she approached.

"I knew something was wrong," she said. "He was never one to lay down and not get up when you went out there. I looked in his eyes and realized something was off."

She convinced Cinch to stand, loaded him into a trailer, and drove him to a veterinarian's office in Boyd. The 15-year-old horse died of colic, an abdominal problem common in horses. The vet discovered a tumor, as well.

Cinch had never shown signs of trouble.

"He was still performing 110% every single time," Harris said. "It was a big

shock to me that anything was wrong."

The horse's intestines were damaged beyond surgical repair, and Cinch did not wake up from the anesthesia.

Harris, 16, is a junior at Springtown High School and had been riding Cinch while performing on the rodeo team all season. At the time of Cinch's death, Harris was ranked no. 3 in rideup goat tying in the North Texas High School Rodeo Association standings.

The rodeo regular season ended on April 29, and the finals are all that remain. The top 15 riders in each event qualify to compete at the finals. Harris has secured her spot already, although she will ride a younger, less experienced horse during the event.

In 2020, Harris moved from Roanoke with her family and

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STATE BOUND

Springtown track's Ashlynn Dickey, Mackenzie Flaughter heading to finale in Austin

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High jumper Ashlynn Dickey and triple jumper Mackenzie "Mack" Flaughter performed well enough at regionals to qualify for an appearance at the biggest track meet of the year.

State championship, here they come.

The top four finishers in each event at regionals earned the right to compete at the state meet in Austin.

Flaughter, a sophomore, jumped 37 feet, 1.75 inches to win the triple jump regional title. She sailed almost a foot farther than her closest competitor. Last year, as a freshman, Flaughter was Springtown's only track member to qualify for state.

Flaughter's winning effort at regionals fell short of the amazing jump she pulled off at the area meet earlier this month, when she sailed 38 feet, 5 inches to set personal and school records.

Another strong-legged athlete, Dickey, cleared 5 feet, 4 inches in the high jump at regionals, nabbing third place and a trip to state. A Graham jumper won the high jump by clearing 5 feet, 6 inches.

Dickey cleared that same height at the Pojo Relays in March to set her personal record.

Matching or beating her PR at the upcoming state meet could put Dickey among the top finishers.

Other Springtown girls who competed at regionals included Natalia De Valle Gonzalez, Dezrae Robinson, Skyley Tyree, Brinklee Dauenhauer, Shayne Greenwood, Brooklyn Quintanilla, Brianna Shreeves, Peyton Reynolds.

Springtown boys competed hard at regionals but finished out of the top 4. They included Hudson Hulett, Dylan Mann, Wesley Payne, Darren Sweeley, Riley Jackson, Brayden Florence, Brayden Fox, Braydon Butler, Connor King, and Caden Rogers.

Several boys came close to making the cut.

The 4x200-meter relay team, composed of Butler, Fox, Jackson, and King, set a school record with a time of 1:29.51 to earn sixth place. They finished less than a half-second behind the fourth-place team.

Jackson took sixth place in the long jump with a leap of 21-6.5 feet.



Mackenzie "Mack" Flaughter won first place in the triple jump.

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Springtown baseball to challenge Gainesville for bi-district title



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The bi-district round of the baseball playoffs is beckoning, and the Springtown Porcupines will take on the Gainesville Leopards to see who will advance to the area round.

Springtown finished 9-1 in district competition, won a district championship for the first time in school history,

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Scout Richards, Brayden Fox, and Drake Doggett are eying the baseball playoffs.

and will enter the playoffs with momentum and confidence as the top-seeded team out of District 8-4A.

Gainesville finished as the fourth seed from District 7-4A with a 3-9 record.

Springtown and Gainesville will play a best-of-three series.

The first game is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Thursday, May 4, at Gainesville. Game 2 is set for 7 p.m. Friday, May 5, at Springtown.

A third game, if needed, is slated to be played starting at noon on Saturday, May 6, in Gainesville.



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Sisters Ava and Noelle Fernandez cried and hugged after the loss ended Springtown's season and the sisters' last game together as Porcupines.

Springtown softball season ends

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The Springtown Lady Porcupines saw their softball season end with their bi-district playoff series loss to Sanger.

On April 27, the two teams met at Chisholm Trail High School to play a best-of-three series to determine which squad would continue to the area round of the playoffs.

Sanger took a 2-0 lead early in the first game and threatened to add more runs, but strong defensive work by Ava Fernandez at third base, Madison Terrell in left field, and Blaize Flood in right field helped squash potential

rallies.

In the bottom of the fifth inning, Sanger added several more runs, due in part to a missed call by an umpire.

The Pines tried to stage a comeback in the final inning, scoring a run and putting more runners on base, but the rally fizzled, resulting in a 7-1 loss.

The second game was a nailbiter, with the lead flipping several times before Sanger pulled ahead toward the end to win 10-7.

The team's seniors finished their careers as Lady Pines, and tears fell afterward.

"I'm sad," said Noelle Fernandez. "It's a different feeling thinking that I'm not

going to be able to play with a lot these girls on the field again. I gave everything I could. We just came up a little short. It happens."

Karley Haynes was tearful, as well, but happy.

"We did good this season," she said. "I'm sad it's over, but all good things come to an end. I'm proud of all our girls' efforts. We've all shed blood and tears, laughs and memories."

Haynes plans to attend Vernon College and continue her softball career there.

"One door closes, another one opens," she said. "It's been four years, so I'm ready to make new memories and new friends, but I'm also sad



Karley Haynes gets a piece of the ball against Sanger.

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Sisters Ava and Noelle Fernandez were happy after Ava hit a triple to score Noelle in game 2 against Sanger.

to lose the ones that I won't get to see anymore who are still in high school and still playing here. I am going to come visit and watch games because I am going to miss coach (Scott) Mann a little bit, too."

She feels good about the past four years.

"It was just a great career at Springtown High School," she

said. "Great memories. Great staff. Great people. I just love everyone in Springtown."

Coach Scott Mann will hate to see his seniors go, like every year, but he looks forward to the next incarnation of his team.

"I told the seniors to hold their heads high because they've been an integral part of our program for the past

four years, and they have done everything I've asked them to do," he said. "It's bigger than just the game a softball. Hopefully, they learned some life lessons along the way. Yes, it hurts now, but in the grand scheme of things, this is something small. Hopefully they'll go on to bigger and better things."



Rodeo finals

Springtown prepares for big hurrah at Saginaw arena

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In the last rodeo of the season, Springtown squeezed out Millsap to earn sixth place among the more than 70 teams that compete in the North Texas High School Rodeo Association.

On April 28-29, Springtown's Henley Sears placed fourth in walkup goats to earn 49 points. Delaney Harris was close behind in sixth place, earning 35 points. Neveah Gambrell and Makayla Ballard also competed.

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Brylee Bailey and the Springtown rodeo team earned sixth place among more than 70 teams competing in the North Texas High School Rodeo Association.

Every point counted, as Springtown was in a neck-and-neck race with Millsap for sixth place in the team standings.

Harris finished in fourth place in rideup goats, earning 49 points. Shaye Winford added 28 points by taking seventh place.

In barrels, several girls competed but didn't earn points. Kaylee Buchanan was the top placer at 19th, followed by Winford, Kallie Gray, and Addyson Norris.

Stephanie Heil took 11th place in poles, and Faith Styles was 15th.

After the points were tallied for all the rodeos this season, Springtown finished with 3,577. Millsap was close behind with 3,542.

Springtown qualifiers for the finals include Sears, Harris, Winford, and Colton Phillips.

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settled in Springtown.

"We wanted land for the horses," she said.

Her father, Jason Harris, was a rodeo bull rider while serving in the Marines. His experiences inspired Harris to want to compete in rodeos. A couple of years ago, she acquired her first horse, Lux, and began working with the mare to compete in rideup goats.

As a sophomore, Harris finished the season in 11th place and qualified for the finals, but she didn't perform among the top finishers while riding Lux.

About a year ago, a good

friend, Katie Hendren, graduated from high school in McKinney and gave her favorite horse, Cinch, to Harris. Hendren's grandfather had trained the horse in poles, barrels, and other events years ago. After her grandpa died, Hendren adopted Cinch and rode him for four years at high school competitions to honor her grandpa and to keep the horse competing rather than putting him to pasture.

"She passed him down to me so that his talent wasn't wasted," Harris said. "I was running a horse that wasn't fast enough to get me into the placings, and she knew that."

Receiving Cinch before this year's rodeo season was a

blessing.

"He was definitely gifted with speed," Harris said. "He put me into the top three at North Texas in the nine months that I was running him."

The horse ran straight lines and was "super consistent," she said.

With the finals approaching, May 19-20, Harris has embraced Lux as her new mount. Several people have offered to loan their horses to Harris for the finals, and she appreciates them. However, Harris prefers to ride Lux. The 7-year-old mare isn't as accomplished as Cinch, but Harris has a fondness for her.

"She has gotten a lot more consistent," Harris said. "I think she realized she needs



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Cinch carried Delaney Harris to a top three standing in the North Texas High School Rodeo Association heading into the finals.



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Delaney Harris and Lux were a team during her sophomore year. She will ride Lux at the upcoming rodeo finals after her longtime mount, Cinch, died of colic.

to step up and kind of fill (Cinch's) shoes. I just need her to stay consistent, me to stay consistent, and for us to really click. If we put our heads together, we'll do really good in the finals."

While competing with Cinch, Harris had continued to ride Lux regularly to keep her in shape and happy.

"She was still getting worked and used," she said.

With Lux, "I don't have the horsepower I did with Cinch,"

but Lux can be trusted to do her best. Trust and love, along with talent and determination, might be enough to carry Harris and Lux to victory at the finals.

After graduating from high school, Harris plans to step away from rodeo, attend Texas A&M University, and study sports medicine.

Then, she will specialize in equine rehabilitation.

Harris' mom, Staci Harris, serves as sponsor for the

rodeo team and can't wait to see how everyone fares in the finals. She will be paying particular attention to her daughter and Lux.

"Seeing Delaney continue to push herself to do her best is what makes (me) the most proud," Staci Harris said. "It has been a rough and inconsistent couple of weeks, but I know that she and Lux will get there."

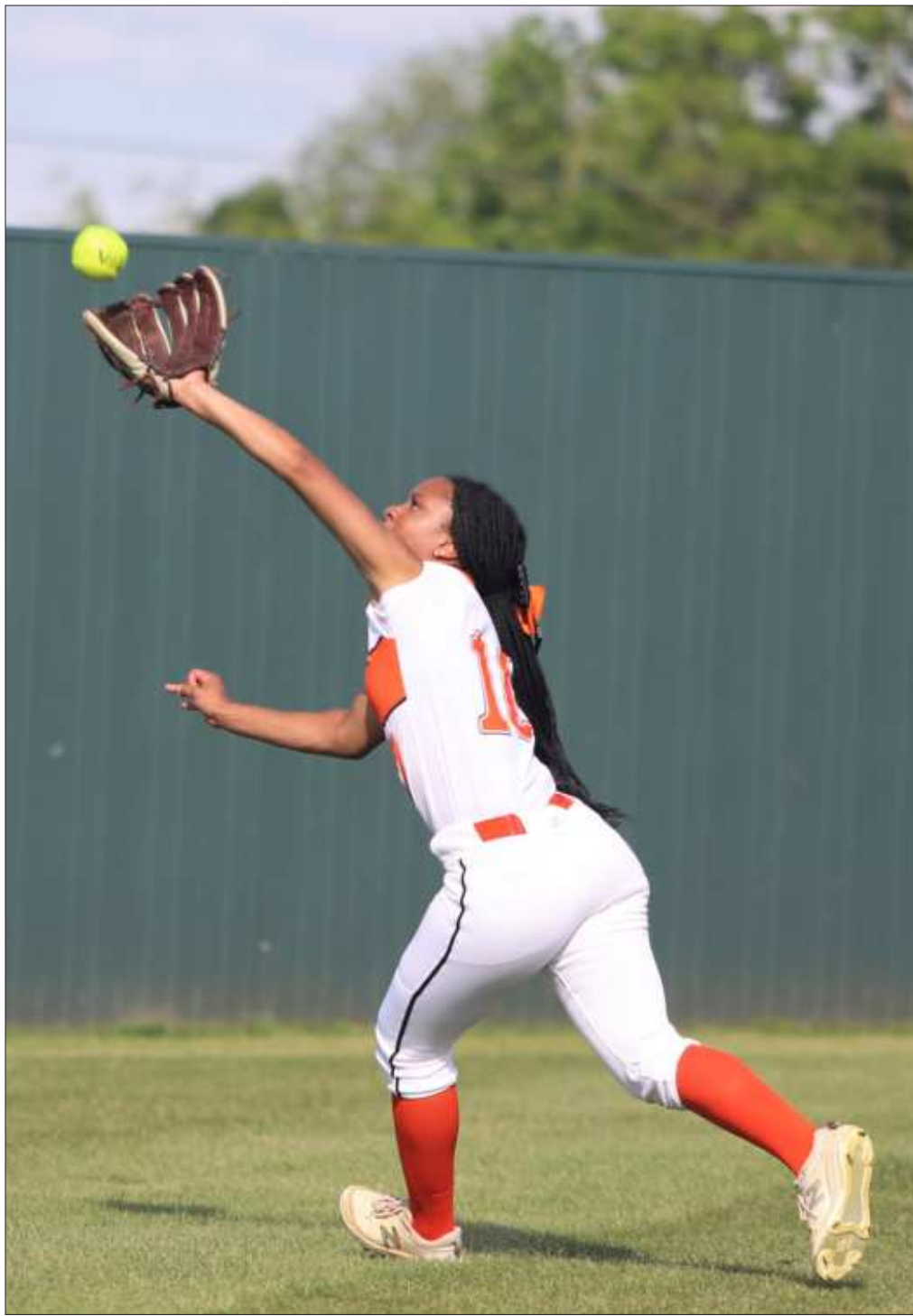
Congratulations to Springtown Lady Pines for making playoffs

The Springtown Lady Porcupines finished 6-4 in District 8-4A softball competition, 17-16 overall, made the playoffs, and came close to pushing Sanger to a third game in the bi-district series. Way to go, Lady Pines!

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- 1 TXism: "got ___ a mind to"
- 5 Lufkin's ___ code is 956
- 6 TX A. J. Foyt won here four times
- 7 traveled by horse
- 8 Texas Tarzan, Ron Hewlett- runs its U.S. business from Texas
- 16 USS Texas aided the Normandy landings on ___
- 18 great sound at Dallas' Meyerson
- 21 John Connally's wife (init.)
- 22 actor Grant of 1958 "Houseboat" with TX Martha Hyer
- 23 TX Mahomes, e.g. national clothing retailer (2 wds.)
- 30 TXism: "let's ___ horse trading" (negotiate)
- 34 anno Domini abbr.
- 35 Dallas NE suburb
- 36 TXism: "nuff ___"
- 37 TXism: "she has to sneak ___ mirror to fix her hair" (homely)
- 39 romantic night setting? (3 wds.)
- 43 TXism: "does a bull give ___?" (no)
- 44 TX Ivory Joe's "___ Met You Baby"
- 45 dir. to Nacogdoches from Trinity
- 46 "a whole ___"(lots)
- 48 Fort Worth "Horned Frogs" university
- 49 UT grad actor Wallach
- 51 sensational newspapers
- 54 TXism: "___ in cement" (permanent)
- 55 San Antonio based Inns: ___ Quinta
- 56 jacket or saddle leather
- 57 TX Willie's "Farm ___" was in Lincoln, NE in 1987
- 60 TXism: "dumb as a stump"
- 61 Reese ___ Force Base was in Texas
- 62 TXism: "never let 'em ___ you sweat"
- 63 Eden Echo income producers

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- 1 TX Gene Autry's "That Silver-___ Daddy of Mine"
- 2 TX Byron Nelson's pal Palmer
- 3 Fort Worth boot-maker: M.L. ___ Sons
- 4 this Dunaway was TX Bonnie Parker
- 9 Gov. "___" Ferguson
- 10 oil was discovered by ___ in Corsicana in 1894
- 11 TX-born Meredith MacRae was in "Petti___ Junction"
- 12 actor Russell in TX-filmed "Silkwood"
- 13 mental hospital
- 14 Texas actor Rip (init.)
- 15 TXism: "___ your bill" (drink)
- 17 Father of Mexico: Father Miguel Hidalgo ___
- 19 started the pickup
- 20 TXism: "dull as week old ___ pop"
- 24 former Cowboys GM Tex (init.)
- 25 ___ and eggs
- 26 ___-friendly or "green"
- 27 is Enchanted Rock haunted by these?
- 28 Texarkana slogan: "Twice ___"
- 29 ___ brittle
- 31 amateur sports org.
- 32 syllable in Dublin or Marlin
- 33 an installment of "Walker, TX Ranger"
- 38 Texas Hall-of-Fame halfback Matson
- 40 TX Karolyi coached this Nadia (init.)
- 41 Conway Twitty's wife
- 42 Texas coast areas
- 47 jockey, TX Willie (init.)
- 50 TXism: "___ to"
- 52 TXism: "___ some boot leather" (run)
- 53 TX Tommy ___ Jones
- 58 TXism: "got as much to ___ hibernating bear" (idle)
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