

Stefanie Gann wins 'Bonnets in Bloom' contest



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I don't think anyone at the Springtown Epigraph expected the tremendous response we received for our "Bonnets in Bloom" contest.

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Congratulations to Stefanie Gann, grand-prize winner of the first 'Bonnets in Bloom' contest sponsored by McDowell Lawn Care.

No change to Springtown Council after election

Incumbent Michele Chandler Kelley wins re-election

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Springtown City Council is not expected to change for another year, according to the results from the May 6 election.

Council member Michele Chandler Kelley won her re-election race for Place 2 against challenger and Planning and Zoning Chairman Ken Jensen. According to unofficial results on Parker County's website, Chandler Kelley garnered 194 votes, almost 57% of votes, and Jensen collected 147 votes, about 43%



COURTESY PHOTO

Michele Chandler Kelley, Place 2 winner

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SISD bond election fails again

Bond proposal aimed to accommodate growth in district

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The third time was not the charm for the Springtown Independent School District bond election.

During the May 6 election, voters rejected SISD's bond proposal. Residents of Parker and Wise counties cast a combined 1,187 votes for the bond and 1,244 votes against it, meaning those opposed won by 57 votes, according to unofficial results from both counties.

The \$120.78 million-bond proposal would have funded 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 would be turned into SISD's

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Reno leadership upset

Hector Bas Jr. wins mayoral seat over incumbent Sam White

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Reno will soon have a new mayor since Hector Bas Jr. won his race during the May 6 election.

According to unofficial results on Parker County's website, Bas won the election for Reno mayor over incumbent Sam White. Bas garnered 273 votes, more than 61% of the vote, while White collected 171 votes, more than 38% of the vote.

As someone new to the political scene, Bas said he felt shocked and ecstatic by the news of his victory.

He praised the people who helped him campaign, thanked voters and current council members for their work, and congratulated those who won their races for Reno City Council.

"With 444 votes, (voters') voices have really been heard," Bas said.

Issues important to Bas's campaign were about keeping Reno rural, and transparent budgeting. Bas said it's important for the public to know what the city's budget looks like and for council members to be clear on the



COURTESY PHOTO

Hector Bas Jr., Reno's soon-to-be new mayor



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Hernando Herrera, Place 1 winner



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Tod Siedell, Place 2 winner



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Jennifer Vogle, Place 4 winner

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Servolution, Poolville community aids family affected by tornado

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After receiving a notification about a tornado, Eric Huntley only had a few more seconds before a wall in his single-wide mobile home exploded.

Huntley, his two teenagers and his wife were at home in Poolville when the tornado struck. The tornado picked up their home and destroyed it. The kids' beds flipped over on top of them, but they were mostly uninjured. Huntley said he was thrown in the air and hit by an unknown object. His wife ended up under the floor and was luckily saved from being crushed.

"Light disappeared," Huntley said. "It was pretty horrifying."

The tornado occurred in March, but the effects of the storm are still affecting the family. Huntley and his wife are still recovering from their injuries, and his son is nervous anytime he sees a raincloud in the sky.

And that's not to mention that the tornado took away the family's home and possessions.

"We've lost pretty much everything," Huntley said.

Fortunately, they have received support. Neighbors and others in the area came to the family's aid after the tornado was over, the Poolville community and school district supplied them with food and clothes, and Servolution Network donated an RV to the family.

Getting the RV was a seren-

ipitous happening. Huntley was eating at the Azle Café, where he said he was given a gift card for food and treated kindly. By sharing his story at the café, wheels started turning to get his family the RV.

Servolution Network Executive Director Jason Malewiski said Servolution received a call from an anonymous individual wanting to donate an RV. After finding out that the RV would be a good fit for Huntley's family, Danny Malone, an elder at The Church at Azle, picked up the RV, and volunteers from Texas Workforce Solutions and Adult & Teen Challenge of Texas cleaned it.

"In one day, it went from unlivable to livable," Malewiski said.

Huntley said he appreciates being able to receive the RV, which is being used as temporary housing for his family. Once they find a more permanent home, Huntley hopes to donate the RV back to the church so it can be given to another person or family who needs it.

The fact that people came together to help the Huntley family speaks to the community that Servolution Network serves, Malewiski said. Anytime Servolution is trying to help a person or family in need, people in the area respond with aid, he said.

"We live in the best community around," Malewiski said.

"Time and time again, this community steps up, even where we think it's impossible. God helps connect the dots and do things that leave



Eric Huntley stands outside the RV donated to him and his family by the Servolution Network. Huntley's home in Poolville was destroyed by a tornado in March.

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us in awe."

Because of the tattoos on his arms and head, Huntley said he's seen "the bad side of a lot of people." He was

touched by the kindness of the community and their efforts to aid him and his family.

"I see a lot of negative in

this world, and I have for quite a long time," Huntley said. "But when this happened, I was very impressed with seeing how well every-

body was helping out."

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Reno P&Z denies special use permit for townhomes

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Applicant asked to seek rezoning property instead

Reno Planning and Zoning Commission sent a plan for townhomes back to the drawing board after last week's meeting. Don Sneed of DSCI, Inc. addressed the commission during its May 1 meeting and asked for a special use permit so he could install rental townhomes on a few acres at 4609 E. State Highway 199. Instead of approving or tabling Sneed's request, P&Z Secretary Kevin Vandenberg

suggested that Sneed needed to seek a zoning change. Vandenberg said the area in question is zoned as single family, and Sneed should request changing it to multi-family zoning. "My concerns are the property is zoned currently as SF-1, and our current zoning ordinances don't allow for a special use for an SF-1 property to have townhomes," Vandenberg said during the meeting. "You're

going to take a property just like any other home that's in our city, and we're going to possibly allow you to build townhomes. It sets a horrible precedent in my opinion. So, somebody could go into Scenic Wood and buy three acres and build tract homes, basically. And so, I don't think that the special use is the right way to go." The rest of the P&Z agreed and unanimously voted for denial of Sneed's special use

permit request. Vandenberg and other officials at the meeting made it clear that they weren't denying Sneed's project, only the special use permit request. "Sorry for the delay, but again, we're trying to dot the I's, cross the T's, make certain that you're legal and make certain we're legal," P&Z Chairperson Brian Schrader said to Sneed after the commission voted to deny the special use permit. "Thank

you very much for your appearance tonight and setting us straight." Sneed agreed to the idea of rezoning the property, and he said his timeline was open for that process to occur. "I think everything went well," he said after the meeting. Sneed's original plan was to build 16 one-story townhomes on three acres, as well as a cul-de-sac road. The homes would use a septic system and are expected to be supplied with water from the city.

However, this plan could change with multi-family zoning. "To make it a townhouse, you got separate walls between them, but if they go multifamily, we won't have to do that," Sneed said. "The multifamily is going to be depending on the water department, whether they want me to put one meter in, whether they want me to put two meters, each house have a meter. That's something that we'll be able to work out with Reno and see what fits their needs better."



SHS senior Todd Smith honored for good citizenship

PHOTO COURTESY BECKY SMITH

The Weatherford chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution recognized Springtown High School student Todd Smith, among other Parker County high school seniors, with the Good Citizen Award on April 25 North Side Baptist Church. He is pictured with his mom, Becky Smith.

ELECTION

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of votes. Chandler Kelley has served on the council since 2017 when she was appointed to fill a vacancy. She ran for her seat in 2018 and won, and then ran unopposed in 2019 and 2021. "I am honored to continue serving the citizens as their voice on council," Chandler Kelley said about the election results. "Each person that took the time to check my name on the ballot has placed trust in me; I value that trust."

She added, "Going forward, I am ready to continue listening to the needs and concerns of our citizens. I'm excited to work with them to help put their ideas in motion and bring our community closer." Mayor Greg Hood and Mayor Pro Tem Richelle Pruitt ran for re-election unopposed. Springtown City Council hasn't had a contested election since 2018. Chandler Kelley said she was thankful for the election process, even though campaigning can be stressful. "I believe it is good for our citizens to experience that from time to time, because

it allows them to participate and watch democracy in action in our community," she said. After the election, Jensen congratulated Chandler Kelley on her victory, though he bemoaned that only 341 residents voted. Jensen plans to continue to serve Springtown as the P&Z chairman. "I believe as a Christian that my God controls my life if I will follow His lead," Jensen said. "If He wanted me on the Springtown City Council, I would be there, so I guess He doesn't want me to be there at this particular time, maybe next time."

Sudoku

MAY 11, 2023

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Solution to last week's puzzle

MAY 4, 2023

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6	1	5	8	3	4	9	7	2
3	2	9	1	6	7	8	5	4
4	5	7	9	8	6	2	3	1
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Springtown Council to decide whether to replace water meters

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Springtown officials are considering replacing water meters in the city. Springtown City Council approved allowing the city administrator to carry out a project development agreement with Ameresco, a company that promotes renewable energy and energy efficiency. Some of the city's water meters - about 30% - are radio-read ones. The reader for these meters is becoming obsolete, City Administrator David Miller said during last month's city council meeting. "The reader is no longer supported by the manufacturer (meaning there aren't

Council approved moving forward on analysis at April meeting

any software patches, and if there is a technical issue, there is very little help with troubleshooting," Springtown Administrative Services Director Christina Derr said. "In order to purchase a new reader, it would cost approximately \$50,000 for the reader and the corresponding software to transfer the data from the reader to our utility billing system." However, the upgraded readers would not be compatible with the current radio meters, Derr said. Also, according to the

city's agenda background document, current radio and manual-read meter inventory is inaccurate and has led to a loss of billable charges for water and sewer. Given the circumstances, Miller said it is time for the city to shift to an automated meter integration system. This means the city would replace more than 1,600 meters - both manual and radio read - that must be read by personnel with ones that city officials can download readings from to generate billing. Miller said the first step in

this process requires having a water loss and meter accuracy evaluation on meters throughout the city. Enter Ameresco, which Miller recommended to complete the evaluation. Ameresco will charge \$45,000 for the evaluation, but if the city pursues meter replacements with Ameresco, the \$45,000 fee will be waived. According to the agenda background document, this audit "will allow Ameresco to evaluate the city's current utility billings and to test an adequate number of meters

to identify the amount of loss that occurs from unbilled charges." Miller said the meter replacement project could cost between \$750,000 and about \$1.2 million, which would be paid for out of the city's capital improvements fund. Also included in the replacement cost would be lead/copper piping inventory, which is required by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and the Environmental Protection Agency. This inventory alone would cost between \$400,000 and \$500,000 but would be done with the meter replacement by Ameresco at no additional cost. Water rates are not expected to increase because of this

project, though increases are planned to occur for other reasons, Miller said. The replacement project would also be beneficial to the city because the employees who read the meters would have more availability to work on other public works tasks, Miller said. Miller described the potential new meters as "top of the line" and said that Ameresco has implemented the meters in cities throughout the country. This evaluation is expected to take three months to complete, Miller said. When it is done, the council will discuss results as well as the estimated cost of the meter replacement project.

BOND

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fourth elementary school. Previously, voters 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. "I am disappointed to know that our bond election proposition has failed to pass and that our school district's most critical needs will not be able to be addressed at this time," SISD Superintendent

Shane Strickland said in statement released after the election. "These identified needs will not go away; they will continue to present our district with both facility and academic challenges as we move forward. Because of this, it is the intention of your SISD School Board to better understand why this bond election failed so that alternative plans to address these critical needs can be created." He added, "With the proven support of our parents and our dedicated staff members, we will continue to provide the traditions, values, and

academic achievement our Porcupine Community expects from Springtown ISD. As the newly elected leader of this district, I am personally sorry for these results for our students and staff. Many of our staff members have worked tirelessly to make this happen." Strickland thanked "parents, community members and SISD employees who helped identify (the) school district's facility needs and who volunteered their time and resources to help communicate these needs to (the) Porcupine Community."

BLOOM

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Bloom" contest sponsored by McDowell Lawn Care. We received so many wonderful photos of bluebonnets each week and it was difficult to decide on the winning photo. It was discussed among us at the office, and after a lot of back and forth, it was finally agreed that Stefanie Gann's entry of her precious daughter sitting among a field of bluebonnets was the

one. I think this photo captures the timeless tradition of having your children get their photos done with the bluebonnets each year, don't you agree? Join us in congratulating Stefanie on her outstanding photo. Stefanie, stop in and see us at the Azle News office to pick up your \$100 Grand Prize. To each of our weekly winners and all those who submitted their photos throughout the contest, I encourage you to visit springtown-ep-

igraph.net to look through the entire gallery of entries. They're fantastic! You can't help but smile with Texas pride when you look through all of those beautiful snapshots of our state flower. A special thank you to McDowell Lawn Care for helping us make this contest happen. We are looking forward to another bluebonnet season and all of the wonderful entries that we will receive for our Second Annual Bonnets in Bloom Contest!

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Mon No school **Tues** Chicken Biscuit, Pears **Weds** EggStravaganza, Blueberries **Thurs** Breakfast Pizza, Apple Slices **Fri** Strawberry, Vanilla Yogurt, Blueberry Muffin

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

Mon No school **Tues** Popcorn Chicken, Steakfingers, Roll, Mashed Potatoes, Corn Fresh Broccoli, Apple, Blueberries **Weds** Reg or Spicy chicken and Waffles, Broccoli Salad, Tator Tots, Strawberries, Orange **Thurs** Mac & cheese, Chicken Wings, Broccoli, Roll, Celery Sticks, Carrot Sticks, Applesauce, Grapes **Fri** Pepperoni Pizza, Ck Fried Steak Sandwich, Baked Potato (Ham), Green Beans, Carrot Sticks

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 No school **Tues** Mac & Cheese, Salisbury Steak, Roll, Fresh Broccoli, Carrots, Mashed Potatoes, Applesauce, Grapes **Weds** Reg or Spicy Chicken Sandwich, Tator Tots, Broccoli Salad, Strawberries, Orange **Thurs** EggStravaganza, Sausage or Chicken Patty, Biscuit Hashbrown, Baby Carrots, Cucumber & Tomato Cup, Blueberries, Apple **Fri** Pepperoni Pizza, Chicken Wings, Baked Potato Basket, Roll, Baked Beans, Baby Carrots, Celery & Carrot Cup, Strawberry Applesauce, Banana

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Clock ticking on moving bills; poll: raise minimum age for gun purchases

CLOCK TICKING ON MOVING BILLS

The clock is ticking on getting bills out of the House and to the Texas Senate, Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick warned last week in a story in the Austin American-Statesman. Patrick presides over the Senate and is worried many bills that have made it out of House committees but have not gone before the full chamber will not be considered before the session ends.

"I previously expressed concern the House was far behind in the passage of bills and a train wreck was coming," Patrick tweeted. At that time, more than 1,100 bills had made it out of committee but still had not been set on the House calendar. All bills must meet a May 11 deadline for a second reading to be further considered for final passage.

House Speaker Dade Phelan did not comment on Patrick's concern but has put that chamber on a six-day work schedule for the rest of the session.

POLL: RAISE MINIMUM AGE FOR GUN PURCHASES

A new poll released by the Texas Politics Project at the University of Texas at Austin indicates three-fourths of Texans polled said they support raising the minimum age



CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Gary Borders

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to purchase a firearm from 18 to 21, the Texas Standard reported.

"That included 91% of Democrats and 64% of Republicans," Joshua Blank, director of research, said. "This is a consistent finding, to be quite honest. We've asked this question before. We've asked similar questions. So, there's an appetite in some ways for stricter gun laws in Texas. It's just not something that is politically palatable in the process that we have."

Attempts by some Democratic legislators to push a similar measure in this legislative session have not gained traction and appear unlikely to pass.

PUC CHAIR WARNS OF POSSIBLE SUMMER OUTAGES

The chairman of the Public Utility Commission warned last week that the state's main power grid is at risk if wind turbines don't pro-

duce enough power when needed, the Texas Tribune reported. Peter Lake reiterated that more on-demand power sources, such as power plants fueled by natural gas or batteries, need to be built to increase the electric grid's reliability.

"The Texas grid faces a new reality," Lake said last week. "Data shows for the first time that the peak demand for electricity this summer will exceed the amount we can generate from on-demand, dispatchable power, so we will be relying on renewables to keep the lights on."

Pablo Vegas, CEO of the Electric Reliability Council of Texas, said at the news conference that wind and solar energy production results have increased considerably more than plants powered by coal or gas.

"So as a result, we are expecting to have to rely more on renewables during peak conditions than we ever have

before," Vegas said.

Supporters of renewable energy scoffed at the view that the grid's reliability rests on renewable energy alone.

Luke Metzger, director of Environment Texas, said in a statement that renewable energy's growth in Texas "should be heralded and welcomed — not blamed, contrary to evidence, for grid problems."

The PUC is proposing the use of performance credits, funded by an estimated 2% increase in customer electric bills. The funds would go to companies that operate on-demand power sources in hopes of incentivizing them to build more power plants or keep existing plants operating longer, the Tribune reported.

ALLRED TO CHALLENGE CRUZ FOR SENATE SEAT

A three-term Dallas-area congressman is seeking the Democratic nomination for U.S. Senate in hopes of facing off against incumbent Republican Sen. Ted Cruz next year. The Dallas Morning News reported last week that U.S. Rep. Colin Allred, D-Dallas, is seeking the nomination. He released a video blasting Cruz for hiding in a supply closet during the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the U.S. Capitol, and for leaving Texas

weeks later for a Cancun vacation during the statewide electricity crisis caused by Winter Storm Uri.

"That's Ted for you. All hat, no cattle," Allred says in the video.

Cruz, whose campaign called Allred a "far-left radical," beat Democratic rival Beto O'Rourke by fewer than 3 percentage points in 2018.

MAY IS MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS MONTH

Thousands of Texas motorcyclists are seriously injured or killed in crashes every year, the Texas Department of Transportation reports. In 2022, 562 motorcycle riders were killed, an 8% increase over the previous year.

"People on motorcycles are more vulnerable on our roadways," said TxDOT Executive Director Marc Williams. "It's important for drivers to pay extra attention and look out for motorcycles — especially at intersections, when turning in front of oncoming traffic and while changing lanes. We all want to get home safe."

During May, which is Motorcycle Awareness Month, drivers are urged to observe these safety precautions:

Stay alert. Even a momentary distraction, such as answering a phone call or changing the radio sta-

tion, can have deadly consequences.

Pay special attention at intersections. That is where one-third of motorcycle fatalities occur.

Take extra care when making left turns. Always assume motorcycles are closer than they appear.

Stay back and maintain a safe following distance.

Slow down and observe posted speed limits.

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Edgar Bryant 1949-2023

Edgar Loyd Bryant of Springtown, Texas went to be with the Lord Wednesday, May 3, 2023.

Service is 10:30 a.m., Thursday, May 11, 2023, at New Hope Baptist Church with interment at Goshen Cemetery, Springtown, Texas. Visitation was 6 - 8 p.m., Wednesday, May 10, 2023, at Biggers Funeral Home.

Edgar was born February 5, 1949, to Loyd Lee Bryant and Kathryn Ruth Bryant.

Edgar worked as a self-employed contractor for Coleman Bright Ideas For Your Home building garden rooms, porch enclosures, and patio covers for 26 years. During this time, he also was a freelance artist who loved to sculpt and create bronzes. In his later years, he also turned his craft into woodworking.

As a master carpenter, he spent his retirement building furniture, home décor, and selling his crafts in local shows. The Lord gave Edgar an uncanny ability to create something beautiful out of nothing. He was a man that was passionate about the work he did, his values, and his family.

Edgar loved deeply; from being a faithful loving husband of 53 years to Ruth Bryant, to being the model father to his only son, Cody Laine Bryant. He enjoyed building toys for his grandchildren, Bleu Bryant and his "brat" Grace Bryant and watching them both play



baseball. He will forever be known as someone who exemplified the fruits of the Spirit and loved people with his kindness, patience, and generosity.

Edgar is preceded in death by his parents, Loyd Lee Bryant and Kathryn Ruth Bryant; brothers, Tony Roy Bryant, Daniel Morgan Bryant; and his sister, Barbara Joyce Byous.

He is survived by his wife of 53 years Dixie Ruth Bryant; son, Cody Laine Bryant and wife, Jaclyn LeeAnn Bryant; grandchildren, Bleu Augustus Bryant, Grace Annette Bryant, and his "fat dog" Brody; brothers, Billy Ray Bryant and wife, Jean, Jimmy Wayne Bryant and wife, Billie Jean; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

In lieu of flowers, the Bryant Family respectfully request supporters to donate to either the National Kidney Association or the American Heart Association.

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What Happens After Graduation is What Really Counts

FROM MY FRONT PORCH

By Sam Houston



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We are getting precariously close to the start of graduation season. Just another couple of weeks and our high school seniors will walk across the stage, receive their diploma, and move on to the next chapter of their lives. It is an exciting time for family and friends and sometimes a little overwhelming for graduates.

So many questions are directed at the graduates as to their "plans" for the future and it would seem the expectations of the world are laid at their doorstep. "Where are you going to school? What do you want to become?" These are questions we elders repeatedly throw into conversations with young people. After the first 100 or so inquiries, I can imagine some graduates might wish they should wear a sign around their neck declaring their intentions, to avoid yet another recitation.

Of course, the questions are asked with good intentions and genuine concern about the student, but why is there so much focus on a "plan"? Is it because society compels graduates to have a plan? Do we place pressure on graduates and imply they must know how they want to spend the rest of their life? Why is there such

a rush to decide? Is some of the concept of "the plan" to benefit parents, so they can tell their friends and family their child's lofty goals and receive affirmation they have done a good job as a parent?

I had ideas of what I wanted to do with my life when I graduated high school but thank goodness, I had a degree of self-awareness and on occasion, took the road less traveled. Instead of only doing what I knew would please my parents or fulfill the expectations of my inner circle of family and friends, I gave myself the gift of exploring the world around me and trying to find the place that was the best fit. Now nearly 50 years later, I still frequently take the road less traveled and will go to my grave happy I have done so.

But my choices are not the best choice for everyone. I do admire people who, for example, decide they want to be a veterinarian in the third grade. They study furiously

through high school and college to make the grade, enter vet school to get their advanced education, and then spend the next 40 to 50 years doing the task they have been trained in. Their lives must be uncomplicated because of their dedication to one purpose, and one goal. If such a person feels fulfilled and satisfied with their life choice, more power to them.

Alternatively, I have witnessed many people in life who spent years of time and a fortune in dollars to "become" something, and once they achieved their goal, did not really enjoy where they landed. Young people can become enamored with a vision or fantasy of their future, and when the reality of life comes to pass, they can find the dream did not fulfill them as they expected.

Life only happens once. We will all make at least a few poor "life choices" during our time on earth, but deci-

sions about careers are one of the major decisions in all of life — right up there with whom to marry and whether to have children. It is best to have eyes wide open and be as certain as possible on how to spend those precious hours that make up our lives.

Graduates, have a plan, but keep your options open. Look around and see if the vision of life you have imagined is truly the one you want to have. Every occupation has its rewards and its drawbacks. There will be challenges in every job, and you alone must determine if the challenges of a specific career are something you wish to face. Life is long. You will grow and learn as you gain experience. Do not be afraid to reconsider or change from your original "plan." Alternatively, don't be afraid to stick to a plan if it is what you truly wish for yourself. The grass is not always greener.

Thought for the day: "You can't connect the dots looking forward: you can only connect them looking backward. You must trust that the dots will somehow connect in your future." — Steve Jobs.

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By Gerry Lewis



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

"A conversation is a dialogue, not a monologue. That's why there are so few good conversations: Due to scarcity, two intelligent talkers seldom meet." - Truman Capote

"To get real diversity of thought, you need to find the people who genuinely hold different views and invite them into the conversation." - Adam Grant

"A man's character may be learned from the adjectives which he habitually uses in conversation." - Mark Twain

"A person isn't who they are during the last conversation you had with them - they're who they've been throughout your whole relationship." - Rainer Maria Rilke

"A single conversation across the table with a wise man is better than ten years mere study of books." - Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

"Silence is one of the great arts of conversation." - Marcus Tullius Cicero

If there's one thing that could change the divisive climate of our current culture, it might very well be a commitment to—and exercise of—healthy conversation.

What we tend to have more often is a preponderance of words, information, and opinion, but very little actual, beneficial learning.

Could it possibly be that we have never been taught the art of healthy conversation?

Yes, I said ART.

A conversation is not formulaic, though the components are real. That's the way art works.

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displayed through paint-by-numbers.

A symphony composer uses real notes—A, C#, E—created by sound frequencies and uses real measures like quarter notes and dotted sixteenths—but must arrange them into unique patterns with unique instrumentalizations to create the desired auditory outcome.

An artful conversationalist uses real components—words, emotions, silence, listening, empathy, opinion, respect, intellect, body language—but must constantly adjust in the moment to achieve the desired outcome of mutual understanding.

Over the next few weeks, I'm going to be writing about the art of taking WITH—not simply TO, AT, or OVER—another person. This will include conversations that happen online and IRL (in real life—doesn't that make me sound like I'm up to date on the current lingo? Of course, if one uses the term "lingo" that person might not be so up to date).

Because I am an opinion columnist and not an investigative journalist, that means that I'm going to be writing about what I believe to be true and beneficial based on my personal experiences (which includes dismal failures), observations, and study over 61 years of attempted communication.

Here's a good starting place by means of introduction: I know a lot. That's just the truth.

But the amount I know is infinitesimal compared to what there is to know. That means I need to approach this with humility, understanding that I have much to learn and many from whom I can learn.

Wouldn't that be an amazing approach to begin each conversation?

See you next week.

Be amazing today, my friend.

National Nurse's Week honors healthcare staff

ZACH FREEMAN
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National Nurse's week began on May 6 and will conclude May 12, on Florence Nightingale's birthday. National Nurse's Week began in 1982 after President Ronald Reagan issued a proclamation designating May 6 as National Recognition Day for Nurses.

"Nurses play a vital role in educating people in how to avoid illness and promote good health," The proclamation states. "Nurses are essential to every health care setting—in hospitals, nursing homes, ambulatory care centers, and patients' homes... The nurses of this country

deserve our gratitude for their personal and professional contributions to the improved health of American citizens."

The community of Azle is lucky to have the fine nursing staff of Texas Health Harris Methodist Hospital and other institutions to care for our sick, young, elderly and injured. For Texas Health staff, being there to help is a reward on its own.

"We choose to be nurses because we want to make a difference," Trauma, Stroke and Chest Pain Coordinator, Kristi Ramon said. "We don't just provide life-saving measures and medications; but also, education, a hug or just an attentive ear to listen."

Ramon describes the most rewarding part of being a nurse as, "knowing that you were able to make a difference, for someone, if even for a moment."

Acknowledging nursing staff for the critical work they do can make a world of difference in their day. "Provide us the same grace that we exhibit when caring for you or your loved one on your worst day," Ramon said. "Several years ago, here at Texas Health Azle, I received a Naval letter of appreciation while working in the Emergency Department. That 'Bravo Zulu' still hangs in my office."

"Florence Nightingale once said, 'Were there none who

were discontented with what they have, the world would never reach anything better.' We should continue to be unhappy with the world around us, for that is how we continue to make it better. We will not improve this world and our lives without working to improve every aspect of ourselves... I am always proud of the exemplary teamwork that goes on here at Texas Health Harris Methodist Hospital Azle," Ramon added.

Texas Health staff were present at Music in the Park on May 5 to spread awareness and provide information to the community. They will return to Music in the Park on June 2 and June 30.

Quilter's Guild of Parker County to meet next week

STAFF REPORTS

The Quilter's Guild of Parker County will meet in person and via Zoom on Thursday, May 18 for its monthly meeting.

This month Sally Brown will be presenting her program, "Every Quilt Has a Story." Brown has been quilting since she was a small child. She especially loves the fine art of hand applique and has won multiple awards, which include six Best of Show ribbons. Come and see many of Brown's quilts in person.

The meeting will take place at Lakeshore Drive Baptist Church, located at 200 S. Lakeshore Drive in Hudson Oaks. It will start at 6:45 p.m., but attendees are encouraged to come earlier to socialize. Visitors are welcome in-person and online. To join online, email your name and telephone number to qgpc2000@gmail.com.

To learn more about the guild, visit the website quiltersguildofparkercounty.org or find the guild on Facebook.



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Recently Sally Brown's Baltimore Album quilt (above) received the most prestigious award of Masterpiece Quilt from the National Association of Certified Quilt Judges.

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budget so they can make educated decisions.

As for his goals, Bas hopes to initiate a financial audit and build a community where people help each other, especially those experiencing hardship.

"Instead of tearing people down, let's build them back up, and let's help our neighbors," he said. "I think that's how the city is going to be able to grow is being able to trust our city and being able to help our city out."

Aside from White, results were split for the other two

city council incumbents running for re-election on May 6. Current Reno City Council Deputy Pro Tem Hernando Herrera won his race for Place 1 over Planning and Zoning Commission Pro-Tem Chairperson Jason Holden by 58 votes. Meanwhile, incumbent Council Mayor Pro Tem Kathleen "Katie" Tucker lost Place 4 to city council newcomer Jennifer Vogle by 62 votes.

Tod Siedell won the race for Reno City Council Place 2 over P&Z Chairperson Brian Schrader by 62 votes.

Vogle described the election results as a "win for every citizen that lives in Reno."

"I feel like we have an

amazing team that is honing and wants to work hard together with everyone to fix the problems that Reno has had," she said referring to the other candidates who won their races. "I know it's going to be a big challenge, but we are all dedicated to it."

In addition to sharing Bas's goal for a "solid budget," Vogle said her main priority is fixing Reno's water infrastructure. She said she has been educating herself on this issue and hopes to have a water company evaluate Reno's infrastructure to move forward with fixes.

"We're excited," Vogle said. "We just want to do a good job and listen to everybody."

Prior to the election, Vogle was one of three plaintiffs who sued White for not putting the topic of Reno's disincorporation on the ballot, which resulted from a discrepancy between parties about how many valid signatures were on the disincorporation petition to trigger an election. This issue did not end up on the ballot on May 6, but if it comes up again in the future, Vogle said she will not stop residents from being able to vote on the matter.

Herrera and Siedell did not return the Epigraph's requests for comment by press time.

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Ready Player Pojo

SHS esports club takes off this school year

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It started when a young Kaiden Eddington received a Nintendo Wii gaming console for his birthday and became infatuated with a racing game called Mario Kart.

Now, as a Springtown High School junior, Eddington plays on the Pojo Esports Valorant Team, turning his passion for gaming into a competitive sport.

Valorant is a first-person shooter video game that allows players to compete on teams.

"They're very fun," Eddington said about games like Valorant and Overwatch, another first-person shooter game. "You get a lot of adrenaline and joy, especially out of winning."

Eddington found out about the SHS esports team from computer science teacher Chris Walker and via the Pojo Tech Club.

Senior Kian Shallenberger also heard about the esports club through Walker and knew he wanted to join. After taking a break from it, Shallenberger picked up playing Overwatch during the pandemic and watched games from the Overwatch League, a group of professional Overwatch 2 esports players.

"I just started having fun with it again and then started wanting to play it more competitively because I started watching Overwatch League," Shallenberger said. "It was just interesting. There was so much more to the game than just playing it for fun."

Walker, who also serves as



Sophomores Joshua Martin and Dakota Miller play Rocket League, a game that asks what if soccer was played with cars, on the Pojo Esports Club.

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the esports coach, said students wanted to start Pojo Esports for about three years before it officially became a club in the fall. The coach imagined the club as a group for students who lacked school involvement.

"I want it to get some of the kids that don't necessarily

have something else they do, that aren't involved in other things, but give them something that they want to be involved in, build teamwork between the students and the different teams, show them sportsmanship and teamwork and camaraderie, as well as making sure they focus on keeping their grades up," Walker said.

Walker, who got into gaming when he was in middle school, coaches the students through certain parts of the games, and teaches them to work together and communicate.

"It'd be like if you have a football team and you've got the linemen, and you're telling them how to do their thing. You have the wide receivers, you tell them to do their thing, and then you're bringing them all together to work together to get to that one common goal," he said.

Since Pojo Esports Club was just established this school year, Shallenberger was only able to participate for this year as he will be soon graduating from SHS. But he's grateful for the time he did have in the club.

"I'm glad I'm at least doing it once instead of never,"



Springtown High School junior Kaiden Eddington plays on the Pojo Esports Club's Valorant Team, turning his passion for gaming into a competitive sport.

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Springtown High School senior Kian Shallenberger has enjoyed being part of the new Pojo Esports Club at SHS.

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Shallenberger said.

The senior and Overwatch 2 Team member has liked being part of something new at SHS.

"A lot of video games are not taken seriously, and it's cool that our school out of a lot of schools in Texas are actually wanting to try this," he said.

Eddington described the existence of a "stigma against

games that high schoolers play," he said. Some games that club members play, like Valorant, are rated "T" for teenage players and older by the Entertainment Software Rating Board because of features like violence, blood and language.

Eddington dismissed the notion that violent video

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Springtown celebrates National Day of Prayer

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Hilltop Family Church hosted a National Day of Prayer event in Springtown on the morning of May 4.

The event was attended by various leaders in the Springtown community, including those from Springtown ISD, city officials, the chamber of commerce and ministers.

National Day of Prayer in Springtown included a breakfast buffet, door prizes, music courtesy of Hilltop Family Church Worship Pastor Alf Evans, and a whole lot of praying.

A variety of pastors and

leaders prayed publicly during the event for people and institutions like national, state and local government, churches, families, the military, schools, news media, local businesses and first responders.

The keynote speaker of the event was Pastor John Ward, who preached to attendees about the importance of prayer. Ward is pastor of First Baptist Church Rising Star, which is west of Stephenville.

“Prayer is what makes the car go. It’s the gas in the car. It’s the gas to us in our life. We got to have prayer,” Ward said. “The only way things work out is through prayer, amen?”



Top right: Hilltop Family Church elder Brandon Conway prays for unity and “the lost” during National Day of Prayer in Springtown.

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Far left: First Baptist Church Rising Star Pastor John Ward preaches about the importance of prayer during Springtown’s National Day of Prayer event at Hilltop Family Church.

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Left: GracePointe Church Pastor Timothy McKeown prays for the media during the National Day of Prayer event at Hilltop Family Church.

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ESPORTS

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games lead to increased violence in players, particularly younger ones.

"Obviously, there are chances that that happens, but it's not because of video games," he said. "It's not like video games encourage that stuff."

Not all games played in the club include violence. For example, the club has a team for Rocket League, a game that asks what if soccer was played with cars and is rated "E" for everyone to play. Sophomore Joshua Martin is on that team and has enjoyed exploring the game.

"My favorite is the music, and then also like how thrilling the gameplay is," Martin said.

Sophomore Dakota Miller described the game as difficult to get used to. He said the most challenging aspect is scoring goals and trying not to get destroyed by other players.

Miller and Martin said they have learned that cooperation of the team is important for the gameplay of Rocket League.

"Supporting is one of the main roles in the game because if not for support, then it'll always be a close game," Miller said.

COMPETING IN ESPORTS

SHS Pojo Esports members in the Valorant, Overwatch 2 and Rocket League teams competed in the Texas Scholastic Esports Federation State Championship in April at the Esports Stadium in Arlington. Club members were also able to volunteer at the tournament and meet college recruiters as well as players from across the nation.

Prior to the state champion-



SHS's Pojo Esports Club competed at the TexSEF State Championships in late April.

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ship, Shallenberger said being in the right mindset is important for esports competitors. Before contests, team members will try to build each other up and remind themselves of how much they've practiced and prepared.

"I know that I'll mess up a lot if I'm not in the right mindset," he said. "I find at least being really positive, very extroverted, kind of just ready to play has better re-

sults when I play instead of just me being really serious and upset. And it's really important because then people get down if they lose, and they'll feel like they can't win, and it'll just make it harder to communicate with your team."

Walker has seen his players improve and take more initiative in practicing together. Part of playing well in competitions involves

staying healthy, a lesson the coach has tried to impress on players.

"You got to have some rest; you got to have good food in you; you got to be able to last," Walker said. "To play at those peak levels, it's very difficult to do and hold it there for an extended period of time. It's not just sitting down and playing games. Anybody can sit down and play games for long periods

of time but playing at the peak level where you're actually trying the best of your performance. It's like asking an athlete to go out and try and play the best game of their life right after another after another."

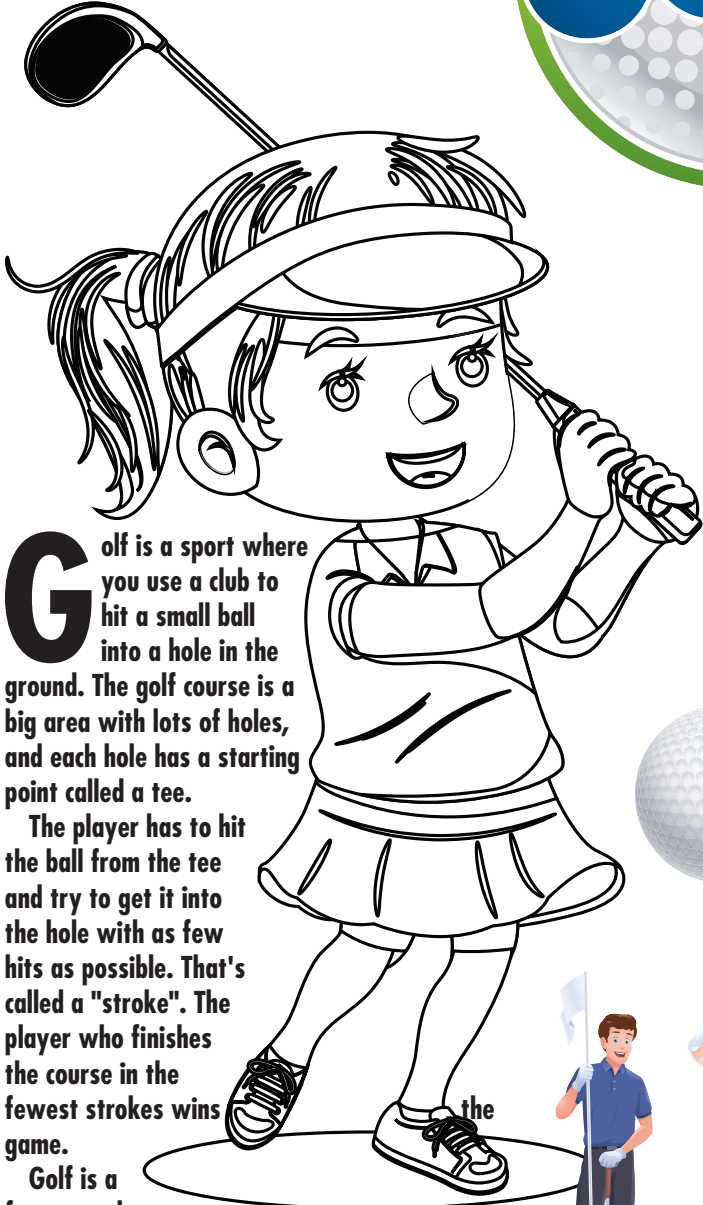
Eddington, who hopes to have a career as a game developer someday, encouraged members of the public who may not be familiar with esports to not be quick to as-

sume things about it.

"They should know that esports is just kids or sometimes adults in other leagues doing what they love," he said. "They shouldn't just judge it surface point without knowing anything about it."

To be a sponsor for Pojo Esports, contact Walker by email at cwalker@springtownisd.net for more information.

PORCUPINE PALS



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The player has to hit the ball from the tee and try to get it into the hole with as few hits as possible. That's called a "stroke". The player who finishes the course in the fewest strokes wins the game.

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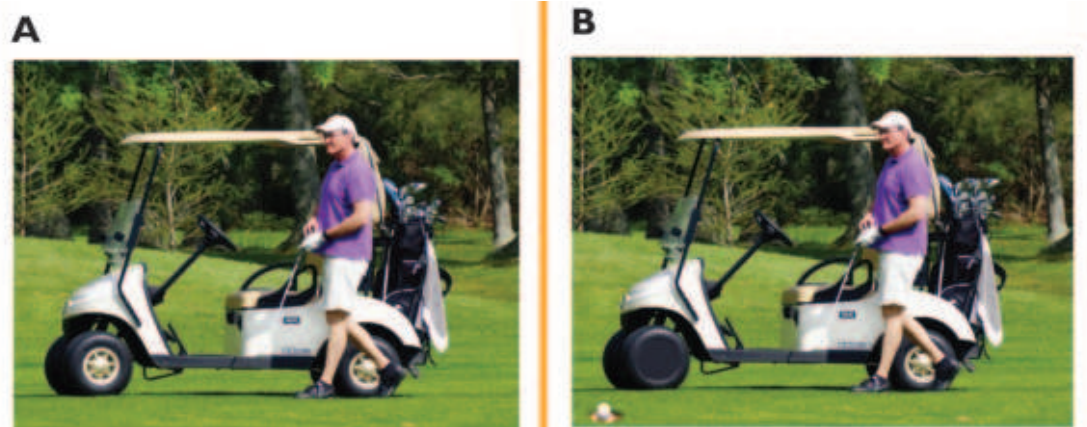
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Players try to douse head coach Colin Crawford after the game, but the coach ducked and avoided much of the icy water.

Springtown baseball to vie for area championship this weekend

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Springtown High School's baseball club won a bi-district championship and qualified for the area round of the playoffs.

If the Porcupines win the area (second round) championship series (May 11-13), they will tie the school record set last year for going farthest in the baseball playoffs.

Making it this deep into the postseason required beating Gainesville in a bi-district championship series, which the Porcupines accomplished in high-scoring fashion.

On May 4, Springtown traveled to Gainesville to take on

the Leopards and led 14-1 in the third inning when lightning suspended the action. The game was postponed until May 5 and resumed prior to game 2, which was scheduled at Porcupine Stadium.

On May 5, the Porcupines completed the postponed game and won 16-1 on the mercy rule in the fifth inning. Thirty minutes later, the two teams played again with similar results, with Springtown winning 13-2.

Springtown ace Brayden Fox was scheduled to pitch the second contest but was scratched just minutes before game time after experiencing back pain. Stepping in to fill his role as starting

pitcher was Jaden Norris, who typically enters games later as a reliever.

Gainesville jumped out to a 1-0 lead in the first inning. Norris' landing foot kept slipping on the pitcher's mound during throws. The footwork problem created control issues, and Norris allowed a run to score before settling into an effective routine.

Gainesville might have scored two runs that first inning except the Porcupine defense trapped a baserunner between third base and home plate and forced the third out.

"Let's get that one run

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Jaden Norris started in place of Brayden Fox and earned the pitching victory.



RIDE 'EM

Springtown ready to rodeo at upcoming finals

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Four members of the Springtown rodeo team have qualified to compete in the upcoming finals.

Sophomore Colton Phillips and juniors Delaney Harris, Henley Sears, and Shaye Winford earned the right to battle against the top rodeo athletes around.

The North Texas High School Rodeo Association Finals are set for May 19-20 at the NTHSRA Arena in Saginaw.

Earning a trip to the finals isn't easy. Only the top 15 contestants qualify in each event. Securing a spot requires competing against about 80 other teams, week after week during a grueling

season that stretches from August to May.

"I am extremely proud of all our members for their hard work and dedication this season," said team sponsor Staci Harris. "I was hopeful a few more would qualify but am excited for our future."

For the girls, Sears finished in eighth place among the all-around leaders, and Harris was close behind in 11th place.

Some of Springtown's qualifiers made the finals in multiple events, which is "so impressive," Harris said.

Sears qualified to compete in breakway, rideup goat tying, and walkup goat tying.

Harris will compete in walkup and rideup goats. She finished the season at no. 3 in rideup goats, but the horse she rode all season died of colic in April. Harris will ride a younger, less experienced horse in the finals but feels confident she can prevail.

Winford qualified in walkup goats and will be compet-

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Colton Phillips is one of four Springtown athletes who qualified to compete at the finals, set for May 19-20.

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Kate Mitchell, shown dancing with the Showstoppers as a junior, is team captain this year.

Let's Dance

Springtown Showstoppers field largest troupe yet; prepare for new season

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If the Springtown Showstoppers seem to make a bigger splash than usual during football halftime shows this season, your eyes aren't deceiving you.

More girls than ever before tried out for the team recently, and troupe director Jammie Horton expanded the roster to 25 dancers for the first time. Last year's team had 18 members.

"When the associate principal and I were looking at the scores and making the decision on where to make the cuts, it just made sense to go ahead and take the majority of the girls," Horton said.

Horton hesitated after saying "girls" and changed her word to "dancers."

Jason Patterson made the team and will become the Showstoppers' first full-time boy dancer. In 2011, a boy made the team as a hip-hop dancer and artist but didn't participate in the choreographed routines with the girls.

This year, Patterson, a senior, will make history with the dance group.

"Jason is prepared to do everything that's expected," Horton said. "He enjoys dancing. He is doing what the girls are doing."

Many of the girls are new to dancing. Last year, six of Horton's 18 dancers were seniors who have since graduated.

"We have a very large freshman class, and only about three of them were on the middle school team," Kate Mitchell, the newly appointed captain of the Showstoppers said. "I'm excited to help peo-

ple grow."

Mitchell, a senior, worked her way up the hierarchy during her years on the Showstoppers. She was president as a sophomore and co-captain as a junior. Her previous positions prepared her to be the top leader this year.

"Being president, I got to have a perspective of all of the different social organizational things like keeping track of merits, demerits, making all the parties, planning the banquet, and everything," she said. "Then, as co-captain last year, being underneath Regan (Burdick) gave me a lot of inspiration for how I want to lead the team this year. There are things she did last year that I never would have thought of, but I love them. I'm going to keep them. Being a part of that progression helped a lot for planning this year."

Her teaching style is focused on repetitions since this year's team includes many inexperienced dancers. During their breakdowns of dance routines, "it has helped us to go through the move over and over again and get those reps in," she said. "It's getting them on the same page that my returners are."

One of those returners is McKenzie Bratcher, who was appointed co-captain. Not many 14-year-old sophomores have reached that position. Last year was Bratcher's first on the team, and she was determined to do her best and impress.

"I worked really hard and put a lot of pressure on myself to push myself to bigger things," she said.

Bratcher earned Horton's trust because the dancer worked relentlessly to im-



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The 2023-24 Springtown Showstoppers dance troupe is the largest one yet. From left to right beginning on front row: Kayden Kenney, president; Kate Mitchell, captain; McKenzie Bratcher, co-captain, Saphira Drennan, vice president. Second row, Emma Rodriguez, Robbyn Aquino, Sarah Grazer, Rachel Smith, and Jason Patterson. Third row, Denise Pelton, Lily Rogers, Julie Griffin, Ray Strange. Fourth row, Beth Mitchell, Hailey Mays, Starla Askcraft, Hailey Wedlake, Leeyah Reyes, and Sara Slimp. Back row, Analise Garcia, Kennedy Barnes, Laci Schlotter, Anna Solis, Danielle Schlaepfer, Zumaya Gonzales, and Jaime Hughes. Not Pictured: Brooklyn Strahan

prove her routines.

"If maybe the captain was working with someone on this side, I'd look up, and McKenzie would be over there working on technique just on her own," Horton said. "She never sat down. She pushed herself a lot to improve until that technique was just spot-on. Plus, she's a great leader and a good student. She does well in her classes. She's just a well-rounded young lady."

Despite her youth, Bratcher helps her captain by being an enforcer when needed.

"I'm always there to be her right-hand man and to push and enforce everything that she has put out there to everyone," Bratcher said of Mitchell.

If troupe members are talking while Mitchell is explaining something, Bratcher will tell people to pipe down. That puts a sophomore in the position of bossing around older girls.

Bratcher is up to the task. "I'm there to enforce her rules and give her the help that she needs," she said.

Mitchell appreciates the help. In addition to being the Showstoppers captain and a top student, Mitchell is a member of the Marching Green Pride. Last year, she served as head drum major and plans to try out for that position again this year. If she succeeds, she will rely on Bratcher to take an even bigger role with the Showstoppers.

"She is really great, and she's worked really hard," Mitchell said of her co-captain. "In terms of leadership, she is just a natural born leader. Everyone is inclined to listen to her. It's nice to have an extra set of eyes to help me watch for things. Whenever I can't be there because I have a scheduling

conflict, she's there supporting all the time."

Horton is happy with all four of her titled leaders - Mitchell and Bratcher as captains, Kayden Kenney as president, and Saphira Drennan as vice-president.

Showstoppers practices began in April, and Kenney and Drennan planned a social event to help the new dancers meet everyone and feel at home. On April 26, prior to practice, dancers split up into small groups and played a game that involved asking and answering questions about one another.

Fun is fine, but the Showstoppers are mostly about hard work and personal responsibility. Horton insists on weekly tryouts, something she implemented last year. Her dancers must prove they learned their dance routines and performed well in class. Anyone who hasn't kept up is forced to miss that week's performances and try out again the next week.

"They have to work hard weekly to be on the floor," Horton said. "If they are not where they need to be, they'll be on the sidelines and continue to practice."

Adding additional dancers comes with added financial responsibility. Horton will turn to the public for help, counting on people to ap-

preciate the dance troupe's tradition and long history of success.

"Hopefully the community will have open arms and say, 'Yes, I'm glad you took all these girls, and we will help you out financially,' because we'll have to have a few more uniforms," Horton said.

Here is the complete list of the 2023-24 SHS Showstoppers in alphabetical order:

- Robbyn Aquino
- Starla Ashcraft
- Kennedy Barnes
- McKenzie Bratcher - co-captain
- Saphira Drennan - vice president
- Analise Garcia
- Zumaya Gonzalez
- Sarah Grazer
- Julie Griffin
- Jaime Hughes
- Kayden Kenney - president
- Hailey Mays
- Kate Mitchell - captain
- Jason Patterson
- Denise Pelton
- Leeyah Reyes
- Emma Rodriguez
- Lily Rogers
- Danielle Schlaepfer
- Laci Schlotter
- Rachel Smith
- Anna Solis
- Brooklyn Strahan
- Raye Strange
- Hailey Wedlake

MANAGERS:

- Beth Mitchell
- Sara Slimp



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From left, Emma Rodriguez and Danielle Schlaepfer learn more about one another during a social game before practice.

BASEBALL

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back, and then we'll double it, triple it, quadruple it!" a Springtown player hollered in the dugout.

He should have kept going with his estimations. Springtown ended up sextupling Gainesville's final score.

The reliever felt relief after finishing his unexpected turn in the starting rotation.

"Fox was down in the bullpen to see how his arm felt, and he wasn't feeling good, so they put me in," Norris said. "I came in and did my job. I had a little bit of butterflies, but as soon as I got the first inning done, I was fine from there, especially when we caught the lead."

Springtown tied the game in the first inning and took the lead a short time later.

Norris has kept himself prepared all season. When head coach Colin Crawford called his number, he was ready.

"I've been a pretty solid reliever," Norris said. "Then I started tonight, which was unexpected, but I took care of it. It wasn't my best, but it was good enough to do the job."

He looked forward to trying again this weekend against Glen Rose in the area round of the playoffs.

"I feel like we can go a long way with this team, get some good stuff done, maybe make some school history," he said.

Carson Cox, the Porcupine shortstop who takes eye blacking to an artistic level, spent part of the pre-game helping teammates prepare their faces for the sun. He used a grease pen, which helps deflect sun rays. The teammates laughed and joked around while waiting for the game to start.

Once the action began, the Porcupines made it clear they would prevail. Cox served as the closer on the mound, mowing down the Leopards in the final inning.

"It feels great," he said afterward. "I came out here with a bunch of guys that are all good teammates, and everybody did their part today. We have a strong team and a good matchup next week, whoever we play."

All that's left to do is win that series, make school history, and keep on going.

"We're going to have to get to work and reset for the next game," Cox said.

Fox wasn't happy about be-



Todd Smith blows a bubble while waiting for the game to begin.

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ing unable to pitch on May 5, but he accepted his fate and cheered on his teammates from the dugout. He hoped the extra rest would help to heal his sore back.

"I've had problems with my back for the last couple of weeks," he said. "After I went to warm up in the bullpen, Coach Crawford could tell it was bothering me. He decided it wasn't worth me trying to tough it out."

Fox had hoped to play second base, but he said, "I guess it's better that I got a full break."

He expects to pitch against Glen Rose in the area round. Glen Rose finished the season in third place in District 6-4A with an 8-4 district record. The two teams appear evenly matched on paper, although Springtown won its district with a 9-1 record. Both teams are about the same level in Texas high school rankings by MaxPreps.

Fox believes his team will succeed.

"We should be even better next week," he said. "Hopefully, I'll be back and will be able to help a little bit. The guys out there did just fine. I think we can go even further than we did last year."

Fox ran track for the first time this year, with the two sports seasons overlapping. His physical workload has been heavy, and his body felt the strain.

"All the track workouts and track meets and having to balance track and baseball just hurt my back," Fox said.

He has no regrets. He enjoyed track. In April, he ran on the 4x200-meter relay team that set a school record. A week later, his baseball team won a district championship for the first time in school history.

Fox has another school record in his sights. He hopes to win the area championship this weekend, tie the school record, go on to the regional quarterfinals, win that series, and set a new school record.



Carson Cox is the king of eyeblack.

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Trenton Solis has eyeblack applied before the game.

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Aaron Tidwell has his eyeblack applied by Carson Cox.

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RODEO

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ing against Sears and Harris during the finals.

Colton Phillips will be riding bulls after finishing the season as the fifth-ranked cowboy in the event.

These four athletes relied

on self-determination and work ethic to reach their goals. In rodeo, unlike other high school sports, kids tend to practice individually rather than as a team.

"Lots of practice is what it takes to succeed in anything," Harris said. "Rodeo is no different. We don't have team practices, but each member puts in hours each week

working to improve their times, scores, and skills."

A strong work ethic, time management, and a solid support system are just a few of the things that help athletes compete in more than 20 rodeos in about eight months. That's not counting other associations and outside rodeos each member may pursue.

"It can be mentally and physically exhausting for the athletes and their families," Harris said.

The winners at the finals earn various bounty. The top 6 finishers in each event — after points from finals are added to their year-end totals — receive a belt buckle at an awards ceremony after the second round of finals

on May 20. In addition, the winner of each event wins a saddle and money.

The future looks upbeat for Springtown's team. This year's roster had 15 members, and none were seniors. One member was home-schooled and will be graduating early, but that leaves the other 14 poised to return next year with more

experience.

"I am hopeful that the rest return and that we can recruit some new members for the next season," she said.

The rodeo finals are set for May 19-20 at the North Texas High School Rodeo Association Arena in Saginaw.

Congratulations to Porcupine Baseball!

The Springtown Porcupines lost almost every starting player to graduation last year, but this year's crop of players proved they are every bit as talented and hard working. The Pines battled their way back to the playoffs and will play Gainesville in the area championship baseball series this week. If Springtown wins, they'll tie last year's record-setting team for traveling farthest in the playoffs.



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16 "_____ finger" (done easily)

19 TX Willingham film: "Of _____ Men"

21 woodworking "joint"

22 "simple _____ with no laces"

27 TXism: "_____ sheared like a spring lamb" (swindled)

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29 "_____ alone" (did not bother)

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1 TXism: "_____ pilot" (preacher)

2 in Taylor County on highway 84

3 TXism: "his facts are _____" (liar)

4 TXism: "_____ to eye" (agreeing)

8 TX Tanya's "Texas When _____"

9 TX B.J. Thomas sang song from "Butch Cassidy _____ Kid"

10 TX Ginger's dance partner, Fred (init.)

11 RV gas (abbr.)

12 Texas-born Gene Autry wrote "Here _____ Claus"

13 TXism: "_____ ain't true, there ain't a cow in Texas"

14 director Preminger

15 intense feelings

16 winter flurries rarely seen in the Rio Grande Valley

17 units of electrical inductance

18 constructs a building

20 Tommie of 1990

22 MLB leag. of Astros and Rangers

23 Texas A&M confer.

24 TXism: "tight as a cinch on _____ horse"

25 TXism: "pull yourself up by the boot _____" (recover)

26 Nazi leader

28 television station in Texarkana

31 "I smell _____" (suspect betrayal)

34 TX Preston Jones' "_____ Ann Hampton Laverly Oberlander"

35 large primate

37 TX Don Henley had a lot of these with the Eagles

40 a Texas Gatlin

43 TXism: "plain as the _____ on a mule"

44 in Upshur County on FM 450 (2 wds.)

50 Santa _____

51 she was "The Big Valley's" Audra (init.)



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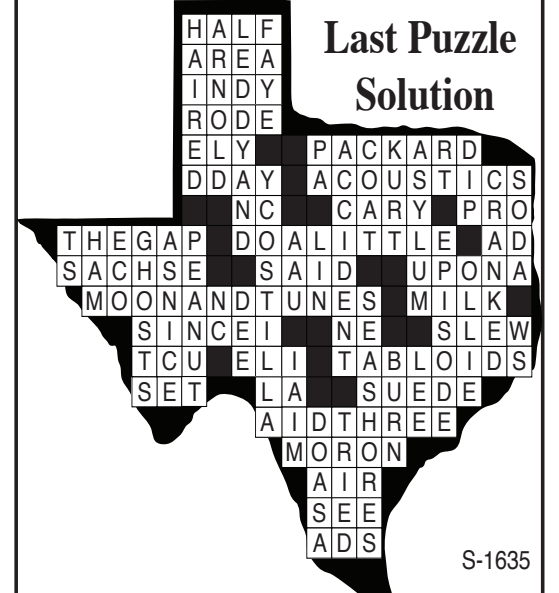


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