

Future anthropologist, politician named SHS's valedictorian, salutatorian

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This year's valedictorian and salutatorian of Springtown High School's Class of 2023 are shooting for the stars.

Valedictorian Regan Burdick wants to travel the world to study various cultures as an anthropologist, and Salutatorian Chandler King has his eye on the president's seat in the White House.

Burdick said she has put plenty of work into her studies to achieve valedictorian status as well as had the help of people supporting her along the way.

"I've had really good teachers and my parents, they've all supported me and

really made sure that I get the right education and the time to excel," she said. "I would say that I'm also pretty hard-working. I put in a lot of effort to get the grades that I do."

Burdick said she applied the same work ethic to her athletic capabilities as she did with her academics. Though Burdick is known for leading the Showstoppers dance team this past year, she said she wasn't a good dancer when she joined the team as a freshman. Time and practice changed that.

"I remember going to practices my freshman year, and those would be like two hours long. And then I would go back home for another hour and a half and practice the technique and the cho-

reography that we went over because I wasn't that great," Burdick said. "So, I needed to put in that extra work to really improve myself."

Burdick's hard work has also led to her graduating high school with her associate degree. She said she was inspired by her sister to take dual credit classes, and she has enjoyed the thought-provoking nature of these classes, particularly ones related to literature and writing.

"I think it's both the topics that we cover and the discussion and mental challenge that comes with it," Burdick said about why she enjoys her dual credit classes. "It's a lot less like assignments and worksheets and more like,

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SHS seniors Regan Burdick and Chandler King are the valedictorian and salutatorian, respectively, of Springtown High School's Class of 2023.

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These two papers will combine to provide coverage across Parker, Tarrant and parts of Wise County

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Starting the week of June 5, the award-winning Azle News and the Springtown Epigraph will merge into a single newspaper named

"The Tri-County Reporter." The union means Azle and Springtown residents will begin receiving a more complete newspaper with a wider range of coverage from across both communities and the surrounding area. The staff of both

papers will join the new entity, and the balanced, fair-minded reporting for which the Azle News and Springtown Epigraph have based their reputation, shall be maintained.

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The Azle News and Springtown Epigraph staff members will continue to bring great community journalism to your hometown under The Tri-County Reporter. Pictured (back, from left) Jeff Prince, Kimmy Dorado, Yvette Powell Marin, Kim Ware, Madelyn Edwards, and Jennifer Harrison; (front, from left) Jessica McKinney, Zach Freeman, and Lora Paschal.

Neighbor to Neighbors benefit concert cancelled

Proceeds would have paid for electrical repairs

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Springtown's food pantry Neighbor to Neighbors cancelled its benefit concert that would have raised money for electrical repairs to the pantry's building.

Earlier this year, Neighbor to Neighbors Board President James Heil told the Epigraph about plans to host a benefit concert headlined by singer-songwriter Mitch McVicker on May 25. However, the concert was cancelled because of

a lack of event sponsors. Heil said the board believed the reason there were no sponsors is because potential backers are having a difficult time rebounding from the financial stress of the COVID-19 pandemic. "(We) figured we'd give folks a little more time to recover from all their losses, and hopefully in a year or two, we can go at it again, and we'll just make do until then," he said. Heil wanted to raise about \$8,000 to \$10,000 from

the concert to pay for the electrical repairs. He previously said the Neighbor to Neighbors building at 413 S. Main St. was not built with the electrical capacity for a food pantry that needs multiple refrigerators and freezers. This problem is exacerbated in the summer when the air conditioning is running. The board president said the breakers would turn off last summer and cause the food pantry to lose power to some of the freezers or refrigerators.

"It's hard because I want to get the building fixed because people are in there working their tails off trying to provide food for folks, and we can't run all the freezers so that means we can't store all the food that we could possibly get," Heil said about cancelling the concert. "It's frustrating, but is what it is, and there's a reason for everything." Heil praised the hard work of volunteers at Neighbor to Neighbors who continue to help serve people

in need even in unideal circumstances. "They all work well together, and they make things happen," he said. "Even when it may not be the best situation, they're making it happen, so I appreciate them." Neighbor to Neighbors does take donations from folks to continue operating. Anyone wanting to donate can drop by the food pantry or call 817-523-6095 for more information. "Every little bit helps," Heil said. "No donations are too small."



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Mayor Megg Galloway, who is planning on passing on the torch, welcomed new aldermen and alderwomen during a May 9 meeting



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Springtown Council to consider zoning, annexation of proposed 145-lot subdivision

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P&Z recommended approval of zoning

The Springtown City Council is expected to consider a development agreement, zoning change, and annexation of a property intended for a 145-lot subdivision at a future meeting.

On May 4, Springtown's Planning and Zoning Commission advanced a recommendation for a zoning change to the city council that will allow for a new subdivision north of Walnut Creek Drive and west of Williams-Ward Road.

The P&Z recommended approval of changing the zoning on the 34.392-acre property from Single Family 1 to Single Family 2, which would allow lots to be smaller than

SF-1's minimum of 10,000 square feet. The subdivision's density would be about four homes per acre, and lots could range between 7,500 square feet and 8,875 square feet, according to the agenda background document. The subdivision would include an extension and expansion of Fifth Street as well.

Don Sneed of DSCI, Inc. wants to annex the land into the city limits, but according to the city's ordinances, annexed property is supposed to be immediately zoned as Single Family 1. Sneed is requesting that city officials agree to a Development Agreement, which would

confirm zoning before the property is annexed. If the city council does not approve the agreement and zoning, then Sneed is expected to withdraw the annexation petition, and he can pursue another development plan in the county.

Two neighbors of the potential subdivision addressed the P&Z with a few concerns, including about drainage of rainwater.

Springtown Director of Administrative Services Christina Derr said during the meeting that drainage issues would be discussed with engineers during the platting process.

"The city does take precau-

tions to make sure that you as a neighboring property owner are not going to face some adverse impacts from any changes to the natural force of drainage on that property," Derr said.

Furthermore, Sneed said rainwater already flows into the pond on the proposed development site, and he would work with neighbors to enhance the drainage.

P&Z member Kristi Bailey expressed concerns about how the density of the subdivision would affect Williams-Ward Road and asked if striping or widening the road would be a possibility.

"I personally don't have a

problem with a development there. It's just the density is what is the concern," Bailey said during the meeting.

Derr said the subdivision would have to generate a certain number of trips per day for there to be a traffic impact analysis done, and that study would recommend roadway improvements. She also said Williams-Ward Road is a county road north of Walnut Creek Drive, and therefore, the city doesn't have the authority to adjust it.

Bailey was the only P&Z member that voted to oppose the zoning change for this potential subdivision.

Also during the May 4

meeting, P&Z recommended approval to the city council of a zoning change to allow for a 56-unit apartment complex near Springtown Park.

The 4.564-acre property north of Martin Avenue and west of Hilltop Drive is currently zoned as Public, even though the property has been privately owned for years, and the P&Z recommended the zoning be changed to Multifamily. The apartment complex would consist of three buildings — two two-story structures with 16 units each and one three-story building to house 24 units.

The complex would include 180 parking spots with eight accessible ones and some public parking on the north end for Springtown Park visitors.

MERGER

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"That's one of our goals in this merger," publisher Kim Ware said. "We hope that the unification of our two newspapers can help bring residents from across the Tarrant, Parker and Wise County areas closer together by fostering a shared sense

of community and identity. We want to be our readers' destination for local news."

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ism in our changing media landscape.

"The Tri-County Reporter staff are excited to continue serving all our valued subscribers and readers as always," Ware said. "We look forward to seeing the many benefits consumers and advertisers can utilize with a bigger, more cohesive newspaper."

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In the Matter of the Estate of Priscilla Irene Andrews, Deceased Arlene Mary Castillo, Applicant, filed in the County Court of Parker County, Texas, on April 10, 2023 an Application for Probate of Will as Muniment of Title in Cause No. 23P153, styled In the Matter of the Estate of Priscilla Irene Andrews, Deceased, which is now pending on the probate docket of said Court. Said application and any opposition will be heard and acted upon by said Court after 10 o'clock A.M. on the first Monday next after the expiration of ten (10) days from date of publication of this citation, at the Courthouse, One Courthouse Square, Weatherford Texas, 76086 in Parker County, Texas. You are hereby cited to appear before said Honorable Court by filing a written contest or answer to the Application before the above stated time and date should you desire to do so. To ensure its consideration, any objection, intervention, or response must be filed in writing with the County Clerk of Parker County, Texas, on or before the above-noted date and time. Given under my hand and the seal of said Court on 18th day of April, 2023. Applicant(s) Attorney: Soraya Joslin PO Box 1267 Weatherford TX 76086 817-599-7005

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The City of Springtown will conduct a public hearing on May 25, 2023 at 7 p.m. Springtown Courthouse Annex Building, located at 200 North Main Street, Springtown, Texas, 76082, to consider the annexation of the following real property into the corporate limits of the City, at the request of the property owner:

BEING a 34.392 acres tract of land out of the Valentine Yoakum Survey, Abstract No. 1691, Parker County, Texas. A depiction of the area proposed for annexation is available at City Hall, 102 East Second Street, Springtown, Texas 76082 and is posted on the City's website.

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Before A Word Is Spoken

This week's post is the second in a series of thoughts on the art of healthy conversation.

If you read last week's post, you knew this was coming. (If not, you can find it at <https://drgerrylewis.com/lets-talk/>)

Here's a simple summary: whether we're talking digitally or in person, healthy conversation is the art of talking WITH, not simply TO, AT, or OVER another person.

In my biased-but-correct (and humble-ish) opinion, there are two components needed in a healthy conversation before the first word is ever spoken.

First of all, we have to believe that conversation (talk-



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By Gerry Lewis

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ing WITH another person) is a worthwhile pursuit.

If I'm convinced that my take on a particular subject is the only valid position, then I'm really not interested in a conversation. All I really need is an audience and a platform.

Just be quiet and listen to me!

I'll tell you what you need to know, what you should believe, and what you must

do. There's no reason for you to waste my time by trying to give me your perspective.

I confess that, as someone who has spent the past 35 years as a preacher/speaker/advisor/consultant, this can easily be an occupational hazard.

When I'm among my preacher friends, I often joke that we are experts at answering questions no one is asking!

Could it be that we think we know better than them what questions they should be asking?

I'm going to let you in on a dirty little secret that I've discovered—the more insecure the speaker is, the less they are really interested in dialogue.

Some of the most fearfully insecure people masquerade as arrogant know-it-alls.

So, if we're going to really lean into the pursuit of healthy conversation, we are really going to have to determine that it's worth it.

The second necessary component we need before a word is ever spoken goes deeper than the belief that

conversation as a concept is a worthwhile pursuit.

We have to believe that the people with whom we will converse have inherent value.

A person's value in conversation is not determined by how much they agree with me.

In fact, the greatest value that they bring to the conversation may very well be the precise area in which our opinions are most divergent.

If I'm willing to believe that I don't know everything there is to know, that I can learn something from every situation, and that every person with whom I interact has a perspective worth a respectful hearing, I open myself

up to receiving more than I contribute to almost any conversation.

It is my firm belief that this approach—positioning ourselves as willing and eager learners—can launch us into healthier conversation environments before a word is ever spoken. And it can work for anyone.

As a person of faith, I also believe that every person is created in the image of God and matters to God.

The art of healthy conversation starts with how we look at people.

More next week.

Be amazing today, my friend.

House passes Rogers' bill to create regional utility authority

Approval needed from Senate, governor for bill to become law

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The Texas House of Representatives passed State Rep. Glenn Rogers' bill to create the Cross Timbers Regional Utility Authority, which would regionalize planning for water resources and infrastructure.

House Bill 5406 was advanced by the House's Natural Resources Committee, of which Rogers is a member, and was approved on the House floor last week.

It is unclear whether the bill will pass the Senate committee and full Senate by the end of the legislative session on

May 29. If it is advanced to the governor's desk by then, Gov. Greg Abbott will have until June 18 to sign or veto the bill.

The Cross Timbers Regional Utility Authority's territory would be Parker, Palo Pinto and Stephens counties, and it would be governed by a board of directors with seven members, according to HB 5406. These directors would be appointed by the three counties' commissioners' courts as well as Mineral Wells City Council. Terms for the directors would last for four years, and directors would not be allowed to serve more than two terms.

This utility authority would have the power to obtain and use property, to acquire, develop and use rights to groundwater or surface water, to carry out eminent domain - unless the bill is passed by less than two-thirds of members in each chamber - and to enter contracts with people or political subdivisions.

The utility authority would not be able to impose a tax. It would issue revenue bonds, which pay for projects that produce income, to fulfill its powers, obligations, and functions.

"In an effort to protect our precious water and its availability, our team has crafted

legislation to create the Cross Timbers Regional Utility Authority," Rogers said in a column he wrote. "This multi-county board (made up by members appointed by elected county and city officials) will coordinate water conservation and procurement efforts for the region. This will save time and decrease costs by eliminating duplication of effort, identifying opportunities for cooperation, and leveraging economies of scale."

Rogers said in his column that regional authorities have a better chance of getting funding from agencies like the Texas Water Development Board. He also said the regional authorities

can help smaller water utilities "with the technical and financial expertise needed to gain compliance and funding."

Rogers said HB 5406 has the support of the commissioners' courts in Stephens, Palo Pinto, and Parker counties, as well as other municipalities, water districts, political groups, economic development corporations and chambers of commerce.

"Our communities are rapidly growing, and our prosperity depends on water availability," he said. "In the past decade, two droughts severely strained our water resources. If a solution is not implemented, the water

restrictions that are in place now will only become more severe. Abundant, dependable, safe water is a legacy we owe to our children and grandchildren. Establishing the Cross Timbers Regional Utility Authority is a responsible first step in creating the plans and obtaining the funding to make sure future water supplies are available to meet future water demands."

If passed into law, HB 5406 would go into effect on Sept. 1, and the appointing authorities would have 45 days to assign directors.

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Springtown Council approves variance for signage on 35-foot car wash tower

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Springtown City Council narrowly granted a variance request that will allow an incoming car wash on State Highway 199 to install lighted signage at the top of a 35-foot tower.

Cascade Ventures partner Patrick McCaffrey appeared before council on May 9 to represent the under-construction Slappy's Express Car Wash located at 305 W. SH 199 and ask that the car

wash be allowed to vary from the city's sign ordinance.

According to the council's agenda background information, the city allows structures to be built up to 50 feet high but limits wall signage to no more than 20 feet high. The plans for the car wash include a 35-foot tower, and as such, any signage on this tower would have to be installed on the lower part of the building per the current ordinance.

McCaffrey said during the meeting that this change "will help with the building aesthet-

ics and the visibility and also help with customers recognizing (the) building and being able to utilize the car wash."

Slappy's Express Car Wash is expected to have wall signs on the north, west and east sides of its tower, all of which are expected to be illuminated. The signs are expected to be placed at a minimum of 23 feet high, with one of a penguin being as tall as 31 feet. McCaffrey said during the meeting that this design is consistent with other locations that are under

construction.

Council member Michele Chandler Kelley asked about how the lit-up signage would affect the residential properties that neighbor the incoming car wash. McCaffrey said raising the lighted signs would decrease the chances of them shining through people's windows.

McCaffrey also brought up in the meeting that some of the residential properties nearby are zoned as highway commercial, meaning the city plans for those proper-

ties to eventually become commercial.

When approving the variance, council decided to allow the wall signs to be lit up between 6 a.m. and 10 p.m., two hours before and after the car wash opens and closes and turned off the rest of the time.

Chandler Kelley, who voted to disapprove of the variance along with Mayor Pro Tem Richelle Pruitt, noted that the car wash is also expected to include a pole sign that is comparable to the height of the tower.

"That's like doubling up on the signage to me," Chandler Kelley said. "You've got a pole sign that's double sided, and then the same information on the building on three sides. That's kind of overkill."

To avoid this kind of discrepancy in the future, city staff plans on recommending to the council that the sign ordinance be changed so that the maximum building height will be more in line with the maximum wall signage height in areas zoned C-2 for highway commercial.

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"What do you think of this?" or "What did they mean by this?" It's more thought based than a lot of the high school classes I've taken, and I think you get a lot more opinions during it and just more thoughts. It's more creative in my opinion, and I really enjoy that."

Balancing school, dance and her other activities can be stressful, but Burdick said she has managed to stay organized thanks to her trusty planner as well as balance work and play.

"There are days where I'm very overwhelmed, but I just

make sure that I'm staying on top of things and making room to have fun with friends still," she said. "If you're not having fun at all, then you're going to be miserable."

Moving into her future, Burdick plans to study anthropology at the University of Texas at Austin. She has thought of pursuing a career as an anthropological journalist, meaning she would travel the world to study people and share her findings.

"I used to live in Japan because my dad was in the military. That was really interesting because they have such a rich culture over there," she said. "I just kind of enjoyed studying people, their cultures and the differences between us."

Burdick especially wants to travel to Germany, Greece, and Italy as well as return to Japan.

Graduating high school means Burdick will have to say goodbye to her classmates and friends, especially her fellow Showstoppers. She said she has made a lot of memories being on the dance team from performing at football games, competing, and spending hours in rehearsals.

"All those girls are like little sisters to me, and so to lose a bit of touch with them will be a little sad," she said.

PRESIDENT KING

King, who plans to attend George Washington University to study political science, said he has always

had a high level of ambition that was cultivated by his parents.

"It's been instilled in me since I was little by my parents to always shoot for the stars, go as far as you can go, do the best that you can," he said. "I just always carry that with me and want to make sure that I do the best that I can and reach for my dreams."

King's interest in politics began with the 2016 presidential election, which is when he started paying attention to current events.

"That's whenever my parents started to get me and my little brother into the news to start seeing what was going on," he said. "And since then, I just thought that the world

is such a crazy place, and there's so many problems that I want to try to help fix them, be the solution to the problem."

Nowadays, King is a self-described "news junkie."

"I think that all of us should be informed of what's going on in the world so that we are aware of all the issues and problems that are happening all around us," he said. "So that way, we can try to be the solution for it, whether it's going out and protesting or going out to vote."

King said he enjoyed the clubs and activities he was able to participate in at Springtown High School - including UIL, National Honor Society and Student Council - and will carry the memories

of the experiences he had and the people he met into the future.

Both the valedictorian and salutatorian are expected to make a speech at graduation. As she prepares for her speech, Burdick said she is wishing the best for the Class of 2023.

"I hope that they do well in whatever path they're going to, like college or trade school or military," she said. "I hope that all of them do well and achieve their dreams or get the jobs they want."

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OBITUARIES

Doyle Spurlin 1943 - 2023

Doyle L. Spurlin, 79, passed away at home in Lakeside, Texas following an illness.

Celebration of Life is at 11:00 a.m. Friday, May 19, 2023, at First Baptist Church Lakeside, 8801 Jacksboro Hwy., Fort Worth, Texas 76135. Pastor Dr. Jim Brewer will officiate.

Doyle was born in Jeana, Louisiana to Edward and Christine Parks Spurlin. He was raised in Springtown, Texas.

Doyle was a Vietnam Veteran and went into the United States Navy in 1960. He served four tours, including Vietnam until 1966. Following the navy in 1978, he was self-employed and went into the Fire Safety Supply business with his brother Bob, Fire & Safety Equipment Company. Then in 1980 he and his wife opened their own company, BM Fire & Supply. They retired in 1989. Doyle has been a member of First Baptist Church Lakeside for 24 years.

He was preceded in death by his son, Jay D. Alexander; mother, Christine Parks Carroll; stepdad, William "Chief" Carroll; father, Edward Spurlin; brothers, Bill Spurlin, Bob Spurlin, and sister, Joyce.

Doyle is survived by his loving wife of 41 years, Janet Spurlin; daughter, Jaime Spurlin Doremus and husband, Jimmy Doremus of



Springtown, daughter, Jana Alexander Shue of Paradise, son, Joe A. Alexander of Dallas, daughter-in-law, Janice Alexander of El Paso; grandchildren, Leisha Mazanec and husband, Jason of Paradise, Brandon Shue of Paradise, Joseph Doremus and wife, Danielle of Fort Worth, Jordan Doremus and wife, Traci Doremus of Springtown, Jayson Alexander and wife, Maggie of Fort Worth, Jackson Alexander and wife, Sarah of San Antonio, and Maggie Locklear and husband, Ty of Fairhope, Alabama; great-grandchildren, Benjamin Doremus of Fort Worth, Hudson Mazanec of Paradise, Jocelyne Locklear of Fairhope, Alabama, Paislee Heath of Springtown; and numerous cousins, other family members and friends.

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Peggy Butts 1940-2023

Peggy Joyce Butts, 83, went to be with the Lord on May 12, 2023.

Services were held from 1 to 3 p.m. on Wednesday, May 17, 2023, at Alpine Funeral Home in Fort Worth, Texas.

Peggy was born on May 1, 1940.

She is survived by her three sons, Larry, William, and

David; daughters-in-law Hye Chong and Pamela; grandchildren, Chin Young, Hattie, Erin and Sinjin; cousins Terry, Teresa, Wendy and Gwen.

She will be missed by all who knew her.

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Michael Mays 1944-2023

Michael Williams Mays, 79, passed from this life May 10, 2023 surrounded by his loving family.

Celebration of Life is 3 p.m. Friday, May 19 at First Baptist-Springtown. The family will receive friends starting at 2 p.m. at the church.

In lieu of flowers, the Family requests tributes be made to the Alzheimer's Association; 1111 Summit Avenue Fort Worth, Texas 76102, 800-272-3900.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers.

Michael is survived by his wife of 57 years, Jo Anna; daughters, Tammy Mays and Kimberly Cooper-Sherman; son-in-law Louis Sherman;



grandson, Michael Cooper; sister, Suzanne Mays; sister-in-law, Lana Mock; niece, Erin Parker; nephew, Tyler Mays; two great-nieces and one great-nephew.

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Springtown's annual Memorial Day ceremony to take place May 27



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Parker County Young Marines presented the colors at Springtown's Memorial Day ceremony last year. The Young Marines are expected to participate in this year's ceremony as well, which will take place at 10 a.m. May 27 at Veteran's Memorial Park.

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Springtown will do its part to recognize Memorial Day and honor those who died while serving in the military with a ceremony on Saturday, May 27.

This annual city event will take place at 10 a.m. at Veteran's Memorial Park, which is located off Lake Drive.

Kenneth Jensen, Springtown P&Z chairman and veteran, will give the keynote speech at the event,

and Council member Ted Martinez will recognize veterans and their families.

Local youth groups are also expected to participate in the event. Springtown's 4-H Club will lead the Pledge of Allegiance, and the Parker County Young Marines will

present and lower the colors.

According to the city's website, people are encouraged to attend this ceremony and "remember those individuals who have given their life in sacrifice to our country."

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Fort Hood renamed after Korean, Vietnam war hero; state rep expelled from Texas House

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Fort Cavazos is the Army's largest armored, active-duty military installation, according to a report in the Austin American-Statesman. It is one of nine that are being renamed around the country, based on recommendations from a naming committee commissioned by Congress to remove the names, symbols and displays that honor the Confederacy.

Cavazos was widely decorated for his service during the Korean and Vietnam wars, receiving two Distinguished Service Cross medals during his military career. He died in 2017 at 88.

STATE REP EXPELLED FROM TEXAS HOUSE

The Texas House voted 147-0 to expel state Rep. Bryan Slaton after an investigating committee determined he engaged in inappropri-



CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Gary Borders

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

ate behavior with a 19-year-old legislative aide. Slaton, R-Royce City, was found to have had sexual intercourse with the aide, who works in his office, and to have supplied alcohol to an underage person on at least three occasions, the Statesman reported.

Slaton resigned the day before the vote to expel him but would have remained an officeholder and been paid until a successor was elected through a special election.

"Expulsion of a member of this body is rare," House Speaker Dade Phelan said. "Mr. Slaton's predatory behavior merits such a consequence. I am proud of my colleagues for holding each of us accountable."

Slaton is the first House member to be expelled since 1927, according to the Statesman.

TEXANS ENJOY A COOLER-THAN-AVERAGE APRIL

The state enjoyed somewhat cooler temperatures in April than in years past, according to Dr. Mark Wentzel, a hydrologist with the Texas Water Development Board. The eastern half of the state experienced above-average rainfall, though drought conditions persisted in the central part of the state, from Laredo to the Panhandle.

"Precipitation varied considerably, with half the state, East and coastal Texas, experiencing well-above-average rainfall, while the other half, West Texas and the Panhandle, received well-below-normal precipitation," Wentzel wrote.

Drought conditions dropped 12 percentage points compared to the end of March, with 55% of the state now under drought. The

arrival of the El Niño weather system by fall is forecast to bring above-average rainfall to the state and lead to widespread drought relief by the end of 2023.

EIGHT MORE COUNTIES ADDED TO DISASTER DECLARATION

The Federal Emergency Management Agency has added eight more Texas counties to a disaster declaration after an early February ice storm caused considerable damage across wide swaths of the state, Gov. Greg Abbott announced last week.

"This update will help support ongoing recovery efforts in Texas communities impacted by Winter Storm Mara in February," Abbott said.

The eight added to the 13 already approved by FEMA are Falls, Hopkins, Red River, Anderson, Gillespie, Kerr, Kimble, and Limestone counties. The counties are now eligible for federal funding for debris removal and repairs to infrastructure.

HOUSE CONSIDERS MODIFIED VERSION OF SENATE VOUCHER BILL

An 80-page version of the Senate's school voucher proposal is now before the House education committee, the Texas Tribune reported. This version would cut the number of students eligible for the program, modify the state's standardized testing program, and eliminate the Senate bill's restriction on teaching about gender and sexual orientation.

A move to get the bill quickly out of committee failed after state Rep. Ernest Bailes, R-Shepherd, questioned why the committee wanted to move forward without holding a public hearing.

"You're trying to bring an 80-page substitution to this body and force a vote without thoughtful deliberation," Bailes said. House committees have until May 20 to vote on Senate bills to advance them to the full floor.

The Senate version of the bill would give parents who opt out of the public school system up to \$8,000 in tax-

payer money to pay for a child's private schooling and related educational expenses, such as textbooks or tutoring.

CASINO BILL DIES; SPORTS BETTING ADVANCES

The bid to bring casino gambling to Texas is again officially dead, the Texas Tribune reported.

"Members, I do know when it's time to fold 'em," state Rep. Charlie Geren, R-Fort Worth, said Friday as he postponed consideration of House Joint Resolution 155 until Jan. 12, 2027. A related bill sponsored by state Rep. John Kuempel, R-Seguin, was also postponed until after the session.

A separate bill to legalize online sports betting barely made it out of the House. Both measures required a two-thirds majority to be put on the ballot as proposed constitutional amendments. The Tribune reported that the bill faces long odds in the Senate, where Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, the presiding officer, has said his chamber does not have enough votes to pass it.



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FROM MY FRONT PORCH

By Sam Houston

Sam Houston is a syndicated columnist and newspaper executive. He is also an author, actor, playwright and entertainment producer/promoter.

site so you can have instant access to breaking news you can count on, and still produce an award-winning level newspaper. The Reporter will have more photos of events and expanded coverage about your local government, activities, clubs, churches, and neighbors. Our editions will be larger and will offer more complete coverage than any community newspaper you have ever experienced. Importantly, when you buy the paper subscription, you will receive an online subscription at no additional charge.

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ered every morning by some kid on a bicycle who lived down the block. The radio would reveal instant breaking news like the huge thunderstorm that was headed our direction, and the newspaper would recite all the news that had happened the previous day and night. There were really no other legitimate sources for news. Eventually the television became more common and while people still listened to the radio and read the newspaper, they enjoyed being able to "see the news" as well as hear or read about it. Newspapers still had a vital role, and a great many Texas printing presses worked late into the night on Friday, so the locals could have the results from the Friday night football game in the paper on Saturday morning.

When the internet was invented and eventually cell phones became the norm in our society, news gathering and presentation changed again. People who want to be able to get information on breaking news simply pick up their phone. They don't have to wait to get their newspaper some hours



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later to know Russia invaded Ukraine or there was another school shooting. Social media also came into existence and "news" information was made available to the world sourced from individuals. While this type of news can be almost instantaneous with an occurrence, there are no journalistic standards on social media and often what are "rumors" and "gossip" can be accepted as fact, and they simply are not.

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SHS seniors declare post-graduate plans, get scholarships

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Springtown High School senior Amie Ann White shakes Principal Melissa Hutchison's hand during Acceptance Day on May 5. Acceptance Day is when the Class of 2023 graduating seniors announced their plans to attend technical/trade school, college, university or enlist in the military. Scholarship results were also announced.



SHS senior Aaron Martin waves to the audience as he crosses the auditorium stage during Acceptance Day on May 5. Martin plans to attend Tarrant County College after graduation.



Seniors Christina Hodo, Shawn Holden, Samantha Holder, and Bryce Hollingsworth wait for their turns to cross the stage and announce their post-graduation school of choice at Acceptance Day on May 5.



SHS senior Molly Worthington laughs before crossing the auditorium stage during Acceptance Day on May 5. Worthington plans to attend the University of Texas at Austin after graduation.



SHS senior Kylie Wear applauds classmates with counselor Teresa Kelley at Acceptance Day on May 5. Wear plans to attend Baylor University after graduation.

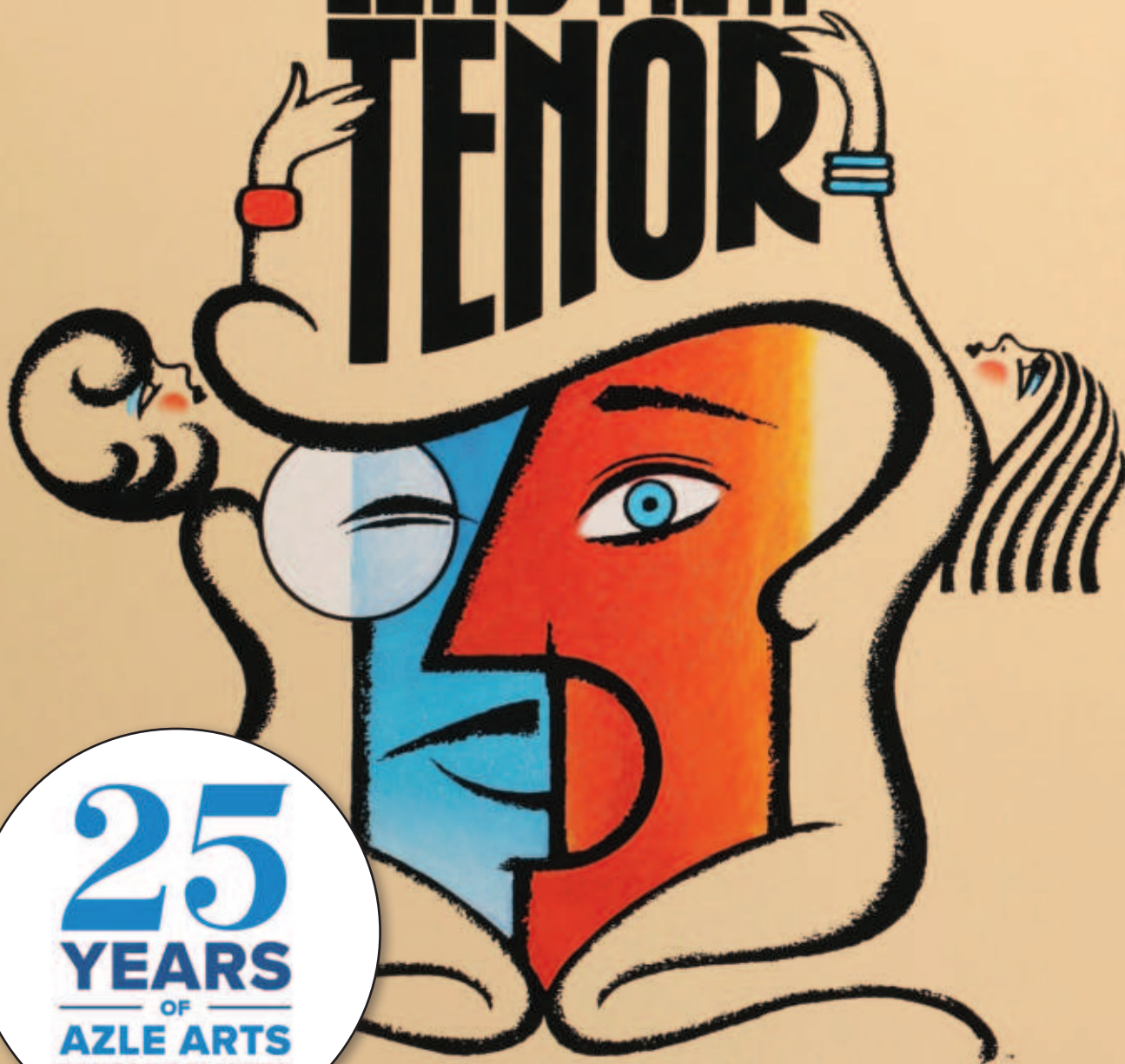


SHS senior Diana Perez Yanez waits for her chance to cross the auditorium stage during Acceptance Day on May 5. Perez Yanez plans to attend Texas Woman's University after graduation.

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‘We ARE our brother’s keeper’ hosts car show fundraiser on May 13

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 Despite chances of rain, Springtown overdose awareness group “We ARE our brother’s keeper” hosted its second-annual Cars for the Cause Car Show on May 13. The event had 50 vehicles registered and raised \$1,000. 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.



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Chris and Elijah Mann stand next to a red Chevelle Super Sport at the second-annual Cars for the Cause Car Show at the Springtown Square.



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May 19, 2023



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Todd Smith rounds third base on the way to home plate in game 1 against Glen Rose.

Springtown baseball finishes impressive season with bi-district title

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Springtown began the baseball season hoping to live up to expectations created by last year's record-setting team.

The Porcupines met the challenge with flying orange colors, winning a district title for the first time in

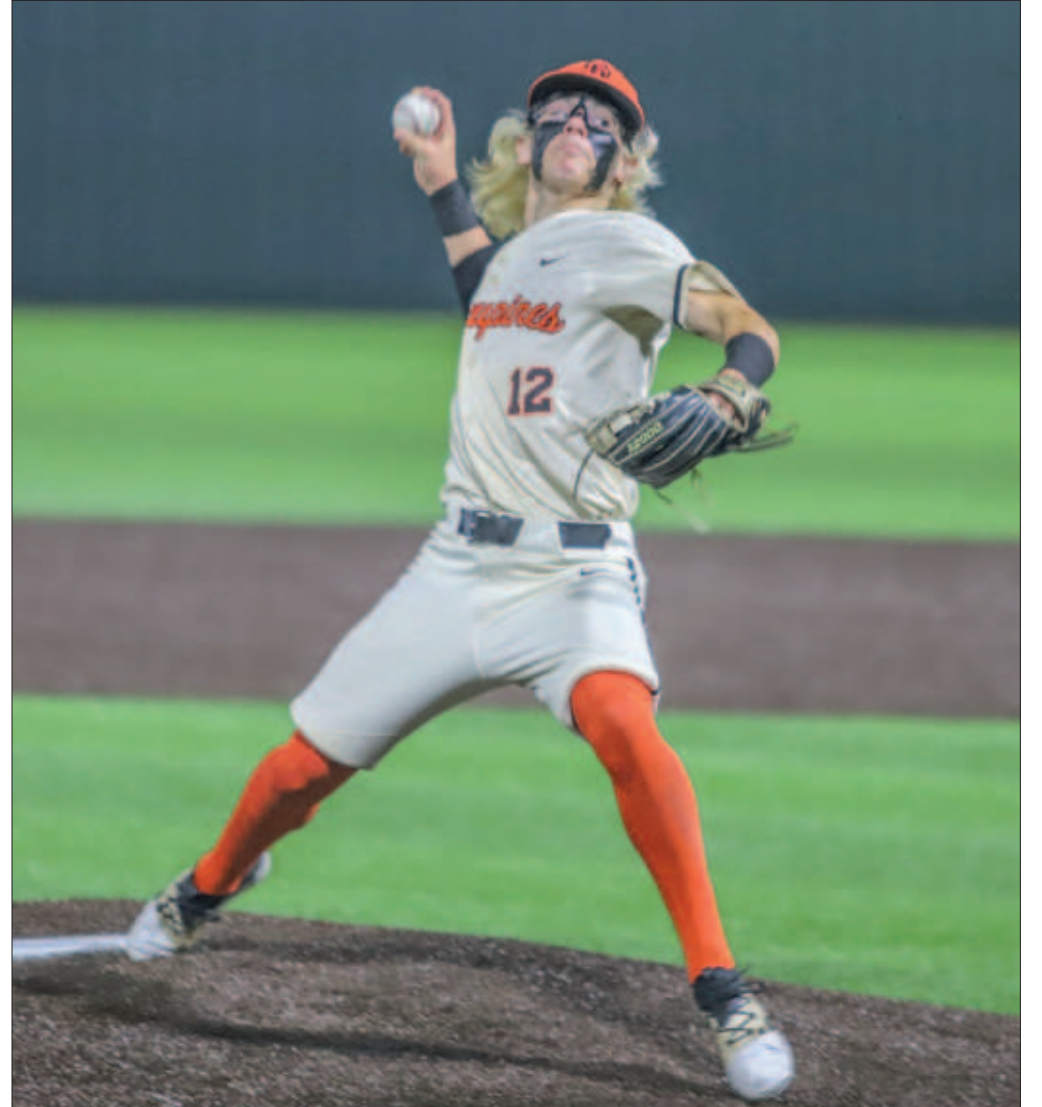
school history and becoming bi-district champions. They came within one playoff series of meeting last year's benchmark.

This season ended in heartbreaking fashion on May 12, when the Porcupines faced the Glen Rose Tigers in the area championship at Castleberry High School. The teams met in a best-of-

three series, and Springtown grabbed early leads in the first two games only to fall during late-inning rallies by Glen Rose.

In the first game on May 11, Springtown scored a run in the second inning and led 1-0 for most of the game before losing 4-1. Springtown's

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Carson Cox and the Springtown Porcupines earn a bi-district title.

Piggin' strings like lightning

Springtown's four qualifiers eager for upcoming rodeo finals

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The future looks bright for Springtown rodeo.

Four members of the team - Delaney Harris, Colton Phillips, Henley Sears, and Shaye Winford - qualified to compete at the finals on May 19-20. Each one is an underclassman and expected to return to the team next year.

The youngest to qualify was bull rider Phillips, a

sophomore in his first year on the team. He grew up in Springtown and had ridden horses but discovered the joy of bull riding during visits to his grandmother's house in California several years ago.

"I'd go to my grandma's house for the summer," he said. "She had a friend out there whose son rode bulls. We became buddies pretty quick, and I started getting on bulls."

Phillips climbed atop his

first mini-bull at 11.

"The first bull I got on, I bucked off him, and he came back around and plowed me into the dirt," Phillips said. "After that, I was like, yeah, this is what I want to do. The adrenaline kicked in. It was fun."

Afterward, he visited practice pens for rideouts in the Decatur area. Last year, as a freshman, he was feeling

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From left, Colton Phillips, Henley Sears, Shaye Winford, and Delaney Harris are ready to rodeo at the finals.



Springtown track phenom Mackenzie Flaughter misses state medal by inches

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Mackenzie "Mack" Flaughter triple jumped her way to fourth place while competing against the best athletes in Texas.

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Henley Sears heads after a calf to rope.

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"beat up" from all the riding he was doing and didn't join the SHS rodeo team.

Now, he is "just trying to go to as many rodeos as I can," he said. "Go get on different levels of stock and make money."

He feels blessed to have qualified for the finals in his first year on the team.

"God helped me along the way to get bulls that covered and got points," he said.

Heading into the finals, his goal is to "keep it cool and have fun," he said.

He is ranked fifth currently in NTHSRA bull riding and plans to continue rodeoing after high school.

Three girls, all juniors, will also compete at finals.

Sears qualified to compete in an impressive three events - breakaway, rideup goat tying, and walkup goat tying.

Breakaway involves roping a calf from horseback.

"I have to rope a calf as fast as possible," she said. "The time starts whenever the rope barrier breaks, and I leave the box. The time stops whenever my rope breaks off of my saddle horn. It's a really fast event."

She is new to the breakaway event but has been around rodeos and horses her whole life.

"My family has always been part of rodeo and the Western lifestyle," she said. "I used to run barrels, and I used to do goat tying, but I found that breakaway is my passion."

Sears is new to SHS, although she has lived in Springtown in recent years. Her family lived in Decatur previously, and Winford continued attending school there after relocating to Springtown. She attended Decatur as a freshman and sophomore and rode on the Decatur rodeo team but grew tired of commuting eventually.

"The drive to Decatur was getting kind of rough," she said.

She home schooled during the first part of this school year but "that wasn't really my thing," she said.

She knew Harris at SHS, and Sears began attending the high school three months ago.

"It's been a great decision," she said. "I really like it. Whenever I came here, I knew a few people, and Delaney has really helped me get to know everybody and make a

lot of friends. So far, it's been a pretty good experience."

The rodeo team is just as happy to have her around. She has been a consistent points earner and continues to try to improve.

"The past couple of weeks, I've been really roping hard," she said. "I know what I have to do, I just have to execute it. I know I can do it. I tell myself that I belong here. I'm a little nervous, but I know the arena. I've roped there plenty of times this year. I just have to draw a good calf and see where that goes."

She will be competing with teammate and friend Harris in walkup and rideup goats.

Harris finished the season as the NTHSRA's third best at rideup goats and ninth best in walkup. She enjoys walkup goats but prefers rideup best.

"Rideup gives you more of an adrenaline rush, and you have to focus on more things," she said.

She was speaking inside the ag barn at SHS, competing to be heard over the bleats from sheep standing inside a nearby pen. Harris loves animals, and she was devastated by the death of her horse, Cinch, in April.

Harris and Cinch had ridden at every rodeo this season until the horse died of colic unexpectedly. Harris plans to ride a less experienced horse, Lux, at the finals.

"Lux has definitely stepped up to the plate and is showing me that she has what it takes to be at the top of my program," Harris said. "I'm really excited to have her there. She's doing really good and making me proud by filling the shoes for Cinch."

Harris and Lux were inconsistent at first. On April 22, their first rodeo after Cinch died, Harris and Lux took sixth place with a time of 12.087. The next week, Harris dropped to 11th place with a 14.216. On April 28, the last rodeo of the season, she and Lux clocked their best - 10.763 - for fourth place.

"I'm feeling good," Harris said. "I'm going in confident. I'm going in and trying to have smooth clean runs. I'm going to trust myself and trust my horse."

She has rodeoed since eighth grade but didn't begin tying goats until last year. Currently, she is ranked no. 11 for all-around cowgirl.

Payouts at finals could be about \$500 a night split up between the finishers. High school rodeo riders can accrue hundreds of dollars in winnings each season and more if they also ride in outside associations.



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Colton Phillips is the team's sole bull rider to qualify for finals.

The money comes in handy. Raising horses isn't cheap. Almost every cent helps to "keep my horses where they need to be, whether it's chiropractic care, feet care, supplements, and just all-around caring for them and making sure they feel good just like I want to feel good for my competitions," Harris said. She compared caring for a rodeo horse like any other athlete.

"You want to make sure they're getting the right nutrition, they're getting workouts the way they should be,

you're cooling them out well," she said. "Just like any other athlete, you want to make sure they're always feeling their best."

Also competing in rideup goats will be Winford. She and her horse experienced myriad ups and downs this season but were in sync enough to land a coveted spot in the finals.

"We've gone through a bunch of different trainings trying to get us both on the same page, but I think going into finals, we're both going to be together and be pretty

solid," she said.

Winford and her family keep three horses at their house - a goat-tying horse and two barrel-racing horses. She's been rodeoing since she was in elementary school.

"I've been riding for as long as I can remember," she said. "I've always loved horses."

She has no plans to continue rodeoing at college but plans to keep a boot planted firmly in the lifestyle and ride jackpots, playdays, and amateur events occasionally.

"I don't see myself solely following into a collegiate

rodeo," she said. "I know exactly what I want to go into. I love rodeo and the community around it, but it just doesn't seem to fit my plan for my career."

She wants to study kinesiology and become a sports therapist for the Texas Rangers baseball club.

The rodeo finals will be held at 8 p.m. Friday, May 19, and at 8 a.m. Saturday, May 20, at the NTHSRA Arena in Saginaw.



Mack Flaughter hugs mom Amanda Flaughter after winning first place at the area meet.

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So close

Springtown track phenom Mackenzie Flaughter misses state medal by inches

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Only one member of the Springtown Porcupines track and field team qualified to compete at the UIL State Track & Field Meet in Austin, and Mackenzie "Mack" Flaughter showed up and performed with gusto.

The sophomore came within inches of a medal.

On May 11-13, the state meet drew the best high school track stars from around Texas, and Flaughter fit in well. She was making her second trip to state. She qualified for the triple jump for the first time as a freshman in 2022.

Back then, Flaughter jumped 37 feet 6.25 inches to claim seventh place.

This year, Flaughter sailed 38 feet 3.75 inches to win fourth place. Three more inches would have earned her a bronze medal. The third-place medalist at state jumped 38 feet 6.5 inches. Second place jumped 38 feet 7.25 inches, and the winner logged 39 feet 11.5 inches.

Flaughter's personal best is 38 feet 5 inches, set earlier this month at the area meet in April.

"Most of Mack's success comes from her natural ability to jump, but she works hard to become a better jumper," said girls

athletic coordinator Tye Adams. "Mack stays busy competing through the entire year."

Flaughter runs cross-country, plays volleyball and basketball, and competes in long jump, triple jump, and relays for the track team. She also plays club volleyball and runs and jumps with a summer track team.

"She really wanted to finish on the medal stand this year at state," Adams said. "Narrowly missing will drive her to continue to work hard to get back there. She wants to win a state championship, and she will have that opportunity the next couple of years."



Porcupine baseball garners all-district glory

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Springtown's solid season on the baseball diamond re-

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Ryan Kirk is the District 8-4A Newcomer of the Year.

sulted in plenty of all-district attention this week.

The District 8-4A Most Valuable Player award went to Todd Smith.

Brayden Fox was named the Offensive Player of the Year.

Carson Cox picked up Utility Player of the Year

recognition.

Ryan Kirk earned Newcomer of the Year.

Aaron Tidwell and Scout Richards were recognized as first team all-district outfielders, and Keegan Martinez was named second team all-district pitcher.

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Keegan Martinez pitched with precision and authority for five innings, tossing 110 pitches of shutout ball before being pulled for relief.

The Tigers rallied and scored 4 runs in the top of the seventh inning, Springtown went three up and three down, and the contest was over.

In the second game on May 12, Springtown scored 2 runs in the third inning and added another run in the fifth to take a 3-0 lead. Glen Rose responded with 4 runs in the sixth inning. The Porcupines couldn't mount a comeback.

Final score: Glen Rose 4, Springtown 3.

"It was a tough way for our season to end, having the lead late in both games," said head coach Colin Crawford. "It was a good season for the most part. We could have been more consistent in some areas."

Last year's team was so good, and almost all of its starters were seniors who graduated. Many baseball fans figured this would be a rebuilding year for the Pines, particularly with Crawford, a former assistant, taking over as head coach.

The coaching staff never considered this as a rebuilding year.

"We are going to try to

get the most out of who we have and win every year," he said. "The term rebuilding is used as an excuse sometimes. The kids bought in from the beginning, and so much credit needs to go to them, as well as my assistants."

He credited this year's seniors for stepping into large footprints and leading the team to history. They include Joe-Lewis Salas, Scout Richards, Todd Smith, Blake Walker, Aaron Tidwell, and Jaden Norris.

"We were able to win a district championship for the first time in school history, which was fun," the coach said. "We have tough kids that play hard and are good teammates. That is what we

have preached literally every day since I took over."

After the loss to Glen Rose, Crawford told his troops he was proud and appreciated their efforts.

"It was tough not only because of how it ended, but knowing we are losing a really fun group of seniors," he said. "It was hard on the kids because they are a competitive group. Everything they got this year was earned from the work they had put in way before the baseball season even started."

Porcupine baseball is poised for more history-making runs, he said.

"We are going to continue to work to be successful and try to keep building this pro-

gram into a consistent winner," he said. "I want to get this thing to the point where the district championship goes through us, as well as playing as long as we can in the postseason every year. We want to be a household name in 4A baseball and be consistent every year - that's what the good ones do."

Support from the community was strong all season, and the team noticed. Crowds of parents and students showed up for home games and followed the team on the road.

"The town is excited about baseball," Crawford said.

The coach is excited, too. Stalwarts from this year's team, including juniors

Brayden Fox and Carson Cox, will be returning with another year of growth and experience.

"We have a solid group of players returning," he said. "We will have to start with finding some outfielders to replace the ones we lost, but we have the kids coming up through the program to do it. Our infielders and most of our pitching returns, so that's a good place to start."

This year's seniors will be missed, and "it will be imperative that we have other guys step up and resume those roles," he said. "I don't think a lot of people understand how important that is to having a successful program."

Way to go, Springtown rodeo!



Congratulations to the four members of the Springtown rodeo team who qualified to compete in the finals. Sophomore Colton Phillips and juniors Delaney Harris, Henley Sears, and Shaye Winford earned the right to battle against the top rodeo athletes. The North Texas High School Rodeo Association Finals are set for May 19-20 at the NTHSRA Arena in Saginaw.

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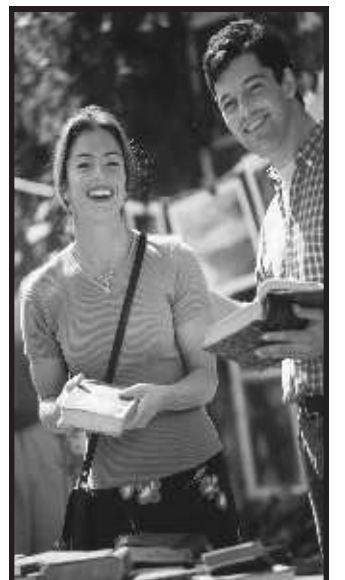
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ACROSS

- 1 worry
- 5 TX McConaughey had a starring ___ in "A Time to Kill"
- 6 large Texas ranch, spelled out
- 7 flat-topped hill
- 8 TX Larry McMurtry's "Lonesome Dove" was ___ novel"
- 17 TX Bonnie & Clyde, e.g.
- 18 in Kilgore: "East Texas ___"
- 20 TXism: "___ have to get better to die" (sick)
- 21 TX-born Nimitz was the last to have the ___ of fleet admiral
- 22 TXism: "got as much ___ as a steer in a packing plant"
- 24 convulsions
- 29 ill-mannered
- 30 fashion designer: Christian ___
- 31 TXism: "costs ___ arm and a leg"
- 32 made by Texans and Cowboys in the NFL draft
- 34 winter garment
- 35 TXism: "___ as dirt"
- 36 name of Jay Gould private rail car in Jefferson, TX
- 37 TXism: "esta ___"
- 38 school kids often walk in single ___ city on Redfish Bay (2 wds.)
- 41 worked on fingernails
- 42 corporation abbr.
- 43 Latin for "nothing"
- 44 San Angelo is the seat of Tom ___ County
- 45 pronounce Lamesa "luh-___-suh"
- 46 massive historic Panhandle ranch
- 47 ___ Prairie, Texas
- 48 TXism: "a day ___ a dollar short"
- 50 TX Yale in NFL Hall of Fame
- 51 retirement acct.
- 52 zero
- 53 TXism: "blister ___" (handle)
- 14 TXism: "strike while the iron ___"
- 15 TXism "___ bout" (about)
- 16 six-shooter
- 19 in Hidalgo County on Mexico border
- 21 TXism: "he could out ___ -legged bobcat"
- 23 finished
- 24 position of Astro Jeremy Pena or Ranger Corey Seager (abbr.)
- 25 TXism: "___ shooter" (slingshot)
- 26 Claudia ___ "Lady Bird" Johnson
- 34 former Dallas Sidekicks leag.
- 35 TXism: "keep your saddle ___" (be prepared)
- 37 TXism for "to fish" (3 wds.)
- 38 villain
- 40 this Gramm was a U.S. Senator
- 41 former Vikings QB Tarkenton
- 44 Pampa's county
- 47 this Ford took over for Nixon in 1974
- 49 TXism: "hot as road ___ July"

DOWN

- 1 TX Nanci Griffith 1987 song (3 wds.)
- 2 in Falls County on U.S. 77
- 3 this Moreno killed 6 people in Houston area in 1983
- 4 ___ toast
- 9 TXism: "horny ___" (lizards)
- 10 trigonometric function of an angle (good)
- 11 ___ hart, Texas
- 12 TX Fawcett's only husband (init.)
- 13 TX Adams, Medal of Honor recipient

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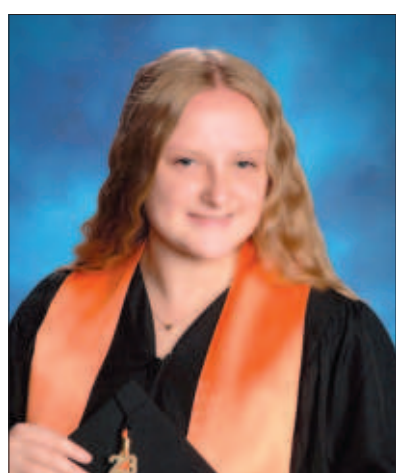
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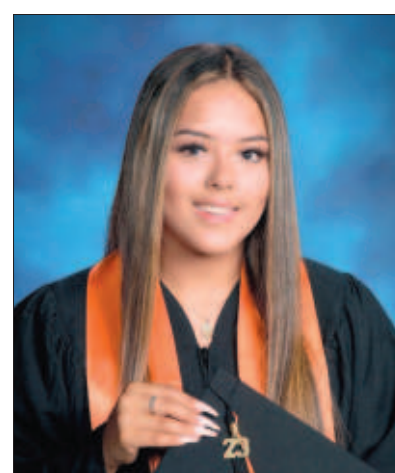
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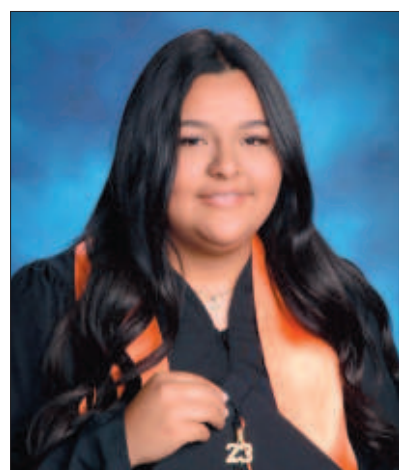
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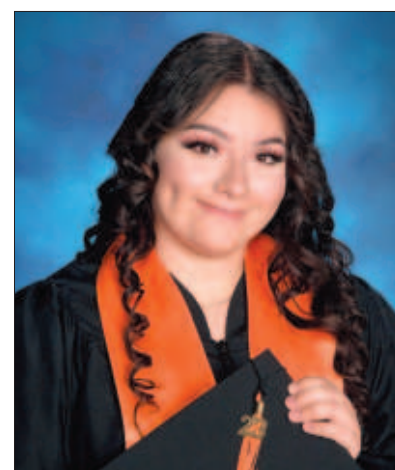
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Student Biographies

Heather Bailey

Heather is the child of Shafter and Amanda Bailey. Heather participated in yearbook, band and softball. Heather's favorite subject was science. Heather has plans to attend Sam Houston State University and wants to major in criminal justice.

Chloe Ballard

Chloe is the child of Bobby and Vanessa Ballard. Chloe's favorite subject was ag classes, and Chloe's favorite teacher is Mrs. Goben. Chloe has plans to work a lot after graduation.

Blythe Bell

Blythe is the child of Ashleigh and Dustin Bell. Blythe participated in HOSA, softball, basketball and volleyball. Blythe's favorite subject was math, and Blythe's favorite teachers are Mrs. Cosentino and Mrs. Bohannon. Blythe has plans to attend Baylor University as a pre-nursing major and wants to earn a bachelor's degree of science in nursing.

Joel Bird

Joel is the child of Crystal and David Bird. Joel participated in football and wrestling. Joel's favorite subject was U.S. history, and Joel's favorite teachers are Mr. Vargas and Ms. Lang. Joel has plans to enlist in the Navy and go to college to study engineering.

Aaron Bowen

Aaron is the child of Danny and Kellie Bowen. Aaron played football. Aaron's favorite subject was history, and Aaron's favorite teacher is Coach Cooper. Aaron has plans to work after graduation.

Shelbee Brown

Shelbee is the child of Richard Brown. Shelbee participated in color guard, culinary and band. Shelbee's favorite subject was government, and Shelbee's favorite teacher is Mrs. Northrup. Shelbee has plans to attend trade school for cosmetology after graduation.

Joshua Burton

Joshua is the child of Jennifer Naron and Nic Crites, plus Jason and Sylvia Burton. Joshua participated in marching band for four years. Joshua's favorite subject was IPC, and Joshua's favorite teacher is Mr. Beaty. Joshua has plans to enlist in the Navy after graduation.

Benjamin Cannon

Benjamin is the child of Jennifer and Frank Cannon. Benjamin participated in band as a drum major. Benjamin's favorite subject was music, and Benjamin's favorite teacher is Mr. Dolkas. Benjamin has plans to attend Tyler Junior College for music education after graduation.

Macy Chavez

Macy is the child of Martha and Miguel Chavez. Macy participated in cheerleading, NHS, dual credit and powerlifting. Macy will also be graduating from Weatherford College. Macy's favorite subject was math, and Macy's favorite teacher is Candice Adams. Macy has plans to attend Texas Woman's University in Denton after graduation to become a dental hygienist.

Cameron Cockrell

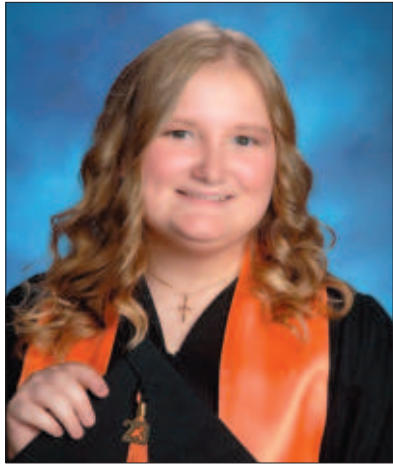
Cameron is the child of Melissa and Michael Cockrell. Cameron participated in First Responders Club, and played varsity soccer for two years, for which Cameron earned Honorable Mention for Second Team All District in 2023. Cameron's favorite subject was math, and Cameron's favorite teacher is Coach Maloney. Cameron has plans to serve in the U.S. Navy, shipping out in June.

Alexis Cooper

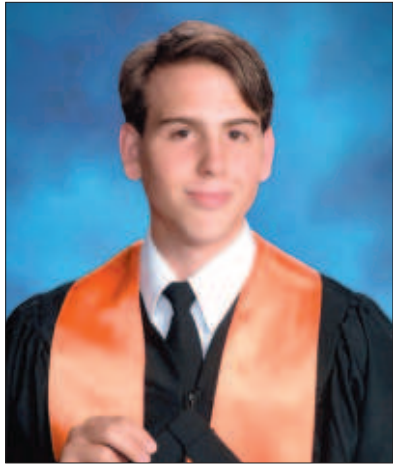
Alexis is the child of Brian and Amanda Cooper as well as Shelley and Richard Brown. Alexis participated in FCCLA and in FFA in 2021-22. Alexis's favorite subject was English, and Alexis's favorite teacher is Mrs. Gum. Alexis has plans to attend Tarrant County College for baking and pastry arts after graduation.



Kaitlyn Baker



Heather Bailey



Matthew Baker



Chloe Ballard



Nahomy Olivares Barrantes



Hodei Barrio



Brianna Barry



Gavin Barton



Kelsey Beaman



Speck Behle

Clark Coplen
 Clark is the child of Brent and Aimee Coplen. Clark participated in esports as Valorant Team captain, and UIL Calculator. Clark was also a Calculator assistant coach for TMSCA team and the Optimist Club Texan of the Month in May 2022. Clark's favorite subject was English, and Clark's favorite teacher is Mrs. Crawford. Clark has plans to attend Tarleton State University for a master's degree in counseling psychology after graduation.

Ashton Day
 Ashton is the child of Judd and Christina Day. Ashton participated in soccer and was named in the Second Team All District in junior year and First Team All District in senior year. Ashton's favorite subject was Algebra II, and Ashton's favorite teacher is Coach Moline. Ashton has plans to attend college to pursue a career in radiology after graduation.

Ashlynn Dickey
 Ashlynn is the child of Heather Dickey. Ashlynn participated in track, basketball and cross country. In track, Ashlynn beat the school record by jumping 5 feet, 6 inches. In basketball, Ashlynn was named in the First Team All District. Ashlynn's favorite subject was English, and Ashlynn's favorite teacher is Mrs. Weilder. Ashlynn has plans to high jump at Tarleton State University after graduation.

Madison Evans
 Madison is the child of Sunnie and Eric Evans. Madison participated in TAFE as the secretary and was a student teacher for Autumn Reed. Madison's favorite subjects were English and agriculture, and Madison's favorite teacher is Cheryl Brouhard. Madison has plans to enroll in Weatherford College's sonography program after graduation.

Noelle Fernandez
 Noelle is the child of Stacey Fernandez. Noelle played on the softball team, the members of which were the Bi-District Champions in 2022, Area Champions in 2022 and came in second in the Regional Semi-Finals in 2022. Last year, Noelle was the SHS Offensive Player of the Year, named in the SHS Academic All District, First Team All District Infielder, and Noelle had 300 career strikeouts. Noelle's favorite subject was English, and Noelle's favorite teacher is Coach Mann. Noelle has plans to play softball at Cisco College, obtain an associate's degree in general studies and then attend a four-year university for a bachelor's degree in forensic psychology.



Madison

We love you so much and are so proud of you. We will always be your biggest fans.

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ANTHONY

We are so proud of the man you have become. We love you to the moon and back!

Mom, Mike, and Asha



Megan,

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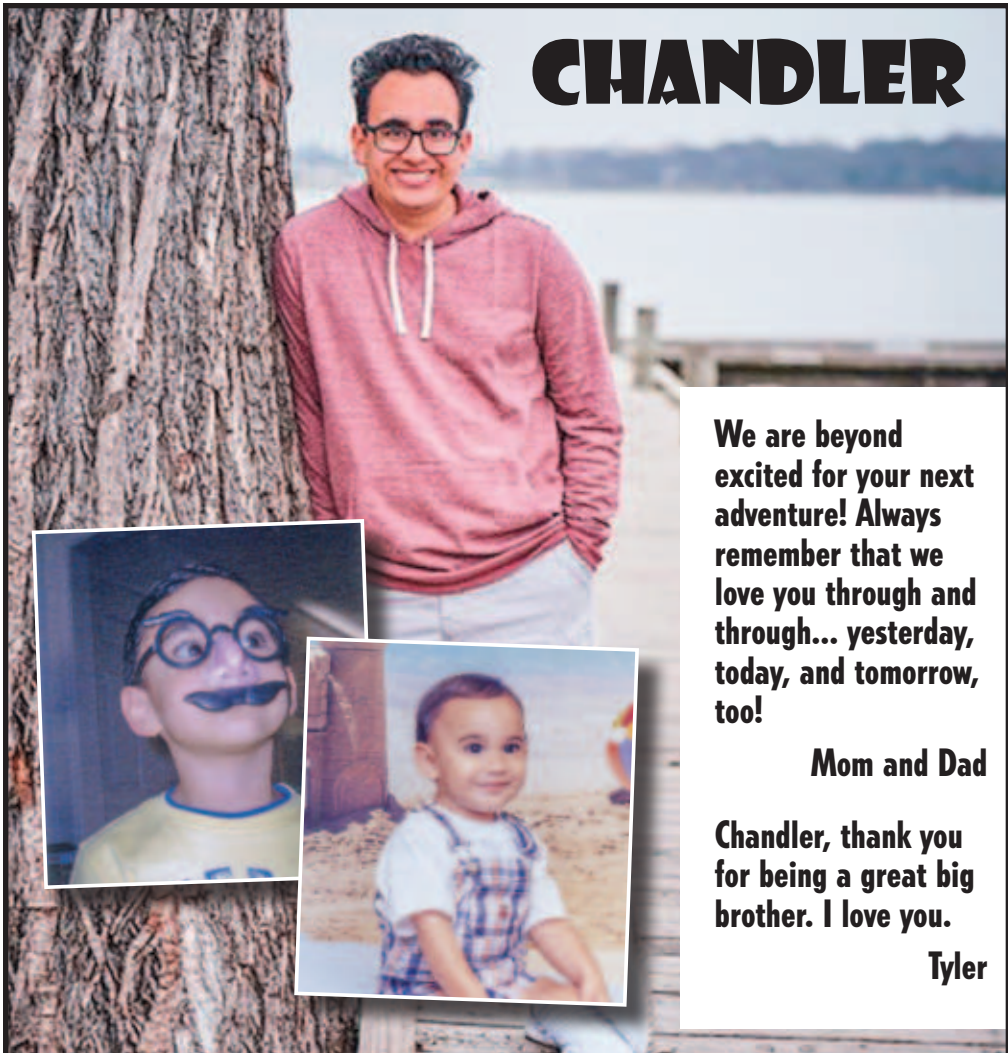
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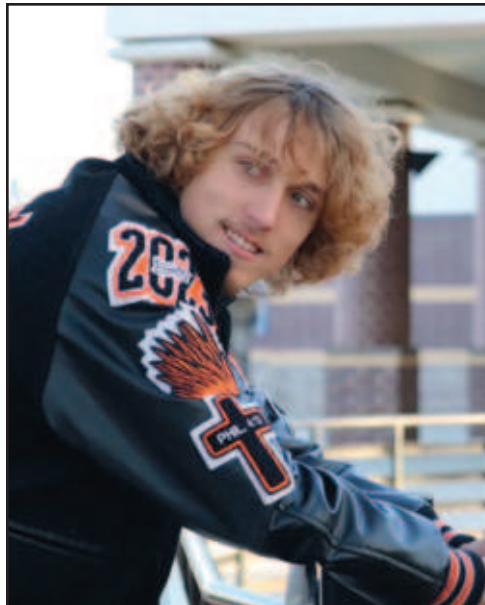
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Mom and Dad

Chandler, thank you for being a great big brother. I love you.

Tyler






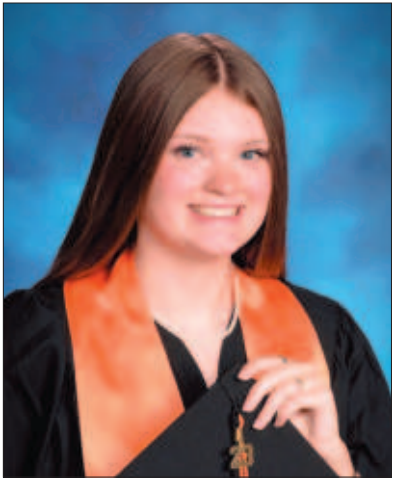
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Love, Mom, Dad, Alan, & Krista

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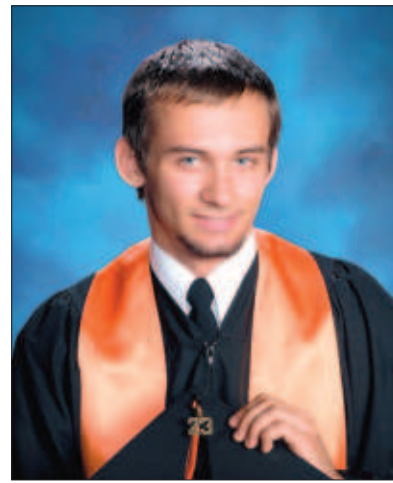
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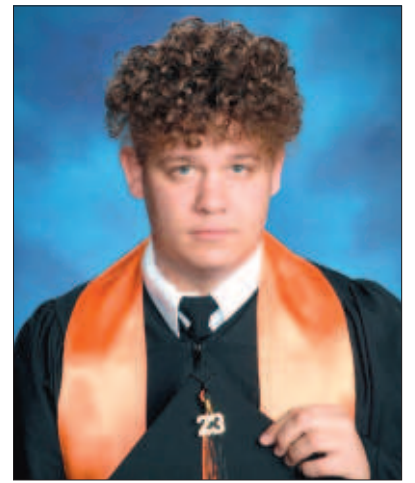
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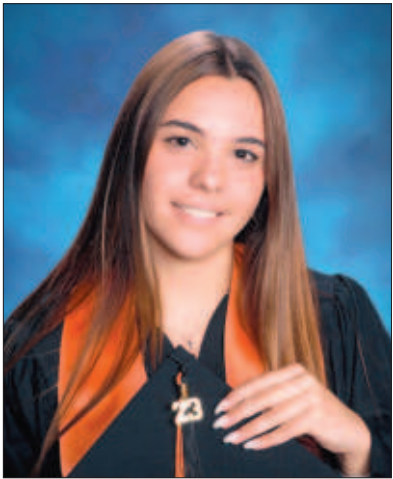
Lillian Bennett



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Esther Borrego



Joseph Botelho



Aaron Bowen



Lauren Brandt



Clay Brian

Reaghan Fortner

Reaghan is the child of Jordan and Heather Anderson. Reaghan will also be graduating from Weatherford College. Reaghan was the student body president, student council class vice president, student council class secretary, Business Professionals of America president for three consecutive years, National Honors Society secretary, spirit leader and most spirited senior. Athletically, Reaghan was a four-time regional qualifier in powerlifting, four-time team regional champion, came in fifth place, third place and second place in region, two-time state qualifier, team state champion, placed third in state and All State Academic UIL. Reaghan's favorite subject was biology, and Reaghan's favorite teacher is Mrs. Angelia Mitchell, who Reaghan said was supportive and encouraging. Reaghan has plans to attend the University of North Texas to major in business analytics after graduation.

Brett Frasier

Brett is the child of Bryan and Shelly Frasier. Brett participated in jazz band. Brett's favorite subject was math, and Brett's favorite teacher is Mrs. Kerske. Brett has plans to pursue a degree in statistics after graduation.

Jesse Frazier

Jesse is the child of James and Teresa Frazier. Jesse participated in marching band. Jesse's favorite subjects were math and band, and Jesse's favorite teacher is Ashley Virostek. Jesse has plans to work after graduation.

Tye Goree

Tye is the child of Jarrod and Sarah Goree. Tye participated in the SHS Bass Fishing Team for three years and FFA for four years, in which Tye raised and showed pigs. In bass fishing, Tye was a two-time area tournament qualifier and a one-time state tournament qualifier. In FFA, Tye was historian and vice president, participated in area qualifying junior quiz team, senior quiz team and livestock judging team, and earned the Melton Harms Swine Proficiency Award, the Texas State Lone Star Degree, Platinum Realty Ag Student of the Month, AgTexas AgYouth Student of the Month, reserve champion breeding gilt at The Heart O Texas Livestock Show, reserve champion duroc at the Fort Worth Livestock Breeding Gilt Show. Tye's favorite subjects were agricultural classes, and Tye's favorite teacher is Mr. Tony Pearson. Tye has plans to attend Tarleton State University to major in agricultural business after graduation.

Kourtlyn Graham

Kourtlyn is the child of David Graham and Brandy Quedsted. Kourtlyn participated in ag, was on the A/B Honor Roll, was named homecoming queen and was a prom queen nominee. Kourtlyn's favorite subject was ag, and Kourtlyn's favorite teacher was all of them. Kourtlyn has plans to attend Weatherford College to become a vet tech after graduation.

Orion Gray

Orion is the child of Scott and Jessica Gray, and grandchild of Barbara Gray. Orion participated in welding and earned a D9.1 welding certification. Athletically, Orion was a wrestler and earned a varsity letterman jacket. Orion's favorite subject was welding, and Orion's favorite teachers are Mr. Young, Mrs. Virostek, Ms. Thomas and Mr. Beaty. Orion has plans to work after graduation.

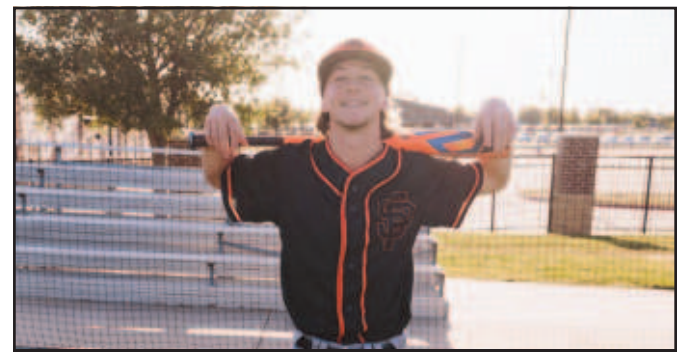
Ava Guerra

Ava is the child of Della Sherrill. Ava participated in varsity cheerleading, varsity choir and HOSA, in which she was vice president. In choir, Ava was a section leader, on All Region Choir twice, a state soloist thrice, four-time state ensemble participant, involved in SWAC-DA and on Texas Thespian All State Choir. Ava's favorite subject was math, and favorite teacher is Kelly Bohannon. After graduation, Ava has plans to attend Texas A&M University to study Allied Health as a pre-nursing track before heading to nursing school for a bachelor's degree of science in nursing.



Ava Guerra

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Todd Smith

Todd, you were born a fighter and were given an immeasurable amount of grace and mercy from God that we do not believe for a minute you have squandered. Keep showing the world your light and smile!! We are behind you and love watching you as you navigate through life. Change the world for the better and use your full potential to do everything God has in store for you. Congratulations on graduating college, now keep pursuing your dreams and calling

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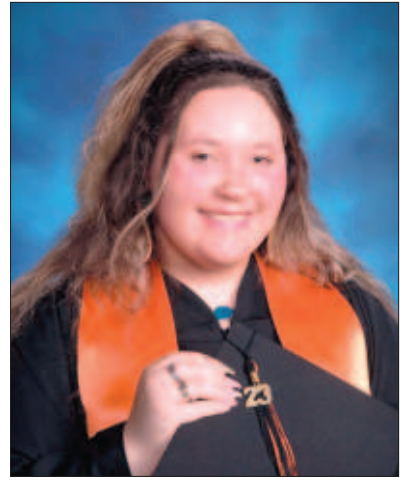
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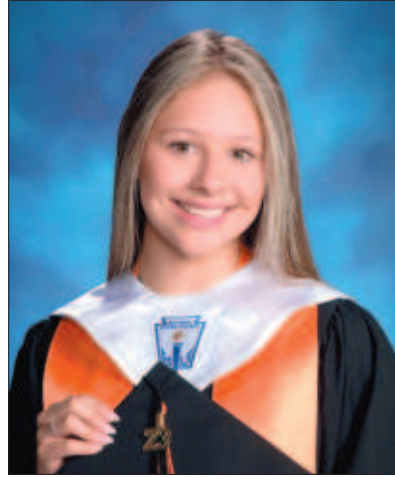
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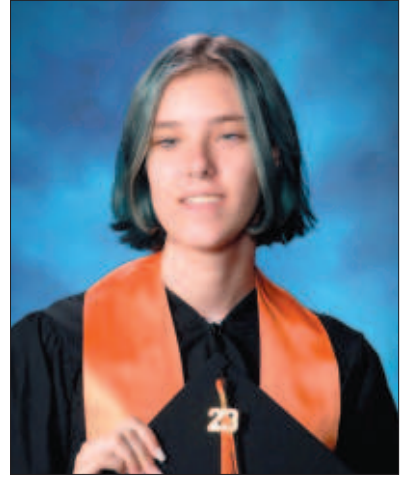
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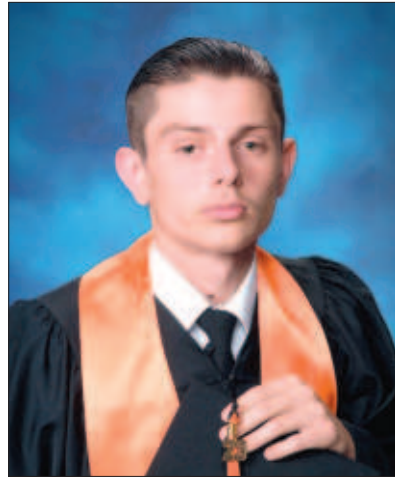
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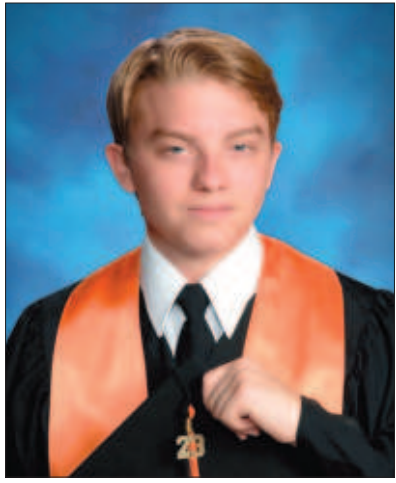



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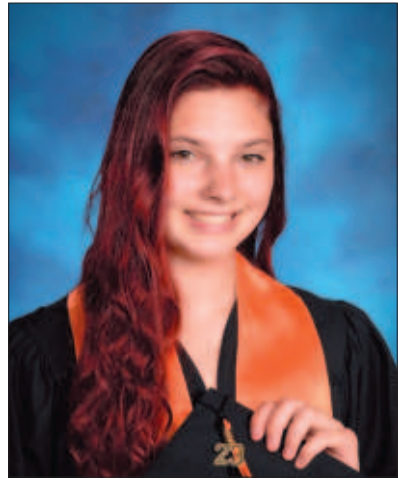
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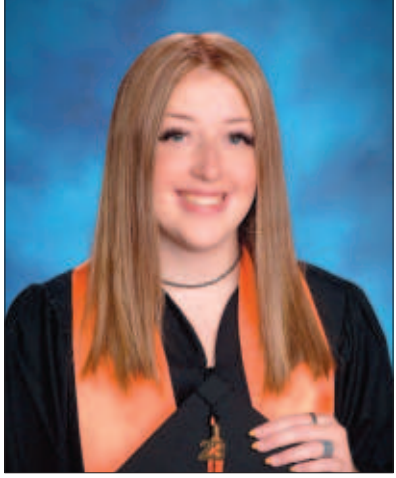
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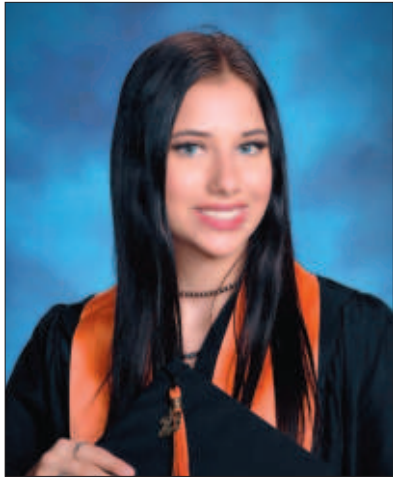
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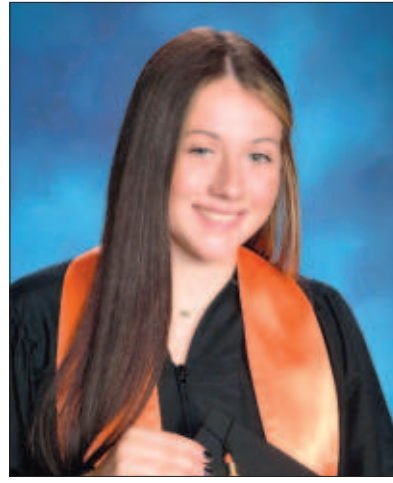
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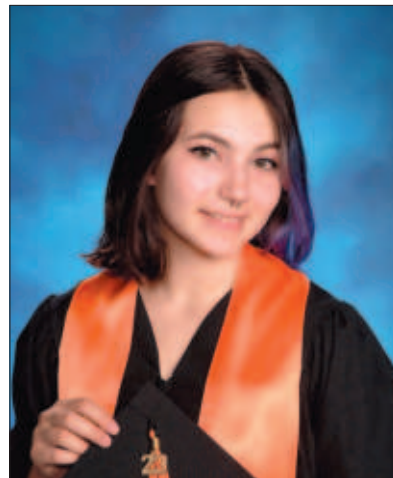
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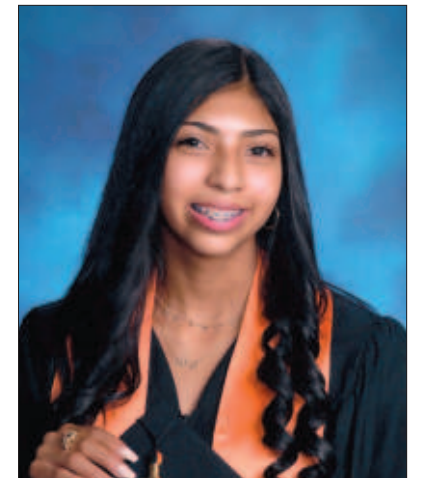
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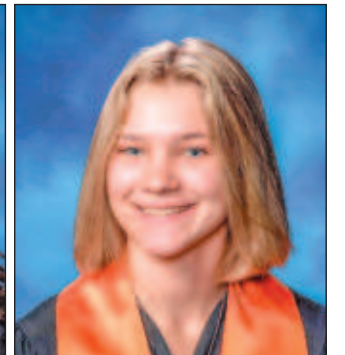
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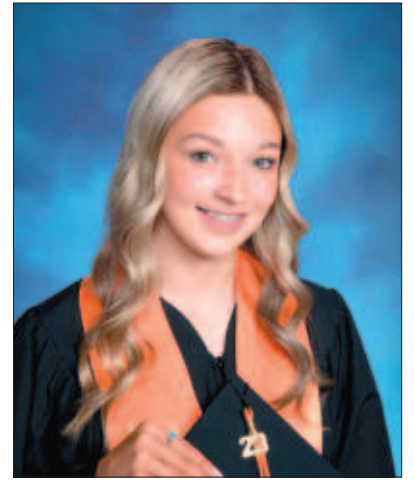
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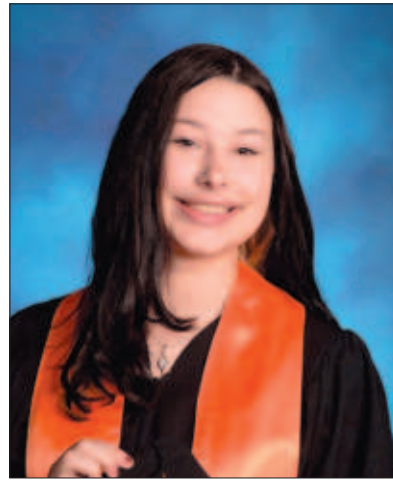
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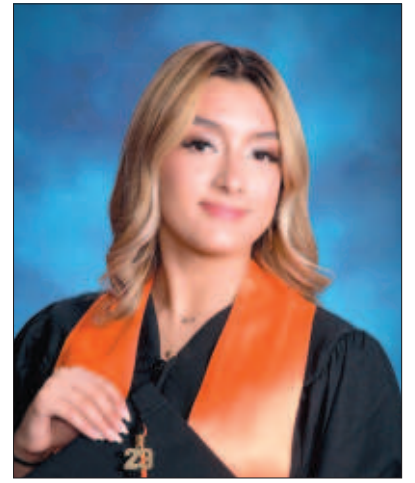
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Eli Hansen

Eli is the child of Crystal and Shawn Hansen. Eli participated in football, wrestling and powerlifting. Eli's favorite subject was U.S. history, and favorite teacher is Coach Robinson. After graduation, Eli has plans to attend Weatherford College for an associate's degree of applied science.

Alexa Henson

Alexa is the child of Amy and Jason Henson. Alexa played soccer. Alexa's favorite subject was anatomy, and favorite teacher is Mrs. Cosentino. After graduation, Alexa has plans to attend Midwestern State University.

Christina Hodo

Christina is the child of Michael Hodo and Cynthia Vann. Christina participated in the Sound of Springtown, TAFE and First Responders Club. Christina's favorite subject was math, and favorite teacher is Ms. Bertini. After graduation, Christina has plans to become a firefighter.

Karley Haynes

Karley is the child of Lacy and Justin Bushaw. Karley participated in Girls Who Code and softball. Karley's favorite subject was health science, and favorite teacher is Darci Cosentino. After graduation, Karley has plans to attend Vernon College to play softball and earn a degree in the medical field.



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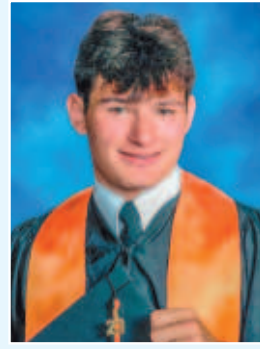
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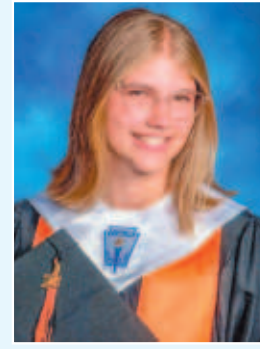
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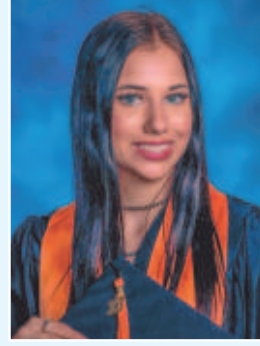
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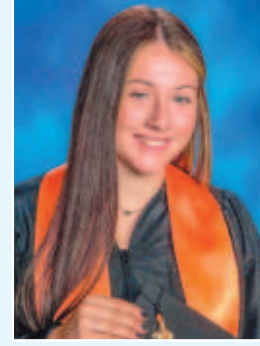
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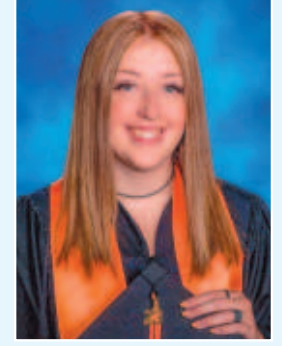
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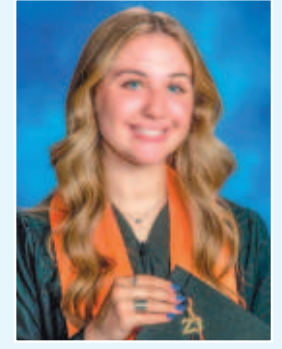
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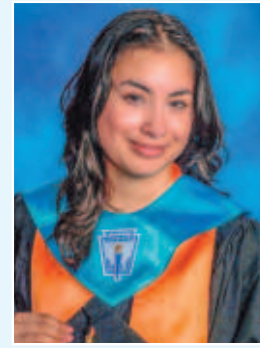
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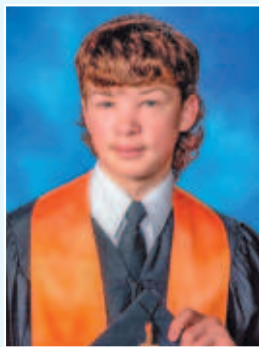
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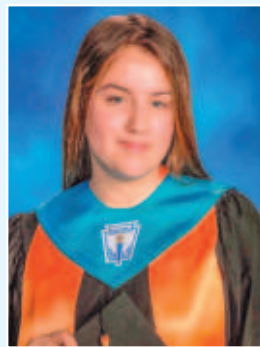
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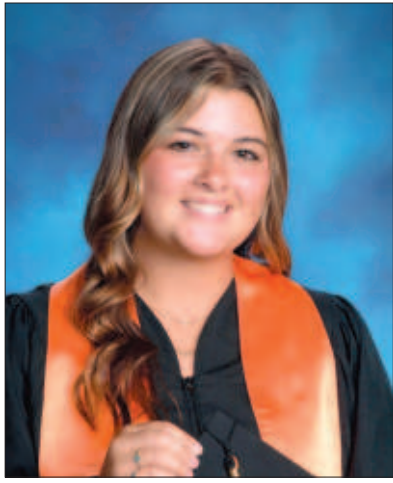
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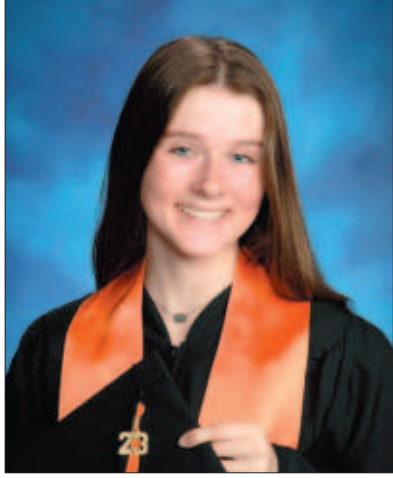
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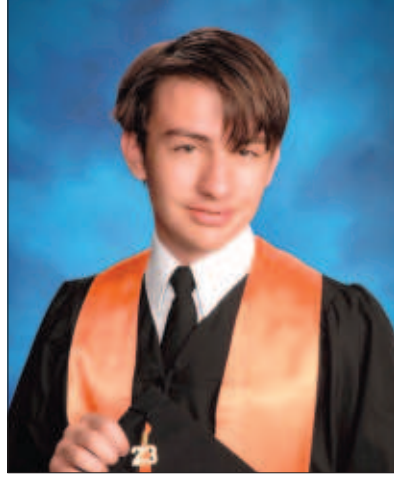
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Hailey Hughes

Hailey is the child of Chris and Jana Hughes. Hailey was senior class vice president and participated in National Honor Society, varsity choir for four years, color guard/band for four years, Showstoppers Dance Team for two years and theater for four years. In choir, Hailey made All Region Choir for two years, State Ensemble qualifier for three years and a state soloist qualifier for two years. In color guard/band, Hailey was

a chaplain for two years as well as historian and secretary, and a marching band state qualifier for three years. Hailey's favorite teacher is Holly Owen. After graduation, Hailey has plans to attend Texas Tech University to major in music education.

Chandler King

Chandler is the child of Shea and Mary King. In freshman year, Chandler won the Pre-AP World Geography Award, was on the A

Honor Roll, was student council treasurer, UIL Debate Team member in extemporaneous and persuasive speaking, and voted "most likely to write a bestselling novel." In sophomore year, Chandler won the Optimist Club Essay Scholarship, a journalism award, was on the A Honor Roll and voted "most spirited Porcupine fan." In junior year, Chandler won an AP U.S. History Academic Award, was a PAL member, on the A Honor Roll, won a SISD school board achievement award, competed at regionals for

UIL debate in persuasive speaking, National Honor Society vice president, junior class president, won Young Texan of the Month in December and voted "most likely to become president." In senior year, Chandler won ninth place for Current Events in UIL Regionals, nominated for prom king, won third place in extemporaneous-persuasive UIL District, won third place for current events UIL District, was a PAL member, Collegeboard National Hispanic Recognition recipient, Collegeboard

National Rural and Small Town Recognition recipient, UIL Debate Team member in extemporaneous persuasive speaking, senior class president and Spectrum News Challenge winner. Athletically, Chandler played tennis. Chandler's favorite subject was U.S. history, and he said he loved all of his teachers. After graduation, Chandler has plans to attend George Washington University to major in political science and minor in history.

Congratulations
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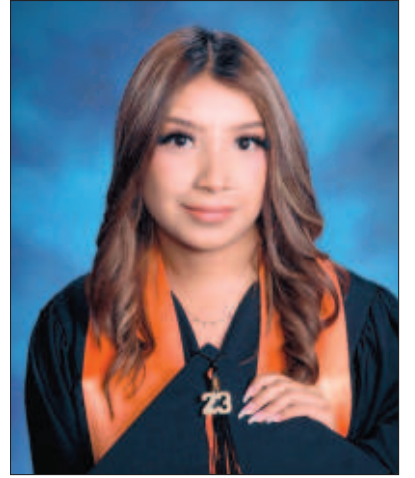
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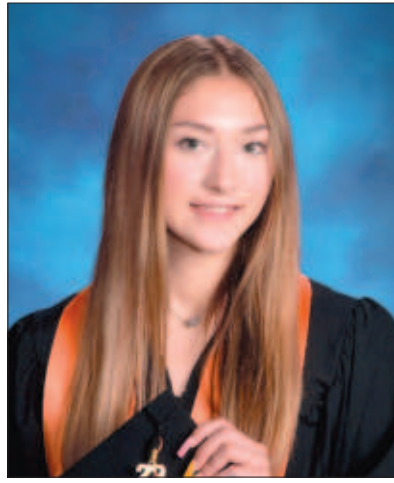
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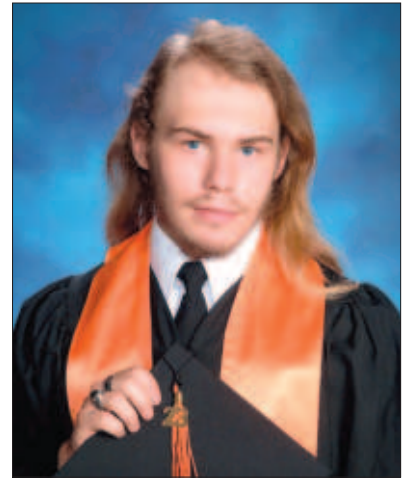
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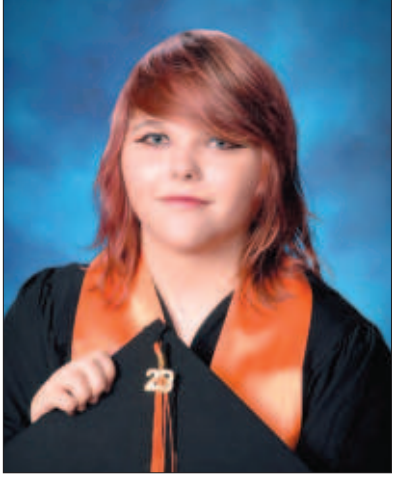
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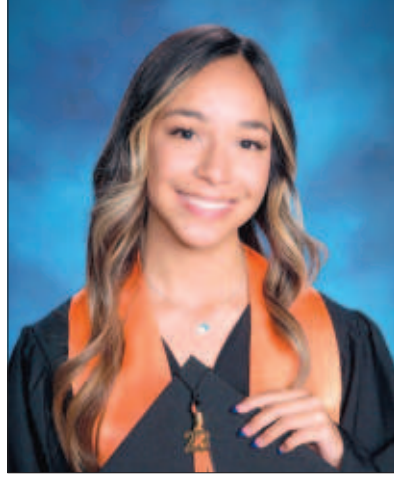
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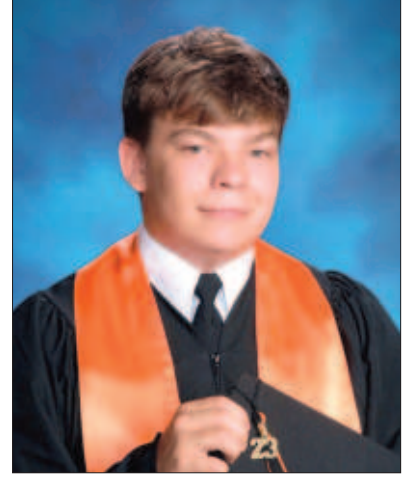
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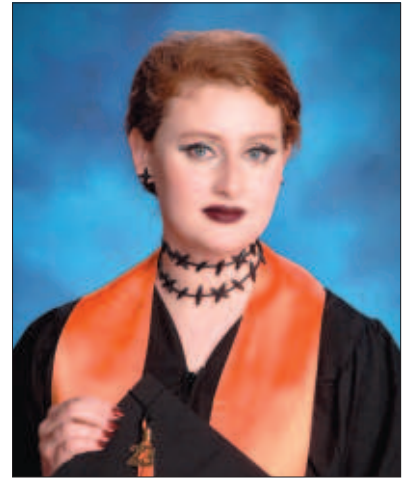
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Catherine Henry

Conner King

Conner is the child of Nick and Amy King. Conner was involved in Church Under the Bridge at Lubbock and Waco. Athletically, Conner played football and was a regional finalist in 2021 and 2022. Conner also participated in track and was a regional finalist in 2022 and 2023. Conner's favorite subjects were anatomy and physiology, and favorite teacher is Coach Legan. After graduation, Conner has plans to attend Tarleton State University to pursue an athletic career.

Aaron Martin

Aaron is the child of Christopher and Marisa Martin. Conner was involved in National Honor Society for two years, Academic UIL for two years and band for four years. Aaron earned honors such as winning third place team social studies award at the Academic UIL Regional Invitational in 2022; first place in individual current issues and events, first place team current issues and events and first place in individual social studies for Academic UIL in 2023; Aaron was a band squad leader, won a TMEA Texas Musicianship award and earned two first division solo and ensemble medals in 2022; and in 2023, Aaron was a band pit captain and drum captain, won a first division solo and ensemble medal and won first place at the TCU percussion festival in advanced timpani. Aaron's favorite subject was history, and favorite teacher is Mrs. Garza. After graduation, Aaron has plans to enroll in Tarrant County College District's aviation program.

Sarah Mason

Sarah is the child of Melanie and Luke Mason. Sarah was involved in band and TAFE. Sarah's favorite subject was history, and favorite teacher is Lilly Sexton. After graduation, Sarah has plans to attend college and major in social work.

Madison Meeks

Madison is the child of Heather and Josh Meeks. Madison was a Springtown varsity cheerleader and captain. Madison's favorite subject was English, and favorite teacher is Mrs. Mitchell. After graduation, Madison has plans to attend Tarleton State University and major in business.

Madylyn Merendon

Madylyn is the child of Jennifer West and Mario Merendon. Madylyn was involved in varsity choir, received superior ratings on solo and ensemble pieces at region level, qualified for state solo and ensemble two years in a row and earned a spot in the region's Honors Treble Choir. Madylyn's favorite subject was math, and favorite teacher is Ms. Sabin. After graduation, Madylyn has plans to attend Texas Tech University in Lubbock and study music education.

Dixie Miller

Dixie is the child of Monique Miller. Dixie was part of the Springtown Showstoppers. Dixie's favorite subject was dance, and favorite teacher is Coach Horton. After graduation, Dixie has plans to become a dentist.

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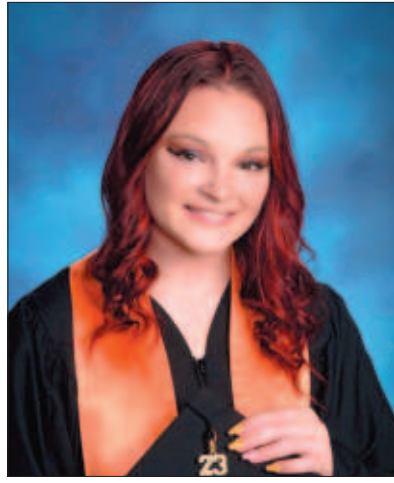




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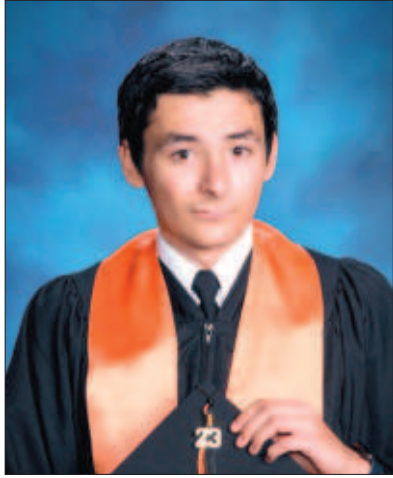
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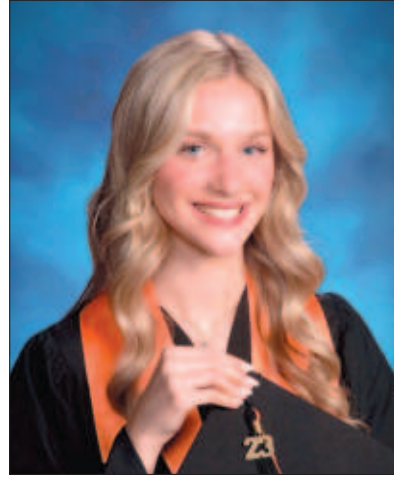
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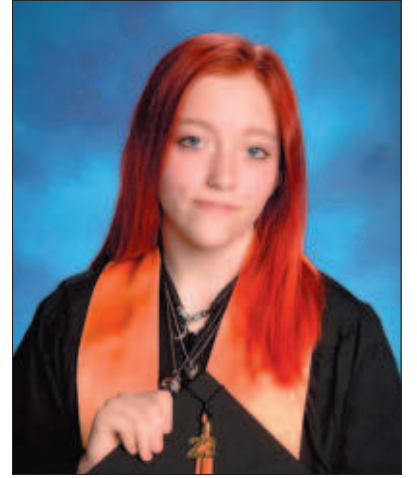
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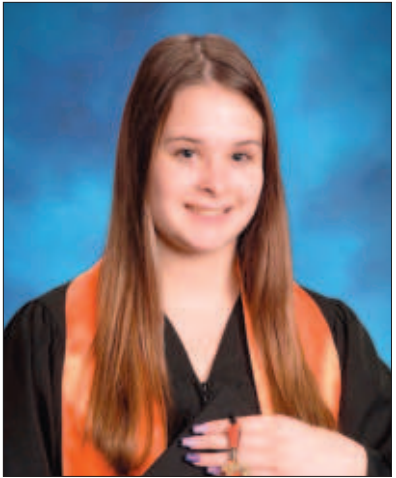
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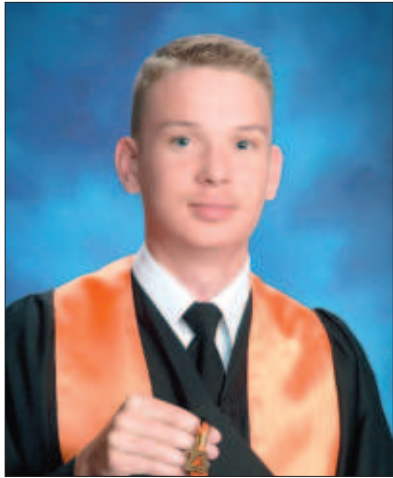
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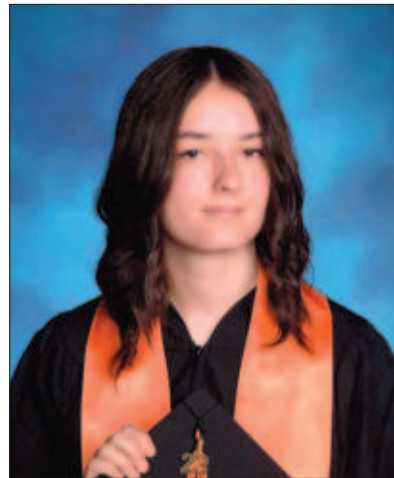
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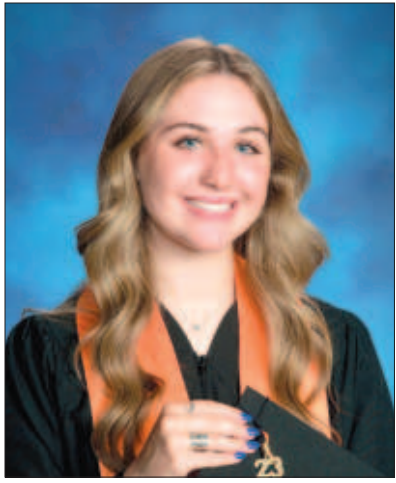


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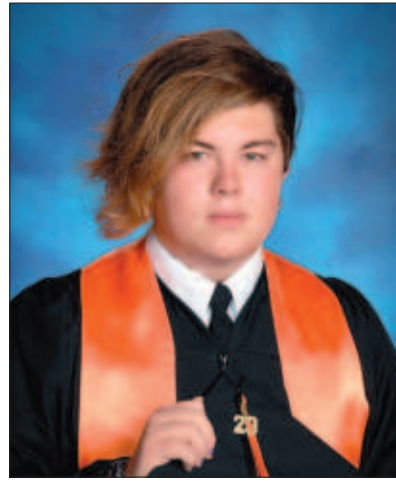
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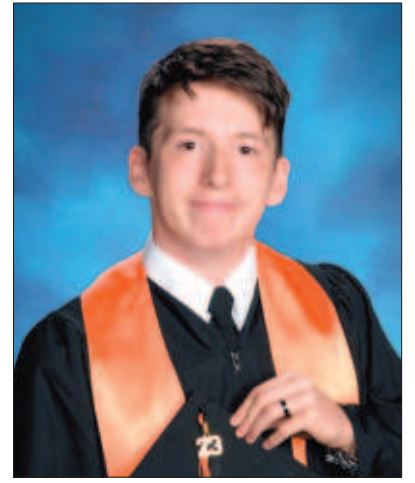
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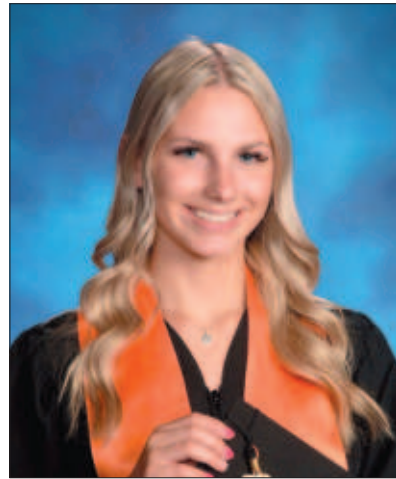
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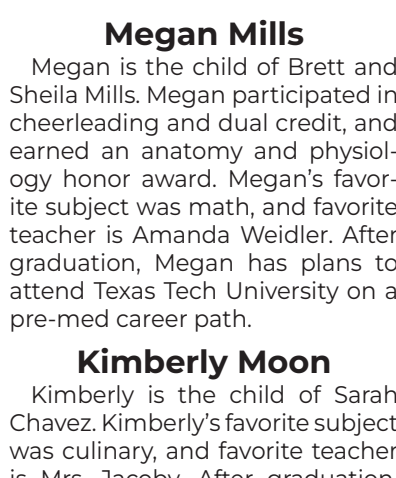
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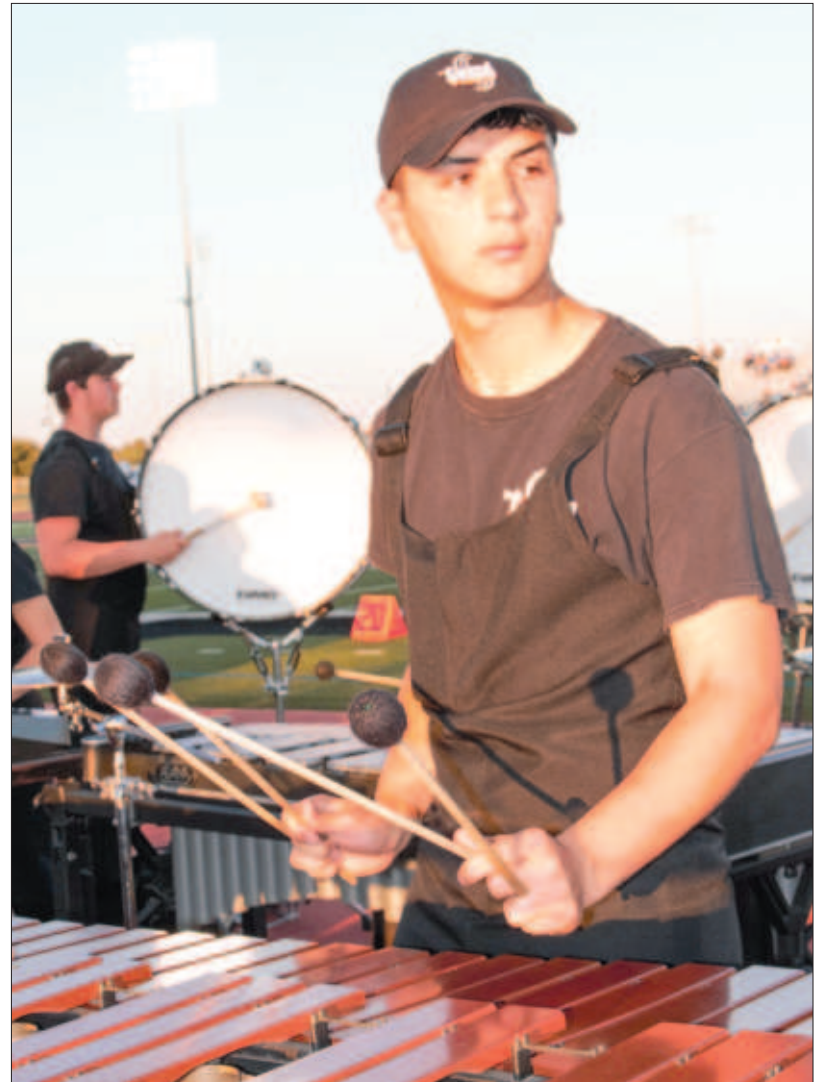


Megan Mills

Megan is the child of Brett and Sheila Mills. Megan participated in cheerleading and dual credit, and earned an anatomy and physiology honor award. Megan's favorite subject was math, and favorite teacher is Amanda Weidler. After graduation, Megan has plans to attend Texas Tech University on a pre-med career path.

Kimberly Moon

Kimberly is the child of Sarah Chavez. Kimberly's favorite subject was culinary, and favorite teacher is Mrs. Jacoby. After graduation, Kimberly has plans to attend cosmetology school.



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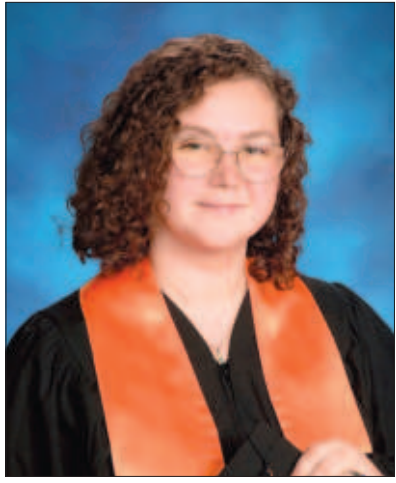
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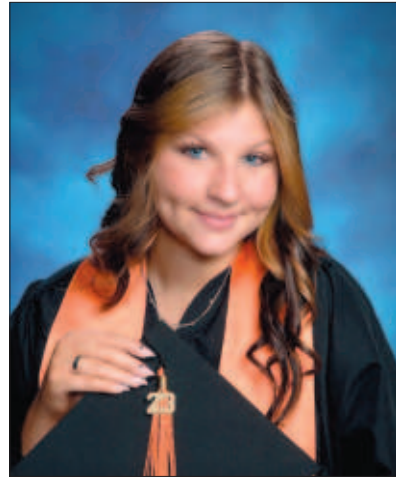
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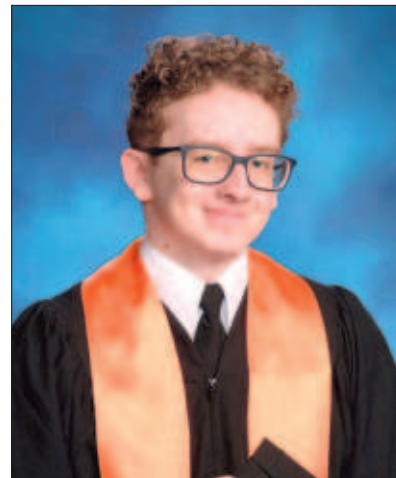
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Austin Moore

Austin is the child of Jennifer and Joe. Austin was involved in wrestling and cross country. Austin's favorite subject was computer science, and favorite teacher is Mr. Walker. After graduation, Austin has plans to enlist in the Marines.

Hunter Morgan

Hunter is the child of Cheri and Paul Morgan. Hunter was involved in Boy Scouts and earned the Eagle Scout rank. Athletically, Hunter practiced taekwondo and jui-jitsu. Hunter's favorite subject was science, and favorite teacher is Mr. Young. After graduation, Hunter has plans to travel, take time off and then attend college or trade school.

Aubrey Mueller

Aubrey is the child of Rose and Jamie Mueller. Aubrey was involved in FCA, FFA, PAL, National Honor Society as the reporter/treasurer/senior representative and was a Phi Theta Kappa member. Athletically, Aubrey participated in track, was captain of the soccer team, soccer first team All-District 6-4A, a regional qualifier in wrestling, cross-country captain and on Academic All-State cross-

country team. Aubrey's favorite subjects were soccer, wrestling and any class that involved being outside or working out. Aubrey's favorite teacher is Coach Sawyer Cooper, who Aubrey said, "always keeps me pushing and never lets me give up on myself!" After graduation, Aubrey has plans to attend Midwestern State University this fall to earn a bachelor's degree in athletic training.

Christian Nolan

Christian is the child of Roseanne Nolan and Carlos Giron. Christian was involved in tech club, esports, robotics club and wrestling. Christian's favorite subject was computer science, and favorite teacher is Mr. Walker. After graduation, Christian has plans to enlist in the military.

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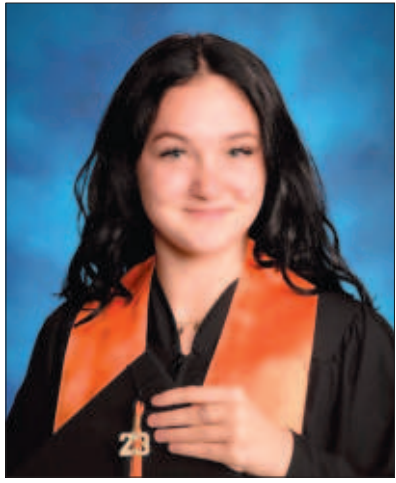
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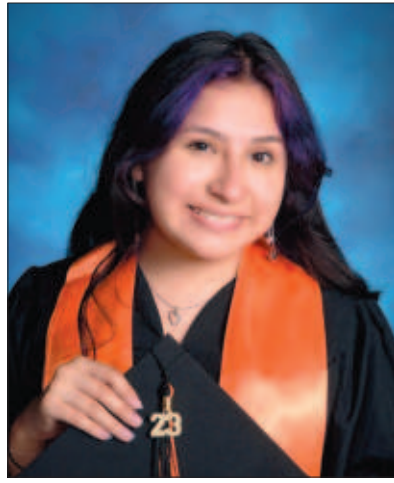
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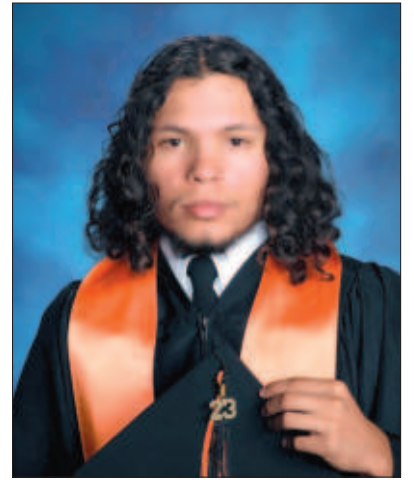
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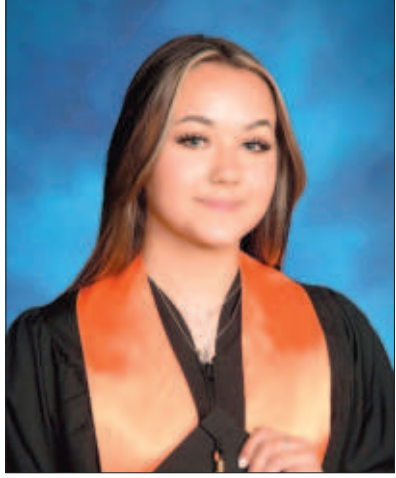
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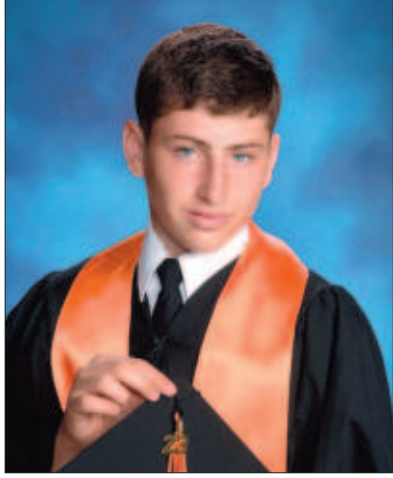
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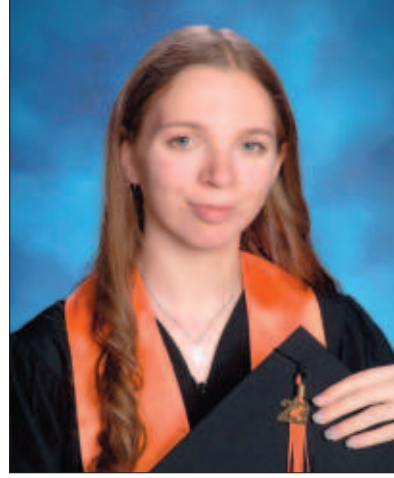
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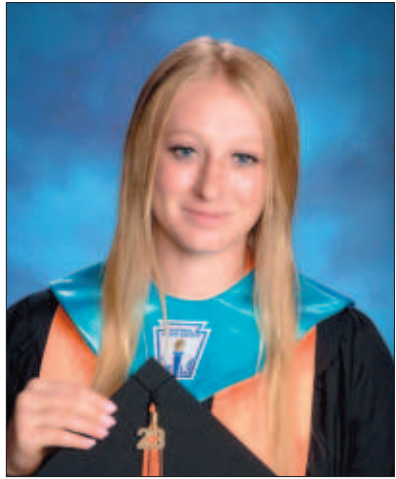
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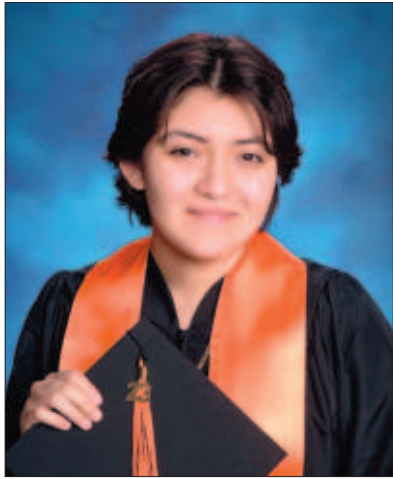
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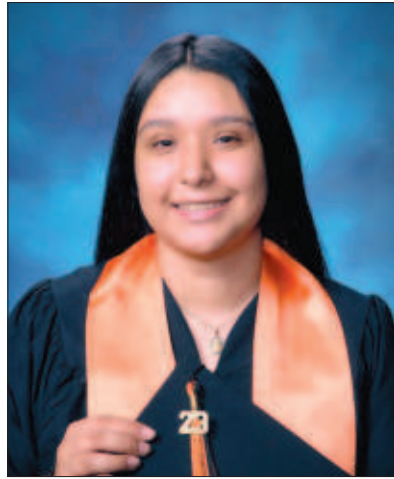
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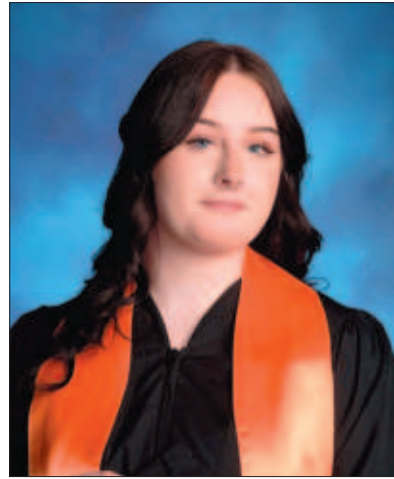
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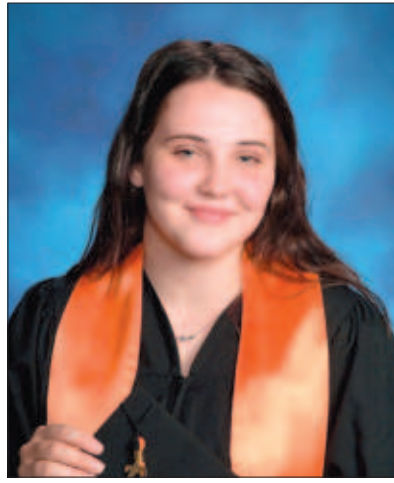

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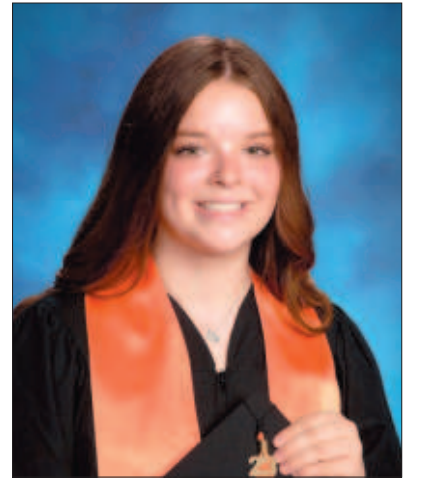
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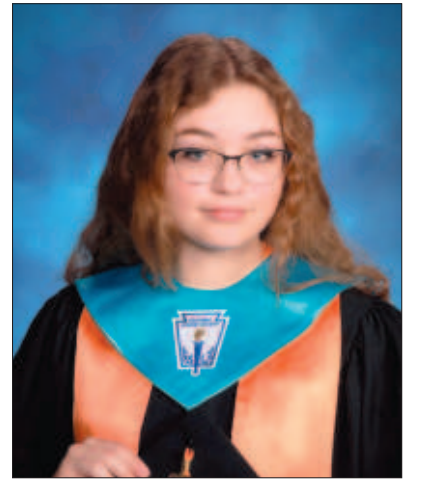
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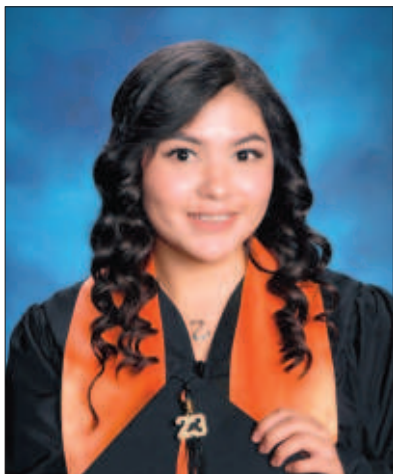
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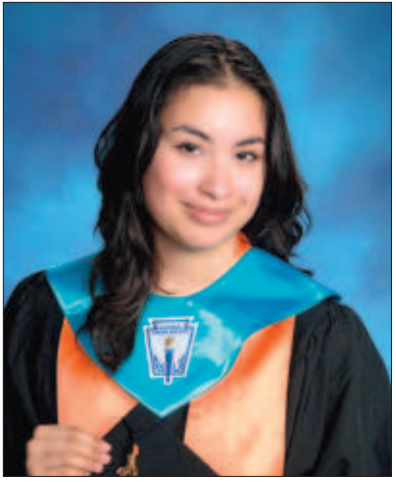
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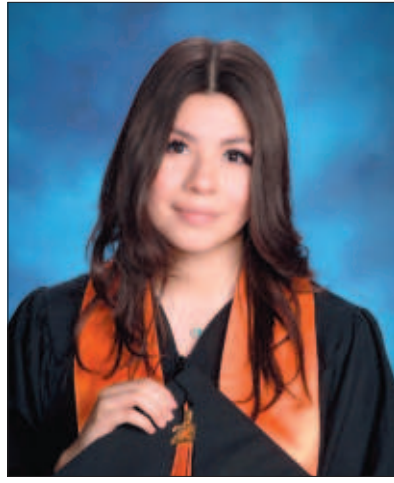
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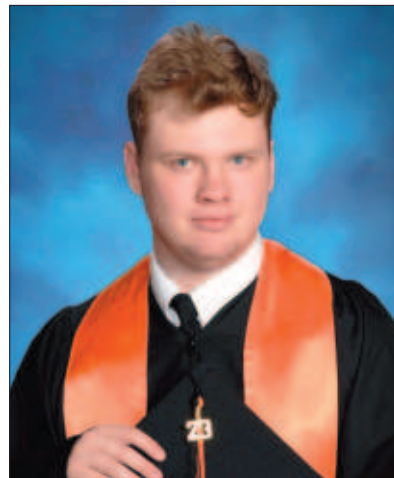
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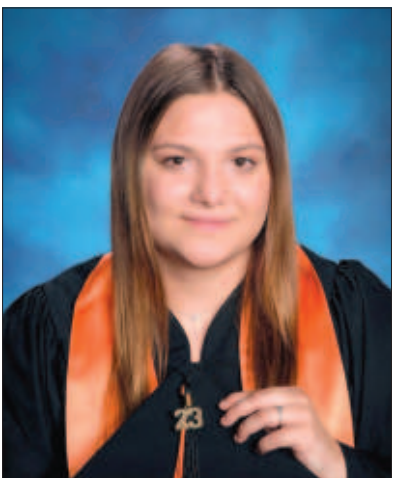
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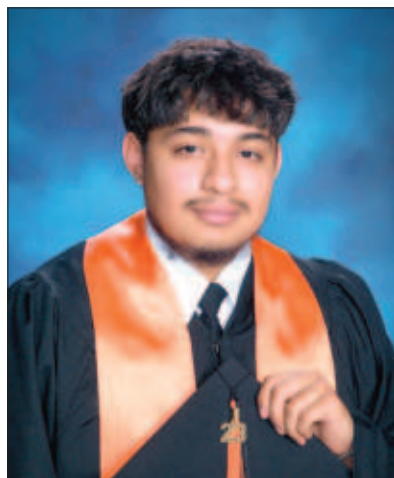
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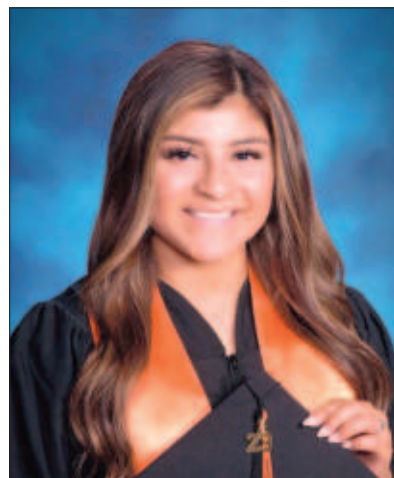
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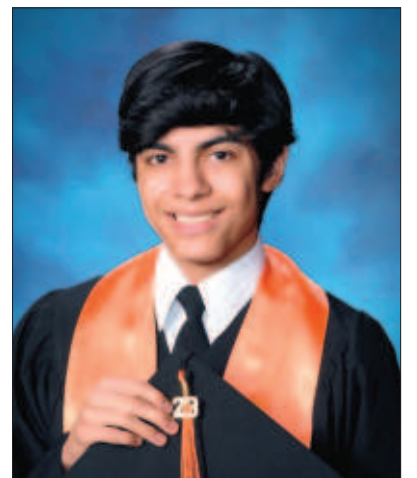
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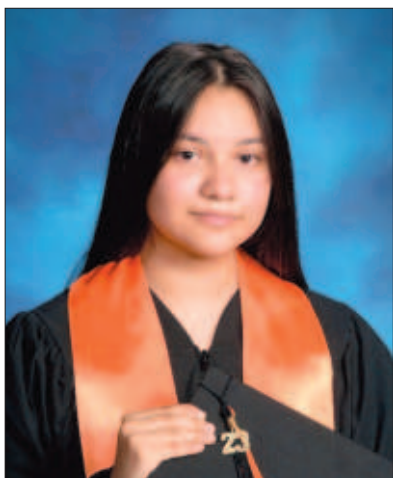
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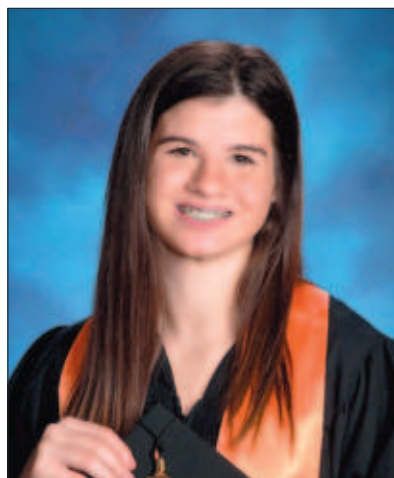
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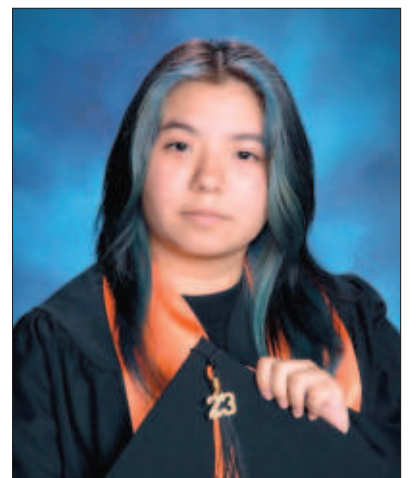
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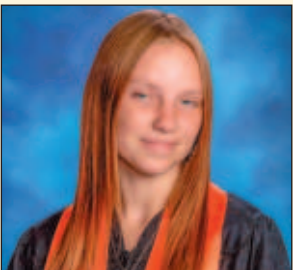


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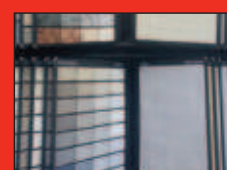
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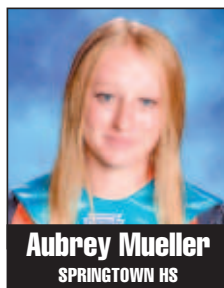
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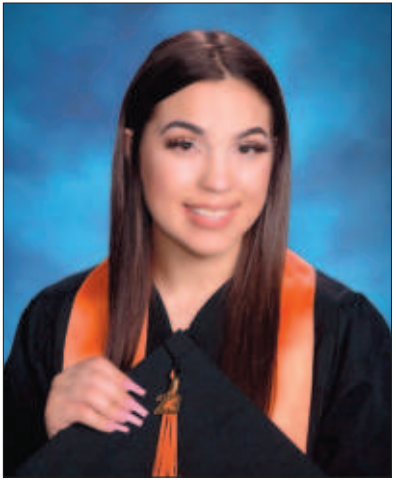


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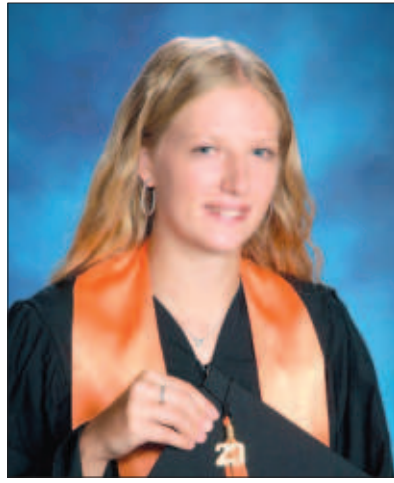
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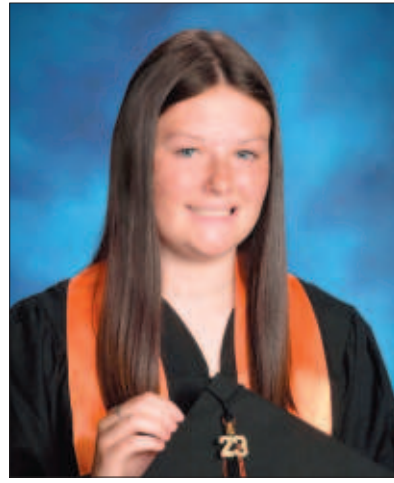
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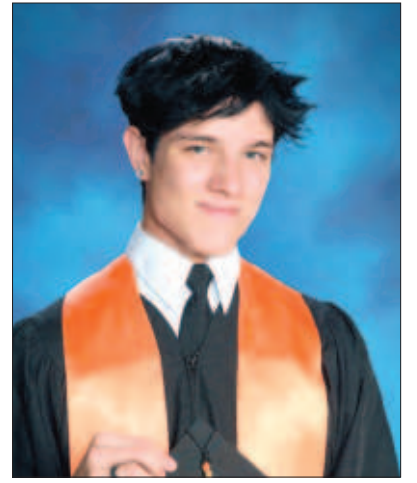
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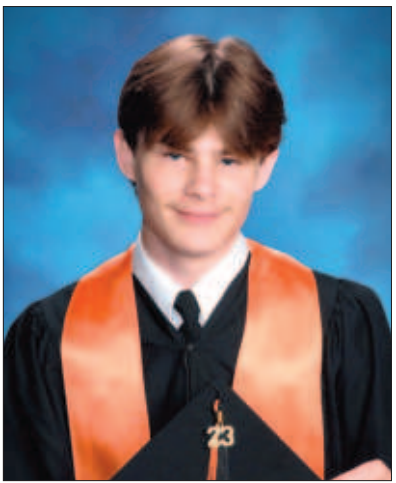
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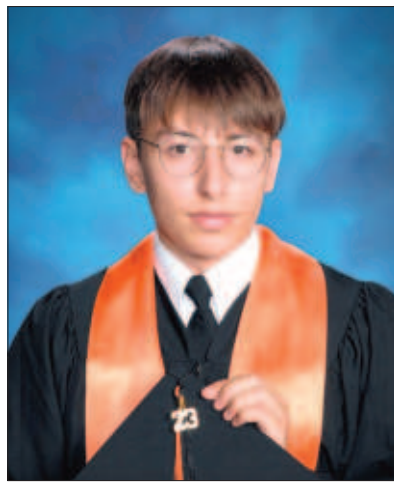
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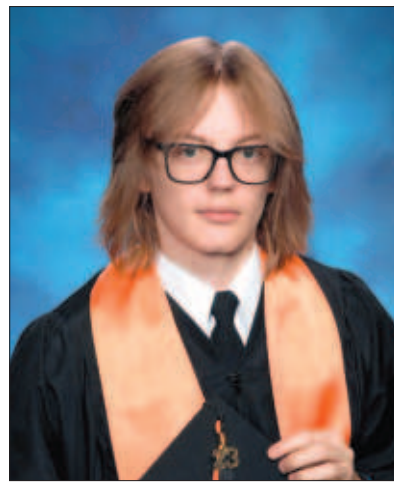
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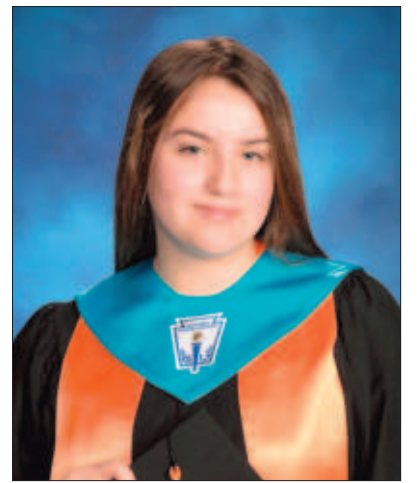
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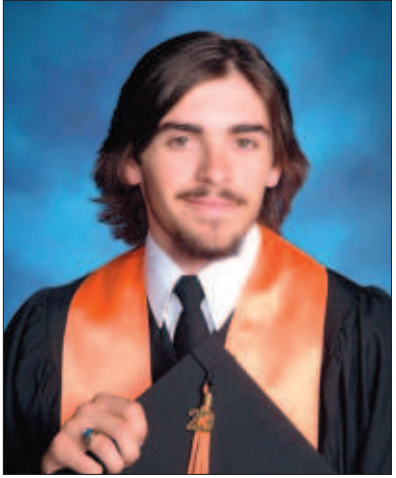
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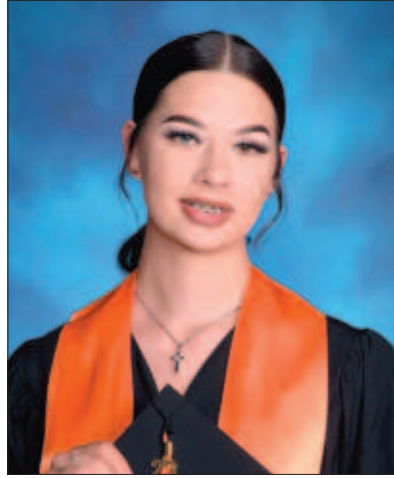
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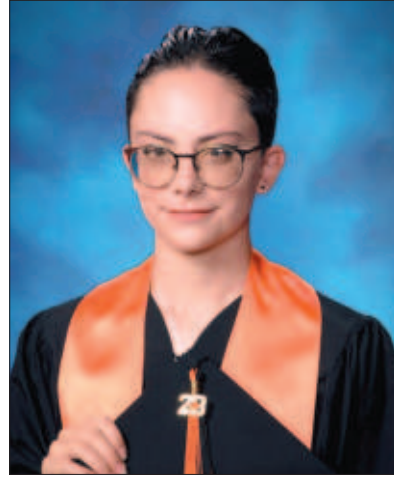
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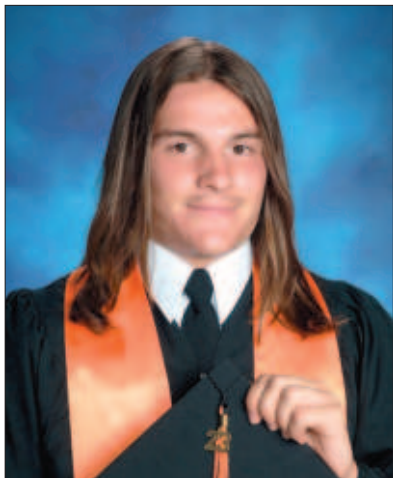
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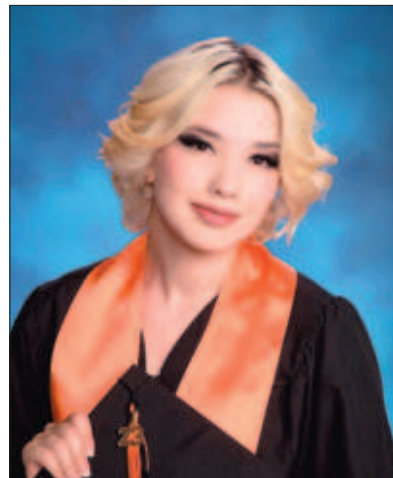
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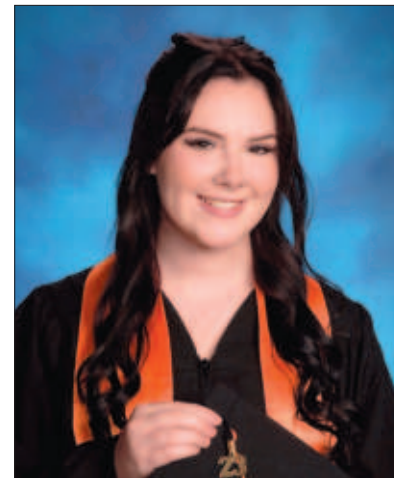
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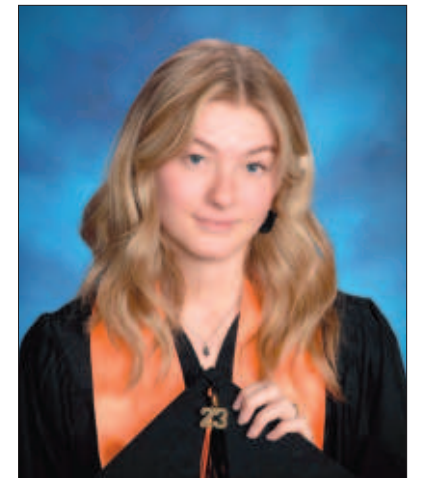
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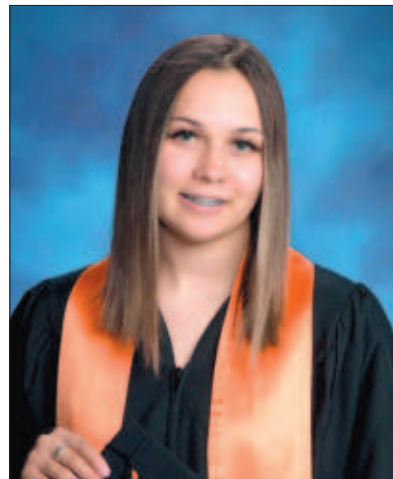
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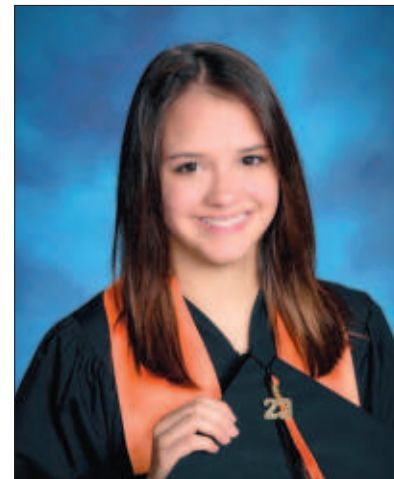
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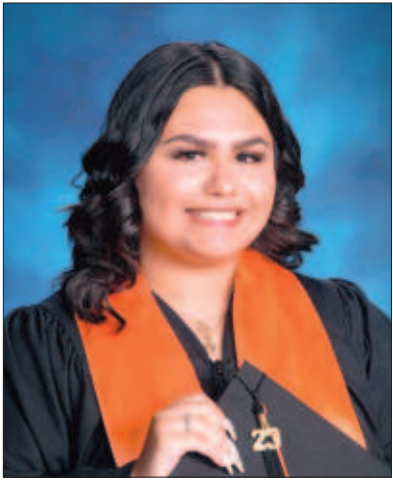


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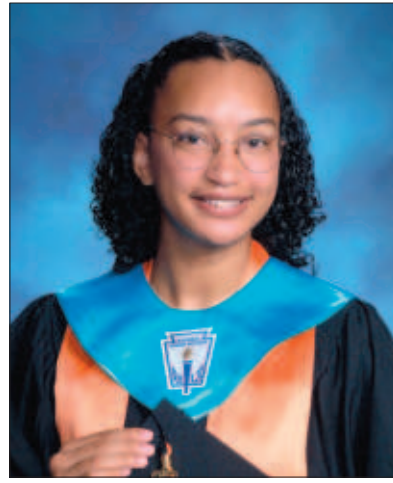
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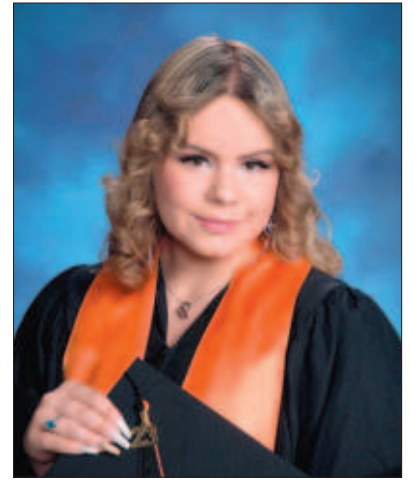
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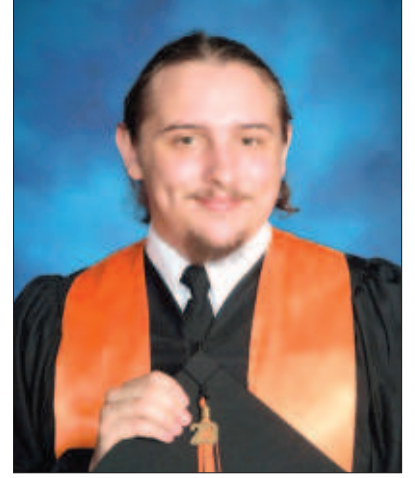
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Jenah Power
Jenah is the niece of Shafter and Amanda Bailey. Jenah was involved in PAL. Jenah's favorite subject was chemistry, and favorite teacher is Mr. Beaty. After graduation, Jenah has plans to attend Weatherford College.

Jennifer Ramirez
Jennifer is the child of Martin and Alma Ramirez. Jennifer participated in track. Jennifer's favorite subject was biology, and favorite teacher is Mrs. Lance. After graduation, Jennifer has plans to attend college and major in education.

Scout Richards
Scout is the child of Jessica Horton and James Richards. Scout participated in baseball, earning All District honorable mention in sophomore and junior years. Scout's favorite subject was English, and favorite teacher is Brad Legan. After graduation, Scout has plans to play baseball at Ranger College.

Megan Sanderson
Megan is the child of April Sanderson and Virgle Sanderson. Megan was involved in varsity choir, vet tech science, FFA and ag. Athletically, Megan participated in softball, cheer and archery. Megan's favorite subject was science, and favorite teacher is Algebra II educator Mrs. Virostek. After graduation, Megan has plans to attend Tarleton State University in the fall and major in animal science, pre-vet medicine.

Ashlyn Sandhop
Ashlyn is the child of Lisa and Don Sandhop. Ashlyn was involved in HOSA, basketball and athletic training. Ashlyn's favorite subject was math, and favorite teacher is Kelly Sabin. After graduation, Ashlyn has plans to attend college to become an occupational therapist.

Hannah Schnelle
Hannah is the child of Justin and Patricia Schnelle. Hannah was involved in TAFE, color guard and esports. Hannah's favorite subjects were math and color guard, and favorite teachers are Ms. Vashon (who is retired) and Mrs. Gilley. After graduation, Hannah has plans to attend Weatherford College to become a teacher.



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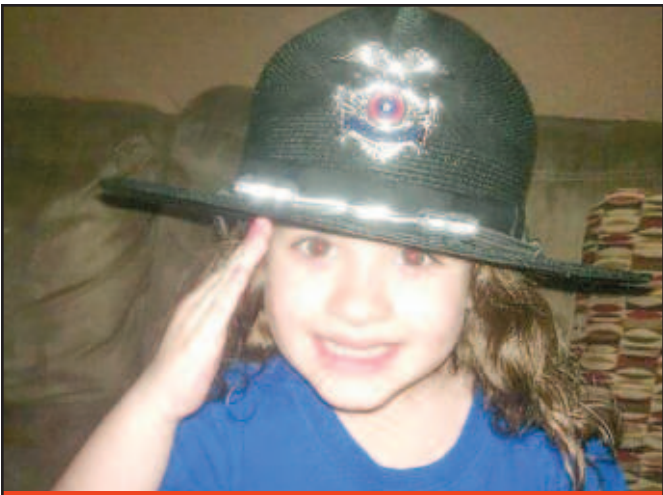


Molly Worthington

Ethan Scott
Ethan is the son of Shane and Lisa Scott. Ethan was involved in band, welding, audio-visual classes and National Honor Society. Ethan was a recipient of the Optimist Club's Texan of the Month. Ethan helped operate the jumbotron at football games and was the producer, star and editor of the Pojo News. Ethan was also chosen to create the prom and graduation video for 2023. Ethan's favorite subject was A/V, and favorite teacher is Mrs. Stephanie Taylor. After graduation, Ethan has plans to attend college and work as a post-productionist with videos.

Dean Smith
Dean is the child of Shayne. Dean played football. Dean's favorite subject was agriculture, and favorite teacher is Mr. Pearson. After graduation, Dean has plans to own a ranch and have a welding company.

Sarah Smith
Sarah is the daughter of Cristi Houk and Erik Smith. Sarah served as the president of the First Responders Club in the 2022-23 school year and vice president of the club in the 2021-22 year. She also participated in band for four years. Sarah's favorite subject was law enforcement, and favorite teacher is Mrs. Bolyer. After graduation, Sarah has plans to join the U.S. Army Reserves and become a Wise County jailer.



MADYLYN MERENDON

Congratulations, Madylyn! We are very proud of you and know you have a bright future ahead. Wreck 'em Tech!
Love – Dad, Kelly, Audrey, Jocelyn, & Felix

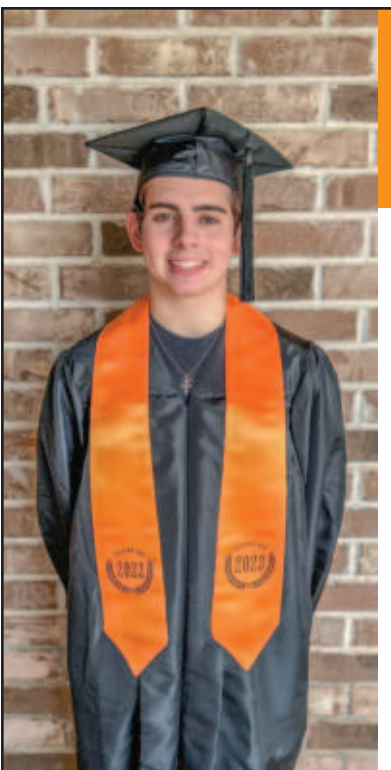
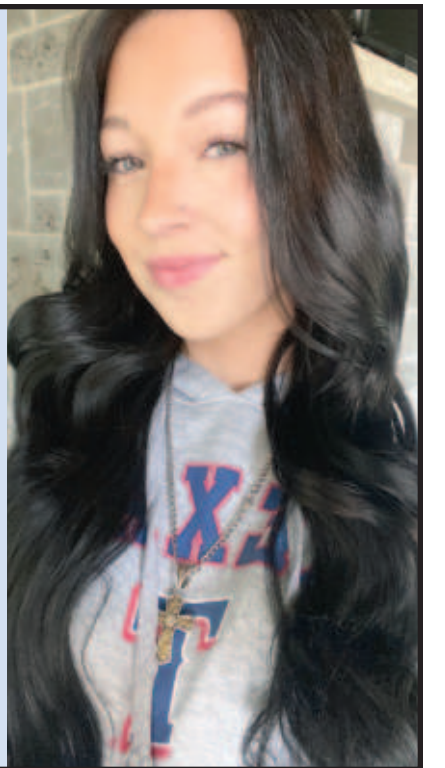
Ava Guerra

We are INCREDIBLY proud of you, Ava!
Next stop - Aggieland!
WHOO!
Love, Mom and Dad



CAILEY CUKA

We are so proud of the young woman you have become and can't wait to see what your future holds!!
Love you so much Mom and Alix



Clark Coplen

We love you and are so very proud of you. Amazing things are ahead!
- Dad, Mom, & Lincoln

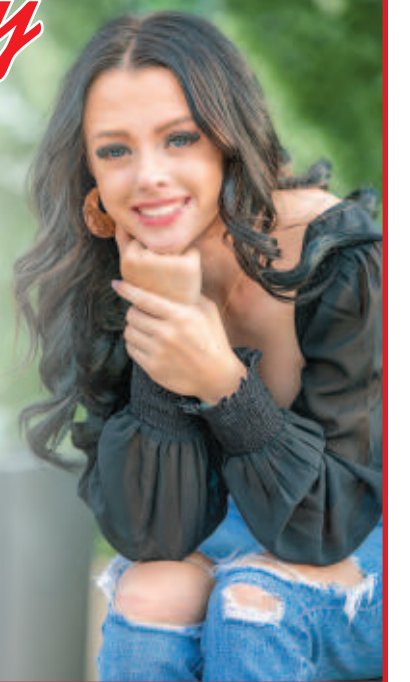
TYE GOREE



Take pride in how far you've come. Have faith in how far you can go, but don't forget to enjoy the journey.
We love you, Dad, Mom, and Kaithlyn

Karley

May your light always shine bright so you never lose your way! Remember how much you're loved; we are super proud of you!
Mom, Justin, and Carson





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Todd Smith

Todd Smith

Todd is the child of Becky and Kevin Smith. Todd participated in the National Honor Society for two years and was NHS president in senior year as well as in band for four years, lettered in freshman year and was battery captain during senior year. Athletically, Todd played baseball for four years, lettering in junior year, and was on the track team in junior year. Todd's favorite subject was health science, and favorite teacher is Mrs. Northrup. After graduation, Todd has plans to attend Midwestern State University to earn a Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

Dalton Sparks

Dalton is the child of Tonya Sparks. Dalton participated in welding, varsity football and varsity track. Dalton's favorite subject was athletics, and favorite teacher is Mrs. Chambers. After graduation, Dalton has plans to attend Weatherford College.

Allison Stoner

Allison is the child of Glenda and Michael Stoner. Allison participated in National Honor Society, TAFE, HOSA, cheerleading and was on the 2023 Prom Committee. Allison's favorite subjects were tennis and P.E., and favorite teachers are coaches Elston and Castro. After graduation, Allison has plans to attend the secondary transition program at SISD and continue cheerleading.

Cessily Street

Cessily is the child of Pam Street. Cessily was part of the Springtown Showstoppers. Cessily's favorite subject was science, and favorite teacher is Coach Horton. After graduation, Cessily has plans to attend Weatherford College.

Mollie Tucker

Mollie is the child of Tamera Hair. Mollie's favorite subject was English, and favorite teacher is Mrs. CPR. After graduation, Mollie has plans to finish paramedic school and go to the academy to become a firefighter.

Rylee Walsh

Rylee is the child of Mike and Carla Walsh. Rylee participated in color guard and was the TAFE president. Rylee's favorite subject was practicum education and training, and favorite teacher is Mrs. Benton. After graduation, Rylee has plans to attend Weatherford College and major in child development.

Anthony Weathers

Anthony is the child of Keri Behrens, Mike Behrens, Chris Weathers and Tia Weathers. Anthony was in the Band of Gold at Boswell and JROTC. Anthony's favorite subject was chemistry, and favorite teacher is Ms. Kelly. After graduation, Anthony has plans to enlist in the U.S. Army.

Ryan Webster

Ryan is the child of Kim Webster. Ryan participated in band. Ryan's favorite subject was science, and favorite teacher is Coach Gideon. After graduation, Ryan plans to work.

Amie Ann White

Amie Ann is the child of Jacob White. Amie Ann participated in Family, Career and Community Leaders of America, Spanish Club, was Student Council parliamentarian for three years, Student Body treasurer, National Honor Society five-year member and vice president, and BPA region, state job interview competitor and chapter secretary. In FCCLA, Amie Ann participated for six years. She got second place in Career Investigation competitive event at region, first place at state and gold level at Nationals. In 2018-2022, she participated in Fall Leadership workshops and trainings across the state, five assessment state tests, 10+ community service projects (three of which personally facilitated and planned), planned and led over six conferences with over 3,000 attending each. She has held the offices of Chapter Secretary, Chapter President 2019-2022, Chapter VP of Outreach and Media, Chapter State Representative, Region II VP of Service Learning, State nominating committee, State Parliamentarian, State Vice President of Leadership Development, Texas National Officer Candidate and National Vice President of Development (due to this position serving on the Education and Training Task Force for Board of Directors, AAFCS translator). She has run the nonprofit national organization alongside National Staff. Athletically, Amie Ann participated in sideline cheerleading as JV captain and varsity co-captain as well as three years in competitive cheer, which was top 20 on National Level. Amie Ann's

favorite subject was English composition, and favorite teacher is Angela Mitchell. After graduation, Amie Ann plans to attend the University of Texas at Austin and major in corporate communications to earn a bachelor's degree and a master's degree in communication studies. Amie Ann hopes to continue her work for Career and Technical Student Organizations and nonprofits.

Emma Whitehead

Emma is the child of Patrick and Melanie Whitehead. Emma participated in National Honor Society, HOSA, TAFE and the dual credit program to earn an Associate of Arts Degree from Weatherford College. Emma's favorite subject was dual biology, and favorite teacher is Mrs. Mitchell. After graduation, Emma plans to attend the University of North Texas in the fall to pursue a degree in biology on the pre-med track.

Dillon Wilson

Dillon is the child of Jeff and Tracy Wilson. Dillon participated in FFA, the First Responders Club and the bass fishing team. Dillon's favorite subject was welding, and favorite teacher is Mr. Stephens. After graduation, Dillon plans to work for Moore Odom Wildlife Preserve and be a part-time dispatcher at the Springtown Police Department.

Colby Witt

Colby is the son of Misti and Chris Witt. Colby's favorite subject was welding. After graduation, Colby plans to attend Weatherford College - trade school for welding.


Melody Wood

Melody is the child of Jesse and Aubyn Wood. Melody was the dance president and band president. Melody's favorite subject was band, and favorite teacher is Mrs. Massey. After graduation, Melody plans to attend trade school.



Amie Ann White

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Esther Borrego

We are so proud of you, I hope you had the most amazing senior year in Texas.

We will miss you. Go crush life.

Love, the Dauenhauer's



Brinklee Dauenhauer

It has been such a blessing watching you grow and achieve all your goals and dreams. The sky's the limit for the rest of your life.

Love Mom and Dad



Alexa Henson

Go confidently in the direction of your dreams and live the life you imagined.

With much love Mom and Dad

Congratulations to our Graduates!
The best is yet to come!





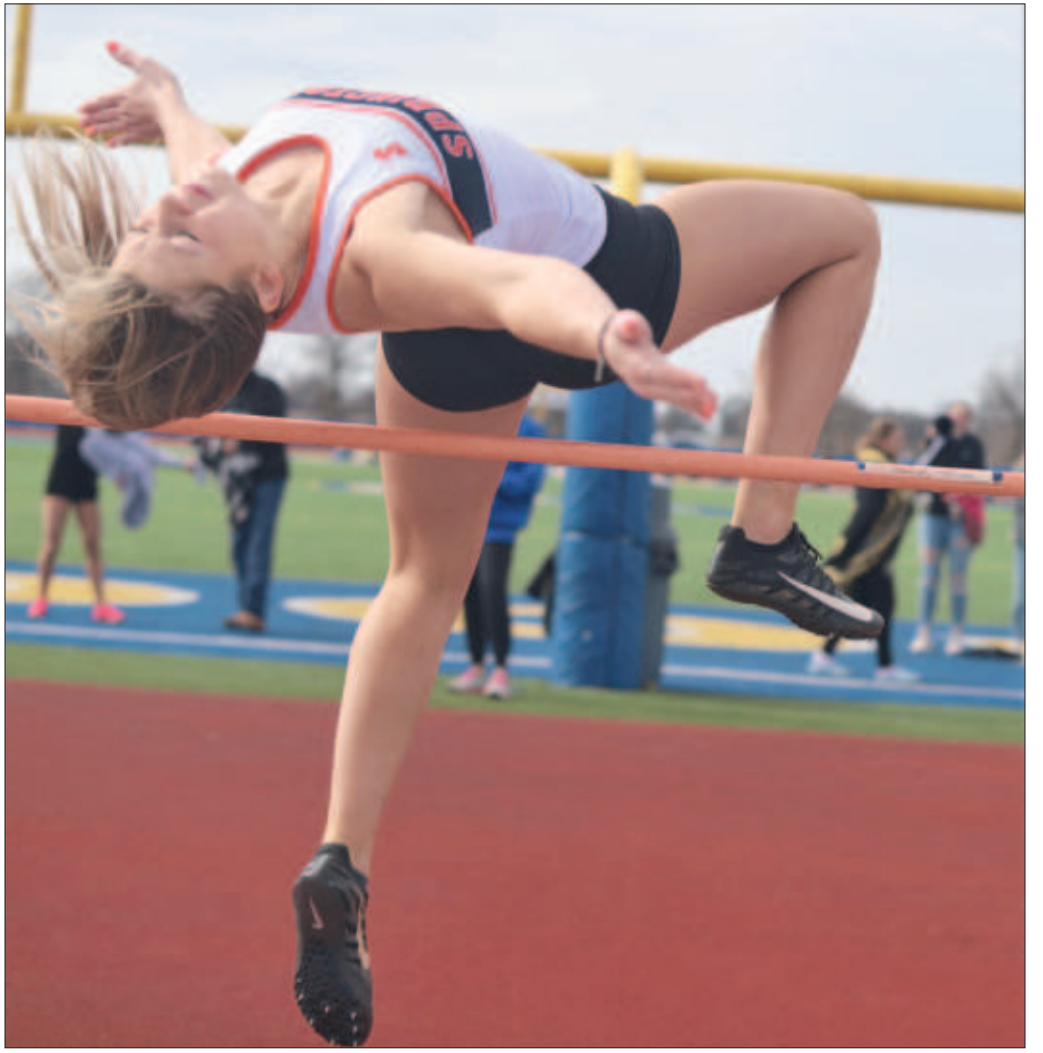
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Cameron Gaston



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Chandler King



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