



ELECTION 2024



Local pastor wins seat on AISD board



Geary defeats Massey for Place 4 on board of trustees

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AZLE — With former Azle ISD superintendent and current board of trustees member Ray Lea retiring, families within the district were guaranteed to see a new face

Brandon Geary

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Springtown ISD has new board member



Bryant succeeds in race against Hall

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SPRINGTOWN — Longtime Springtown Independent School District member Elizabeth "Tootie" Hall lost her re-election race on Saturday to school board newcomer Cody Bryant.

Cody Bryant

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Martin elected to Springtown Council



Scott Richardson re-elected, Mayor Pro Tem Roberson loses

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SPRINGTOWN — After the May 4 elections, Springtown City Council will have one new member.

David Martin

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Club President Gary Cochran with challenge coins given out during the evening's meeting.

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Local car club donates \$10k to vet memorial

Silver Dollar Classics Car Club presents check to Tarrant County Vietnam Memorial Foundation

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AZLE — A local car show had a follow-up to remember after club members donated \$10,000 to the building of a Vietnam veterans memorial.

A general meeting and check presentation were held April 30 at CJ's Café in Azle by the Silver Dollar Classics Car Club. Chuck "Cuda" Matthews, former club president, thanked members and told the story of Albrecht Dürer, creator of the famous painting "Praying Hands." According to Matthews' story, Dürer was given a chance to attend an art institute when his brother went to work in the coal mines to support his family. After great success, Dürer wanted to give his brother the chance to learn art at the institute, but by

then his hands had been too damaged to paint fine details with a brush. Dürer would go on to paint his brother's hands as a tribute to his sacrifice.

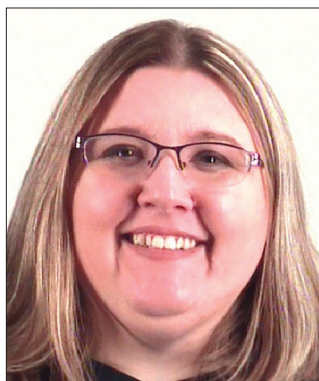
"I tell you this historical story because of the sacrifice that all of you in this room made for this foundation and I just wanted to say thank you," Matthews said.

Current President Gary Cochran spoke and likewise thanked the volunteers for making everything possible.

"Seeing the veterans that were coming in and out of the show and to have them come by and say 'this is one of the coolest car shows I've ever been to' Cochran said. "Everybody that was walking out was like 'man, this was just awesome.' We're a family

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Former AISD teacher sentenced to 2 years in prison



Christina Starnes

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AZLE — Former Azle ISD teacher Christina Starnes pleaded guilty to a charge of improper relationship between an educator and student Friday, April 26. Starnes, 40, was sentenced to serve two years in a state penitentiary for the second-degree felony charge. She was immediately taken into custody. Starnes was initially ar-

Starnes pleaded guilty to improper relationship with student

rested by Tarrant County Sheriff's officers Feb. 23, 2021, and charged with sexual assault of a minor, improper relationship between an educator and student, and indecency with a child with sexual contact. Starnes satisfied the conditions of her \$10,000 bond and was released from

the Tarrant County jail the following day. The charges of indecency with a child and sexual assault of a child were waived as a part of the April 26 plea bargain.

When asked for comment, the Tarrant County Criminal District Attorney's Office responded, "this plea agree-

ment ensures that Christina Starnes will be held accountable with a prison sentence for this crime."

Starnes was formerly a substitute teacher at Keller ISD and began teaching in Azle in 2016 as a special education teacher at Santo J. Forte Junior High. During her first year with the district, she was named Teacher of the Year; she also received a \$1,000 grant from the Azle Education Foundation.

Starnes was accused of having oral sex with a minor in the back of her car Jan. 27, 2021.

According to an article that appeared in the Fort Worth Star Telegram, a family member of the student met with district Superintendent Todd Smith after the student returned home later than expected and was not acting like himself. After look-

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MEMORIAL

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and we're ambassadors to car shows. It doesn't matter the car you drive, the motorcycle you ride or anything because we're a huge family and what we do is take care of our community."

After he spoke, club mem-

bers presented Cochran with a challenge coin. Board members were also thanked with unique custom-made challenge coins.

With 50 to 60 members per meeting and 120 members total, members and leadership are amazed with the club's growth in only its second year. Earlier in March, the club hosted its second annual car show benefiting

the Tarrant County Vietnam Memorial Foundation. The show hosted around 180 cars, a live Creedence Clearwater Revival tribute band, food and craft vendors and two Vietnam-era helicopters borrowed from the Fort Worth Aviation Museum. Representatives from the museum and memorial foundation were present to speak and accept a donation



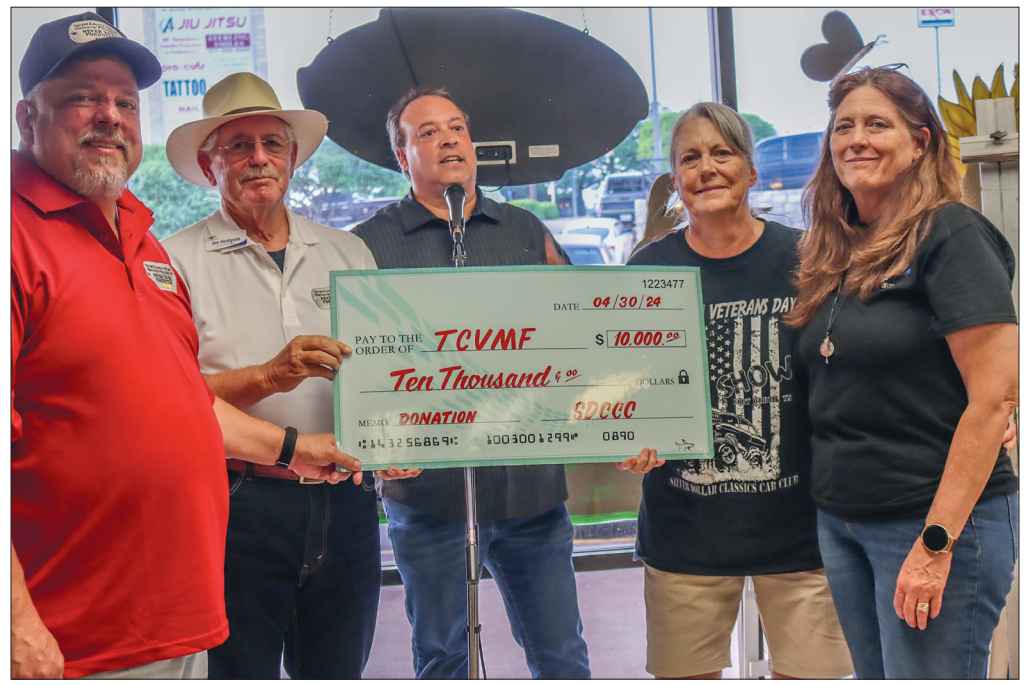
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Wyatt Woodward, 7, an Eagle Heights Elementary student, drew tickets for prizes with his stuffed cat Calala, President Cochran on the left and club member Pam Harper on the right.



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Tarrant County Vietnam Memorial Foundation Treasurer Damon Harvey shakes hands with Vietnam veteran Roger Owens.



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Damon Harvey, Jim Hodgson, Gary Cochran, Leah Owens and Pam Harper with the \$10,000 check.

from funds raised during the event. There were more than 1,000 spectators according to Cochran's estimates. The number of attendees was particularly impressive, he said, because they were competing with four other local car shows, some with as many as 500 cars.

"We enjoyed being a part of your car show. From the museum, we enjoyed bringing out the helicopters," Jim Hodgson, a representative from the museum and foundation said. "You're the only group that we allow to take the helicopters without us. It's a big point of trust for us. We know they're going to get there and get back. From the museum standpoint we're glad to support it. From the foundation standpoint, you're doing work for us on behalf of the 225 families and the gentlemen who served and on behalf of those families, thank you because those gentlemen's names are going to be perpetually there so that they and their families are going to be remembered for the sacrifices they all made and continue to make because of the people

who are afflicted with Agent Orange."

Last year, the club raised \$7,500 for the building of a future Vietnam veterans memorial. The memorial, which is planned to be built at Veteran's Memorial Park in Fort Worth, is still in the fundraising phase of its building but is projected to be completed in November 2026. The memorial plans were conceived by Brewer High School student, Ryan Scieneaux, in a winning 2020 submission. Fort Worth-based artist and sculptor, Michael Pavlovsky, and Nick Nelson of Pacheco Koch are working with the Fort Worth Parks Department and Fort Worth Art Commission to make this concept into a reality.

"It's overwhelming the amount of support they've shown us last year and this year," Tarrant County Vietnam Memorial Foundation Treasurer Damon Harvey said. "It's been a continued partnership that we didn't really anticipate. There's no way we could really show our true gratitude because the memorial cannot

be done without people really opening their hearts to be able to do things like this for our organization. It's going to be unlike any memorial you've ever seen based on the fact that it was a high school student that designed it. It's not the canon, it's not the spire, it's not people walking, it's a completely unique design."

At the end of the meeting, the club presented this year's check and raffled off prizes to club members. The club first began holding shows to benefit the TCVMF by recommendation of club member Leah Owens after she was inspired by the service of her husband and fellow club member Roger Owens. Owens served in the Army, 25th Infantry, in Vietnam from 1967 to 1968. More information about the foundation can be found on its website tcmv.us and on its Facebook page. The Silver Dollar Classics Car Club, which is hosted by Silver Dollar Customs, can be found on Silver Dollar Classics Car Club Shows on Facebook or through its private Facebook group.



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Graduation is right around the corner... let the future begin!

With May comes graduation. There are college graduations, high school graduations, and I even got an invitation to my granddaughter's kindergarten graduation. Amazingly, this year is the 50th anniversary of my high school graduation, so I have done a little reflecting on the whole graduation process.

I think each of us has a slightly different view of this celebrated May ritual. For many families it is a big event, where the whole family comes together to recognize the progress of one of its members. There is the ceremony itself, gifts, parties and the constant questioning of the graduate about their future. Some students believe they know exactly what they want to do with their lives and are anxious to get started. Others are less certain. It



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.

is a time where many young people, whether it be for a job or for school, will be moving away from home for the first time.

Graduation ceremonies never mattered to me. I would not have gone through my high school graduation ceremony except my mother told me she would not ever forgive me if I didn't. Now that is a pretty strong incentive to participate! I did go through college graduation to recognize the event with my fraternity brothers, but I never went to graduation when I received my post

graduate degree. What mattered to me was the degree was a "ticket" to get into the "game of life." I wanted to progress and move forward. The ceremony never mattered but at the same time, I understand why the ceremony is important to others.

Parents are equally anxious this time of year. There is concern about graduation celebrations and prayers that the graduates will use good judgment during their celebratory evening to ensure safety and that no catastrophic accidents occur. The parents may not express it

out loud, but they are also uncertain of their future as their family dynamic changes seeing one of their offspring leaving the nest.

It is certainly a time of change and for the students, the world is their oyster! The possibilities are infinite and that is both exciting and terrifying. What they have been preparing for the past 18 or so years has finally arrived. The time has come where they must start making the first true significant decisions in their lives. What type of work do they want to do? Where do they want to live? How do they see their future and what sacrifices they want to make to accomplish their perceived goals? It is perhaps the first time they must truly manage their money or even borrow money in terms of a student loan. The time has come when they cannot rely

on Mom and Dad so much. As they move out of their family home, they are compelled to do their own laundry, clean up after themselves, have control over their day, and make decisions that will truly affect their own destiny. Parents can only hope they have taught their children well and they are ready for the challenge.

As I look back on my graduation 50 years ago, I cannot help but smile. Though I had plans to go to college and complete a post graduate degree, I had no idea what the future held for me. Leaving home was a culture shock and experiencing life was both rewarding and punishing. I made mistakes along the way and so will our current graduates. It is all part of the game of life. Nothing is set in stone, there is not an answer to every question,

there are only choices and consequences. We all learn as we go. At least we hope we do. I'm not sure on graduation day I could have ever predicted how my life has played out, but I am glad I got to experience the journey. It is full of joy and pain, and most of all learning. The learning of life never stops.

Congratulations seniors! Go forward and live your lives to the fullest. Remember that no matter what your future, your education in the school of life continues. You have entered the next level, and now there are more steps to climb. Such is the joy of life.

Thought for the day: "What lies behind you and what lies in front of you, pales in comparison to what lies inside of you." -Ralph Waldo Emerson

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

Christianity is about LOVE while Christian Nationalism is about POWER

Tim Dunn's recent op-ed in the Midland Times denouncing his label as a Christian Nationalist was an amusing piece of gaslighting.

There is no man in the State of Texas who has financed more lies, deceit and unwarranted character assassination than Tim Dunn. Yet here he is, feigning hurt feelings over a "label."

I too object to ill-defined labels. To that end, "Christian Nationalist," much like "RINO," "liberal," and many



DISTRICT 60

By Glenn Rogers

Representative Glenn Rogers is a sixth generation Texas rancher, where his family has deep ranching roots in Palo Pinto County going back to the 1890s. He represents District 60 in the Texas House of Representatives.

other more caustic labels spewed out by his highly paid puppets, need to be defined. "Christian Nationalism" must be clearly contrasted with "Christianity" so the two are never confused.

A preferred one-sentence description of the difference between Christianity and Christian Nationalism is quite simple. Christianity is about LOVE while Christian Nationalism is about POWER.

Don't be fooled by Dunn's claim that he is a "sometimes activist." According to the Texas Ethics Commission, just since July of last year, he has spent \$1.9 MILLION on political contributions. For the last decade or so, he has funneled tens of millions of dollars into races across our entire state.

Dunn and the PACs he funds have consistently been willing to support morally repugnant candidates, as long as they are willing to "kiss the

ring." This includes an individual who once said, "Rape is nonexistent in marriage," a representative expelled from the House for supplying alcohol to and having sexual relations with his 19-year-old female staffer, and someone who dressed up like a flamboyant Hitler for Halloween... that is just to name a few. Apparently, to achieve the power desired by Christian Nationalism, the end justifies the means.

Dunn has said "the Bible is

mainly about politics." Last I checked, the Bible is mainly about the love and forgiveness offered to humanity by Jesus Christ! The Jesus I believe in does not use politicians, partisan politics, intimidation or personal destruction tactics to subjugate citizens to God's authority. Rather, Jesus' disciples sought people in need and showed them love.

Christians are called to build the Church through love, not by political power.



Bonnets in Bloom Contest Winner Barbara Boardman

Barbara Boardman of Azle was chosen as the 2024 Bonnets in Bloom photo contest winner. She was presented with a check for \$200 and her photo was featured on the front page of the April 24 edition. The Tri-County Reporter received more than 30 entries from area residents for this year's contest.

Cross Timbers Golf Course closes greens, offers reduced rates



COURTESY PHOTO

Winterkill damage at the Cross Timbers Gold Course.

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AZLE — According to the City of Azle, greens 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 11 and 13 at Cross Timbers Golf Course will be temporarily closed starting May 8. With parts of the course closed, green 3 will be played as a short par-4 and 10 will be played as a par-3. Due to last summer's droughts and cold temperatures this winter, parts of the course will be under maintenance starting Wednesday.

A presentation describing the situation was added to the agenda for the most recent May 7 Azle City Council meeting. According to the presentation, harsh and dry conditions and a record amount of play and cart traffic — 47,000 rounds in 2023 — caused the course to experience a phenom-

Weather damage to turf causes course to shift operations

enon known as winterkill. The city plans to re-sprig affected fairways, roughs and greens, and will offer several temporary alternatives for golfers. All affected areas are expected to be back in action by Sept. 1. The project is expected to cost \$65,000 and will be funded by the course's private club, budget adjustments and funds slated for future renovations if necessary. The course has currently collected \$81,000 more in revenues than what was projected for the 2023-2024 fiscal year. The presentation predicts the course will be "back and better than ever" come September 2024.

The course will offer re-

duced prices for customers during this period. From opening time to noon Monday through Friday, the course rate will be \$40; the rate will be \$50 on weekends and holidays. From 12:01 to 2:59 p.m. the course rate will be \$35 weekdays and \$45 on weekends and holidays. After 3 p.m. prices will be \$25 and \$35 on aforementioned days. The senior, military and student rate will be \$35 and \$45 on aforementioned days. The City of Azle resident rate will decrease to \$35 weekdays and \$45 weekends. Those 12 years old and younger will be able to play throughout the week for \$30.

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Springtown PD to get new generator during National Police Week

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SPRINGTOWN — A local business wants to show the Springtown Police Department its gratitude by donating and installing a new generator during this year's National Police Week.

Springtown electrical contractor Williams Electric Co. plans to replace the police department's generator, which allows the first responders to operate during power outages, for free. Williams Electric office administrator Shawnee Cross said the company services Springtown Police Department's generator and has determined that a new one is needed.

"It's just so old," Cross said. "A lot of the parts for it are not available anymore, and some of the generator is being held together by vise grips. So, we're trying to replace that for them and at no cost to them."

The current generator

Williams Electric Co. encourages community to show support for officers by using blue light bulbs

has been at the police station for at least as long as Deputy Chief Jamie Oliver has worked there, which is almost 11 years. Oliver described the generator as "barely alive" and said there have been issues with it in the past. Having the new one will give the deputy chief and his staff some peace of mind as opposed to crossing their fingers and hoping it will work in a pinch, Oliver said.

"We definitely need it," he said.

City Administrator David Miller said the generator is what keeps the police department's dispatch systems online during power outages, and it has become increasingly less reliable over the years. Miller announced the news

of the donated generator during Springtown City Council's April 25 meeting and said he and city staff are excited for the gift.

"We appreciate Bill Williams' (of Williams Electric Co.) generosity and his willingness to do that to help our police department out and help our citizens out," Miller said.

Williams Electric is also encouraging residents and businesses to replace their front porch lights with blue bulbs during National Police Week, May 12-18. Locals can get free blue light bulbs from Williams Electric and its fellow sponsors.

This is the first time Williams Electric is celebrating National Police Week in this way, Cross said.



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Mayor Greg Hood shakes hands with Springtown Deputy Chief of Police Jamie Oliver after proclaiming May 12-18 as National Police Week in the City of Springtown. "The Springtown Police Department and its officers work tirelessly to keep our community safe and secure, often at the risk of serious injury or death," Hood said in his proclamation.

"Just here in the office, we had started thinking about the local community, and then once we became aware of the PD's generator being in the state it's in, it kind of

brought it up and made it kind of a mission for us to honor them," she said. "They do a lot for our community, so we're trying to return that respect back to them."

To get blue light bulbs or ask about being a sponsor, call Williams Electric at 817-523-5353 or visit its office at 1272 E. State Highway 199 in Springtown.

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BIG SAVINGS

TCR reporters win journalism awards

The North and East Texas Press Association held its annual convention in Granbury April 25-27. An important part of the convention is its Better Newspaper contest which bestows awards for excellence in various journalistic categories. More than 40 newspapers submitted entries in the competition, which is judged by independent out-of-state professional journalists.

Jeff Prince, a now-retired reporter for The Tri-County Reporter, was recognized for photo excellence with the first-place award in Division 4 for Best Sports Photo. He also took second place for sports coverage in Division 4. Prince

Prince, Edwards, Freeman lauded at NETPA convention

was a longtime news and sports reporter/photographer for several newspapers during his extensive journalism career. He retired from The Tri-County Reporter in December 2023.

Tri-County Reporter's Madelyn Edwards was also recognized at the NETPA convention, placing second in the coveted "Journalist of the Year" competition and third in the news writing category. Edwards came to work for The Tri-County Reporter's predecessor newspaper, The Springtown Epigraph, in

2021. Since then, she has covered breaking news, metro issues, feature stories and general assignments.

Zach Freeman, also a reporter for TCR, took second place in the News Photo competition in Division 4. Freeman has been at The Tri-County Reporter for a little more than one year. Together, Freeman and Edwards placed fourth in the feature story category for Division 4.

"There were more than 40 newspapers competing in the Better Newspaper competi-



Madelyn Edwards



Zach Freeman



Jeff Prince

tion at the North and East Texas Press convention, and we are proud of Jeff and Madelyn for the recognition they received," Tri-County

Reporter Publisher Kim Ware said. "These outstanding journalists work hard every day to uphold the high standards of our industry and

this publication. I am sure the entire community joins me in expressing our appreciation for their efforts and recognizing their outstanding work."

Quilters to meet next week

STAFF REPORTS

The Quilter's Guild of Parker County will meet in person May 16 at Lakeshore Drive Baptist Church at 200 S. Lakeshore Drive in Hudson Oaks. The meeting will begin at 6:45 p.m., but attendees can come earlier to socialize. Visitors are welcome.

The program this month is a presentation by Kim Oleson on Modern Batiks of Java and Bali. Oleson has been a fiber artist, quilter and long-armed for over 20 years. Her one-hour lecture and trunk show features the batik-making process in Java. She will also be leading a workshop May 17 teaching Raw Edge Reverse Applique. For more information, see the guild's website, under Programs and Workshops at

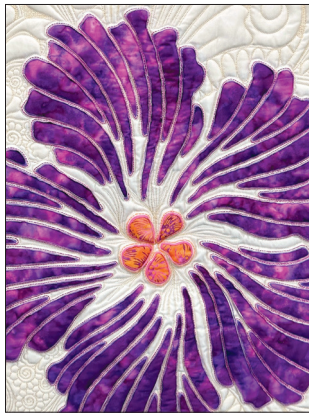


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Memories of Paradise, detail from a quilt by Kim Oleson.

quiltersguildofparkercounty.org online.

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



Springtown Chamber hosts ribbon cutting for Logsdon Insurance Agency, Aflac

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Springtown Area Chamber of Commerce hosted a ribbon cutting for Tylynne Eaton, of Logsdon Insurance Agency and Aflac district sales coordinator at the April 25 chamber luncheon. Eaton can be contacted by email at customerservice@logsdonins.com or by phone at 940-256-2896.

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DAR Hosts Good Citizen Awards & Scholarship Reception

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Honorary Regent, Weatherford NSDAR

On Tuesday, April 23, the Weatherford Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution hosted its annual event at North Side Baptist Church in Weatherford.

The DAR Good Citizen Award recognizes a graduating senior from each of the seven high schools in Parker County for their outstanding character, leadership, service and patriotism demonstrated in their homes, schools and communities. Each student was selected by their high school to receive this honor.

This year's recipients are Grant Wiggins, Aledo;

McKenzie Duggin, Brock; Addison Abbott, Millsap; Christian Dunn, Peaster; Eli Lang, Poolville; Kate Mitchell, Springtown; and Azia Hodges, Weatherford.

Since 1924, the Weatherford chapter has provided loans or scholarships annually to a deserving young man or woman to further their educational goals. This year, the chapter received applications from across the county from very deserving graduating seniors. The scholarship committee, after much deliberation, awarded scholarships to five Parker County high school seniors. Chosen were McKenzie Duggin of Brock High School; Addison Abbott of Millsap

High School; Brooke Kingston and Quinn Hogan of Peaster High School and Grace Kechnie of Weatherford High School.

DAR is a women's service organization with chapters in every state of the union and in many foreign countries. For membership, any woman 18 years of age or older, regardless of race, religion or ethnic background, who can prove lineal descent from a Patriot of the American Revolution, is eligible for membership. If you are interested in learning more about DAR go online to www.dar.org. You can also contact the Weatherford chapter at weatherfordnsdar@gmail.com.



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Good Citizen Award winners left to right: Grant Wiggins, Eli Lang, Addison Abbott, McKenzie Duggin, Christian Dunn, Azia Hodges, Kate Mitchell and Dru Starnes, DAR Committee representative.



Scholarship winners left to right: Addison Abbott, McKenzie Duggin, Brooke Kingston, Grace Kechnie, Quinn Hogan and Beth Holst, DAR Committee Chair.

Walnut Creek SUD lowers drought watering restrictions to Stage 1

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SPRINGTOWN — Walnut Creek Special Utility District last week dropped its water usage restrictions to Stage 1, which enforces the least restrictive measures.

Stage 1 rules are put in place when the "total combined raw water supply in (Tarrant Regional Water District) western and eastern division reservoirs drop

below 75% (25% depleted) of conservation storage capacity," according to the district's Water Conservation and Drought Contingency Plan.

"As of May 2, 2024, the lake (Bridgeport) was at 60.4% full," Walnut Creek SUD General Manager James Blackwood said. "As of today, May 3, 2024, the lake is at 60.8% full. Stage 1 allows watering twice weekly."

This new watering schedule differs from Stage 2 when

customers were only able to irrigate their lawns once a week. The district had been in Stage 2 since December 2023.

In Stage 1, outdoor irrigation systems or sprinklers can't be used between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m., and customers are prohibited from watering paved areas and buildings, except in case of a fire emergency, health or safety hazard or in preparation for painting. Water users are also expected to fix leaks or other

malfunctions that create water runoff and waste, use a handheld hose or bucket to wash vehicles at home and are encouraged to reduce the frequency of filling and refilling swimming pools.

An exception to the watering rules is that customers can use handheld hoses, soaker hoses or drip irrigation to water foundations and newly planted trees or shrubs for no more than two hours on any day. Addresses

with large multi-station irrigation systems may be able to get a variance from the SUD's general manager. The twice-a-week watering restrictions don't apply to those using wells or treated wastewater effluent to water landscaping.

The district discourages planting new turf during Stage 1 but use of native or drought-tolerant plants is welcomed.

The restrictions can be lifted

once the water supply surpasses 75% storage capacity, certain conditions are alleviated or at the general manager's discretion, according to the Water Conservation and Drought Contingency Plan.

For more information about the restrictions and which days outdoor watering can take place, visit Walnut Creek SUD's website or call the district at 817-220-7707.

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OBITUARIES

M. Lynn Taylor 1946-2024

M. Lynn Taylor, age 78, passed away peacefully at home April 15, 2024.

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Lynn Taylor was born in Abilene Jan. 22, 1946, to Curtis and Elizabeth (Harris) Taylor. A graduate of Abilene High School, he attended McMurray and Hardin Simmons Universities and completed a law degree at the University of Texas at Austin. He began his career in the Texas Attorney General's Office before serving on the University of Texas legal team. He went on to practice law in private firms before returning to and retiring from the Texas Attorney General's Office.

A tender-hearted cowboy, Lynn was his happiest when his home was full of life — bursting at its seams with friends, family, children, plants and animals. He loved his own children dearly and forever wished them nearer. It was in his beautiful wife Terri Taylor that Lynn met his match, his spirit lifted and faith restored. At long



last the two built a life that was wild, beautiful and true. Lynn's last chapters were his happiest.

Lynn was preceded in death by his parents Curtis and Elizabeth (Harris) Taylor; and his sisters, Joyce Carey of Baytown and Jane Taylor Allred of Abilene.

Lynn is survived by his wife of 20 years, Terri (Greenwood) Taylor; and children, Drew (Katy Everson) Taylor, Christina (Matthew Holden) Taylor, Alexandra (Rocky Esterach) Taylor, Gray Taylor and Jodi (David Bissonnette). Lynn loved his grandchildren, Macie and Beau Garza and Elliot Holden. Lynn is also survived by an army of dear friends and an extended family whom he cherished.

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Paula Hall Ratcliff 1948-2024

Paula Hall Ratcliff, 75, passed away to eternal life Friday, May 3, 2024.

Services were held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, May 7, at Holy Trinity Catholic Church.

Paula married Ronnie Hall and shared a life of 47 years, having four children together.

Her second marriage was to Robert Ratcliff, with whom she shared the years 2016 through 2024, bringing two more children to the family.

She left this world as she lived in it, conscious of God, aware of his Savior, fearless of death and at peace surrounded by family and friends.

Paula was preceded in death by her first husband, Ronnie Hall; son, Richard Hall; parents, Malcolm and Eloise Shutter; brother, Raymond Shutter; and son-in-law, Michael Sanders.

Survivors include her



husband, Robert "Bob" Ratcliff; children, Eddie and wife, Sandra, Waylon and wife, Jennifer and Christina Sanders; stepchildren, Amy Bowman and Patrick Ratcliff; 10 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews; and brothers, Elmer Shutter and wife, Ruth and Pat Shutter.

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Birth Announcement



Eris Roselynn Hickman

Proud parents Dexter and Heidi Hickman are happy to announce the birth of their daughter, Eris Roselynn Hickman. Born May 1, 2024, at Medical City Lewisville, Eris weighed 6 pounds and measured 20 inches at birth. Proud grandparents are Shane and Cynthia Hickman and Danny and Robin Hess. Aunts and uncles include Garrett and Emma Cupps and Cade and Michelle Hess. Very excited cousins are Ella, Toryn, Evan and Lainey.

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Azle ISD welcomes two new principals

Former student Leyah Miles returns to Liberty as principal, Amy Yelle named Walnut Creek principal

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AZLE — Azle ISD will greet at least two new elementary school principals next fall. Leyah Miles and Amy Yelle stood and were introduced at a recent Azle ISD board of trustees meeting April 15.

Miles will be the new principal of Liberty Elementary School. She will take over from Lisa Koehler who is moving to a new role within

Azle ISD, the district said in a statement released on its website. Miles served as assistant principal at Park Glen Elementary in Keller ISD for the past five years.

She has 12 years' experience in public education in Mansfield and Keller ISD. Miles taught reading, language arts and social studies before becoming an administrator. She also helped write reading and language arts curriculum for Mansfield and



Amy Yelle, Luke Yelle, Dave Yelle, and Elly Yelle at the Azle ISD administration building.

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Leyah Miles at the Azle ISD administration building.

Keller school districts.

While this is Miles' first time working for an Azle school, she spent all 12 years of her primary and secondary education as an Azle student. Miles herself spent her formative elementary years at Liberty Elementary. In a statement released by the district, she said she is honored to now serve the institution that helped shape her childhood education.

"It feels good (to be back)," Miles said at the meeting. "(I'm looking forward) to learning some new things, new challenges, new district, new role. I came out of being an assistant principal, so I learned a lot from some really great principals and lead-

ers. So, being able to come and meet everyone, learn and lead a school, I'm excited."

Miles has a Bachelor of Science in education from The University of North Texas and a master's degree in educational leadership and policy studies from the University of Texas at Arlington. She and her husband Justin have two daughters — Finley, age 9, and Eastyn, age 7.

"We proudly welcome Mrs. Miles back to her former elementary campus," Azle ISD Superintendent Todd Smith said. "She has a proven track record of fostering an environment of academic and social growth for students while maintaining a positive

campus culture for students, staff and families."

At the meeting, the district also welcomed Yelle as the incoming principal of Walnut Creek Elementary. She will replace Stephen Garretson, who has served as principal since 2022. Yelle worked as an assistant principal at nearby Hilltop Elementary School for the past year and previously worked at Walnut Creek. She has 19 years of experience in public education. Yelle taught seventh and eighth grade English, several high school courses, and has acted as a counselor at three schools.

"I'm just so excited to go back to my Walnut Creek family from Hilltop," Yelle said at the meeting.

Yelle holds a Bachelor of Arts in English education and a master's degree in school counseling from Southwestern Oklahoma State University. She and her husband Dave Yelle have 15- and 12-year-olds, Elly and Luke, who currently attend Azle schools. Yelle's husband works in the contracts management department for Lockheed Martin.

"We look forward to bringing Mrs. Yelle back to Walnut Creek Elementary," Smith said. "Her deep understanding of academic expectations, campus culture and commitment to Azle ISD will continue to uphold the high standards of excellence of Walnut Creek Elementary."

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Longtime educator, Springtown Elementary principal to retire

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Assistant principal promoted to top spot

SPRINGTOWN — Springtown Elementary School Principal Pearl Russell is about as much of a local institution as the campus she works at.

Russell, a Springtown native, started teaching first grade at the former campus Watson Elementary School in 1980 for 10 years and eventually transitioned to Springtown Elementary School once it was established. Aside from educating first graders, Russell also taught third grade, worked in the computer lab and then joined the administration team. She assumed the Springtown Elementary principal role around 2010-11.

After spending decades as an educator, Russell has decided to retire after this school year ends. She is passing the baton to Assistant Principal Amberlie Thomas, whose promotion to the head principal role was confirmed by the school board at its April meeting.

"I was always told that I would know when I needed to retire, and my head said so after this year started," Russell said.

As a Porcupine herself, Russell didn't imagine growing up to teach in Springtown, but her senior English teacher inspired her to do so.

"She just always pushed for the best in her kids, and that's what I wanted to do," Russell said.

Still, Russell thought she would prefer a career working with numbers, so she sought and achieved a business degree. Then about six years later, after realizing that business wasn't the profession for her, she earned her teaching certificate.

Working with children and watching them grow up has been fulfilling for Russell. Her current and former students are the reason Russell has served for so long at Springtown Elementary, she said.

"We are a family," she said. "We work as a family, and keeping the family together was important to me." Education has certainly changed since the 1980s. Russell remembers when the state would require teachers to lecture from textbooks, but now educators have more resources to choose from in addition to the state's baseline. And students aren't supposed to just sit and listen to their teachers but talk to and collaborate with their classmates and have hands-on lessons, Russell said.

Being a principal means dealing with a surpris-

ing amount of paperwork, Russell said; every action typically has paper attached to it. The job also requires interacting with the students' families. Springtown Elementary School has nearly 600 students, which equates to about twice as many parents (not including step-moms and stepdads).

"We have awesome families," Russell said. "If we have an issue, 99.9% of them are (saying), 'How can we help? What do we need to do?'"

Incoming Springtown Elementary School principal Thomas also praised the school's parents and other caregivers, and she extended kind words to the staff at Springtown Independent School District as well.

"My favorite thing about Springtown is the family feel and the support that we get from each other, whether it's upper admin or just each other in the office," Thomas said. "It's just so supportive, and everybody's got each other's back."

Thomas has been an assistant principal for five years, including four years at Springtown Elementary and one year at Cross Timbers Elementary School in Azle. She has also previously served as a fifth-grade math

teacher, gifted and talented specialist, instructional technology coach, pre-kindergarten teacher and a substitute. She even has one year's experience of working in a high school in Corsicana.

Russell described Thomas as an open-minded and technology savvy individual who works well with the kids and everyone around her.

"She is ready to take over," Russell said of her successor.

Thomas wants to reinforce a positive environment at Springtown Elementary and promote a culture of love for the kids and student-driven academics. She also hopes to enhance literacy and instill a passion for reading in the children.

"I think the most important thing is just treating every situation with respect and trust," Thomas said. "When I'm able to trust the staff members that I need to be able to trust to do their job, they are more inclined to take ownership of that."

Because of her long reign at Springtown Elementary, Russell said it may be a challenge for Thomas to present new ideas and methods that are different from Russell's. This is where getting the staff to buy in on new initiatives is crucial.

"There's liable to be a little bit of a push, but as long as she explains to her faculty why she's doing it, she'll have their full support," Russell said.



MADELYN EDWARDS | TRI-COUNTY REPORTER
Springtown Elementary School Principal Pearl Russell is retiring from her position, and Assistant Principal Amberlie Thomas will assume the role.



Springtown Elementary School Principal Pearl Russell shakes hands with Superintendent Shane Strickland as the school board recognized National Principals Month last year. Russell is retiring after the end of this school year.

As she prepares to assume her new role, Thomas wants parents to know she appreciates them and that they can

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Hospital auxiliary celebrates 50 years of service

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AZLE — What do the Rubik's Cube, President Nixon's resignation, and the Texas Health Azle Auxiliary all have in common? Each turned 50 years old this year. For half a century, dedicated auxiliary volunteers have helped serve Texas Health Harris Methodist Hospital in Azle. Started Feb. 27, 1974, the group originally went by the name Eagle Mountain Area Suburban Hospital Auxiliary or EMASH to reflect the hospital's original name. While the hospital and its name have changed, many of the auxiliary's members have not. Janet Hargrove, Janie

Members speak about history, celebrate accomplishments

Rector and Carolyn Mobley, all present at a recent general meeting and 50th anniversary celebration, are just three auxiliary volunteers who were a part of the daring 1974 that began assisting and raising funds for the local hospital's debut year. "It feels pretty good," 89-year-old Mobley said of the accomplishment. "We had an awful lot of fun. We did a lot of things to make money." Along with Dr. James Savage, Mobley's husband, Dr. Jack Mobley, was one of

the first two doctors to serve at the Azle location. Carolyn Mobley herself was instrumental in founding Attic Rerun Resale Shop with fellow volunteer Shirley Dechert after the two saw a similar idea on display at a Texas-wide quarterly meeting of hospital auxiliaries. Mobley then ran the business for 12 years. "We came home, and we thought 'we can do that,' so we did. We had a lot of fun. We didn't know what we were going to do but we did it. I'm

just thankful there's still a few volunteers. Volunteers are hard to find." THAZ raises money in a variety of ways including Attic Rerun and the Rainbow Land Gift Shop located inside the hospital. "I had an opportunity to use the hospital about a year ago and it was nice to know that it was here, and it was so accessible," fellow semicentennial volunteer Janie Rector said. "I think because it's smaller and a lot of people that work there are from the community, the sense of pride is pretty great." The April 19 meeting celebrated its longtime auxiliary members at First Methodist Church in Azle. Several aux-

iliary members and Texas Health Azle staff spoke at the event. "The other day I was listening to the radio, and somebody mentioned the year 1974 and I thought that's not that long ago and then I did the math and realized it's been 50 years," First Vice President Karen Searfoss said. Searfoss went on to break down many of the differences between now and when the auxiliary started. For example, the price of a loaf of bread was 35 cents, and gas was 53 cents per gallon. The Ford Pinto was the most popular car and only cost \$1,527, and a new house could be bought for \$30,000. "You can see why they called it the good old days," Searfoss said.

Tonya Sosebee, chief operating and chief nursing officer for Texas Health Harris Methodist Hospital Azle and a DFW Great 100 Nurse listee also spoke at the event, thanking the auxiliary for its hard work and time. "Your impact, your financial contributions, along with the countless hours of service that you have so graciously given over the years has allowed Texas Health Azle to be the cornerstone for health-care services for our community," Sosebee said. "Our relationship is much like a marriage. You've been there for us in good times and bad, in sickness and health, for richer or poorer. Since 2000, the auxiliary has purchased vital equipment, sponsored area remodels, given countless scholarships, made contributions to philanthropy and anything else honestly that we've needed or that we've asked for."



From left, Tonya Sosebee, chief operating and chief nursing officer for Texas Health Harris Methodist Hospital Azle, and Peggy Helm, auxiliary president, are pictured with Cathy Ostermann, who received a certification of appreciation for volunteer-hour milestones.



From left, Tonya Sosebee, chief operating and chief nursing officer for Texas Health Harris Methodist Hospital Azle, and Peggy Helm, auxiliary president, are pictured with Carol Calkins, who received a certification of appreciation for volunteer-hour milestones.



From left, Tonya Sosebee, chief operating and chief nursing officer for Texas Health Harris Methodist Hospital Azle, and Peggy Helm, auxiliary president, are pictured with Barbara Pace, who received a certification of appreciation for volunteer-hour milestones.



From left, Tonya Sosebee, chief operating and chief nursing officer for Texas Health Harris Methodist Hospital Azle, and Peggy Helm, auxiliary president, are pictured with Debra Waller, who received a certification of appreciation for volunteer-hour milestones.



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Parker and Tarrant residents elect new tax appraisers

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AZLE — In a historic first, Parker and Tarrant County residents had the chance to elect new directors to their respective tax appraisal districts. Previously, these boards were composed of five members elected by local taxing entities like cities and school districts and an elected tax-assessor collector. After the passage of November's Proposition 4, three new members were elected by popular vote during the May 4 election to appraisal districts in counties

O'Hare-backed candidates win in Tarrant County, Parker gets Dickinson, Shatford, and Tison

exceeding a population of 75,000.

During the recent election for the Tarrant Appraisal District, Eric Morris, a Haltom City Council member, won the race for Place 1 with 53.9% of the vote. Challengers for the seat Sayeda Bilqees Syed and Trae Fowler trailed behind with 24.66% and 21.37% of the vote, respectively.

TAD's Place 2 was won by Colleyville's Mayor Pro-Tem

Callie Rigney with 62.15% of the vote. Eric Crile secured 37.85% of Tarrant County residents' votes.

Real estate investor Matt Bryant narrowly avoided a runoff election for the TAD Place 3 seat with 50.50% of the vote. Lee Henderson won 30.94% of the votes and Chuck Kelley 18.56%.

Winning TAD candidates were endorsed by Tarrant County Judge Tim O'Hare and supported financially by

more than \$70,000 in funding from political action committees.

Two of the three elected board members will serve four-year terms. Ahead of the November 2026 election, these directors will draw straws to determine who will serve a two-year term. After 2026, all elected board members will serve four-year terms moving forward.

Donna Dickinson ran for the uncontested Parker

County Tax Appraisal District Place 1 and won unanimously.

William S. Shatford ran for the uncontested Parker County Tax Appraisal District Place 2 and won unanimously.

Joe Tison and Monica Grizzard went head-to-head for PCAD's Place 3. Tison won with 66.63% of the vote to Grizzard's 33.37%. A total of 1,873 votes were cast in this race.

Tarrant and Parker County saw an expansion of their boards while Wise County did not. The proposition started life as Senate Bill 2,

authored by state Sen. Paul Bettencourt. Bettencourt, who also owns Bettencourt Tax Advisors LLC, stated this new law is intended to provide more public input in the face of increasing property prices throughout the state and increased scrutiny of tax appraisal districts.

After a recent cyberattack leaked taxpayer information and delayed access to TAD's protest tool, extensions have been made until May 24 to protest Tarrant County property tax valuations. The deadline for Parker County valuations remains May 15.

Estes keeps city council seat

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AZLE — Despite a chance to shake up city council, Azle residents resolved to leave things just as they are in the most recent election. Three seats on the Azle City Council were up for grabs on May 4, but ultimately only one was contested. Derrick Nelson and Rouel Rothenberger of Place 1 and Place 5 ran uncontested and won their races with 100% of the vote. The incumbent for Place 2, Amy Estes, was challenged by newcomer and law enforcement officer Jake Falcon. In Tarrant County, Estes received 259

No turnover in May 4 election

total votes (82.75%) while Falcon garnered 54 votes (17.25%). Residents of the Parker County side of Azle voted for Estes 37 to Falcon's 4 or 90.24% to 9.76%.

Estes responded to a request for comment by the Tri-County Reporter.

"I am deeply grateful for the overwhelming support extended to me by our community in securing my re-election for city council Place 2," Estes said. "It is with a great sense of honor and humility that I accept this renewed opportunity to serve.

My unwavering commitment remains steadfastly focused on advancing the betterment of the City of Azle and the well-being of its citizens. I am excited to continue in my efforts, particularly in the realization of our Comprehensive Master Plan. This blueprint for our community's future will facilitate strategic, long-term planning essential for our sustained growth and prosperity."

Falcon responded to a similar request saying, "there's work to be done before next year."

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Bryant garnered almost 53% of the vote in Parker County and over 59% of votes in Wise County, according to the unofficial results.

"My family and I are humbled by the amount of love and support the people in our community have shown us through the election process," Bryant said after the results were released. "I am excited that we came out victorious and am ready to start working right away."

Bryant also recognized Hall and her contributions

to the school board in a statement to The Tri-County Reporter.

"I knew going into the race that it was going to be extremely close because of the strong candidate I was running against," he said. "Tootie Hall has for years been a strong presence and a wonderful board member. I feel my advantage was that I was able to rally my supporters to get out during early voting and take an early lead that carried me through election day. I want to thank Mrs. Hall for her years of service and dedication to our school district, and I hope to build off the legacy she leaves behind."

Moving forward, Bryant said he will learn from SISD's

current leaders and educators, and he will focus on ideas that will benefit staff and students.

"I want to do my part in helping our district have better results in graduation rates, testing scores and educator morale," he said. "This obviously will take much work and a lot of prayer, but I am committed to find the ways to be an asset in these areas."

Bryant thanked his family and the people who voted for him.

"I am looking forward to the challenges and the successes that will come along with being a part of the Springtown school board," he said.

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in Place 4. During the recent May 4 election, Lea's soon-to-be former seat as well as board Vice President Tim Brown's seat were both up for re-election, though Brown's race was ultimately uncontested, and he remains in Place 3 with 100% of the vote.

Former educator and stay-at-home mom Kelsey Massey and Merge Community Church Pastor Brandon Geary faced off for Lea's open seat. In the Tarrant County side of Azle, Geary won the race with 378 votes to Massey's 285,

or 57.01% to 42.99% respectively. Parker County Azleites voted for Geary with 62.55% of the vote to Massey's 37.45% with 243 total votes cast.

When asked for comment, Massey did not reply by the Tri-County Reporter's production deadline.

Geary sent in a response which he later posted to his campaign's Facebook Saturday night.

"Now the polls have closed and as the results are being tallied I wanted to take some space to speak about a few thoughts I have had over these past few months of running for the opportunity to serve Azle ISD as a

trustee (I will try to keep this brief but if you hear me on a Sunday morning you would know that is a tall task from a short man.)

1. I AM THANKFUL.

Since announcing my candidacy I have been encouraged and complimented by so many. It is a strange experience to have so many of your close friends, casual acquaintances, and distant strangers speak so highly of you and declare a belief in your abilities to lead. I am thankful for the many people who rallied behind our campaign, helped get the word out, and were willing to engage others in good conversation. I am so thankful for the

many groups willing to allow me to sit down with them and share my heart for our district and my desire to serve further. At the end of this, win or lose, I have felt very loved by our city.

2. I AM PROUD.

Elections today are fueled by tactics where candidates elicit votes by speaking ill of their opponents. I have tried to work hard over this campaign to not even use the word "opponent" when it comes to Kelsey Massey. I have strived to refer to her as the other person running for an opportunity to serve. In an election cycle where what seems to work is talking about reasons to not vote

for someone, I feel we have strived to talk about reasons to vote for us! Kelsey has run an incredible campaign and would be a fantastic addition to the board if she wins this election. She has advocated for herself based on her desire and experience. This is exactly what I have attempted to do as well. I am proud of the campaign both parties have run when it comes to our treatment of one another.

3. I AM EXCITED.

As eager as I am to find out the results of this election. I am excited about what the future holds for Azle ISD. We have some serious challenges when it comes to public education in the state of Texas.

There will be some important matters coming up in the next few months regarding vouchers and school funding that will have a long-term effect on our kid's classrooms. That being said, I remain a fan of the efforts of the current board at Azle ISD and believe they are up to the task of serving our kids, families and city well. I do believe our best days are ahead of us as a district and am hopeful I will have the opportunity to help shape those days as a trustee, but if not, I will gladly continue serving our district as one of its biggest fans!"

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Incumbents Mayor Pro Tem Walter Roberson and Scott Richardson ran for re-election against candidates David Martin and Jessica Castro, respectively. While Richardson won his race by more than 67% of the vote, Roberson lost his spot and received 47.57% of the vote compared to Martin's 52.43%, according

to Parker County's unofficial results. Just over 100 people voted in each race.

"This very close election confirms how every vote matters, every vote counts," Martin said after the results were released. "I look forward to serving the citizens of Springtown as a new voice on the council, working together to make smart decisions for growth while preserving the traditions that make our city special."

After the election, Roberson expressed his grati-

tude for his time on the city council.

"It has been my honor and privilege to serve as a member of the Springtown City Council," he said. "My service afforded me the opportunity to meet and interact with wonderful individuals while rendering service to this community. I will forever be grateful for having had the opportunity to serve our community. Thanks Mayor (Greg) Hood, fellow council members, City Administrator David Miller and city staff for

your support as a member of the council. There is still work to be done as our city continues to grow. I trust that our newly elected city councilman for Place 3 will work with the council to make our city better today than it was yesterday."

Re-elected council member Richardson praised his opponent in a statement to The Tri-County Reporter and indicated he is ready for his next term on council.

"First off, thank you to Jessica Castro for running

such a great campaign," Richardson said. "She is such a great asset to our community, and we are so thankful to have her here. Thank you to all of the voters for your support. I look forward to getting the opportunity to serve our great community for two more years. I am extremely proud of the many things we have done over the last two years and look forward to the many great things we can accomplish over the next two years."



Scott Richardson

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Two new members to join Walnut Creek SUD

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SPRINGTOWN — Since neither of the incumbents ran for re-election, the Walnut Creek Special Utility District board of directors race guaranteed two newcomers, and the voters chose Mark Green and Bill Roesicke.

Green, Roesicke, Robin Corder and David DeSoto ran for the two spots on the board during the May 4 election. Current members Vice President Al Garrett and Frank Henderson decided not to seek re-election. Green garnered the most votes (180) in both Parker and Wise counties, while Roesicke followed behind with 146 votes, according to the unofficial results. Corder got 87 votes, and DeSoto had 78.

"Thank you to everyone for your support," Green said in a statement after the election. "I am honored to serve on the Walnut Creek SUD Board. I look forward to being a part of the growing needs in our community."

Green previously worked for the district, according to The Tri-County Reporter's

candidate questionnaire published last month, and he has multiple goals in mind for his new role.

"As Springtown continues to grow, I hope to help better serve the community with expansion needs, staying ahead of the growth, while still providing high quality water as well as services and reasonable prices," Green said in his candidate questionnaire. "I will support the public by keeping an open line of communication and positive attitude while continuing to expand my knowledge of the water system."

In his candidate questionnaire, Roesicke said he wants to "work with improving and extending the utilization of equipment; lowering variable operating costs; protecting and preserving environmental resources, just not during stressful conditions."

"I am concerned about the future condition of Lake Bridgeport due to the growth of this area that depends on WCSUD for water," Roesicke said in his questionnaire. "The everyday stress on the pumps, pipes, tanks, meters, not to mention the employees



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Mark Green

that have to manage the system in all types of weather."

After the results were announced, DeSoto said he wasn't surprised by his loss

and brought up the fact that not all Walnut Creek SUD customers can vote in elections. Customers outside the boundaries of the district



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Bill Roesicke

would have to seek annexation to vote.

"Hundreds of people, including 300 homes from my housing development,

were disenfranchised from voting, to include my ability to vote for myself," he said. "The fix was in, so this is the result I expected."

STARNES

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ing through his phone, the student's family found text messages between him and his special education teacher, Starnes. The student told family members Starnes let him drive her car and that she also kissed him and touched his genitals.

Azle ISD placed Starnes on administrative leave and notified local law enforcement.

In a statement at the time, the district said, "Azle ISD takes all allegations of misconduct seriously, and the protection and well-being of our students is a top priority. The district acted swiftly upon reports of misconduct by an employee."

According to an arrest affidavit, Starnes informed a friend about her administrative leave and admitted she had given a student oral sex. Starnes' friend informed an Azle ISD teacher of the confession, who brought the matter to Azle ISD Police Chief Darren Brockway. Shortly thereafter, Tarrant County Detective Michael Weber began an investigation into the allegations.

After speaking with the detective, the student described the incident in which Starnes was driv-

ing on Liberty School Road with him in the back seat of her car. Starnes then pulled over and began touching the student inappropriately. The student told Weber that Starnes attempted to perform oral sex on him until he told her to stop, and Starnes drove him home. The student later identified the location where the incident occurred to investigators. Starnes officially resigned from the district Feb. 2, 2021.

Azle ISD's communications department declined to comment on Starnes' recent guilty plea.

According to the Rape, Abuse and Incest National Network, roughly 60,000 students are victims of sexual abuse each year. Every 68 seconds, an American is sexually assaulted and every nine minutes, that victim is a child. Sexual abuse survivors can call the National Sexual Assault Hotline at 800-656-4673 for assistance or chat confidentially with a trained staff member online at rainn.org. Crisis Text Line counselors are also available by texting HOME to 741741 and local organizations such as Future, Hope and Healing, Freedom House and Alliance for Children offer a wide swath of resources for victims.

Jenkins keeps seat on Reno City Council after election

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SPRINGTOWN — For the most part, Reno voters decided to keep the status quo on city council and allow Joy Jenkins to continue serving.

Last year, Jenkins was appointed to Reno City Council Place 5 after former member Jeff Davis resigned. She ran in the May 4 election to retain her place against challenger and Reno Planning and Zoning Commission secretary Justin Williams. According to the Parker County unofficial results, Jenkins captured 58 votes, more than 59% of the ballots cast, while Williams garnered 40 votes, or 40.82%.

"I appreciate the opportunity to serve my community as a member of the Reno City Council," Jenkins said after the election. "We have a lot of work to do, and I look forward to working with Mayor (Hector) Bas and my fellow council members. I will continue to push for full

financial transparency and fiscal responsibility. I will continue to close loopholes in our building ordinances and to improve developer agreements to ensure our city is left with nice sustainable neighborhoods. I will continue to strive for quality of life over more tax dollars and more spending. We can retain our rural atmosphere by managing our growth and living within our means."

In a statement to The Tri-County Reporter, Williams challenged Jenkins to always do her research before voting on decisions in council meetings.

"I hope she puts the city of Reno first," Williams said. "I encourage her to vote with the best interest of the city of Reno ... not her personal feelings."

Jenkins will join Mayor Pro Tem Shelli Swift and council newcomer Kevin Vandenberg — both of whom ran for election unopposed — on the council moving forward.



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SPORTS

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Azle Lady Hornets softball season came to an end Friday, May 3 at Chisholm Trail High School in the area round of play offs against Burleson Centennial.

Springtown athletes set school records at state

RICK MAUCH

Special to the Tri-County Reporter

The boys 4x100-meter relay team of senior Brayden Fox, junior Braydon Butler, sophomore Riley Jackson and senior Kamryn Cleveland led the Springtown contingent at the Class 4A State Track and Field Meet at the University of Texas in Austin May 2.

The quartet posted a school-record time of 1 minute, 27.02 seconds to finish

fifth. They entered the meet seeded eighth with a qualifying time of 1:28.94.

Also, the boys 4x100 relay that included Fox, Jackson, Butler and sophomore Caden Rogers set a school record with a time of 42.09 seconds, finishing seventh after coming in as the No. 8 seed with a qualifying time of 42.67.

In the girls triple jump, junior Mack Flaughter made her third consecutive appearance at state, finishing sixth with

36 feet, 4.75 inches.

AZLE TENNIS

A pair of Lady Hornets made history at the District 5-5A Tournament as Emily O'Neill and Jorja Erwin became the first girls ever from Azle to qualify for regional competition. The duo finished second in Girls Doubles in the league tourney at TCU, earning a spot in the Class 5A Region I Tournament in Lubbock May 8-9.

Azle also has two alternates for the regional tournament as Jacob Sparks and Addie Torgesen place third in Mixed Doubles, while Royce Baker and Aidan Buscay were third in Boys Doubles.

SPRINGTOWN BASEBALL

The Porcupines moved on to at least the area (second) round of the postseason for a fourth consecutive year by sweeping Sanger 2-0 in their best-of-3 series at Castleberry

High School May 3-4. They advanced to the third round in 2022.

The Porcupines (20-7) won the opening game 2-0 in a pitchers' duel before taking the second game 12-8 in an offensive battle as Brayden Fox had four hits that included a double, triple and two RBIs.

Caleb Elmore pitched a one-hitter in the opening contest, striking out seven and walking three in seven innings.

Game 1 Springtown hitting: Fox one hit; Yair Hernandez one hit, stolen base; Brayden Adams double; Drake Doggett double; Kyle Litzman one hit, RBI, stolen base; Ryan Kirk walk; Carson Cox walk; Logan Murrell walk.

Game 2 additional hitting: Trent Solis two hits, double, three RBIs; Cox two hits, double, walk, three RBIs; Kirk tri-

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Azle tennis team makes school history



Jorja Erwin and Emily O'Neill

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AZLE — For the first time in Azle High School history, the Lady Hornets tennis team is going to Regional competition. Jorja Erwin and Emily O'Neill placed second in girls doubles at the district tournament to qualify them for a berth in the Regional meet May 8-9 at Texas Tech in Lubbock.

The girls are coached by Connor Mason, a six-year tennis coach. Mason has coached in Cleburne and Granbury. This is Mason's first year coaching at AHS.

"They're awesome. They are hardworking. They are determined and they have a

Lady Hornets make regionals for first time ever

really strong 'never say die' attitude," Mason said. "When the going gets tough, I know I can rely on them and obviously it's proven as to what they've accomplished this spring."

O'Neill, a sophomore, has played tennis since seventh grade. She chose the sport because it was a noncontact sport she could play during the COVID-19 pandemic. Erwin, a senior, started to play tennis because that's the sport her friends played. Erwin plans to attend Ouchita Baptist University in Arkansas and join the nursing program after she gradu-

ates high school. This is the first year O'Neill and Erwin have played together. Their teamwork and communication have caused them to succeed and compete at a high level.

"Jorja and I are pretty good friends now," O'Neill said. "We started getting closer after we played doubles together for the first time. We have pretty similar personalities. We're really straightforward with each other. We don't really get our feelings hurt. On the court, we say it straight to each other's faces and we just say, 'Okay,' and then it all works out."

There has been no shortage of confidence in these two players and Mason attested to that confidence.

"We were hoping to get first," Erwin said, speaking about the district tournament. "But we knew we would go to regionals."

"All year, they did not lack confidence in the fact that they were going to qualify this year," Mason said. "I just hope that the community sees what's happening here with Azle and what these kids are doing and just hope we can use that as a springboard to continue to grow the program for years to come."

Marathon man

SHS cross country, track coach runs in Boston Marathon

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SPRINGTOWN — As a kid in school, Raul Guerrero joined track and cross country when his parents didn't allow him to play football. Years later, that decision led to him crossing the finish line in the 2024 Boston Marathon.

After getting his education, Guerrero pursued a career as a coach, first working with all kinds of athletes at a small school before joining

Springtown High School's staff where he has mainly stuck to coaching cross country and track. However, Guerrero didn't run competitively himself during college and picked it back up when he signed up for the Cowtown 5K in Fort Worth in 2016.

Guerrero pushed himself to run longer races, and in 2018, he competed in his first marathon in Fort Worth.

"I ran my first marathon not really thinking too much

about Boston," Guerrero said. "I just wanted to go and do one. ... Twenty-six miles sounds pretty crazy when you've never done one or you don't know anything about them. So, again, it was just like a big challenge, and I kind of wanted to see what I could do."

Guerrero said he struggled during his first marathon because he didn't properly hydrate himself and

PHOTO COURTESY MARATHON FOTO

Springtown High School cross country and track coach Raul Guerrero runs in this year's Boston Marathon. He finished the race in just under three hours, almost an hour faster than the average Boston Marathon ending time of 3 hours, 52 minutes, 40 seconds, according to marathonhandbook.com.



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Fox leaves legacy at Springtown

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Sometimes parents just know.

Chris Fox, ironically, never played baseball for Azle High School, focusing more on football. However, he saw something in his son, Brayden, that made him believe he'd be a good baseball player.

He was right. Now Brayden, ironically, plays for Springtown and is one of the top players to come through the program.

"It's funny he steered me toward baseball, but he could see I was good at it, so we just went with it," Brayden said.

The younger Fox, a senior, is wrapping up four years on the varsity for the Porcupines. When he's done at Springtown, he will continue playing at Angelo State University, where he will also major in business.

"He'll be a tough one to lose," Porcupines coach Colin Crawford said. "He's a part of a senior class that won a lot of baseball games. He's a great kid to have around — a great student also."

Fox is ranked seventh in his class. Through dual credit courses he will graduate with a college associate degree before he steps foot in a classroom at Angelo State.

MEMORABLE SENIOR SEASON

Fox is going out in intimidating fashion. Most notably, he pitched his first high school no-hitter in a 3-0 win at Krum March 28. He struck out 17 batters and walked just two in what Crawford called the most dominant high school pitching perfor-

mance he'd ever seen.

"To do that against a team of that caliber was amazing," Crawford said.

Krum and the Porcupines finished in a three-way tie for the District 8-4A championship with Decatur.

"That whole game was electric. I didn't realize until late in the game what I had going on," Fox said. "It was great to leave that zero up there on the scoreboard."

Following that game, the Porcupines performed an extreme rarity as Caleb Elmore and Keegan Martinez combined to throw a second straight no-hitter in the next game, 9-0 against Castleberry.

Then, Fox pitched the next game and hurled a three-hitter in an 11-1 win over Castleberry. After that came a one-hit 1-0 win over Decatur with Martinez getting the save, and a two-hit complete game by Fox in a 3-1 victory against Decatur.

A LOT OF WINS/ACCOLADES

At press time the Porcupines were in the second round of the playoffs against Glen Rose in a best-of-3 series at Joshua. In all four of his seasons on the varsity, Fox helped Springtown advance in the postseason, two rounds as a freshman, three rounds as a sophomore and two as a junior before this season.

He's also garnered his share of personal accolades along the way. He was first-team all-district shortstop as a sophomore and was named the offensive MVP as a junior. He's certain to be among the top honors when coaches make their choices

this season.

The awards aren't limited to baseball. He was first-team all-district wide receiver this past football season.

ONE SPORT HELPS ANOTHER

Fox believes playing baseball has helped him be a better all-around athlete.

"Just playing has helped with all my other sports, my coordination," he said. "I feel like I wouldn't be the receiver I was without starting young in baseball."

"And I think I just got more confidence and got stronger and bigger, thanks to football."

Also, in only his second year running track, he ran a leg of two relays at the 4A State Meet this past week, setting two school records. He joined junior Braydon Butler, sophomore Riley Jackson and senior Kamryn Cleveland on the 4x200 relay that clocked a time of 1 minute, 27.02 seconds to finish fifth. They entered the meet seeded eighth with a qualifying time of 1:28.94. He, Butler and Jackson then teamed with sophomore Caden Rogers to post a 42.09 and place seventh in 4x100.

"I was having to do the track workouts for school anyway, so they asked me to run and I said OK," Fox recalled. "I'm glad I did because it's pretty exciting to go to state."

NEXT LEVEL

Even if the Porcupines go on to win a state baseball championship, Fox's days as an athlete at Springtown are coming to an end soon. He's come to grips with it but is milking all he can out of



COURTESY PHOTO

After graduation, Brayden Fox will continue playing at Angelo State University, where he will also major in business.

these final days.

"We'll all be going different places, that's the hard part," he said, adding simply when asked about his favorite moments as a Porcupine, "Too many memories to single out just a few."

Crawford said Fox is more

than just a great player. He's a great leader leaving a strong legacy, and an example for younger players to try and emulate.

"They see how competitive he is. Also, he's a confident kid, but not cocky," Crawford said. "It's not happening by

accident. They see how hard he works.

"We've had some really good seniors roll through here and he's at the top of that list. I think I'll miss the kid more than the player, though."

Ready for change

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LAKE WORTH — Lake Worth Independent School District has hired a new athletic director, Todd Peterman. Peterman has coached for 32 years in Texas and is a state championship-winning coach. Peterman is bringing new programs, new coaches and new expectations to the Lake Worth community.

"Our vision is to get every child graduated and college ready. That's our number one goal," Peterman said.

Peterman has had a lot of success in coaching over the years but his desire to help student athletes goes beyond the field. The new athletic director is introducing new pro-

New Lake Worth athletic director shares his thoughts for the coming school year

grams to ensure the athletes' academic success and well-being. When the 2024-2025 school year starts, he will implement reading and writing labs in all athletic programs that will meet a minimum of once a week. The kids will also be able to eat breakfast and lunch with the coaches during summer programs. During the school year, athletes will be fed after athletics in every sport. Peterman has never worked in a school that was not classified as a title one school, where at least 40% of kids are on free or reduced lunch.

Peterman is bringing many

new coaches on staff. Some have competed professionally, some have won state titles as coaches and or athletes, and one even previously played at LWHS. New football offensive coordinator Othell Robinson has coached alongside Peterman since the '90s at three schools, one of which was a state championship-winning season in Desoto in 2016. Robinson's son was the quarterback in Desoto that year. New assistant head coach Antwoine Shelton worked with Peterman for a couple of championship-winning seasons. New assistant football and track and field

coach Charles Davis worked with Peterman at Duncanville in 2022, which was a state championship-winning year for that team. New coach Mark Patino graduated from LWHS in 2003 and holds the record for all-time rushing carries at LWHS. These are just a few of the coaches that will be added to LWHS staff; there are many more.

"We've been able to attract a lot of really good coaches that are great classroom teachers, and I just can't wait to get them here this summer and get started," Peterman said. "We have a lot of facility upgrades taking place right

now. We're excited about a new weight room going in. Same building but new floor, new weights. Lots of things we're looking forward to."

The coaches will arrive this summer and begin working with kids for three hours a day of training. The training will consist of one hour of weight training, one hour of conditioning, and one hour of skills training. The skills training will include all sports.

On May 14, LWHS will host a community reception with a coaches meet and greet at 5:30 p.m. They will be serving hamburgers and hotdogs. At 6:30 p.m. there will be an



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New Lake Worth ISD athletic director Todd Peterman.

all-sports parent meeting with the coaches. Finally, at 7 p.m. there will be a volleyball meeting for any girls who are interested in playing.

ROUNDUP

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ple, walk, RBI, two stolen bases; Adams one hit, two walks; Murrell one hit; Doggett double, walk; Litzman one hit, walk, stolen base; Hernandez two walks.

Game 2 pitching highlight: Keegan Martinez five innings, four hits, two earned runs,

four strikeouts, two walks, two hit batters.

Springtown and Glen Rose (19-16) are playing in a best-of-3 series this week in Joshua. Game 1 is Thursday, May 9 at 6 p.m. Game 2 is May 10 at the same time and a third game, if necessary, will be May 11 at noon.

The Tigers, the fourth-place team in the five-District 6-4A upended 5-4A champion Snyder in bidistrict. Springtown is a tri-champion

of District 8-4A with Krum and Decatur.

AZLE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL TRACK

Hallie Collins of Azle Christian School captured a silver medal and a pair of bronze medals at the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools Class 1A State Meet in Round Rock May 2-4.

In the pole vault, Collins cleared 8-6 to tie for second.

She posted a time of 2:34.81 to place third in the 800 and clocked a 5:48.82 for third in the 1600. In addition, Collins placed fourth in the 400 with a time of 1:04.56.

Also from Azle Christian School, Vanessa Malewiski played seventh in the triple at 27-09.75. She joined Alexia Rios-Sioto, Jacelynn Hammond and Elle Henderson on the eighth-place 4x100 relay that ran a 57.55.

As a team, the Lady Crusaders finished 11th with 28 points.

AZLE SOFTBALL

The Azle Lady Hornets' season came to an end after dropping a 9-2 contest in the third game of their best-of-3 Class 5A area-round playoff series Friday, May 3. All games were played at Chisholm Trail High School.

After the Lady Spartans (28-7) won the opening game 10-0 May 1, Azle (22-13-1) took the second contest 1-0 as Adrianna Wiedman pitched a three-hitter and Corynne Barone doubled in the game's lone run.

Azle hitting in Game 1: Torrie Johnson one hit, Shaylea Cassel walk.

Game 2 hitting: Bella Tipton two hits; Barone double,

RBI; Ema Lehr one hit; Haley Carlson one hit; Kaylee Parrish walk.

Game 2 pitching: Wiedman seven innings, three hits, four strikeouts, five walks.

Game 3 hitting: Parrish two hits, RBI; Allison Smith one hit; Barone one hit; Tipton one hit; Carlson one hit; Cassel two walks; Brandie Phillips walk.

AZLE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL BASEBALL

The Crusaders' season came to an end with a 7-0 loss to Prestwood North in the second round of the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools Class 1A playoffs. Kelton Schott managed Azle Christian School's lone hit.

The Crusaders finished with a 14-8 record and advanced to the second round of the postseason for a second consecutive season.

RODEO

Now that the regular season has come to an end, these competitors from Azle and Springtown have qualified for the North Texas High School Rodeo Association Finals May 17-18 in Saginaw. The top 15 in each event qualified.

Barrel racing: Heavenly Scribner, Azle; Kaylee

Buchanan, Springtown Breakaway roping: Paige Bunero, Springtown Bull riding: Colton Phillips, Springtown (event leader); Tucker Barbee, Azle Calf roping: Sean Bunero, Azle; Tanner Piller, Springtown

Chute dogging: Wyatt Allison, Azle; River Cassel, Azle; Kasen Scarlato, Azle; Cade Walker, Springtown

Ride-up goat tying: Laurel Allred, Azle; Delaney Harris, Springtown; Andrea Allred, Azle; Shaye Winford, Springtown

Walk-up goat tying: 1. Laurel Allred, Azle (event leader); Andrea Allred, Azle; Delaney Harris, Springtown; Caitlyn Colley, Azle

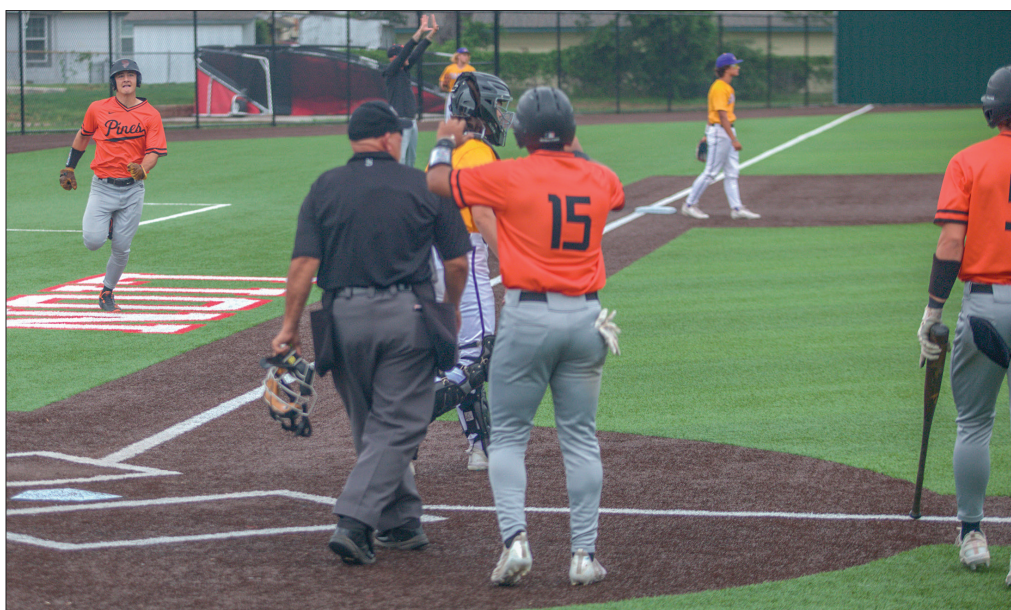
Poles: 1. Laurel Allred, Azle (event leader); Heavenly Scribner, Azle; Caitlyn Colley, Azle

Ribbon roping: Sean Bunero, Azle; Paige Bunero, Springtown

Steer wrestling: Cade Walker, Springtown

Team roping-header: 1. Xavier Reyes, Azle (event leader); Roping-scarler: 1. Kasen Scarlato, Azle (event leader); Xavier Reyes, Azle

Teams: 1. Azle, 12,201 points; 4. Springtown, 5,229, points



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The Porcupines moved on to at least the area (second) round of the postseason for a fourth consecutive year by sweeping Sanger 2-0 in their best-of-3 series at Castleberry High School May 3-4.



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The Azle High School color guard celebrates placing 11th at Winter Guard International World Championships.

AHS Winter Guard places 11th at Worlds

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AZLE — The Azle Varsity Winter Guard made school history when they placed in the top 20 at the Winter Guard International World Championships. Of 120 other guards from across the country, Azle placed 11th. The competition was held at the University of Dayton Arena in Dayton, Ohio April 11-13. "Making 11th place and making world championships at all for finalists blew my mind," freshman Jayden Evans said. "I would never

Guard rebounds after pandemic to make history

have imagined myself being able to do that in the seventh grade. But now I can feel like I can achieve the impossible and it makes me feel so happy and so motivated to keep on going. And that's why I keep on doing guard." "It felt really awesome to be a part of something so big for our school," sophomore KatieAnn Hoyt said. Although the Azle color guard is now recognized na-

tionally, it was not always the case. Color guard director Caleb Hunter began working at Azle in 2019 and saw the effects the COVID-19 pandemic had on the guard firsthand. Bryanna Pender, who is now a senior, is the only student who joined during the pandemic and stayed to be on the team that placed 11th at WGI. At one point during the pandemic, there were only six students in the guard. Due to

self-quarantine guidelines, there was a football game where only two students were available to perform. Often, they had to rehearse and practice over Zoom calls. Despite all the challenges the guard faced, Hunter would not give up hope and continued to work to improve the program for his students. "My third year, we were still really small, but we were starting to get recognized by that umbrella organization, Winter Guard International. That's when we started to do well at regionals," Hunter said. "I kept thinking in the

back of my mind, we're going to get there, we're just really young, we didn't have any seniors." The 16-member color guard had prepared for the WGI World Championships since April of last year. In preparation, the guard rehearsed five hours a day, two days a week. The coaching staff chooses the floor, dance routine and song. Students are allowed some creativity in putting the show together. The guard performed on a stained glass-themed floor to the song "Bridge Over Troubled Water" by Simon

and Garfunkel. "The kids worked really hard," Hunter said. "We had two seniors that really led the way along with our junior. We had those three leaders that held down a lot of moments and the students performed beautifully. They worked hard every rehearsal." Currently the guard is working to add members to their team by hosting try-outs. They have also begun to prepare for next year's WGI World Championships. This summer, they will be running a mile in June every Tuesday on the track for conditioning.

MARATHON

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cramped up toward the end of the race. His finishing time was just over three hours, which wouldn't have been enough for him to qualify for the Boston Marathon. But he learned from his mistakes and went on to run marathons in Dallas, Austin, Houston and Lubbock, finishing in times that would've qualified him for the Boston Marathon in most of them. Training for a marathon takes about three to four months, but Guerrero tries to stay in shape year-round and run every day. Toward the end of his marathon practice, he would run about 60-65 miles per week. Normally, male runners ages 18-34 (which includes 34-year-old Guerrero) have to run a marathon in less than three hours to qualify for the Boston Marathon, according to the Boston Athletic Association's website. Bu this year, the qualifying time was lowered by about 5 1/2 minutes because of the large number of runners who tried to sign up, so more than 11,000 qualifiers weren't accepted into the marathon. Luckily, Guerrero was accepted to the race after he finished the Austin marathon in 2 hours, 46 minutes, significantly beating the cut-off time, in February 2023. "Even if I had run 2 (hours), 58 (minutes), I wouldn't have made it to this Boston just because there were so many people who applied that they

had to lower the time to meet their limits of accepted runners," he said. The Boston Marathon, held April 15 this year, started a few years before the turn of the 20th century when U.S. Olympic Team Manager John Graham wanted to create a marathon in the Boston area, according to the Boston Athletic Association's website. The race is traditionally held around Patriot's Day, which is a holiday in Massachusetts and Maine that observes the start of the Revolutionary War. The results for this year's Boston Marathon show that the fastest finishing time by a male runner was 2 hours, 6 minutes, 17 seconds. Meanwhile, the man who completed the race last had a time of more than seven hours. So, how did Coach Guerrero fare? He finished the race in just under three hours, almost an hour faster than the average Boston Marathon ending time of 3 hours, 52 minutes, 40 seconds, according to marathonhandbook.com. Still, Guerrero wanted to reach a similar time as his qualifying Austin marathon time — somewhere in the two hour and 40-minute range — and beat his previous fastest finishing time. "I knew it was a tougher course," he said. "I always go in it wanting to set a personal record." Guerrero noted a few environmental challenges during the marathon. First of all, the race didn't start until 10 a.m.,

which is later in the day than usual for marathons. Long races usually start early when the temperatures outside are cool. The crowds of people watching the race were the biggest Guerrero has ever seen. The Boston Marathon course is also known for its infamous hills, and that's where Guerrero said his pace dropped off. "I've always heard about just the Newton Hills being tough, which is towards the end of the race, and those hills were really big and really steep, pretty long, but I feel like throughout the whole course, there was a bunch of little rolling hills that you didn't really feel too much early on, but at the end, it just kind of accumulates," he said. Toward the end of the race, Guerrero noticed that some runners were laying on the ground, walking or getting medical attention. "(The heat) got to a lot of people pretty bad, and at the end there I just wanted to finish, and then I was looking at my pace, looking at my time and I was like, 'OK, I think I could still break three hours.' So every now and then, I would push a little bit harder to try and get back onto that pace," he said. Despite the challenges, Guerrero was happy with his performance at the Boston Marathon and hopes to run in it again someday now that he's more familiar with the course. "It was a great experience," he said. "It was fun. I'm OK with how I finished consid-

ering everything that happened. Now I know a little bit more on what I can do to do better." When he returned home from Boston, Guerrero was welcomed by his family, friends and students who were proud of his performance. "Since I have known Raul, he has had such a passion for running and as he began training for marathons, I saw that passion continue to grow," girlfriend Alysha Huseman said. "Crossing Boston off of the list was a big accomplishment for Raul and it was a lot of fun getting to go and support him through that. I can't wait to see what is next for him!" Guerrero's sister-in-law and college friend Cecilia Sanchez, who Guerrero credited for inspiring him to restart his running career at Cowtown, was especially proud of him. "Raul has always been very athletic so when he took up running again after college, I knew it would be something he'd continue to do," Sanchez said. "His determination and commitment to running every single day amazes me and having the opportunity to see him running in the Boston Marathon was something I'll never forget. Family who couldn't make it in person cheered him on and kept track of his progress during the race on the app. We are all so proud of his accomplishment — top 10% at Boston is exceptional!" Guerrero hopes to run in all the major marathons some-



After participating in this year's Boston Marathon, Springtown High School coach Raul Guerrero hopes to run in all the major marathons someday (including New York, London, Berlin and Tokyo) and is thinking of participating in the Chicago marathon next.

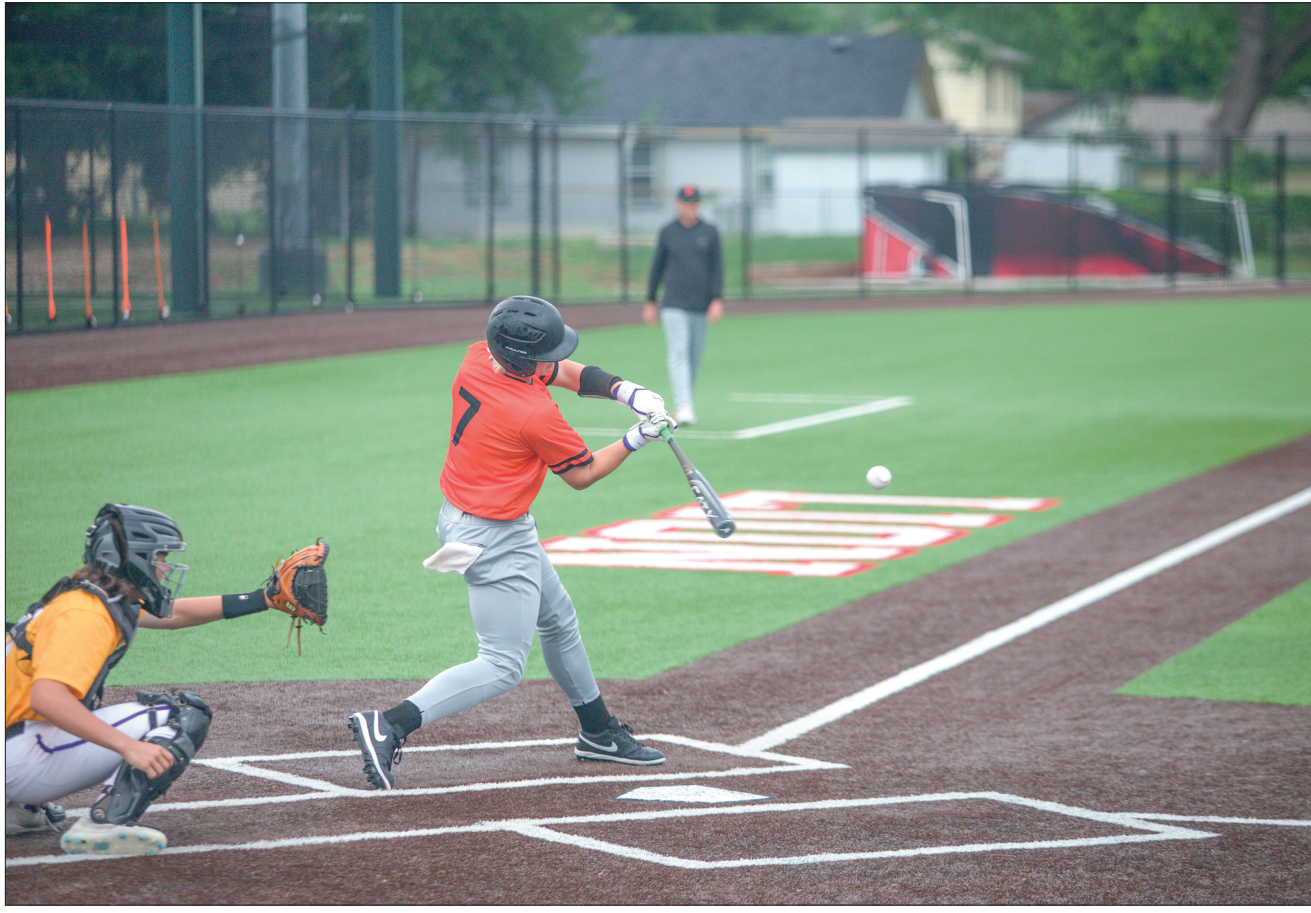
day (including New York, London, Berlin and Tokyo) and is thinking of participating in the Chicago marathon next. He'd also like to aim to win the Cowtown marathon, since that's where he started getting back into running races. To his students who aim to run marathons someday, Guerrero said the key is

consistency. "That's one thing especially with marathon training — it takes a lot of time, and if you enjoy it, you'll find the time to do it and just stay consistent with it," he said. "Just like in anything, really, if you're consistent, you're persistent about it, you make it a priority, then you're going to do well."



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First annual Pines triple threat bash fundraiser

Basketball tournament fundraiser to be held Friday at Springtown High School

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SPRINGTOWN — The Springtown Athletic Booster Club is hosting its first annual 3-on-3 basketball tournament fundraiser May 10 at 6 p.m. at Springtown High School. Teams will be divided to play against each other by grade level from fifth grade

and up. Adults are welcome to sign up and play against each other and 12th grade students. The cost is \$80 per team and all proceeds will go toward the booster club. For more information or to sign up, contact booster club President Will Lewis at 940-367-8005 or visit the Springtown Athletic Booster Club's Facebook page.

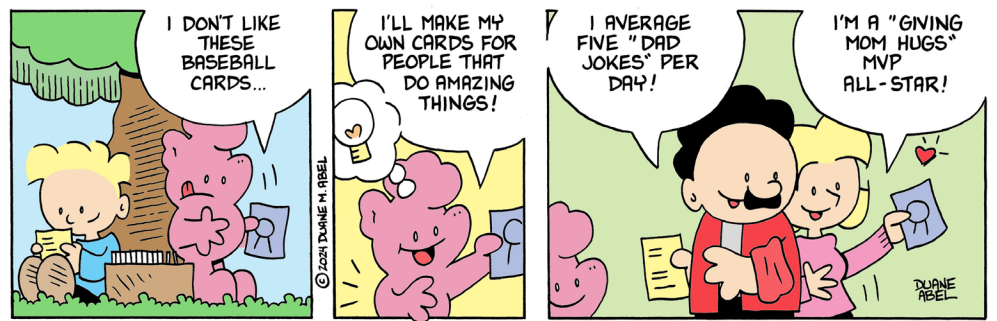
Pines Baseball vs. Glen Rose

All games at Joshua High School.

AREA PLAYOFFS INFO

- Thursday, May 9 Game 1 at 6:00 pm
- Friday, May 10 Game 2 at 6:00 pm
- Saturday, May 11 Game 3 at 12:00 pm (if necessary.)

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HOMETOWN

Happenings

MAY

- **MUSIC IN THE PARK:** The City of Azle Special Events Advisory Board presents Music in the Park from 8-10 p.m. every Friday in May and June at Azle Central Park. This week's performer is the Elevation Band on May 10. Visit the Azle Special Events Facebook page for the full music series lineup.
- **GAMERS UNPLUGGED: EVERY** Tuesday from 6:30-7:30 p.m., Springtown Public Library invites kids to play board games, card games, any "unplugged" game you like!
- **TEEN MOVIE AFTERNOONS:** 2 p.m. Saturday, May 11, at Springtown Public Library, 626 N. Main St. The library hosts Teen Movie Afternoons once a month. Movies will be rated up to PG-13. Call 817-523-5862 to find out the monthly movie. Snacks will be provided, so bring a drink!
- **LEGO CLUB: AZLE** Memorial Library hosts Lego Club at 4:30 p.m. the third Wednesday of each month in the library community room. All ages welcome. Legos provided by the library.
- **SHINE LIKE STARS BANQUET:** 6 p.m. Thursday, May 16 at The Church at Azle. The banquet benefits the Adult & Teen Challenge of Texas Azle Men's Campus. The evening includes dinner, a silent auction and program. Tickets and sponsorship opportunities are available. Call 817-406-4441 for more information.
- **COFFEE WITH FIRST RESPONDERS:** Join the Azle Area Chamber of Commerce and Texas Designer Flooring for coffee and conversation with local first responders 8:30-10 a.m. Friday, May 17 at 500 B N. Stewart St., Suite 1, Azle.
- **SACRED ARTIST GUILD:** Local artists are invited to join the Sacred Artist Guild. The group will meet 4-6 p.m. May 18 at The Community Bank, 600 E. State Highway 199, Springtown.
- **MAIN STREET BOOK CLUB:** 6 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at Azle Memorial Library. The book club will meet May 21 to discuss "Hello Beautiful" by Ann Napolitano. Refreshments will be provided.
- **SPRINGTOWN CHAMBER EVENTS:** SACoC will host its monthly luncheon 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Thursday, May 23 at Hilltop Family Church. Visit springtown-chamber.org to register by May 21.
- **CAR SEAT INSPECTIONS:** Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service Parker County and First United Methodist Church of Springtown will host a free car seat inspection event May 23, from 4 to 6 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church parking lot in Springtown, located at 109 W. Third St. To participate, you must have your child or children with you and know their weight and height. A limited number of replacement car seats will be available free. For questions and more information call AgriLife Extension Service Passenger Safety and Kid Safe Initiative's at 254-492-8010.
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- **REVIVAL AT SPRINGTOWN TABERNACLE:** New Beginnings Church and Second Coming Ministries will host a revival 6-8 p.m. May 27-31 at the Tabernacle on the Square.

Sudoku

MAY 9, 2024

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

Level: Advanced

Solution to last week's puzzle

MAY 2, 2024

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

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to building.

A H M R E M

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Answer: Hammer

CRYPTO FUN

Solve the code to discover words related to soyfoods. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 13 = E)

A. 6 13 15 10 1 13
Clue: Plant of the pea family

B. 19 13 26 16
Clue: Small seed-type food

C. 23 18 3 10
Clue: Bean curd

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Clue: Preparing and heating food

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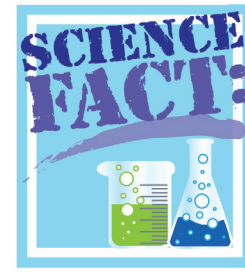


National Windmill Day, celebrated on May 11th, is a day to honor the historical and modern significance of windmills. These iconic structures, powered by the wind, have played vital roles in grinding grains, pumping water, and generating electricity. For kids, National Windmill Day is a chance to discover the fascinating world of wind energy. Teachers may

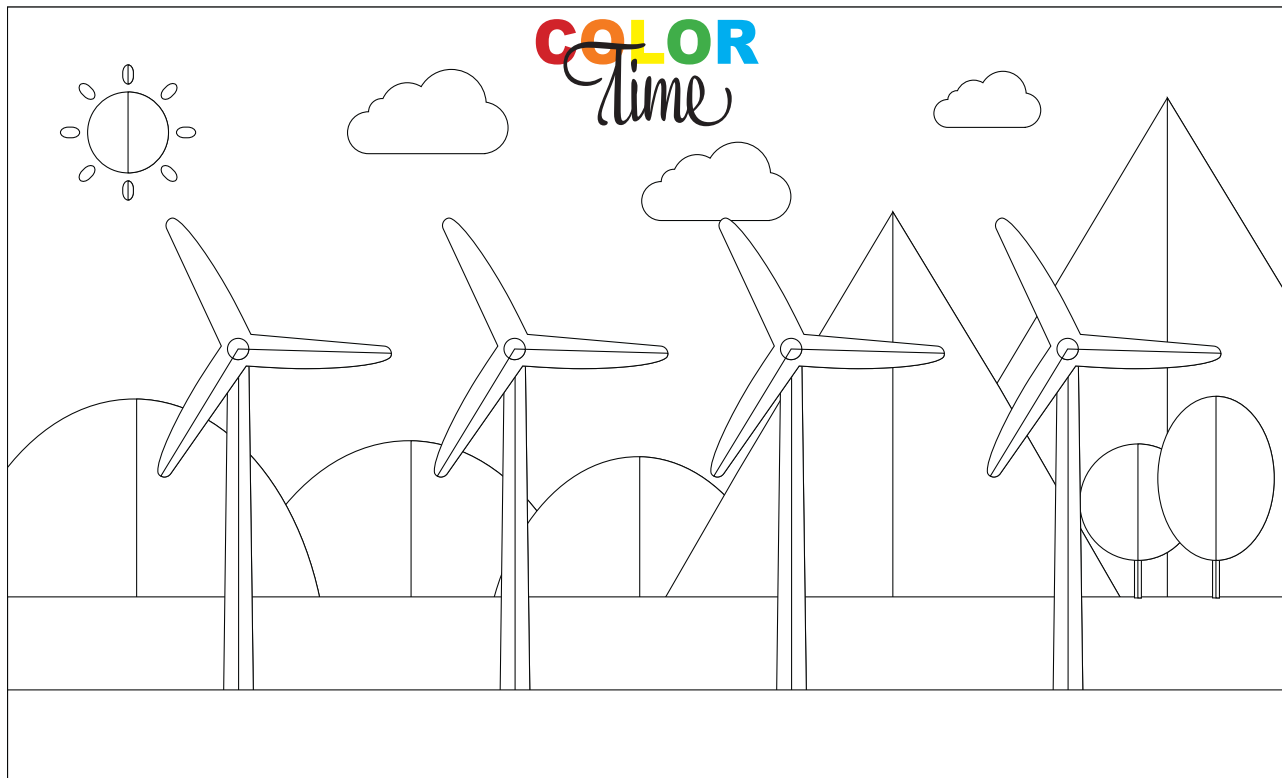
engage students with activities like building miniature windmills, providing hands-on experiences that blend fun and education. Visiting local windmills or wind farms offers children a firsthand look at the towering structures and their sustainable energy production. Families can celebrate by creating windmill-themed crafts, appreciating the beauty of these structures in the

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Hunter Morgan (center) won first place at the Super Steps for Super Pets 5K while Ryan Stephens placed second, and Brent Wright took third.



Ollie

Super Steps for Super Pets raises \$1,500 for Springtown animal shelter

Event features 5K, silent auction, dressed up doggies

People and their dogs, including Ollie pictured above, participated in the city of Springtown's Super Steps for Super Pets 5K April 27. The fundraiser, which included vendors and a silent auction, raised a little over \$1,500 to help with food and veterinarian costs at the city's animal shelter, Springtown event coordinator Rachele Ortega said. The 5K and silent auction fundraiser for Springtown's animal shelter was initially scheduled for April 20 but had to be rescheduled to April 27 because of rain. This meant some of the runners and vendors couldn't attend on the rescheduled date, but Rachele Ortega said the fundraiser was still successful. To see a list of all the adoptable shelter pets, visit the city's website.



Dolly patrols the silent auction area at Springtown's Super Steps for Super Pets fundraiser April 27 at the park.



Springtown animal shelter dog Ham gives kisses to Hunter Morgan at the city of Springtown's Super Steps for Super Pets 5K and silent auction fundraiser.



Some attendees of the Super Steps for Super Pets 5K and silent auction dressed their pets up in costumes. Melissa Anderson did just that, and her dog Ollive won the Superhero Costume Contest.

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National Day of Prayer in Azle sees record crowd



The Orchard Event Venue & Retreat hosts annual event

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Top: Azle Area Ministerial Alliance President Alton Davis welcomes a record number of attendees for the National Day of Prayer in Azle. Davis, at the podium, stands in front of the Azle High School Chorale, who performed The Star-Spangled Banner for the event. Left: David Shaffer, director of Son Shine Ministries and chair for National Day of Prayer in Azle, gives some guidance and instruction to those who came to participate.

A holy morning in Springtown

Hilltop Family Church hosts annual National Day of Prayer breakfast



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Lisa Hall and other attendees of Springtown's National Day of Prayer event at Hilltop Family Church recognize the National Anthem and the Pledge of Allegiance. Representatives from the city, school district and chamber of commerce as well as clergy and others prayed for the nation's leaders, churches, families, the military, the educational system, the media, local businesses, first responders and other groups.

Hilltop Family Church interim worship pastor Tommy Chitry leads National Day of Prayer attendees in song May 2.



Springtown Mayor Pro Tem Walter Roberson prayed for the military during the National Day of Prayer breakfast at Hilltop Family Church.



Linda Patterson uses sign language to worship at the National Day of Prayer event May 2 in Springtown.

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- 2 flying the Texas flag ___ down signals distress
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- 25 "___ or nay"
- 26 TX Whelchel of "The Facts of Life"
- 27 TXism: "short as ___ eyebrow"
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- 32 ___ Speedwagon
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