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## Good fortune comes to Neighbor to Neighbors

Springtown food pantry gets new freezers, counselors on-site, Colt Midstream volunteers

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SPRINGTOWN — A lot is going on at Springtown food pantry Neighbor to Neighbors.

Thanks to donations, the food pantry has two new freezers and a refrigerator. In addition, natural gas company Colt Midstream is expected to volunteer to help the pantry with inside repairs, and Safe Harbor Counseling Center has set up an office in Neighbor to Neighbors' building.

Neighbor to Neighbors Board President James Heil said the freezers were purchased with a grant for about \$8,000 from Angels' Attic, a North Texas nonprofit that aims to support charities.

"Not only did we get the two freezers, but we got them filled up, and they are in use," Heil said. "We also had one of our board members donate a refrigerator."

Now, Neighbor to Neighbors has six freezers and three refrigerators in total. The new appliances allow the food pantry to keep

more food on site and not have to take too many trips to Tarrant Area Food Bank.

"We can get bigger orders and be able to go once a week and have enough product there for everybody that comes in, and we don't run out," Heil said. "It's been awesome."

Safe Harbor Counseling Center approached Neighbor to Neighbors about using some of the food pantry's space (an old unused office) for therapy sessions, Heil said. The board president is hoping the food pantry's clients will be able to take advantage of the counseling as well.

"I think it's going to make a big difference," Heil said. "I know folks are excited for them to be there. We are there for a short-term solution, but we're trying to help them get back on their feet, and hopefully with our services and with the counseling services, (we'll) just be able to help people regain that self-efficiency."

Safe Harbor Counseling

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## Sting Fling 2024

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The annual Sting Fling Festival took place Sept. 14. A dog celebrates in a bee costume for the Weiner Dog Derby costume contest.

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A view from the shoreline of Eagle Mountain Lake of Reeves' dock, where he allegedly regularly discharged weapons.

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## In the thick of the 'Briar Patch'

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BRIAR — Residents of the former City of Briar have been waging an ongoing debate on policing and a struggle against local crime for nearly a half century.

North of Azle and south of Boyd, Briar is a lakeside community of about 7,000 people covering a total space of 21.9 square miles. The locale has not been able to call itself a city since April 2, 1983, when around 80% of voters choose

to dismantle the city council and police force.

Since then, Briar residents have lived in an unincorporated status, relying on Tarrant and Wise Counties for most of their services, except for the local fire department which predates the city.

### NOTORIOUS LOCALS

One infamous neighborhood of Briar, formally known as Eagle Acres but colloquially known as "the Briar Patch" is well known for its problems with drugs

and crime. At least one Eagle Acres resident is currently the subject of a federal investigation by the Drug Enforcement Agency. Among the prickliest of the Briar Patch's denizens is Daniel Isaac Reeves. Reeves has had police attention drawn to his and his father's Alcove Street residence since at least July of 2000. According to Tarrant County District Clerk records, he has been involved in at least 11 criminal cases in

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## Lake Worth Police Department hosts third annual Organized Retail Crime Roundtable

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LAKE WORTH — On Tuesday, Sept. 4, the Lake Worth Police Department hosted its third annual Organized Retail Crime Roundtable conversation to discuss the widespread problem of ORC within the Lake Worth area as well as to talk

about preventative measures.

The Lake Worth police department invited retailers, city officials and anyone who has an interest in combating ORC to come to the roundtable. Some notable people who were in attendance were City Manager Stacey Almond, Lake Worth city council members, first responders and more. Representatives

from Walmart, Target, Ulta, Home Depot, Flock Safety, Walgreens, CVS and more were in attendance.

Lake Worth Police Chief J.T. Manoushagian led the discussion about the rising numbers of ORC and how citizens, business owners and law enforcement can respond. Retail crime is the number one problem in Lake Worth,

according to Manoushagian, so this topic gets the full attention of the department.

Manoushagian gave some history on why the ORC roundtable was created.

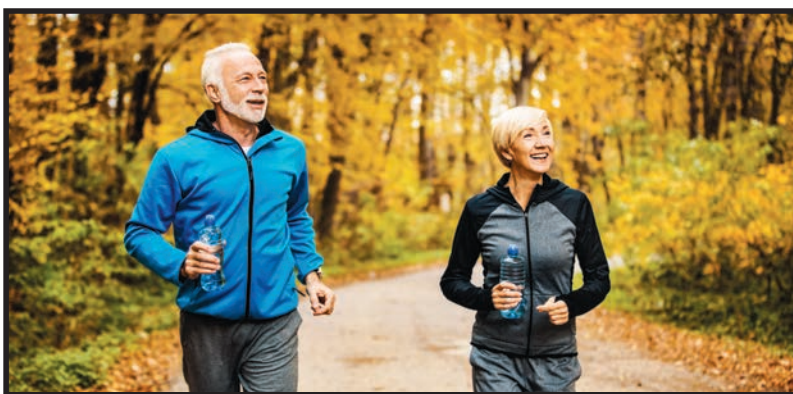
"The whole reason that we even started having ORC roundtables was because we saw an alarming trend out on



Lake Worth Police and retailers gather to talk about organized retail crime.

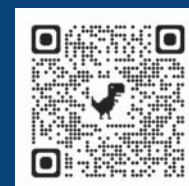
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# Rotary students of the month

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**AZLE** — Four Azle High School seniors were recognized by the Rotary Club of Azle as Students of the Month for September for their academic and extracurricular accomplishments on Sept. 5.

**PARKER HUFFAKER:**

Parker Huffaker is the son of Heather and Prentice Huffaker. He is ranked third in his class with a GPA of 104.94. He is interested in attending the University of Texas Austin, Texas A&M University, the University of California San Diego or San Diego State University to study computer science and electrical engineering.

He is proud of being at the top of his class, for taking all college level courses and for accomplishments made in distance running. Huffaker considers his desire to overcome and understand obstacles to be his best quality. Huffaker considers himself hard working, dedicated and proud. He has competed at the Bell drone competition with the Azle drone team, is cross country captain and is a member of the National Honor Society. He has volunteered at the community food pantry, athletic events and at

## Huffaker, Lefever, Young and Freimuth speak on success and looking forward

Liberty Elementary during a science fair.

**EYVINDR LEFEVER:**

Eyvindr Lefever is the son of Will Lefever and Embyr Lefever. He is ranked sixth in his class with a GPA of 104.18. He hopes to attend Texas Tech or the University of Texas at Arlington and study computer science and cybersecurity. Some academic accomplishments Lefever is proud of are his high Advanced Placement and OnRamps test scores. He said he is good at meeting deadlines and has never submitted an assignment late without an absence.

“I am especially good at always finding a way to figure something out. If I am confused about something, I will seek out an answer until I understand the concept,” Lefever said.

Lefever considers his trustworthiness to be his best quality, and he considers himself hard working, respectful and helpful.

He is a brass captain in the Marching Green Pride band and helps oversee the running of rehearsals for the low

brass section and prop building. Lefever considers himself an avid amateur pickleballer. Under the supervision of Chad Cooke, he has been volunteering in the math department since August.

**BROOKLYN YOUNG:**

Brooklyn Young is the daughter of Chris and Kristy Young. After high school, she is interested in pursuing a career in graphic design. She is ranked fourth in her class with a GPA of 104.8.

Her academic strengths include being a fast learner and good information retention. Young considers herself smart, driven, hard-working and competitive.

“Although I work to be kind to others, I am often not very kind to myself,” Young said. “I am definitely my own biggest critic, and this sometimes affects my self-esteem. To combat this, I try to surround myself with supportive, loving people who are always there to reassure me, and more importantly I try to not search for my worth in worldly things like academics or sports. Instead, I strive to find my worth in my identity



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(L-R): Parker Huffaker, Eyvindr Lefever, Brooklyn Young and Ella Freimuth at the Rotary Club of Azle's luncheon.

in Christ, because at the end of the day who He says I am is the truth, even when it's hard to believe it.”

Young enjoys being creative, painting and crocheting. She has played volleyball and played varsity basketball last season where she received the “3D Award.” She has also been in the NHS and PALS.

She is an active member of Merge Community Church, volunteers for Royal Family Kids Camp, and has worked at a family friend's dance studio for several years.

**ELLA FREIMUTH:**

Ella Freimuth is the daughter of Kirk and Donna Freimuth. She is interested in attending the University of Utah to study business management or finance. She hopes to one day work in the trucking and transportation field. She is ranked 10th in her class with a GPA of 103.05.

Freimuth considers herself good at time management, discipline, competence and self-awareness. She considers herself ambitious, curious and sociable. She hopes to

travel the world and experience different cultures. She was a student council historian last year. She has earned Microsoft Word and Excel certifications and was given the AP Scholar award. She used to play volleyball, softball and soccer. She enjoys traveling, painting, drawing, reading, coloring, hiking and biking. She has goals of being a foreign exchange student in college and dreams of one day living in Europe. She has worked at Railhead Smokehouse Barbeque since April.

# LW police arrest reckless driver with BAC of .368

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**LAKE WORTH** — Lake Worth police officers arrested a driver who had a blood alcohol content four times the legal limit.

On Saturday Sept. 14, Lake Worth police responded to a call at 1:30 p.m. about a reckless driver in a Chevrolet

Camaro on Lake Worth Boulevard.

The Camaro was reported to be dangerously changing directions for half a mile, then came to a complete stop. Police found the vehicle on Telephone Road with its hazard lights on.

Police officers approached the car and helped the driver get out, after he struggled to

put the car in park.

Officers performed a field sobriety test on the driver, who was identified as 28-year-old Luis Alcivar.

After Alcivar failed the field sobriety test, police asked him to submit to a breathalyzer test. Alcivar consented to the test, which showed his blood alcohol content to be 0.368. Alcivar was tested

again with a result of 0.360, which is more than four times the legal limit. Blood alcohol content, or BAC, is a measure of the percentage of alcohol in a person's bloodstream.

In Texas, the legal blood alcohol content limit for drivers 21 and older is 0.08. Anything over 0.40 can cause an individual to go into a

coma or can be potentially fatal.

As a result of his test results, Alcivar was arrested and charged with driving while intoxicated.

Lake Worth Chief of Police J.T. Manoushagian posted on the following X about the reckless driver incident: “At about 1:30pm, @NWEmergencyCC operators

received a reckless driver call. @LakeWorthPD officers located the vehicle, stopped it, and discovered that the driver was intoxicated. It was later determined that the driver had a BAC of 0.36 - 4.5x THE LEGAL LIMIT. Thankful for the caller's courage, and thankful that this incredibly dangerous driver didn't kill someone.”

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# Looking through the prism of another person's life

Over my 68-plus years of living, I have learned that people's perceptions about life are largely based on their own personal experiences. It is from those experiences their opinions and judgments are formed. Rare indeed is it to find a person who, prior to forming an opinion, can look beyond their own life and consider the knowledge or experience others might have.

It is somewhat humorous to picture a situation where someone who has never lived outside of a New York City zip code has a strong opinion on farm or ranch policies in Texas, especially when they would not know the difference between a steer and a bull! It is just as true when someone from a small town in West Texas begins to express strong opinions about life in interurban Detroit and the struggles experienced by



## FROM MY FRONT PORCH

By Sam Houston

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those who live there. I have serious doubt that someone from Wellington, Texas has any real idea of what it is like to live in the inner city of a large metropolitan area, any more than the New York City dweller knows about steers and heifers. Without knowledge, it is impossible to make informed decisions.

Does this mean we need to forego creating an opinion about things beyond our immediate world? Of course not, but it should impose upon us a recognition to stop, gather information and consider what experiences

and knowledge someone else might share before we become so opinionated and headstrong. People generally do not fail to address pressing problems because of indifference but rather, they find themselves in circumstances beyond their control where they do not possess the resources to effectively meet the situation.

Some years ago, during Hurricane Katrina, I was working with a man who had lived his whole life in Highland Park. He had grown up there, attended school there, went to col-

lege at Southern Methodist University and stayed in Highland Park to work and live his life. Reports started coming out of New Orleans that the city was being evacuated due to Katrina's devastating effects and the problems associated with moving a large contingent of people, especially people from economically challenged areas.

My friend was very puzzled. This was a kind and caring man, a Christian man, but he looked at me square in the eye with his face full of bewilderment and said, "why don't those folks get in their cars and drive a couple hundred miles to a hotel and stay there until this thing blows over?" I had to explain to my friend that many of the soon-to-be-disenfranchised did not have cars, nor did they have the resources to pay for a hotel or eat out for what could be weeks or even months.

My friend was so unaware because in "his world," something like a history-making hurricane would not have been nearly as big an issue. He had options and solutions to many of the problems a hurricane might present and he assumed others had the same options and choices he had. He formed a judgement without understanding the facts or the circumstances. He had never lived in the 2nd Ward in New Orleans, and he had no idea of what life there was like, or the daily obstacles residents had to overcome.

Wouldn't it be nice to stop the rush to judgment and instead of forming an immediate opinion about an issue, reflect and learn from others? Shutting our mouths and opening our ears to hear what others are saying and why they are saying it, might just help us to formulate a

stance that is measured and purposeful rather than judgmental and flippant.

The world is full of problems, some we all share, and some that are specific to a location or a group of people. The one thing we all have which is universal, is the ability to be compassionate, understanding and to ask question and seek solutions instead of jumping to place blame.

Solve the problem and the credit can be painted across a broad canvas.

Blaming and criticizing has never solved anything, it only makes the solution harder to come by.

Remember that when you cast your vote.

Thought for the day: *The superior man blames himself, the inferior man blames others.* — Coach Don Shula

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

## City talks Main Street's future

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AZLE — The City of Azle, partnering with Halff Associates, presented on the community's future and received feedback from locals at a public meeting Tuesday, Sept. 10.

Community Planner Whitney Linder and Brad Johnson, team leader and director of planning for Halff, answered questions and presented the draft for the city's next comprehensive master plan.

The plan will cover land use, developments on Azle's Main Street, thoroughfares, parks and more. Using the plan as a guideline, the City of Azle hopes to establish goals and strategies that guide the city's growth and development over the next 20 years.

More than 20 local residents, public officials and

business owners attended with several speaking about concerns they had with the plan or development in general.

One major subject of discussion for the evening was Azle's Main Street area. The guiding principles laid out by Halff, who the city has hired as advisors on the project, for Azle's downtown include making Main Street safe and walkable, creating a robust pedestrian and cycling network, creating a new mixed use neighborhood district that compliments existing businesses and creating a climate for investment.

Johnson reassured residents who had concerns about a lack of room for expansion on Main Street and a fear that historic buildings might be lost.

"You got a lot of width right there," Johnson said. "From power line to power line within that right of way I don't

know if you guys know what it is on the top of your head, it's over 100 (feet). It's pretty big. You've got two lanes, and you've got one of the biggest center turn lanes I've seen a long time, that could be reduced. That space could be used in a very safe way, it'd probably make it safer. Honestly, that's what studies would show you. That gives an opportunity to give that space to sidewalk needs, to street trees, to on-street parking, much in the way that it's functioning right now."

Johnson said a future where Azle owns Main Street, not TxDOT, could be the most conducive option under the current vision.

Morgan Frazier recently moved to Azle from Pennsylvania and felt positive after attending the meeting.

"It's going to change a little bit of what Azle looks like right now but I think for the better," Frazier said. "I think



(L-R): Brad Johnson and Whitney Linder present on the current draft plan.

they did a good job of presenting it, and they're looking for community input as well. So that's a positive thing. I've been around the country and seen a lot of really nice main streets, and I'm glad they're focusing on that, because

there's a lot of potential on this main street. Where I lived for the past 20 years, there wasn't a lot of width on the main street. These guys got a lot of distance between businesses on either side of the road, where they could

actually make large sidewalks and wider roads and better parking and bring a lot of businesses in and community into that area. So, I think it was a good representation of what could be of Main Street."

## Azle area blood drives in October

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AZLE — Next month the Azle Area Ministerial Alliance will host its bi-monthly mobile blood drive in partnership with Carter BloodCare at First Methodist Church of Azle, 200 Church St. Throughout September and October, donors through Carter BloodCare will receive Dallas Cowboys-inspired "How

'Bout Them Donors" merch including a T-shirt, "Home Turf Blood Donor" koozie and fridge magnet. Currently, Carter BloodCare has stable supplies of all blood types excluding B, which the organization reports to be in urgent need of. The blood drive will be from 3:30-6:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 7.

Even when local blood supplies may be stable, America's Blood Centers, the

national association of independent, community blood centers, says it is still important to donate in order to take potential strain off other locales that may be struggling. According to its website, [www.americasblood.org](http://www.americasblood.org), of 59 community blood centers in the nation, 20% have a critically low supply of blood and 46% are running low.

The Azle Lions Club will host its own blood drive

through the American Red Cross from 1-6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 11 at 412 Commerce St. in Azle. American Red Cross blood donors will receive a \$10 Amazon gift card by email and will automatically be entered for a chance to win one of three \$5,000 gift cards.

The City of Springtown will host a blood drive through Carter BloodCare the same day, Friday, Oct. 11, from 9

a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

For faster donations and less paperwork, prospective donors can sign up on Carter BloodCare's Donor Portal by going to [ww3.greatpartners.org](http://ww3.greatpartners.org). Click "Donate Now," type "Azle" or "Springtown" into the page's city search and schedule an appointment at an available mobile drive location. Readers can also schedule by following the link [\[ww3.greatpartners.org/donor/schedules/drive\\\_schedule/145185\]\(https://ww3.greatpartners.org/donor/schedules/drive\_schedule/145185\). More details can be found on the nonprofit blood center's website at \[CarterBloodCare.org\]\(http://CarterBloodCare.org\).](https://ww3.greatpart-</a></p>
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## PCSO warns public about 'blackmail' scams

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The Parker County Sheriff's Office received recent notifications of scammers contacting residents by phone claiming to be sheriff's office employees, seeking payment for missing jury duty or an outstanding active arrest warrant.

These are scam attempts, and although they may appear to be legitimate, they are fraudulent attempts to gain access to your money, bank

accounts and personal information, according to a PCSO press release. Some scam attempts claim the sheriff's office has issued a warrant for the victim's arrest because of missing jury duty, and the scammer requires payment to "clear" the arrest warrant. The caller ID has been "spoofed" to appear that it is coming from the sheriff's office main phone line.

Another scam recently reported entails a scammer

contacting a victim by email and claiming they have possession of compromising and embarrassing photographs or videos containing the victim's image which is either genuine or created using photoshop or artificial intelligence. Then they claim if the victim does not send them payment by bitcoin or cryptocurrency, they threaten to release the intimate images or videos to the victim's family, coworkers and friends on social

media.

The email from the suspect typically contains an access QR code or link to make the "payments." Once the victim clicks on the code or link, the suspect gains access to all the victim's personal information contained on their computer or phone, including financial, banking and charge accounts, applications and contents.

Parker County Sheriff Russ Authier said this is a blackmail type of scam. Authier

cautions the public to be aware and educated of scams and to take precautions when making purchases or transactions over the phone, internet or by email to prevent the public from becoming a victim. The sheriff's office will never seek payment from the public regarding warrants, jury duty or citations and will never ask the public for personal information over the phone.

"We strongly urge our citi-

zens to educate themselves on possible scams," Authier said in the press release. "Do not give payment to anyone who contacted you unsolicited. When in doubt, simply hang up and report the incident to your local law enforcement agency and verify all suspicious claims."

For more information regarding scams, log onto the Federal Trade Commission's website at [www.ftc.gov](http://www.ftc.gov)

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# Stuck truck blocks Southeast Parkway

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AZLE — More than two dozen vehicles were stuck on a portion of Southeast Parkway last week for as long as an hour. On the morning of Sept. 11, one of two semi-trucks, each hauling one half of a double-wide trailer, got stuck at the entrance to Spur 344, locally called the “Ski Jump,” leading to East Main Street. The truck got stuck at approximately 9:30 a.m. ac-

ording to onlookers and was freed at around 10:30 a.m. after another semi was able to haul one of the halves across the bridge.

Police officers and later a fire truck eventually blocked off the exit from State Highway 199 onto Southeast Parkway.

“It was a truck hauling a mobile home and when it attempted to turn, a part failed on the trailer, stranding the trailer across all lanes,” Azle Police Chief Ben Hall said.



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When the truck attempted to turn, a part failed on the trailer and stranded the truck across all lanes. The truck and mobile home were eventually safely hauled across the bridge by another semi.

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Center has served people in the tri-county area and beyond for 20 years and has locations in Weatherford and Azle. To serve its Springtown-area clients, Safe Harbor has established the office in Neighbor to Neighbors as well as one at Springtown First United Methodist Church and is reaching out to clients to see if they want to meet at one of those locations.

“We feel like we didn’t serve those people well, and so I decided that we really needed some space there locally,” Safe Harbor Program Manager Fran Simpson said. The offices at Neighbor to

Neighbors and Springtown First United Methodist Church only allow for one client to be served at a time, so having two meeting places allows for multiple clients to have sessions at once. If more space is needed, Simpson said she will reach out to other possible meeting places. Neighbor to Neighbors will be utilized during the food pantry’s business hours, and counselors will be there for scheduled sessions. While the counselors won’t be able to accommodate walk-ins, they could look into scheduling future appointments with potential clients. First United Methodist Church can be used as needed, except during peak church times on Wednesday evenings and

Sunday mornings. Eventually, Simpson hopes Safe Harbor will be able to take appointments with people who haven’t been clients of the counseling center previously. She said the center applied for a grant with Texas Health Resources that could help reach that goal. Currently, Safe Harbor works with Center of Hope in Springtown to provide counseling vouchers to people in need, but Simpson is planning to give vouchers to places like Neighbor to Neighbors, counselors at Springtown schools and local churches to refer people.

More good news fell into Neighbor to Neighbors’ lap when Colt Midstream, which has field offices in

Springtown and Decatur, reached out to Heil to ask about community service opportunities at the food pantry. Two crews have been scheduled to do some work at the food pantry, including floor repairs, trim work, putting up drywall, painting and “just odds and ends things that don’t ever get done because everybody is helping with the day-to-day operations,” Heil said.

“Very grateful for that because I’m sure they’re going to be able to get a lot done,” he said.

The two crews, which are expected to have between 10-15 people in each of them, will spend the last two Fridays in September working on renovations at Neighbor

to Neighbors, Colt Midstream Business Coordinator Makayla Carson said. For the first time, Colt Midstream is hosting a company-wide volunteer month in September.

“Giving back to our community that we live in and work in is a big part of Colt and our core values,” Carson said. “A lot of (Colt Midstream) offices give back in their own ways, but we really wanted to come together as just a company and as a whole and just organize a volunteer month.”

Neighbor to Neighbors was identified by Colt Midstream as a place to volunteer after it was suggested by a Springtown employee. In addition to the tasks Heil mentioned, Carson said the

volunteers are expected to do other miscellaneous work.

“They’ll also be restocking any food and organizing the pantry, or if there’s any additional things that they need up there outside of the renovation stuff, they’ll be willing to help,” she said.

All this community support comes after Neighbor to Neighbors had come upon tough times when donations were down, and volunteers were dealing with electrical issues and a leaky roof at the pantry. Thankfully, the community has helped the food pantry resolve some of those issues and is continuing to step up.

“It’s been really awesome just watching everything kind of come together,” Heil said.

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# OBITUARIES

## Jeanie LaDell Boehm 1942-2024

Jeanie LaDell Boehm passed away peacefully Tuesday, Aug. 27, 2024. An accomplished artist and dedicated housewife, Jeanie led a life filled with creativity and love. She was married to the love of her life, William M. Boehm Sr., June 1, 1960, and they shared 63 wonderful years together before his passing Dec. 11, 2023.

Jeanie is preceded in death by her beloved husband, William M. Boehm Sr.; father, Foy Robinson; mother, Willie Bell Robinson; brothers, Foy and Carol Robinson; and her sister, Wilda Freeman.

She is survived by her children, Betsy Urbanek (and husband Todd), William M. Boehm Jr., Al Boehm, and Lauren Lynch (and husband Tim). Her legacy also lives on through her grandchildren, Jennifer (and husband Josh), TJ (and wife Meagan), Michel (and wife Jasmine), Alexandra (and husband



Andrew), James (and wife Kylie), Ashley (and husband Paul), Leslee (and husband Justin), Nick and Megan. Jeanie was blessed with great-grandchildren, Luc, Roland, Rex, Bradleigh, Cannon, Knox, William, Wyatt, Raylon, Annelise, Alivia, Emily and Sophia. She also enjoyed the joy of a great-great-grandchild, Posie.

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## Arthur Hugh Odle 1947-2024

Arthur Hugh Odle, 77, passed away Friday, Sept. 13, 2024 in Fort Worth.

Visitation is set for 6-8 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 18, at Alexander's Midway Funeral Home in Springtown. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his name to the Disabled Veterans Association.

Arthur was born March 13, 1947 in Astoria, Oregon to Donald Eugene and Maude Emily (Christie) Odle. They both preceded him in death along with one brother, Michael Odle, and two grandchildren. Arthur grew up in New Jersey. As a young man, he joined the Army, where he was a first lieutenant commander and a military police officer. After being discharged from the Army, he worked for AT&T and retired after 30 years of dedicated service. After retirement, he worked with his sons, enjoyed watching war movies and reading John Grissom's



books. Arthur is survived by his loving and devoted wife of 56 years, Vicki (Compton) Odle; sons, Chris Odle and wife, Gina and Michael Odle and wife, Lisa; daughter, Dawn Ceja and husband, Craig; sister, Ann Odle; eight grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; extended family and friends.

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the horizon," Manoushagian said. "We saw it in 2022 and thought 'Man if this continues, we're going to blow previous years out of the water with theft.' And so, we thought 'we're not going to wait for those numbers to come around, we're going to start trying to bring people together and see what we can do to address these problems before it gets out of control.'"

Manoushagian gave everyone present a packet, created by the police department, to show statistics, research, proactive suggestions and solutions to hopefully reduce ORC.

The chief started the discussion by providing the mission statement of the Lake Worth Police Department: "To create a safe environment where life and commerce thrive."

"Protecting you is our business," Manoushagian said. "That is our approach to our retail partners."

Manoushagian highlighted some remarkable statistics about ORC. According to the 2023 Retail Security Survey, violent shoplifting incidents have increased by more than one-third — 35%, in fact. The police chief noted that Lake Worth is thankfully not experiencing

this, but it still happens.

Another statistic brought up is that back in 2023, Lake Worth made 164 theft arrests, but only two of those arrested lived in Lake Worth. Manoushagian explained that the Lake Worth area is a great place for criminals to exploit because of the multiple locations of the same retail stores.

Retailers gave their own feedback about ORC happening at their stores. A representative from Walmart said it is experiencing more theft around self-checkout areas. Walmart started a loss prevention program where someone is at the self-checkout areas to catch thieves.

Manoushagian did show some uplifting statistics. For example, Home Depot and Walmart have seen a 20% reduction of ORC in 2024. Kohls has seen a 10% decrease and Target has seen a 30% decrease in offences this year.

Lake Worth police plan to help reduce ORC even more with an increase in physical presence, increasing technology used to catch criminals and more. Flock Safety, a video surveillance system designed to recognize license plates and vehicle descriptions, sponsored breakfast for those attending the roundtable, and Walmart provided additional food and snacks.

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Tarrant County, ranging from assault to the manufacturing of an illegal substance.

On June 12, Officer Christian Abraham of the Lake Worth Police Department, investigators from the DEA Task Force, Tarrant County Sheriff's Office S.W.A.T. Team, Parker County Sheriff's Office and Wise County Sheriff's Office executed a federal search warrant on Reeves' home. According to an affidavit from LWP, the bust resulted in officers finding 38 grams of methamphetamine and counterfeit M-30 oxycodone pills containing fentanyl. Prior to the operation, a TCSO Drone Unit observed Reeves discharging a pistol on the property. A Smith & Wesson .38 Special and M&P 5.7 were also recovered during the raid, earning Reeves a charge of unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon, as well. After gaining access to his phone, investigators found text conversations consistent with drug trafficking.

On Friday, Aug. 23, the DEA posted an official notice of property seized for federal forfeiture. Included were a Smith & Wesson 642 Airweight Revolver with ammunition, valued at \$202.21, seized by the DEA June 12, and a Smith & Wesson M&P pistol with magazine and ammunition, valued at \$192.63.

The public information officer for the DEA's Dallas Division as well as an agent working on the case declined a request for comment from the Tri-County Reporter, citing the sensitive nature of the ongoing federal investigation.

At press time, according to Tarrant County District Clerk records, Reeves was not in jail, however, he is the subject of an arrest warrant.

## RESIDENTS TELL THE STORY

According to area residents — two who wish to remain anonymous for their safety — the Reeves property has always been a matchbox full of colorful characters waiting to ignite the Briar Patch. Longtime residents of the area and newcomers alike do not feel safe inviting friends or family over to visit. From frequent trespassing, screaming, fighting, gunshots, dog attacks and trash littering the streets, locals said these cheap lakefront properties come with an unstated price.

"I just got robbed on my boat dock, about \$2,000 worth of stuff," one interviewed individual said. "I've been robbed" what, three, no, four times already ... Everyone's been ripped off out there. There's probably not one house (in the area) that has not been ripped off."

In a previous job going door-to-door in the additions abutting Eagle Mountain Lake, this reporter was told to take caution with requests that solicitors leave for their own safety.

"Oh, it's still dangerous," one anonymous source said explaining their request to not be identified. "It's dangerous enough you don't spread your

name around because if they find out ... they'll come back on them. We've got to keep low."

The resident wanted to emphasize that Reeves himself was not typically an issue for him. John Doe was instead largely bothered by the visitors and "customers" Reeves hosted.

"Daniel was not a violent person or anything," they said. "Some of them people like that, they're violent but I've never felt in danger. I just didn't like all the noise and stuff going on, you know, it just is not good."

Three area residents spoke of a group of three women who often spent time near or at the Reeves' household. One of the individuals, Valerie Traylor-Ellis, and the others were said to be a source of conflict for neighbors. They claimed she often trespassed, shouted on the streets at all times of the day and night, fought with those who live in the area and stole from their properties.

The Azle woman was also arrested in June after hijacking a mortuary van from John Peter Smith Hospital for a supposed joyride around Fort Worth. The van, and the corpse it contained, were recovered in front of the Fort Worth Zoo later that night.

Residents were hopeful that with the raid some change might come to that corner of Briar. To their dismay, Reeves was quickly bailed out of jail by his father and within a matter of days another warrant was issued for his arrest for another alleged drug possession incident. At the time of publication, law enforcement agencies are still searching for Reeves. At least two interviewed individuals allege they have seen Reeves back at his father's house on Alcove Street since the warrant was issued. Reeves' modus operandi, according to one J. Doe, includes making regular trips in a motorized scooter around the neighborhood, as far south as Goodman Lane, to make drug deals.

Even when law enforcement apprehends Reeves again, the resident fears that it will ultimately not address the extent of the community's problem. They continue to see drug deals go down in the area regularly. A boat ramp near Reeves' home has served as a frequent spot for these transactions. The individual also claims to have witnessed known drug dealers and associates of Reeves remove suspected narcotics from his backyard.

"I'm scared we're just going to be like, 'OK, well, we got rid of one guy, on to the next neighborhood,' or something like that," Doe said. "We got one guy in the neighborhood, there's 15 other Valeries I need (police) to take care of."

Driving through Eagle Acres, dilapidated houses and overgrown yards strewn with trash are a common sight. More recent newcomers, with nicer houses, high fences and extensive home surveillance, have also joined the fray for the destination's cheap prices and available land.

One such resident, Mike

Henry, is a retired Air Force veteran who moved into the neighborhood several years ago with his wife. Henry described one incident in which a shooting took place on the dock behind Reeves' property.

"We thought it was a really nice, quiet little community and then there's crackheads running around out here," Henry said. "There's a couple of characters that are regulars, I guess you would put it and, you know, run up and down the streets out of their mind on drugs. I have my grandchildren here quite often and we were out there one evening. They were getting kind of loud close to the door. This was probably around October, I guess, last year and there were some motorcycles over (in Reeves' yard). People start pushing, then shoving and then the guns come out."

Through his experiences speaking with neighbors, Henry has come to understand that his community and adjacent streets are a hotbed for drug activity.

## BROKEN WINDOWS

In explaining why the Briar Patch is so prone to crime, one Doe referred to the "Broken Windows Theory." The theory was proposed in 1982 by social scientists James Q. Wilson and George Kelling and posits that if one window in a building is left broken, the rest will eventually be smashed out as well. By not addressing infrastructural problems early, the resident said safety and quality of life have been on a downward spiral.

Two anonymous sources spoke of one property on Base Street that built up walls to conceal a "junkyard." The property, they said, was so overloaded with trash and scrap that its owners had to park in the street due to a lack of space.

"It's the most insane thing you've ever seen," one said. "It's just like, because it's so trashy, nobody gives a (expletive). There's not a city here. Nobody comes by and picks up this stuff, they'll leave out there for years. We've had this other problem in this area where people drive by with living room suites and just kick them out at the back end of the street. It happens all the time. It's like this because neglect just feeds on neglect and neglect."

Another source also described a different nearby home that was a constant source of smell and rats with a trash pile that has been building and festering for more than a decade.

"It looks like a third world country," Henry also said of the area in general. "(There's) just trash everywhere, (junk) piled up everywhere and I know, you know, it's unincorporated. They're not going to send anybody out here and start giving them tickets, and they probably wouldn't do anything but tear the tickets up. So, I don't really know what you could do there. There are some people that are buying some of these properties and starting to build on them. I think that will help, hopefully, but then you never know. You know what

those people are going to be like ... I really wish it would get cleaned up. I think it's overdue."

The trash problem was not the only thing being ignored, according to locals. Henry described one instance where a woman was walking down the street and in duress when she was passed by a Tarrant County Sheriff's vehicle that did not stop to check on her and how that deeply bothered another neighbor. Another Doe described similarly not being pleased with the outcome when police are called.

"Most of the time they'll just tell you, 'we can't do anything until something happens,'" they said. "Yeah, that's kind of the approach that police have period. It really sucks. Their response time is not usually real bad if they come. That's just the thing, if they do, they've dealt with these people for quite some time, so they usually just run them off and they'll be right back in just a few hours. They're not really scaring anybody, if you know what I mean."

No longer having a dedicated city police force, Briar does not receive the same consistent police coverage as nearby cities like Azle. Doe has reached out to various law enforcement agencies, county commissioners and other officials about these problems for years, with, from his point of view, little effect.

"We got to start getting some funding," Doe said. "There needs to be some police presence up in here. I'm not naive to think that this is going to get rid of the drug problem. The drug war has been going on for a long time, and they're not winning it. I get it. You're not going to get rid of it, but you could at least

put a check on what's going on out of here. The cops come down and go, 'oh yeah, we're aware of what's going on in the neighborhood.' I've had one deputy go, 'well, you do live in the ghetto.' Well, it's the (expletive) ghetto because you allow it to be the ghetto, right?"

## STATS BACK UP

### RESIDENTS' CLAIMS

When asked to comment on the state of crime in unincorporated Tarrant County or provide facts or figures on the area, the Tarrant County Sheriff's Office did not respond; however, the limited data that exists publicly reinforces the claim that Eagle Acres has more than its fair share of issues.

There are six individuals on the sex offender registry living in Eagle Acres alone, five involved in crimes with minors. Eagle Acres covers an area of approximately 0.088 square miles. Texas only has about one sex offender per one-third of every square mile on average. The Tarrant County side of Azle has about 29 sex offenders in about 8.10 square miles, averaging out to about 3.5 sex offenders per square mile. If scaled up, Eagle Acres would have about 68.18 sex offenders per square mile.

An ArcGIS Tarrant County Crime Map which has not been updated since May 2023, shows that the little neighborhood of Eagle Acres is overrepresented compared to many nearby locales. From Sept. 12, 2021 to May 12, 2023, the map shows about 40 calls for service for a wide range of crimes in the Eagle Acres additions. The City of Pelican Bay shows about 56 calls for service in that same period despite covering a much larger area of about



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**A mugshot of Daniel Reeves from his arrest following the June 12 raid.**

1.25 square miles. This would put Eagle Acres at about 454.5 calls per service per square mile and Pelican Bay at 44.8 calls for service per square mile, for comparison.

In addition to problems on their side of the lake, one resident also worries about stray bullets coming from megachurch pastor Kenneth Copeland's compound on Eagle Mountain's eastern shores. From the sounds they hear, the individual assumes that people on Copeland's property must be using "AK 47s" for recreational shooting or target practice. When viewing the properties on Google Earth, Eagle Acres appears to be directly adjacent to the northern portion of Copeland's 24-acre tax exempt lakefront tract containing his \$7 million mansion, private airport and Kenneth Copeland Ministries headquarters.

## A NEW DAY?

Despite the mountains that need moving to get the neighborhood on the right track, at least one resident says there

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# LEGAL PUBLIC NOTICES

## NOTICE OF SEALED BID FOR SALE OF REAL PROPERTY

The City of Pelican Bay, Texas (the "City") is accepting sealed bids for the purchase of the following lot of real property (the "Property") for the purpose of residential development as described in this Notice of Bid Opening. The City will receive responses to this Sealed Bid at the Pelican Bay City Hall to the attention of Cynthia Daniels, City Secretary, at the Hand and Mail Delivery address of 1300 Pelican Circle, Pelican Bay, Texas 76020. The bid documents may be obtained in person at Pelican Bay City Hall or online at [www.cityofpelicanbay.com](http://www.cityofpelicanbay.com). Bid documents are due to the City Secretary no later than 2:00 p.m. on September 30, 2024. Use of the U.S. Postal Service, private delivery companies, or courier services is undertaken at the sole risk of the bidder. It is the bidder's sole responsibility to ensure that the bid is in the possession of the issuing office by the deadline. No email or faxed copies will be accepted. Bids received after 2:00 p.m. on September 30, 2024 will not be considered. The City will date and time-stamp each bid upon submission. The bids will be publicly opened and read in the Pelican Bay City Hall, 1300 Pelican Circle, Pelican Bay, Texas 76020 on September 30, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. All bids shall be plainly marked in a sealed envelope "Sealed Bid 2024-01-WS: SEALED BID TO PURCHASE REAL PROPERTY" Description/Location: The property known as the Lakeview Estates Addition Block 6 Lot 5, Address 1333 White Sand Drive, by the Tarrant County Appraisal District, consisting of approximately 0.23 acres of land, as more particularly described, and depicted in Exhibit "A", attached hereto, and incorporated herein. The property is zoned TF Two Family District. The property is in the City limits and subject to all ordinances, rules, regulations and laws of the City and other application jurisdictions and authorities.

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of Suzanne Wright Tarpley Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Suzanne Wright Tarpley, Deceased, were issued on September 11, 2024, in Cause No. 2024-PR01268-2, pending in the Statutory Probate Court Number Two of Tarrant County, Texas, to: Jimmy Claude Tarpley, Independent Executor. Claims may be mailed in care of the Estate as follows: Jimmy Claude Tarpley, Independent Executor c/o Wendi E. Andino, Attorney Ruelas Andino Law, PLLC 1020 Fort Worth Highway, Ste. 500 Weatherford, Texas 76086 All persons having claims against said Estate, which is currently being administered, are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. Dated this 12th day of September 2024. Respectfully submitted, By: /s/ Wendi E. Andino Wendi E. Andino State Bar No. 24086674 Ruelas Andino Law, PLLC 1020 Fort Worth Highway, Suite 500 Weatherford, Texas 76086 Tel: (817) 609-8935 Fax: (817) 550-6020 [wendi@ruelasandinolaw.com](mailto:wendi@ruelasandinolaw.com) Attorney for Jimmy Claude Tarpley

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of Azle will conduct a public hearing at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 3, 2024 and the City Council of the City of Azle will conduct a public hearing at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 15, 2024 in the City Council Chambers at City Hall, located at 505 West Main Street to consider text amendments to Chapter 14 "Zoning Ordinance" of the Code of Ordinances, City of Azle, Texas. The purpose of the text amendment is to consider amendments to the Permitted Use Schedule to allow Tattoo Parlors in the Central Business District (CBD) by Specific Use Permit (SUP).

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has been an improvement after Reeves' arrest. After others made calls to action to the Precinct 4 Commissioner Manny Ramirez and other public officials, some of the trash issues are finally being addressed as well.

"It's just like a completely different neighborhood now and I know there's still those meth heads out there, but they don't bother me," one resident said. "They don't bother me; I don't bother them. Drugs is always going to be around but if you start acting a fool and screaming and yelling and shooting guns and stuff, you know. Now there's not as much gunfire as there used to be."

Public nuisance warnings have recently been issued to multiple houses in the area for the overflow of garbage. After 30 days, if cited houses have not cleaned up their properties they will start receiving fines. One homeowner, Benny Harris, took to Facebook to voice his concern about having received the notice. According to Harris, who has lived in the area for 63 years, he will be unable to complete the work necessary on his property within the month allotted and he thinks law enforcement resources could be better utilized for other purposes. Harris did not respond to a request for comment by the Tri-County Reporter.

"We had been told for years that there weren't rules or statutes that could be enforced down here," an anonymous resident said.

"Apparently, Manny Ramirez has a different mindset on these issues. So far, I'm impressed with the response from his office."

**ECHOES FROM THE PAST**

By most metrics, 1983 was not a good year for the City of Briar. Illegally appointed police marshal and mayor, Ray Riley, resigned from his posts. The next mayor, Billy Edwards, also resigned. A highly controversial city council decision deannexed the Wise and Parker County portions of the city. Eventually, its residents voted to abolish Briar, less than 12 years after it was initially incorporated.

Over the year before the disincorporation vote, Briar residents filled The Azle News Advertiser with letters to the editor describing their positions either for or against the dissolution of Briar's governing bodies. Those in favor of disincorporation would cite such reasons as lower taxes, corruption and an over-budget police force. The Briar Police Department consisted of nine officers and two cars. Some residents doubted the qualifications of some of Briar's officers and criticized its size.

"What have we to look forward to?" A.T. and Mary Harris asked in a letter to the editor. "Perhaps a total police city? You have not repaired one single street: not one playground or park has been built for the families of Briar to use and enjoy — just a continual build-up of law enforcement."

For several years, the city had an appointed police marshal in charge of the BPD. At the time, this violated laws dictating what sort of official could oversee the city police

force based on its municipality type. Briar residents brought the issue to city council meetings only to reportedly be snubbed by Mayor Pro Tem Sparky Pearson and council members. A new group calling itself the Concerned Citizens of Briar, led by resident Sherry Davis, would then involve lawyer Weir Wilson to sue the city. Wilson successfully argued their case in court. To correct the issue, Chapters 1 through 10 of Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes were adopted by Briar City Council which, among other things, created a proper elected sheriff's position.

Those against disincorporation cited the increased time it would take for county law enforcement to reach crime scenes and the possibility that disincorporation would lead to decreased funding to the Briar Volunteer Fire Department and other critical resources.

"I personally know of a person with a place of business in Briar that has called Tarrant County on three separate occasions," Briar resident and city council candidate Paula Barrett said in a 1983 letter to the editor. "On one, they never showed up. In the other two instances, there was a thief right there in the business but by the time Tarrant County Police got there the thief was gone. But how long would it take a Briar policeman to come to your aid? Since Chief Asikis (then Sheriff Greg Asikis) has been on our force, he has solved one burglary and is wrapping up a second case now. He's also coming along very well with a local felony. He knows Briar and the people of Briar because he is our policeman."

Not long after, Asikis announced his resignation in the paper for reasons related to the vote for disincorporation and a job offer elsewhere.

The year before, September 1982, Riley and investigator Ray Perry busted an amphetamine lab stated to be capable of bringing in \$134,400 per week after the Briar Police Department responded to a reported domestic disturbance where a man fired shots into the air. A 1982 article in The Azle News states that Riley and Perry recovered "enough equipment to supply two good-sized amphetamine labs" along with stolen goods, a carbine, a bandolier of 30 caliber machine gun bullets and 18 knives of assorted sizes.

During a Feb. 1, 1983, Briar City Council meeting, the council voted to deannex most of the Wise and Parker County portions of the city. This left Briar about one-third its original size with about half its original population of 1,800. Pearson argued that the concerns of Briar residents in Wise County, who had been plagued by deteriorating roads, could be more easily addressed if they were instead the direct responsibility of the county and that most of the citizens who were in favor of disincorporation lived in Wise County.

Only two of Briar's six-person council voted. Councilmembers Maralana Buckley and Joan Cornelius voted in favor of deannexation while councilmember William Gay abstained from voting after asking to table the issue, having only learned about the ordinance minutes prior to the meeting. Councilman Buck Cannon was

absent. Pearson did not vote, and the remaining seat remained vacant after the resignation of Mayor Billy Edwards four months prior. Pearson took over the duties after the mayor's resignation but was said to have refused to occupy the vacant mayor's seat, preventing an election for a new mayor.

Today, Edwards resides at an eldercare facility in Springtown. He declined to meet with the Tri-County Reporter for an interview, with the center's activities director relaying that "there are things he'd rather not discuss about that time he was mayor."

According to the former editor for the Azle News Advertiser, Stephen Bell, the entire discussion of deannexation, from its introduction to its passage into law, took place over the course of half an hour.

Concerned Citizens of Briar interpreted the act as a power play by Pearson to disqualify many of the signatures they had collected in favor of disincorporation. In order to get

disincorporation on the April ballot, the group needed at least 400 signatures from Briar residents. They had gathered 643 names, 296 of which were from Wise County Briarites, 258 from Tarrant, and 89 from Parker. Briar's city council hall erupted into tumult after the decision was made, Bell wrote.

Pearson later argued in the newspaper that Concerned Citizens of Briar "intentionally deceived and misinterpreted the facts in order to gain signatures."

The validity of Wise and Parker County signatures was affirmed by federal courts and residents in these parts of Briar were granted the right to vote in the city's April 2 election on the disincorporation issue, where they handily voted to abolish the city. Voters also rejected reincorporation in a subsequent election Nov. 8, 1983.

Despite disincorporation and the four decades since, the debate on policing continues to rage on in the former city today.



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The front shed on the Reeves property where investigators allegedly seized methamphetamines.

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# Lake Worth Farmer's Market temporarily closes

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LAKE WORTH — On Aug. 12, the Lake Worth Farmer's Market announced on its Instagram page it will temporarily close while it searches for a new location because of a lack of customers and vendors.

The old market location was next to the Lake Worth senior center and the public library.

Farmer's Market Coordinator/Community Engagement Whitney Berry said the construction of the new pickleball courts made the market hard to spot, and once the courts were up, it became impossible for people

to see the market was open, causing sales to become slow.

Berry had originally thought the pickleball courts would bring in customers, but it didn't play out that way.

"We thought maybe that would drive up traffic, but that was not the case," Berry said. "So really just the location wasn't conducive to bring in a large crowd to sustain the market and keep our vendors there."

Berry works for Community Link, a nonprofit organization based out of Saginaw. Community Link has a contract with the City of Lake Worth to produce the market, and the two entities are working together to find a new and

better location for the market.

"We work really well with the city," Berry said. "We love the City Manager, Stacey; we work closely with her to identify and find locations."

Berry is in talks with a couple of possible locations, and said an ideal spot would be off Azle Avenue.

Community Link is primarily a food pantry, but it also provides services for any need beyond groceries like mental health counseling and multiple farmers' markets including Lake Worth's market. Berry also manages farmers' markets in Azle and Saginaw.

The timing of Lake Worth Farmer's Market reopening is yet to be determined.



The original location of the Lake Worth Farmer's Market was hard to spot.

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# SHS cosmetology juniors take courses at Weatherford College

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SPRINGTOWN — Springtown Independent School District is paying tuition for high school juniors taking cosmetology courses at Weatherford College.

SISD Assistant Superintendent of Academics Tiffany Cano discussed this with the school board at its last meeting before trustees approved the tuition costs along with other action items under consent agenda.

SISD does not have its own cosmetology program so students are usually served through Weatherford ISD's courses. This is made pos-

*SISD enrolled students at college after space ran out at Weatherford ISD*

sible through an agreement between WISD and partnering districts. Cano said SISD typically pays \$3,000 per student to be in the two-year program.

Cosmetology courses are taken during Springtown students' junior and senior years. Cano told the board that though SHS seniors were set to take their classes at WISD, there was no room for the juniors.

With this news in mind, SISD officials considered alternatives, including offer-

ing cosmetology to students in-house.

"We, this summer, looked at multiple things we could do," Cano told the school board. "We tried to look at renewing some of our building space we have around, what that would cost, and it just wasn't reasonable for what we were needing. We called around to other places; other districts were having the same problem. They had nowhere to send their cosmetology kids."

Thankfully, Weatherford

College representatives reached out to SISD and other districts having the same issue to offer space for the students within their program as early admissions college classes, not dual credit. SHS cosmetology juniors are expected to take their first level and second level classes at the college during this school year and the next in addition to over the summer, five semesters total. Some of these classes are partly in the evening.

SHS students don't just take these classes on a whim. Cano said they start planning their paths as freshmen.

"We were about to have to break some kids' hearts and

say, 'I'm sorry you waited this whole time. We can't do this for you. We don't have the space for the program,'" Cano said at the board meeting.

The college's help isn't free, and in fact, this plan is about twice as expensive for SISD than utilizing Weatherford ISD was. After the board's vote last month, SISD is set to cover the cost of tuition, instructional materials and lab fees for the two-year cosmetology program, which is \$6,849 per student, using funds from the state's career and technical education allotment. Each of the high schoolers or their families are expected to pay \$500 toward this amount for the

cost of kits, an expense they would've incurred through Weatherford ISD's program as well.

It's unclear how the next set of juniors, current sophomores, will access cosmetology courses moving forward.

"A cosmetology program is a need in our district, but we unfortunately do not have the space or facility to make it happen at this time," Cano said. "The only other option would be to discontinue offering the program, which trains our students to earn a license to work in a possibly high-paying field straight out of high school."



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# Walter Bowen: A life of public service

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LAKE WORTH — Lake Worth Mayor Walter Bowen has dedicated his whole life to public service. Since the 1960s, Bowen has committed his time to the well-being of the Lake Worth community. He first volunteered at the Lake Worth Fire Department, then ran for city council and eventually became mayor. As city elections are coming up, Mayor Bowen reflects on his life of public service.

Born in Fort Worth in 1943, Walter Edward Bowen grew up in Lake Worth, near Sanson Park, where he has lived his whole life. Bowen said his family and the town were not the wealthiest, but they didn't know it.

"Lake Worth was not a rich town," Bowen said. "But we didn't know that. It was our way of life; we didn't know any different."

Bowen's mother was a stay-at-home mom and his father



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 TRI-COUNTY REPORTER  
 Lake Worth Mayor Walter Bowen

worked at Borden Dairy in Fort Worth. His father was on the Lake Worth school board when he was in school. Bowen's father got to hand him, plus his two brothers, their diplomas.

"Pretty neat, I think, that my dad got to hand all three of us our high school diplomas," Bowen said.

When Bowen graduated

from high school, he spent one year at UTA before deciding school wasn't for him and started working for a car wash company, then worked at General Dynamics.

During that time, Bowen decided to volunteer for the Lake Worth Fire Department.

"I was a volunteer fireman for 12 or 13 years," Bowen said. "Fire department was my life pretty much then. We got paid a dollar a fire, we didn't get anything for a long time."

Bowen was named Volunteer Fireman of the Year before he threw his name into the hat for city council. He ran in 1969 and lost, but ran again in 1971 and was elected to City Council Place 6.

Bowen said the reason he first ran was because the Lake Worth Planning and Zoning Commission, of which he was a member, would often make suggestions to the City Council and the council would constantly turn down

recommendations. Bowen resigned from the commission, but the City Council decided to fire Bowen from the Fire Department.

"I liked the fire department, it was pretty devastating, that was my life," Bowen said. "It caused some uprising from the community."

Bowen was later elected to City Council Place 7, and served in that seat from 1992-1994. He was elected mayor in 1995.

"If you're going to be mayor, I believe firmly, you need to be a council member for a certain period of time," Bowen said. "You need that experience."

Bowen's father was hesitant about his son running for mayor. He says he explained to his dad he wanted to do more than he was doing then.

"I wanted to be a leader; I had always been shy," Bowen said. "My dad was on the school board, and my brother is the mayor of Munday. That's our civic duty."

Bowen gave credit to a former city administrator for bringing him out of his shell.

Shortly after Bowen was elected mayor, retail development exploded in Lake Worth. Bowen admitted it was exciting. Bowen had always wanted a Home Depot, so naturally Home Depot was built first. Then came Albertsons, then the city entered meetings with Target, and later, Kohl's approached the City of Lake Worth.

Reflecting on his first five years as mayor, Bowen tells a story about the night of Y2K. Bowen and the city manager decided to spend the night at the police station to see what would happen as the 20th century ended and the 21st century began.

"We stayed up that night, I came down here and stayed up with him to see what was going to happen and nothing happened," Bowen said. "We developed a plan to see what was going to happen, because nobody knew."

Another big event Bowen experienced as mayor was the COVID-19 pandemic. When asked how Lake Worth handled COVID, Bowen emphasized that Lake Worth wasn't affected as much as neighboring cities.

"A lot of cities were hurting, we came out really ahead," Bowen said.

As mayor, Bowen has had to tackle issues that come with being an elected official. But after 30 years, he still has a positive outlook about his job and all the things the city has done after all these years.

"We're very blessed to be able to do what we do," Bowen said. "Because of so many things we've done with our finances, with our programs we have, the parks, the senior center, the library, there's a lot of things we do that just make me feel great."

Bowen said he plans to file his application to run for the office of mayor again in January.

# White-tailed deer population strong ahead of archery season

## STAFF REPORT

In a positive revelation for hunters, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department biologists anticipate an exceptional white-tailed deer season this fall. The 2024-25 archery-only season kicks off Sept. 28 and hunters should expect to have good harvest numbers and opportunities for quality bucks.

"Given that over half the state experienced excellent habitat conditions this spring, it will be another great season to pull the bow out and spend time hunting," Blaise Korzekwa, TPWD White-tailed Deer Program leader said. "Whether you're looking to fill the freezer with

venison or harvest the trophy of a lifetime, it will be time well spent in the field this year."

Much of the state received drought-quenching rain in the spring, which allowed for excellent habitat growth during the initial part of the growing season. Even those regions that missed out on spring rainfall will still have a good number of mature bucks this season.

Spring forb (weeds and flowering plants) production, which is a critical component of a deer's diet coming out of winter, was abundant and offered essential nutrients to boost antler development in bucks and aids does in meet-

ing lactation demands for nursing fawns. Additionally, the improved habitat conditions over the summer helped keep fawns healthy enough to survive their first few months (also known as fawn recruitment).

While the archery-only and Managed Lands Deer Program seasons begin Sept. 28, the general season opens more than a month later, Nov. 2. The general season runs through Jan. 5, 2025, in the North Zone and Jan. 19, 2025, in the South Zone. A youth-only gun deer season is set in both zones for Oct. 25-27 and Jan. 6-19. For additional late season deer hunting opportunities, county specific regula-

tions and information on how to properly tag and report a harvest, consult the 2024-25 Outdoor Annual.

Landowners and hunters play a critical role in managing Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD). Before heading to the field, hunters are reminded that several new CWD zones are in place for the 2024-25 season, and some have transitioned to voluntary sampling. New carcass disposal requirements are also in place this license year, so Texas hunters harvesting white-tailed deer and mule deer must comply with carcass disposal requirements when transporting the carcass away from the property of harvest.

The most effective way to help slow the spread of CWD is by reporting sick deer, properly disposing of unused carcass parts and voluntarily testing harvests. More information about carcass disposal requirements, zone boundaries and requirements, and check station dates and hours of operations can be found on TPWD's CWD website.

Archery hunters are required to purchase an Archery Endorsement in addition to their hunting license. Hunters taking advantage of Texas Public Hunting Lands must have the Annual Public Hunting Permit. Public land hunters should also con-

sult the Public Hunting Lands Map Booklet to review regulations that may apply to specific areas. The Texas Hunt & Fish app (formerly My Texas Hunt Harvest) can be used to complete on-site registration electronically at a public hunting area.

Those interested in learning more about archery and bowhunting, or anyone who is looking to brush up on their skills ahead of the season, are encouraged to explore Bowhunter by Fall, a newsletter series presented by TPWD's Community Archery Program.

# Habitat and Angler Access Program enhances freshwater fishing across Texas

## COURTESY TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's Habitat and Angler Access Program supplies funding for projects that develop and increase shoreline and bank fishing access as well as restore and enhance fish habitat in Texas' public inland waters.

The HAAP is looking for project ideas and proposals for the third round of funding for the fiscal years 2026-2027. Potential partners are required to contact, discuss and develop project ideas, as well as draft and submit project proposals in coordination with TPWD Inland Fisheries

Biologists.

"The Habitat and Angler Access Program is an exciting opportunity for us to collaborate and support partners interested in expanding fishing opportunities and bettering the quality of fisheries for Texans," Michael Homer Jr., fisheries biologist for the TPWD Inland Fisheries Division said. "The program is intended to identify and implement projects with the highest potential to enhance freshwater fisheries resources and improve bank and shoreline access in public waters."

Since 2023, the program has supported 32 projects with more than \$1 million

of funding from the sale of freshwater fishing licenses and more than \$1.9 million of matching support from partners. HAAP enables the TPWD Inland Fisheries Division to support habitat and angler access improvement projects conducted with eligible partners such as other agencies, local municipalities, water authorities, educational institutions, angler groups and other nonprofit organizations.

Funding is used to support individual fish habitat improvement and angler access projects on public ponds, reservoirs, streams and rivers. Example habitat projects include bank and shoreline

stabilization projects, installation of erosion control features, deployment of habitat structures, native vegetation plantings, as well as dredging excessive silt and organic materials from reservoirs that have high potential for quality fisheries development.

Bank or shoreline-based angler access projects that could be supported through HAAP include the development or improvement of fishing piers, installation of fish attracting features (e.g., underwater dock lighting and habitat structures), the creation of jetties, as well as the construction of nonmotorized boat launches for kay-



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TPWD officers clean along the shoreline.

akers, canoes and other small watercraft for fishing access.

For more information or to submit a proposal, visit the TPWD HAAP webpage. Proposal submissions will be accepted beginning at 5 p.m. CDT Sept. 16 through March

31, 2025. Proposal submissions as well as additional program information may be obtained by contacting FishGrants@tpwd.texas.gov. Approved projects will have a completion deadline of Aug. 31, 2027.

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# Sting Fling's Wiener Derby & Wannabe Wiener Racers



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Pets and their owners line up for Sting Fling's WANNABE WIENER RACER event. Racers are limited to less than 25 lbs, and only 10 entries are accepted.



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The Wiener Dog Derby champion racer sprints down the lane to victory.



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Another wiener winner, Peanut, poses by its trophy.



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A dachshund dressed as a chicken for the Wiener Dog Derby costume contest.



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The winners of the Wiener Dog Derby costume contest with their owners.

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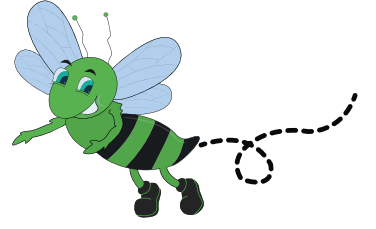
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A trick roper rides horseback in the Sting Fling Parade.



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Miss Texas Princess Vanessa Webb rides in a car in the Sting Fling Parade.



A Legacy Oaks senior rides on a float in the Sting Fling Parade.



Vendors and locals walk Main Street for Sting Fling festivities Sept. 14.



Whataburger employees celebrate 25 years in Azle. Sting Fling attendees played onion ring toss.



Azle Hornet baseball youth in the Sting Fling Parade.

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# DIVERSIONS



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## SPORTS Roundup

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No. 26 Mctobia Pilot takes down his Krum opponent for no yardage gain.

## Hornets look to remain unbeaten

RICK MAUCH

Special to the Tri-County Reporter

After a week off, it's back to game competition for the Azle Hornets (2-0), who are looking to retain their unbeaten record when they host the Denton Broncos (1-2, 0-1 in District 3-5A) in Azle's first league game.

The Hornets last 3-0 start was 2014. They went on to

finish 11-2 for one of the best seasons in team history.

The Hornets last played Sept. 6, a 51-28 home win over Weatherford in their first meeting in 25 years. The Broncos are coming off a 56-0 loss at home to Richland.

Azle season offensive leaders: QB Derrek Vowel, 62% completion, 427 yards, 3 TD, 1 interception; RB King Stephens 20 carries,

176 yards, 4 TD; RB Hagen Hughes 35-370, 4 TD; WR Brayden Combs 7 catches, 125 yards, TD; WR Aiden Mackey 9-114 yards, TD.

Azle season defensive leaders: S Riley Self 18 tackles, one interception; S Bryan Moya 17 tackles, one for loss; S Hunter Ooten 15 tackles; LB Case Moore 14 tackles; LB Jay Glaze two sacks.

Denton offensive players

to watch: RB Jacobi Gladney, WR Cole Sanders, QB Jesiah Marshall.

Denton defensive players to watch: DL Braylon Madison, DL Braylon Young, S Brian Richard.

The Broncos are looking for their first winning season since 2016, though they did advance to the playoffs last season with a 4-7 record.

Denton leads the all-time

series dating to 1998 with Azle 4-2. They last played in 2015 with Denton winning 56-14. Azle's last win in the series was 55-34 in 2014.

**LAKE WORTH FOOTBALL**

The Bullfrogs (0-3) are coming off a 48-20 loss at home to Krum Sept. 13. Now, they hit the road for the first time this season as they go to Lake Dallas (3-0). The Falcons de-

feated Kaufman 35-28 last week.

Offensive leaders vs. Krum: QB Kevin Pointer 23-of-39, 311 yards, two TD, no interceptions; Javion Jackson 11-59 rushing; Jaden Garrett 15-yard rushing TD, 11 catches, 226 yards, TD receiving; Eddie Paige 7-49, TD receiving.

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## Former Hornet spends summer pitching in Alaska

RICK MAUCH

Special to the Tri-County Reporter

Azle and Palmer, Alaska are both small towns. The population of Azle is a little under 15,000 and Palmer is less than half that.

Odds are — before now — if you asked someone from either town they probably hadn't heard of the other.

Thanks to former Azle Hornet Luke Smith, that is no longer the case. Smith spent his summer competing in the Alaska Baseball League, helping the Mat-Su Miners advance to the championship series.

More than that, he had a

*Helps team to league finals*

self-proclaimed experience of a lifetime.

"My experience in the ABL was something I will cherish for the rest of my life, from the friendships to the coaches to my host family and to the amazing baseball I got to play every day," Luke said. "Waking up in the summer to it being high 50s low 60s everyday was the best feeling ever. Being from Texas it felt like the winter every day.

"Playing baseball with mountains in the background with snow tops was some-

thing out of a dream."

**SEASON**

Luke, a left-handed relief pitcher, appeared in 13 games (second most on team) for the Miners, posting a 1-0 record and pitching 18 innings total. He struck out 23, allowed just one home run and had a 2.50 earned run average, which ranked among the top five in the league among relievers.

But posting impressive numbers is nothing new

PLEASE SEE **SMITH** | B2

## Lake Worth high school sports medicine program sees massive growth in numbers

JOLEE SKINNER

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LAKE WORTH — Lake Worth High School has seen expedient growth in its sports medicine program this school year, going from six students to 30.

Head athletic trainer Nyja Rushing accredits the program's growth through word of mouth and the passion students have for athletic training. Students participated in workshops over the

*Athletic director and student talk about growth and goals within program*

summer to gear up for the upcoming season.

"We started with maybe six that were coming out during the summer," Rushing said. "We ended up getting 20 by the end of summer, it was all volunteer, they didn't have to be out there. Then, we got 10 more the first few weeks of school."

The sports medicine program lets the students be the extra hands, eyes and ears for Certified Athletic Trainers. Students work along with ATs to administer hydration, first-aid and preventative taping during practices and games.

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Lake Worth students in class for sports medicine.

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# ROUNDUP

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Lake Worth season of- fensive leaders: Pointer 574 yards, five TD, two interceptions; RB Jakobe Smith 26-81 rushing; Garrett 21-342, two TD receiving; Paige 14-153, TD receiving.

Lake Dallas offensive play- ers to watch: QB Thomas Adams 419 yards, eight TD, no interceptions; RB Dylan Brauchle 49-349, three TD rushing; WR Gavin Young 10-191, four TD receiving.

Lake Dallas defensive players to watch: LB Lincoln Snyder 31 tackles, six for loss, interception; LB Tesleem Shittue 13 tackles, two for loss.

Lake Dallas leads the all- time series 4-1-1, dating to 1986 and this is their first meeting since 1993, which the Falcons won 25-14. The Bullfrogs' last win in the se- ries was 14-7 in 1992.

## SPRINGTOWN FOOTBALL

The Porcupines (2-1) de- feated Kennedale 34-17 on the road Sept. 13 and come home to host China Spring (1-2) Sept. 20 for the teams' first meeting ever. The Cougars dropped a 31-21 contest to Waco University last week.

Springtown overcame a 10-6 halftime deficit against the Wildcats (0-3).

Offensive leaders vs. Kennedale: QB Kaine Hill 13- of-19, 198 yards, two TD, no interceptions passing, six carries, 135 yards, TD rush- ing; RB Robert Lewis 6-112, 2 TD; WR Braydon Butler two catches, 75 yards, two TD; WR Dylan Crutchfield 4-75.

Defensive leaders vs. Kennedale: S Chase Thompson 15 tackles; S Devon Hair 13 tackles, one for loss, one sack; LB Blake Ballard 13 tackles; S Aiden Adams 10 tackles; S Landon Downes 10 tackles, one for loss.

Springtown season offen-

sive leaders: Hill 70% comple- tions, 442 yards, four TD, one interception passing, 23-259, four TD rushing; RB Ryan Kirk 45-256; WR Riley Jackson 4-118; WR Chase Thompson 11-83, two TD.

Springtown season defen- sive leaders: Thompson 36 tackles, one for loss; S Darren Sweely 24 tackles, one for loss; Hair 17 tackles, one for loss, sack.

China Spring offensive players to watch: ATH Matthew Battles, TE Dean Hannah.

China Spring defensive players to watch: DB Ryan Hale, DE Brayden Lafferty.

China Spring was 8-4 last season and Springtown was 9-4 as both teams are play- off regulars. The Cougars won Class 4A Division I state championships in 2021 and 2022 and are now in 4A Division II, while the Porcupines are 4A Division I.

## SPRINGTOWN VOLLEYBALL

The Lady Pines (17-12, 0-1

in 8-4A) dropped their league opener at Decatur Sept. 13 af- ter defeating visiting Brewer 3-1 Sept. 10 to wrap up pre-district.

### Leaders vs. Brewer

Kills: Addy Burnnett 12, Mackenzie Schumacher 10, Olivia Williams 7

Blocks: Natalia Del Valle 3, Schumacher 3

Digs: Brooklyn Quintanilla 27, Aerial Jackson 10, Bailey Walker 10

Assist: Ryleigh Strickland 21, Walker 19

Receptions: Quintanilla 21, Jackson 12, Gracie Carter 11, Schumacher 10

### Leaders vs. Decatur

Kills: Libby Tedder 13 Digs: Tedder 12, Quintanilla 9

Assists: Walker 15 Receptions: Jackson 18, Quintanilla 12, Tedder 10

The Lady Pines play at Eagle Mountain Sept. 20 at 4:30 p.m. and travel to Burk Burnett Sept. 24 for a 6 p.m. match.

## LAKE WORTH VOLLEYBALL

A week after Karina Velez Esteves set the program record for aces in a career, the Lady Frogs (8-17, 1-0 in 8-4A) began district play with a 3-1 win at home against Castleberry Sept. 13. They ended predistrict with a 3-0 win at Carter-Riverside Sept. 10.

Esteves, a junior, entered last week with 97 career aces, eclipsing the mark of 96, which was set in 2023 by the now-graduated Amy Montelongo. She added nine more during the week, giving her 106.

### Leaders vs. Castleberry

Kills: Danica Long 17, Adysey Hurrington 5 Aces: Esteves 5, Jasmín Martínez 3

Blocks: Hurrington 3 Digs: Ja. Martínez 14, Caitlyn Houpt 9, Long 7

Assists: Houpt 25 Receptions: Ja. Martínez 20, Esteves 9

### Leaders vs. Carter-Riverside

Kills: Breanna Arellano 6, Hurrington 6, Long 6

Aces: Esteves 5 Blocks: Hurrington 4, Cherysh Luiv Fowler 3

Digs: Ja. Martínez 20, Houpt 8, Esteves 7

Assists: Houpt 22 Receptions: Ja. Martínez 10, Esteves 8

The Lady Frogs will host Burk Burnett Sept. 20 at 4:30 p.m. and have a rematch at home with Decatur Sept. 24 at 6 p.m.

The Lady Hornets (17-10) defeated visiting Bridgeport 3-0 Sept. 10 and won 3-1 at home against Trinity Valley Sept. 13.

### Leaders vs. Bridgeport

Kills: Jacqui McClain 7, Cienna Feldman 6

Aces: Heather Lockridge 3 Digs: Lockridge 7

Assists: Miley Massey 14 Receptions: Lockridge 7

### Leaders vs. Trinity Valley

Kills: McClain 22, Brune 9, Dorris 6

Blocks: Lyric Mize 4, Brune 4

Digs: Lockridge 29, Elizabeth Kate Lund 18, Macie Baker 16

Assists: Massey 30, Briseno 14

Receptions: Lockridge 21, Lund 17, Baker 12

Azle will begin District 5-5A play at home against Brewer Sept. 20 and visit Aledo Sept. 24. Both matches begin at 6 p.m.

## LAKE WORTH CROSS COUNTRY

The Lady Frogs finished fourth in their division at the Paschal Invitational Sept. 13 at Athletic Performance Ranch Sept. 13.

Leading runners on the

3.2K course were:  
12. Feyli Santana, 16:43.7  
29. Jocelyn Gallegos, 18:12.16  
54. Taylor Pohlen, 19:51.12

## SPRINGTOWN CROSS COUNTRY

The Lady Pines placed second at the Pilot Point Invitational Sept. 13. Six runners placed in the top 30.

Leading runners on the 3K course were:

6. Madelyn Walker, 13:15.10

15. Kerrington Edwards, 13:31.15

24. Izzy Parker, 13:54.10

26. Alyson Barco, 13:58.46

28. Madison Musselman, 14:06.92

Leading the Springtown varsity boys was Brayden Levario, 23rd, 18:54.53 over 5K.

The junior varsity girls won their division with five runners in the top seven over 3.2K:

2. Caroline Trevino, 14:48.37

3. Annie Wahler, 14:51.72

5. Kennedy Edwards, 14:56.75

6. Rylee Cole, 15:03.60

7. Gracelyn Graham, 15:04.99

The JV boys were second as Daniel Herrington placed first individually over 5K with a 19:49.72, and Jordan Cervantez was sixth in 20:42.45.

## AZLE CROSS COUNTRY

The Hornets and Lady Hornets had the week off. They will compete at the Benbrook Prowl On the Lake Sept. 20.

## AZLE TENNIS

The Hornets/Lady Hornets fell 13-6 at Granbury Sept. 10. Standouts were Emily O'Neill, Addie Torgesen and Madison Hamilton, who each won in both singles and doubles.



LAYTH TAYLOR | TRI-COUNTY REPORTER

The Azle High School tennis team traveled to Granbury to take on the GHS Pirates in a district doubles tennis match Sep. 10.

# SMITH

FROM PAGE B1

for Luke, dating back to his all-state days at Azle. What made the Alaska experi- ence was realizing that, like James Earl Jones' character said in the movie "Field of Dreams," "The one constant is baseball."

History has proven that no matter where you go, no mat- ter your personal beliefs or background, enter baseball into the mix and more often than not, there's an instant commonality.

"The league itself was just awesome," Luke said. "The fan interaction was amaz- ing. There was always a huge crowd at home games sup- porting us. The ABL is some- thing that will stick with me and I will always think back on for the rest of my life, it was truly the best summer ever."

The season began June 21 and ended Aug. 4. In the postseason the Miners swept the Peninsula Oilers 3-0 and 6-1, with Smith pitching two innings of the series clincher, giving up two hits, striking out five and walking two.

They were scheduled to meet the Anchorage Bucs in the championship series beginning Aug. 8, but the se- ries was canceled because of

weather. As a result, Mat-Su finished as the league runner- up, while the top seeded Bucs were declared champions.

"On the side — they would have lost to us," Luke said with a smile.

"It's awesome to see an Azle Hornet alum up in Alaska making a name for himself, but also for Azle, Texas and Azle High School," Azle High School baseball coach Stephen Smith, who is also Luke's father, said.

## COLLEGE

Luke played two seasons at Seminole State College in Seminole, Oklahoma in 2022 and 2023. As a fresh- man he led the Trojans in pitching appearances with 20 and saves with five as they reached a National Junior College Athletic Association regional tournament.

His sophomore season, despite battling a strained bicep injury, he pitched in 11 games and helped the Trojans reach the su- per regional round of the postseason.

During his two seasons at Seminole, he was also a NJCAA Academic All-American both years, second team in 2022 and first team in 2023.

"It's great to see a kid who continues to take his academ-

ics as seriously as his athletic training," Smith said. "His work ethic to be the best stu- dent athlete he can be is what impresses me."

Last season he pitched for Incarnate Word in San Antonio. He had a 1-1 record in 10.2 innings, with nine appearances.

"Not playing a lot gave me the chance to really self-re- flect and realize I still have a lot of work to do to be where I want to be," he said. "Yes, I am playing (NCAA) D1 base- ball, but that's not what I want my end goal to be, so I need to keep bettering my- self so I can reach my goals."

## GETTING THERE

"My journey from Azle to Seminole to UIW to Alaska was something I never thought I would be talking about," Luke said. "When I was a junior in high school I committed to Seminole Junior College, and when I got to junior college, I didn't have a plan for where to go. It was all about how you did as a player and getting lucky enough for a school to see you and reach out.

"Having that be the case it made the game in junior college so fun; you would be playing for a team trying to win a championship but also at the same time knowing if you play good you will get the opportunity to play baseball at a higher level."

Many would argue Luke is being humble. At Azle, he was a two-time all-state se- lection in 2021 for the Texas High School Baseball Coaches Association and the Texas Sports Writers Association. He was also a THSBCA All-Star selection.

After having his junior season ended because of the COVID-19 pandemic — as did teams everywhere — he led the Hornets to a second- round Class 5A playoff ap- pearance as a senior.

"Once I was blessed to have an offer to continue my academic and athletic career



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Smith often visits with younger players hoping to make their own impact with the Hornets and beyond.

at UIW I was contacted by a summer league coach, Tyler LeBrun, in Alaska," Luke re- called. "Getting to know him and talking about an oppor- tunity to play summer ball in Alaska was a automatic yes for me.

"Alaska was the most ex- citing experience I have ever had playing baseball. It felt like I was a kid again playing the game I grew up loving in a place that did not seem real."

## PLAYING FOR DAD

"I was lucky to have my head coach be my dad, and at times I definitely thought to myself I was the unlucki- est person," Luke said with a chuckle. "However, through us butting heads at times it brought the best out of us and made us realize how to interact with each other on

the baseball field and off the field."

Luke credited his father and former coach for making sure he was the hardest work- ing player on the field each day and for making him real- ize his limitations are what he makes them to be.

"He was the most support- ive person in my life, always telling me to just have fun and go do what I know you can do, and you will be suc- cessful," he said. "Playing for your dad can be hard at times but I wouldn't change it for the world."

## COMING HOME

Luke is something of a local hero, but not only because of his baseball skills. He often visits with younger players hoping to make their own impact with the Hornets and

beyond.

"Seeing how he interacts and gives pointers to our baseball players that are here when he comes into town for Christmas break is great to see," coach Smith said. "He is always wanting our current players to be successful and he is willing to help them in any way he can when he is in town."

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Like many young baseball players, Luke's goal was to be playing in the major leagues. As he enters his senior season at UIW, that remains his mission.

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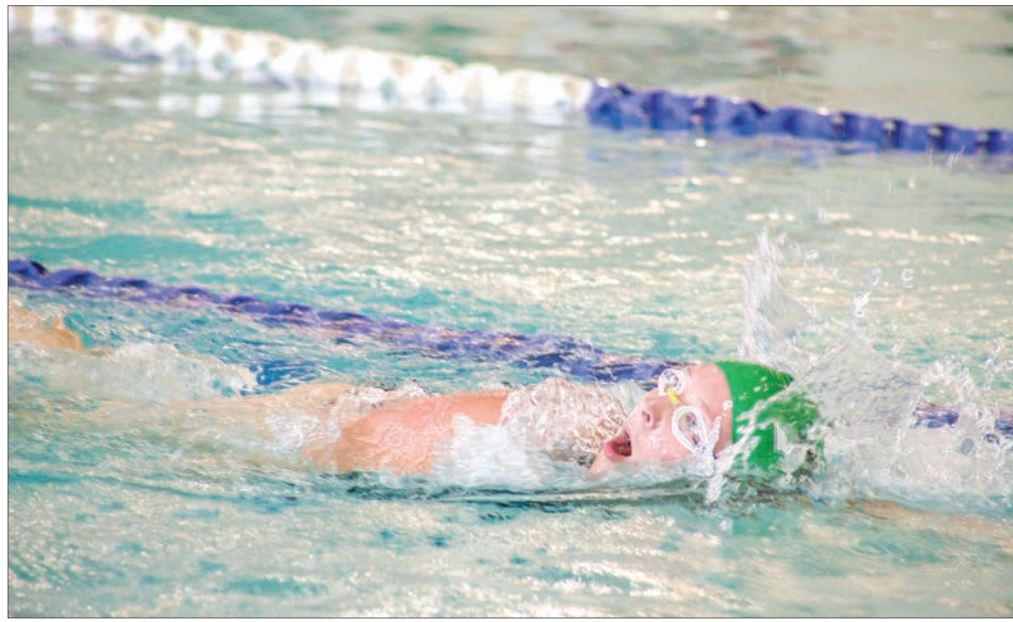
# Azle Swim

The Azle High School swim team competed in the Decatur Fit-N-Wise event at Decatur High School on Sept. 11.



Azle High School swimmers practice their dives before competition began.

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An AHS swimmer practices her strokes before the meet before going up against Decatur at Decatur Fit-N-Wise.



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An Azle High School swimmer practices her backstroke when Azle took on Decatur in a meet at Decatur Fit-N-Wise Sept. 11.



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The Azle High School swim team members warm up before their meet against Decatur High School Sept. 11 at Decatur Fit-N-Wise.

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# SPORTS

FROM PAGE B1

Because of the growth of the program, the school tripled the program's budget. Luckily, support for the program was easily obtained by the admin, even all the way up to the superintendent, this year due to the increase in growth.

Rushing said the students' drive and passion stood out to her because of the difficulty getting students to get involved.

"It's very hard to find students who want to be here," Rushing said. "Their drive and their passion, I absolutely love it. They want to be the best and that shows on Friday nights."

Rushing said that even referees have complimented her students at football games.

"Both home games we've had, the refs have said 'This is the best group of trainers we've had,'" Rushing said. "That dedication and drive shows on Friday nights."

Students in the program range from freshman all the way to seniors. Rushing said 85% of the students in the

program are also athletes themselves.

The program works with Dr. Curtis Bush at Texas Orthopaedic Associates and with Baylor Scott & White in Lake Worth. The teachers in the program use the curriculum "Concepts of Athletic Training" for the lecture classes.

Six weeks into the semester, Rushing said the biggest lesson the students in the program have learned is the importance of coming to the training room and getting help from trainers.

"We are here at six o'clock in the morning, every day," Rushing said. "We're here for you. You can come to the training room, you can see us, we will help you in whatever way we see fit."

About 85% of the students at Lake Worth High School are below the poverty line, according to U.S. News and World Report. Rushing emphasizes this program is an outlet for the students.

"A lot of our kids, this all they kind of have," Rushing said. "A lot of them, this is their gateway to college. This is a big motivator for them."

Daniela Pio is a senior and

a "head of staff" in the program. She got in touch with the coach over the summer and started telling her friends about the program.

"I started telling my friends that wanted to be trainers if they weren't doing anything I was like 'Hey, come be a trainer, it's fun.'" Pio said.

Daniela said the overall

help has been the biggest difference this year because so many more students are in the program.

"Everything gets done really fast, especially during scrimmages," Pio said. "We cleaned everything in 10 minutes, it usually took us 30 minutes to clean everything after a game."

Daniela's biggest goal is to be CPR certified by the end of this year, to grow as an individual — and to grow the program.

"I want to grow as a person and grow the program," Pio said. "I want more people to come. I just want the program to be better and bigger for next year."

Daniela revealed that her sister, an exercise therapist who also went through the sports medicine program at LWHS, is her biggest inspiration. At the time Daniela's sister was in the program, there were only a few girls and no male students.

Daniela said traveling together is fun and provides lots of laughs. She and Rushing shared a memorable story when they all traveled together for the first scrimmage, which to their surprise was the next day. But they made the most of the trip by stopping at Buc-ee's.

Rushing appreciates that she has a great group of kids this year in the program.

"Honestly, I could not have asked for a better group of kids," Rushing said. "The only thing they lack is the knowledge and that can be taught."



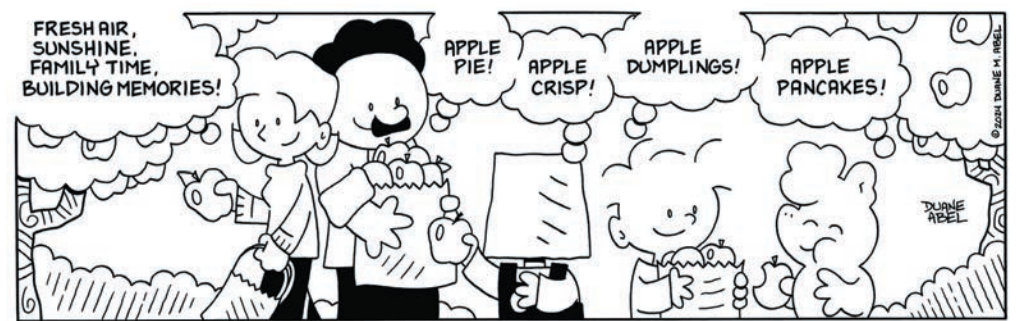
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Lake Worth High School athletic director Nyja Rushing and senior Daniela Pio.

# Football Contest

## WEEK 3

Amy Collins and Keith Rose tied for first place in the football contest, with each of them picking 14 of 16 games correctly. That meant the tiebreaker game determined the winner. The tiebreaker game — Denison vs Independence — generated 58 points. Collins was closest with 56 points, and she won first place and \$20. Rose picked 41 points and finished in second place with \$10. Three contestants — Bobby Boyd, Margaret Swanzy, and Eddy Swanzy — tied for third place by picking 13 of 16 games correctly. The closest to the tiebreaker score was Eddy Swanzy with 55 points; he won third place and \$5.

## ZED by Duane Abel



# Sudoku

SEPTEMBER 19, 2024

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

Level: Advanced

# Solution to last week's puzzle

SEPTEMBER 12, 2024

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

# WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to chickens.

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Answers: Wings

# CRYPTO FUN

Determine the code to reveal the answer!

- Solve the code to discover words related to employment. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 7 = E)
- A. 9 7 10 8 5 7  
Clue: Account of one's qualifications
  - B. 10 7 19 9 17 12  
Clue: Look for
  - C. 9 7 17 9 8 4 14 7 9  
Clue: Fills positions
  - D. 17 19 9 7 7 9  
Clue: Occupation

# Azle School Menu Sept 23-27, 2024

**BREAKFAST:**  
PreK-4th Grade, 7-12th Grade \$1.55  
5-6th Grade FREE 2nd Meal \$2.00  
Visitors/Employees \$2.75

**LUNCH:**  
PreK-4th Grade \$2.55 5-6th Grade \$2.75  
7-12th Grade \$2.55 2nd Meal \$3.20  
Visitors & Employees \$3.75

**PreK - 4th**

**BREAKFAST: Everyday - Assorted Fruits and Cereal, Juice, White or Chocolate Milk, Graham Crackers, Toast**

**Mon** Trix Strawberry Banana Bash Low Fat Yogurt, Banana Muffin, Bananas **Tues** Waffle, Mini, Maple Madness, Fruit Cup **Weds** Banana Chocolate Chip Oatmeal Cookie, Fruit Cup **Thurs** Honey Bun, Applesauce Cup **Fri** Cinnamon Toast Crunch, Bananas

**LUNCH: Everyday - Variety of milk. Your choice of 1 entree & 1 fruit or juice**

**Mon** Chicken Spaghetti, Hot Dog, Green Beans, Sweet Potato Tots Mixed Fruit **Tues** Breaded Chicken Sandwich, Meatball Sub Sandwich, Corn, Green Peas, Apple **Weds** Chicken Nuggets, Soft Beef Taco, Refried Beans, Steamed Carrots, Mixed Brown Rice **Thurs** Buffalo Chicken Sandwich, Spaghetti w/ Meatsauce, Corn, Mixed Veggies, Oranges, Honey Wheat Breadstick **Fri** Cheese Pizza, Sunbutter & Jelly Sandwich, Pepperoni Pizza, Smile Fries, Steamed Broccoli, String Cheese Stick, Peaches

**GRADES 5TH - 8TH**

**BREAKFAST: Everyday - Assorted Fruits and Cereal, Juice, White or Chocolate Milk, Yogurt w/Granola**

**Mon** Bacon, Biscuit, Oranges **Tues** Cinnamon Toast w/ Oatmeal, Red Apple Slices **Weds** Pig in a Blanket, Strawberry Yogurt, Bananas **Thurs** Breakfast Bites French Toast Sticks, Oranges **Fri** Breakfast Pizza, Cinnamon Roll, Peaches

**LUNCH: Everyday: Variety of milk. Your choice of 1 entree & 1 fruit or juice, rolls, crackers • Salad bar offered daily**

**Mon** Fish Sticks, Meatball Sub Sandwich, Popcorn Chicken Wrap, Whole Wheat Roll, Pears Diced **Tues** Bean and Cheese Burrito, Cheeseburger, Chicken Spaghetti, Bananas, Crinkle Fries, Steamed Carrots **Weds** Frito Chili Pie, Hot Dog, Orange Chicken & Rice, Oranges, Pinto beans, Steamed Broccoli **Thurs** Chicken and Waffles, Mini Corn Dogs, Tater Tot Casserole, Whole Wheat Roll, Peaches **Fri** Bacon Pizza, Loaded Baked Potato, Pepperoni Pizza, Whole Wheat Roll, Mixed Fruit, Tater Tots

**HIGH SCHOOL**

**BREAKFAST: Everyday - Assorted Fruits and Cereal, Juice, White or Chocolate Milk, Yogurt w/Granola**

**Mon** Bacon, Biscuit, Oranges **Tues** Cinnamon Toast w/ Oatmeal, Red Apple Slices Diced Potatoes **Weds** Pig in a Blanket, Strawberry Yogurt, Bananas **Thurs** Breakfast Bites, French Toast Sticks, Oranges **Fri** Breakfast Pizza, Cinnamon Roll, Peaches

**LUNCH: • Everyday: 1% unflavored or non fat chocolate milk & juice • Salad Bar**

**Mon** Mac & Cheese, Cheese, Hamburger Pizza, Soft Chicken Tacos, Sweet & Sour Chicken w/ Noodles, Buffalo Boneless Wings **Tues** Chicken Tenders, Bacon, Cheese Pizza, Chicken & Cheese Pizza Quesadilla, Spicy Szechwan Pepper Chicken, Cheeseburger **Weds** Maxstix, Cheese, Hamburger Pizza, Chicken Burrito, Orange Chicken & Rice, Hamburger **Thurs** Cheesy Chicken & Rice Casserole, Pepperoni, Supreme Pizza, Beef Quesadilla Triangles, Chicken Ramen, BBQ Pork Rib Sandwich **Fri** Chicken Spaghetti, Meatlovers Pizza, Veggie Pizza, Arroz con Pollo, TSO Chicken w/ Noodles, Grilled Chicken Sandwich

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**BREAKFAST PRICES**

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EC-12th Reduced	\$0.30
Adult	\$2.25

**LUNCH PRICES**

PK-4th Grade	\$3.00
5th-8th Grade	\$3.25
High School	\$3.00
Reduced	\$0.40
Adult	\$4.25

Students may prepay for their meals.

**September 23-27, 2024**  
**PK through 12th Grade**

\*Menus are subject to change.

**PK - 12th Breakfast** **BREAKFAST: Everyday** - Various Juices & Cereals, Toast, Milk Variety, Fruit, Jelly, Assortment, Buttermilk Biscuit, Variety of milk is offered every day for breakfast and lunch.

**Mon** Mini Pancakes, Applesauce **Tues** Biscuits & Gravy, Pineapple Chunks **Weds** Eggstravaganza, Sliced Pears **Thurs** Breakfast Pizza, Apple Slices **Fri** Yogurt Parfait, Sliced Strawberries

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

**Mon** Chicken Sliders, French Toast Sticks w/Sausage, Fresh Veggies Apple Slices or Orange **Tues** Chicken Fried Steak Sandwich, Macaroni & Cheese, Green Beans, Fresh Veggies (Fiesta Sticks, Baby, Carrots, Salad Cup), Apple or Sliced Peaches **Weds** Chicken & Waffles, Tater Tots Fresh Veggies (Fiesta Sticks, Baby Carrots, Salad Cup, Applesauce or Blueberries **Thurs** Cheese Bites/Popcorn Chicken, Roll, Ranchero Beans, Fresh Veggies Apple Slices or Sliced Strawberries **Fri** Baked Potato/Pizza (Cheese or Pepperoni), Roll, Glazed Carrots Fresh Veggies Watermelon Craisin or Grapes

**5th - 12th Lunch** **Lunch: Everyday** - Choice of one meat, two vegetables, and one grain/bread with milk. Variety of milk is offered every day for breakfast and lunch.

**Mon** Popcorn Chicken Steak Fingers, Roll Corn, Mashed Potatoes Fresh Veggies Blueberries, Sliced Pears **Tues** Chicken Alfredo w/ a Twist Chicken Fried Steak Sandwich Steamed Broccoli, Roll Fresh Veggies Orange, Strawberry Applesauce **Weds** Cheeseburger or Hamburger French Fries Fresh Veggies Apple, Mixed Fruit **Thurs** Beef Tamales w/ Chili Cheese Quesadilla Cuban Black Beans Fresh Veggies Apple Slices, Pineapple Chunks **Fri** Baked Potato w/Pulled Pork Hot dog, Chili Dog, Chili Tots Roll, Green Beans Fresh Veggies, Banana, Watermelon Craisins

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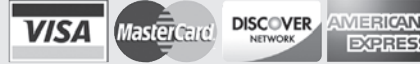
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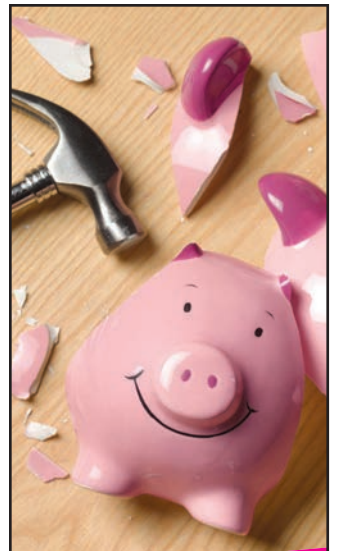
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1 Texas grid inventory: \_\_\_ watts

5 TXism: "I'm all \_\_\_" (attentive)

6 9/11 perpetrators \_\_\_ terrorists

7 TXism: "\_\_\_ hill for a stepper"

8 in the past

9 prohibit

15 TX Hunter's "Since \_\_\_ You Baby"

16 appropriate TX Dan Blocker tree farm?

19 TXism: "couldn't find hide \_\_\_ of it"

21 spinning toy: whir \_\_\_

22 TXism: "can't \_\_\_ old dog new tricks"

27 TXism: "hen fruit"

28 Castroville is "The Little \_\_\_ of Texas"

29 TXism: "eatin' hay is \_\_\_ good for" (poor horse)

30 in Henderson County on U.S. 175

32 TX George Foreman victory (abbr.)

33 easily ignited

36 TX Willie's "On the \_\_\_ Again"

37 TXism: "\_\_\_ over but the shouting"

38 Texas prisoners

39 voided a marriage

41 vision or graph beginning

42 Juan de \_\_\_ named El Paso

45 TXism: "two \_\_\_ in a pod" (alike)

46 ID card, e.g. (abbr.)

47 character Dobbs in Texas-based "Lonesome Dove"

48 in Anderson: Fanthorp \_\_\_ Historical Site

49 Texas-born Steve Martin album: "\_\_\_ Crazy Guy"

52 disease microbe

53 "have a \_\_\_ it" (try)

**DOWN**

1 TXism: "gave \_\_\_ song and dance"

2 TXism: "bend your \_\_\_" (talk)

3 U.S. Rep. Kay from Fort Worth

4 TXism: "loud \_\_\_ bare floor"

8 Fort Worth's "\_\_\_ Carter Museum"

9 TXism: "\_\_\_ of the box" (beginning)

10 TXism: "cash \_\_\_ the barrel head"

11 TX Tarzan Ely (init.)

12 TXism: "my stomach is \_\_\_ a knot" (nervous)

13 Texas perennial

14 "with a nicknack pattywack, give the \_\_\_ bone"

15 TXism: "big fish \_\_\_ pond" (important person)

16 TXism: "when \_\_\_ fly" (never)

17 weed whackers

18 of long standing (hyphenated word)

20 chills & fever

22 "\_\_\_dah!" (fanfare)

23 Santa's helper

24 TX Collin Raye's "\_\_\_ Can Be"

25 Mass music?

26 TXism: "\_\_\_ and hawed" (stalled)

28 TXism: "packed like sardines in \_\_\_"

31 TXism: "busier than \_\_\_-armed fry cook in a truck stop"

34 TXism: "\_\_\_ some gravel" (fell)

35 TXism: "let by-gones \_\_\_ by-gones"

37 Texas moonwalker, Bean

40 TXism: "\_\_\_ a hand" (help)

43 \_\_\_ Braunfels, TX

44 TX "Big Bopper's" Chantilly Lace had "\_\_\_ in her walk"

50 "Texas" is an outdoor \_\_\_ in Palo Duro Canyon

51 money dispenser (abbr.)

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Heroes OfThe Old West performed multiple times at Springtown's Wild West Festival on Sept. 16, 2023.

## CITY OF SPRINGTOWN

# Home to community spirit, pride

The city of Springtown offers several features and activities for families and children alike, making the town a great place to live, work and play.

The city offers a 33-acre park with amenities like soccer and baseball fields, sand volleyball courts and disc golf. A walking/jogging trail winds through the park and passes by an area of creek bed which hosts a set of dinosaur tracks.

"We also offer the Springtown Legends Museum which captures Springtown's rich heritage and community spirit that is still the driving force which makes Springtown the best place to be in Parker County," Assistant City Administrator Christina Derr said.

Residents and visitors to Springtown can visit the nostalgic historic square that is centered on a preserved open-air Tabernacle, the

site where events like Old-Fashioned Christmas and the annual Wild West Festival take place.

"Springtown is a unique community that is rich in history and tradition," Derr said. "One can't help but sense the community spirit and pride when visiting the city, and that is especially true during the Wild West Festival."

Derr said the city will continue to grow and create a positive environment for future generations of Springtown residents.

"As the city of Springtown moves into the future, our vision includes continuing to provide quality parks, events and activities that are geared towards creating a sense of community spirit that will carry on for generations to come," she said.

The city of Springtown offices is located at 102 E. Second St. You can reach city offices at 817-220-4834.



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Dr. Scott Ballard, DMD, graduated from the University of Mississippi School of Dentistry and was awarded the Quintessence Award for Academic Achievement.



After 20 years, Ballard Family Dentistry is located at 917 W. Highway 199 in Springtown. Ballard Family Dentistry continues to prioritize patient choice and community engagement, reflecting their unwavering commitment to oral health and local well-being. For more information about Ballard Family Dentistry, call 817-752-3938 or visit online at dentistspringtown.com.

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## WILD WEST FEST FAQ

# What's the deal with the barbecue contest?

**MADelyn EDWARDS**

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The 25th annual Wild West Festival State Championship BBQ Cook-off will take place during the event Sept. 21 in the park behind Brookshire's in Springtown.

Teams will pay \$200 to enter and compete in four meat categories: chicken, ribs, pork butt and brisket. There will also be a jackpot the Friday before, and the competition categories are steak,

dessert and beans.

In total, \$10,000 in prizes will be paid out at the contest.

Springtown Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Terri Toone said contestants can register for the cook-off the day of or sign up beforehand.

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**WILD WEST FEST FAQ**

# What kind of entertainment will be at the festival?

**MADELYN EDWARDS**  
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Shopping isn't the only activity available at the Wild West Festival. People tired of walking around can cool their heels in the Tabernacle and listen to live music. In the past, the festival has featured multiple acts during the event, but this year, there will only be one band performing — Neon Playboys. Some locals may remember this group previously playing classic country music at Springtown's RnR Event Center. At Wild West, the Playboys will be making music from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Another Wild West entertainment option is the

gunfighting shows that take place next to the Tabernacle. Heroes of the Old West aim to present historically accurate reenactments of gunfights. Shows will take place at 11 a.m., 12:30 p.m. and 1:45 p.m.

Unfortunately, the rodeo that has occurred during Wild West in the park won't be happening this year because of pending park improvements, Springtown Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Terri Toone said.

In honor of this being the 40th anniversary of the festival, a special presentation will be held in the Tabernacle at noon. What will happen? You'll have to be there to find out.



Heroes of the Old West performed at Springtown's Wild West Festival last year.

JIM STEVENS | TRI-COUNTY REPORTER



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**WELLS FARGO**

## Wells Fargo supports community through festival sponsorship

The 40th annual Wild West Festival is getting ready to kick off in Springtown with vendors, sponsors and attractions, and Wells Fargo is once again showing its unwavering support for the community event.

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**WILD WEST FEST FAQ**

# Where do I park?

**MADELYN EDWARDS**  
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Normally, people visiting the Springtown Square can find parking on the square, but during the Wild West Festival, there will be booths set up in those regular parking spaces.

In this case, festival goers should park near Springtown

First Baptist Church (at the corner of Farm-to-Market Road 51 and Fifth Street) or at Springtown High School (at the corner of State Highway 199 and Pojo Road). These locations will be utilized as pick-up and drop-off locations for the shuttles to transport people to the festival, free of charge. The shuttles are expected to

run from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. According to the map on the Springtown Area Chamber of Commerce's website, the pick-up/drop-off site at the festival will be near Highland Furniture.

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**WILD WEST FEST FAQ**

**What can kids do at the festival?**

**MADelyn EDWARDS**

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For younger attendees of the Wild West Festival, there will be plenty for them to do in the children's area, located in the park behind Wells Fargo. Activities include bounce houses, an obstacle course, a rock-climbing wall, a train, horse rides, a petting zoo and a remote-controlled racecar game.

Jennifer Conway, former Springtown Area Chamber of Commerce president and organizer of the children's area, is also hoping that a puppet show performed periodically by Real Family Fellowship can make it to the event.

"They were out at Wild West years ago, but it's been several years," Conway said. "They finally are able to come back."

Other local churches will also have booths in the children's area. Springtown First Baptist Church will host a dunk tank, and Hilltop Family Church usually holds drawings for kids' bikes and a gift card for adults, Conway said.

Radio station 95.9 FM The Ranch will be on site at Wild West Festival for a second year and will be in the children's area. Conway said Leonardo the Bubbler of Next Level Bubble Parties is also expected to make a few appearances, which she said

was a hit with children last year.

"It gave something else for the kids to see and do that they don't always get to," Conway said. "That's kind of like how the horse rides are. You think we live in the country, but a lot of people haven't seen a horse or been on a horse or touched a goat, and they get really excited to do that stuff."

Overall, Conway expects this year's festival in the children's area to be successful and hopes that the weather will be nice that day.

"I have to admit, we really have a good time in the children's park," she said. "We have a lot of activities, and the energy is real high."



**This donkey made an appearance at Springtown's Wild West Festival last year.**

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The team at MOSS Rehabilitation Center transforms lives by getting people out of pain and back to normal after an injury or surgery. Pictured are (back, L-R): PTA April; Dr. Rod Hughes, OTR/L; tech Bryce; Dr. Robert Moss, PT and owner of Moss Rehabilitation; Dr. Jayton Hallmark, PT; PTA Mike; PTA Landon; Tech Justin; (front): lead patient care coordinator Katie; patient care coordinator Sarah; PTA Annie; tech Harmony; tech Melanie and tech Jennifer. For more information, call 817-220-MOSS (6677), or visit the new location at 101 Highland Road, Suite 1 in Springtown.



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Urgent Care continues to support the community by treating anyone and everyone through the medical services they offer and by supporting Springtown's Wild West Fest. Colleen Thurman, FNP, is on the left and Baleigh Morgan, lead medical assistant and NCT x-ray technician, is on the right.

**URGENT CARE**

# Native Texans with decades of experience

Urgent Care is a local, community-based health-care provider founded by Dr. Brian Nelson and Dr. Foad Farahmand in Cleburne in 2018. Both doctors are native Texans, each with more than a decade of experience in more than 250 emergency rooms across the state. They recognized the need for accessible, cost-effective medical care in rural communities where hospitals are scarce.

Nelson and Farahmand's vision was to create a clinic that offers high-quality care for nonlife-threatening conditions, aiming to reduce unnecessary emergency room visits and provide a more convenient healthcare option for families and individuals.

Urgent Care prides itself on being community-oriented, offering same-day ap-

pointments and walk-in services. Their walk-in hours are Monday through Saturday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Urgent Care also sees children of all ages. From school physicals to sudden illnesses, to vaccinations, the clinic provides most pediatric services available.

With locations in Lancaster, Benbrook, Azle and Cleburne, Urgent Care is dedicated to delivering "acute care" for short-term medical needs that are not life-threatening. Its slogan, "From the room to the tomb," reflects the commitment to comprehensive patient care.

The Azle Urgent Care is located at 601 Northwest Parkway, Suite C. The phone

number is 682-317-1193.

The clinics offer a range of services including treatments for flu, colds, sinus and ear infections, pink eye, bronchitis, strep throat, Lyme disease and more. They also provide Covid-19 antibody RAPID and PCR testing.

Urgent Care accepts Medicaid, Medicare and over 40 different health insurance plans. It is proudly authorized by the VA, offering free services to veteran patients and accepting TriCare and TriWest. Additionally, Urgent Care provides pediatric care for children of all ages, including school physicals, sudden illnesses and most vaccinations.

For more information, visit its website at <http://www.urgentcaretx.com>.

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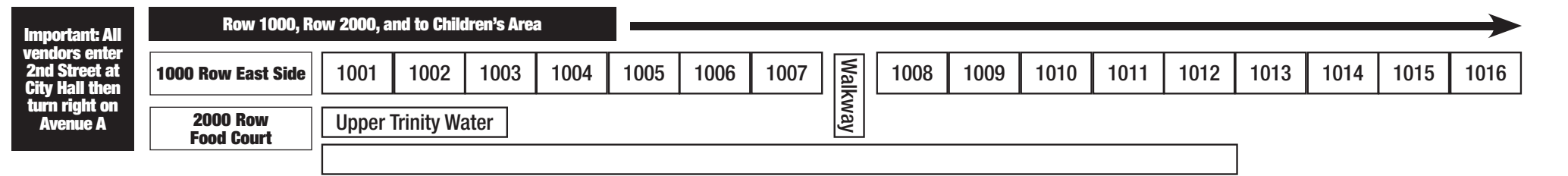
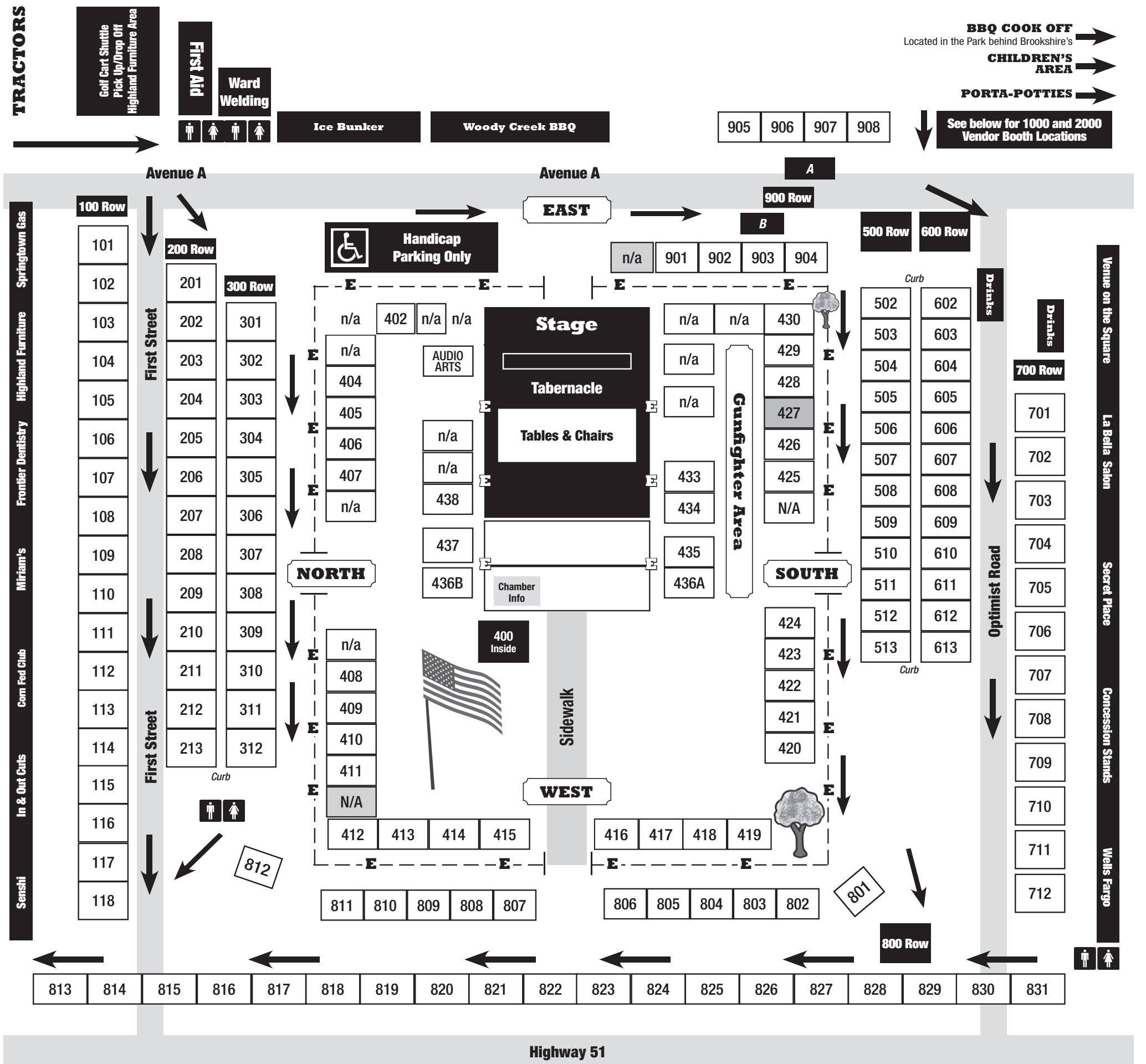
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**WILD WEST FEST FAQ**

# What kind of vendors will be at the festival?

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The 40th annual Wild West Festival will take place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sept. 21 on the Springtown Square and will feature more than 40 new vendors.

In all, the event will have over 100 businesses and organizations in attendance, with some selling art, clothes, accessories, jewelry, toys, handmade goods, crafts and keepsakes. Food and drinks will be on sale at Wild West as well, including carnival classics like funnel cakes, corn dogs and

all things fried, plus tacos, burritos and nachos. Some booths will be occupied by local churches or other organizations that supply information to Wild West attendees.

T-shirts commemorating the 40th anniversary will also be on sale for \$20 at the information booth at the festival.

Check out the vendor directory in this special section for a complete list of merchants and organizations as well as the map to see where they'll be located at the festival.



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Wild West Festival attendees check out the vendor booths at last year's event.

## WILD WEST BOOTHS ON THE SQUARE

Booth #	VENDOR NAME	Booth #	VENDOR NAME	Booth #	VENDOR NAME
1	<b>Sno Cones Gone Wild</b> Snowcones, Milkshakes	434	<b>Wild Willor Boutique &amp; Welds</b> Women's Apparel & Permant Jewelry	823-26	<b>Legacy Church</b> Information
101	<b>Laser Savvy</b> Information	435	<b>Upcycled Garden Art</b> Art on Recycled Materials	827	<b>Humana Health Insurances</b> Medicare & Health Insurance Information
102	<b>Urgent Care TX - Azle</b> Information	437	<b>Western Star Cowboy Church</b> Information	828	<b>Queens Favor</b> Machine Embroidered Dish Towels, Ducks, Jewelry, Charms
106	<b>Kite Family Farms, LLC</b> Goats Milk Lotions and Soaps, Photography, Cutting Boards, Pens, Bracelets, Key Chains, Wax Melts	438	<b>Weatherford College Workforce Education</b> Information	829-30	<b>SPT Boutique &amp; Barrels</b> Women's Clothing
107	<b>Just for Fun Bundts</b> Prepackaged Bundt Cakes	502	<b>Zoo Lous</b> Clothing, Purses, Shoes, Jewelry	831	<b>Parker County Young Marines</b> Information
111-12	<b>Golf Carts 4 Fun</b> Golf Carts	503	<b>Zoo Lous</b> Clothing, Purses, Shoes, Jewelry	901-2	<b>Trimble Sales</b> Toys, Knives
115	<b>Silly Goose Truckers</b> Trucker Hats	504	<b>Wise Acres</b> Candy Kickers, BBQ Sauce, Pepper Jelly, Spices, Seasonings, Spicy Nuts	903	<b>Texas Volunteer Army of 1836/Sons of the Republic Texas</b> Information
118	<b>Country Candles</b> Candles	505	<b>Rough Texas Leather</b> Hand Tooled Leather Goods	904	<b>The Zeal Realtors</b> Information
201	<b>Creative Pens by Glenn</b> Handcrafted Pens and Knives	506	<b>Hooked Up Baits</b> Fishing Baits	907	<b>Parker County Hospital District</b> Information
202	<b>Parker County Active Democrats</b> Voter Registration	507	<b>Hooked Up Baits</b> Fishing Baits	1001	<b>GZ's</b> Handcrafted Designs
203	<b>Mama &amp; Me Freshies</b> Car Freshies, Accessories	508	<b>First United Methodist Church</b> Information and Church Activies	1002	<b>Shelly's Collectibles</b> Embroidery/Sewing
204	<b>10 Shining Brightly/Color Street</b> Nail Polish Strips, Make-up	509-10	<b>Center of Hope</b> Information	1005	<b>The Bread Lady</b> Bread
205	<b>First Baptist Church Springtown</b> Church Resources	511-13	<b>Texas Blade Barn</b> Knives	1008	<b>My Little Miss Bows</b> Crochet gifts, Blankets, Hairbows, Hairbands
206	<b>Eureka Masonic Lodge</b> Raffle tickets	602	<b>Sassy D's Creations</b> Bird Feeders and more	1009	<b>MG Glitterbar</b> Tumbler Cups & Horseshoe Art
207	<b>Order of the Eastern Star</b> Raffle tickets	603	<b>Icky &amp; Sunshine's Face Painting</b> Face Painting , Temporary Henna Tattoos	1010-11	<b>Memaw's</b> Childerns Clothing and Accessories
208	<b>Cathy Swofford</b> Handmade Wreaths and Home Décor	604	<b>Springtown Flower Shop</b> Gift Items & Décor	1016-17	<b>Rise and Ice Slingers On The Go</b> Shaved Ice, Iced Coffee, Ice Tea, Lemonade, Lotus Energy Drinks
209	<b>Joyful Ranch Counseling</b> Information	605	<b>Rocking N Designs</b> Custom Silversmith Jewelry		
210	<b>All Pro Mechancial</b> Information	606	<b>Double L Florist &amp; Gift Boutique</b> Clothing, Candles, Wax Melts, Jewerly, T-shirts		
211	<b>Power Home Remodeling</b> Remodeling Products	607	<b>The Flour District</b> Sweet & Savory Sourdough Baked Goods		
212	<b>Power Home Remodeling</b> Remodeling Products	608-9	<b>Bonanza Western Wear</b> Cowboy Hats, Childern's Shoes		
213	<b>Beaded Skull Boutique</b> Hey Dudes, Ball Caps, Earrings, Hat bands	610	<b>Antiquella Boutique</b> Boutique Itmes		
301	<b>Cape Welding</b> Horseshoe Art	611	<b>All Things Little</b> Handmade Childern's Clothes, Bows, Handbags		
302	<b>Right Way Chimney Service</b> Chimney Service	612	<b>Jerry's Custom Leather</b> Leather Products - Koozies, Sheaths, Dog Collars		
303	<b>Modernchic Boutique</b> Women's & Childern's Clothing	613	<b>Ken's Custom Creations of Springtown</b> Wood Crafts		
304-5	<b>Snap Crackle Pop Collectibles</b> 3D Printing	801	<b>Tri-County Church of Christ</b> Information		
306	<b>The Jelly Lady</b> Handmade Jam, Jelly & Pickles	802	<b>The Nutrition Lodge / Bow Kae Designs</b> Herbalife Tea, Samples, Graphic T-shirts		
307	<b>5 Star Texas Roofing</b> Information	803	<b>Wishbone Permanent Jewelry</b> Permanent Jewelry		
308	<b>Smith Sweeties Freeze Dried</b> Freeze Dried Candy, Treats	804	<b>Jose Dawn Photography</b> Photography Services		
309-10	<b>Crazy 4 Farms</b> Jewerly, Baby Accessories, Antiques, Vintage Items, T-shirts	805	<b>Rain Fresh Technology</b> Water Base Air Purifiers		
311	<b>Mokerski Enterprise</b> The Handzy	806	<b>Pink Glitter Goods</b> Boutique Items		
312	<b>Legacy Lariats</b> Lariats Bowls, Baskets, Mirrors, Clocks	807-8	<b>Salvage Masters</b> Sheets, Bedspreads, Western Metal, Hats		
402	<b>Toys A Lot/Disney</b> Toys	809	<b>Custom Designs by Jamie</b> Wreaths, Signs		
404	<b>Penny's</b> Earrings, Ceramics, Wreaths	810	<b>Rockin M</b> Western Accessories, Purses		
405	<b>Mystical Blades</b> Katanas & Swords	811	<b>Chunky is Beautiful</b> Bows		
406	<b>Spunky Sister Designz</b> Doormats, Signs	812	<b>Spartan Grappling Academy</b> Advertising Gym		
407	<b>Kay 2 Creations</b> Handmade Stained Glass	813	<b>Angel's Accessories</b> Women Clothes, Shoes, Accessories		
408-9	<b>LollyPop Charms</b> Croc Charms	814	<b>Legion of Souls Motorcycle Club</b> Raffle		
410-11	<b>Hilltop Family Church</b> Information	815	<b>Arrogant Texan Décor &amp; More</b> Bullet Art, Hand Made Items		
412	<b>Revitalizing PEMF Solutions</b> Information, Sample Sessions	816	<b>Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints</b> Information		
413	<b>Randy's Woodcrafts</b> Woodcrafts, Lamps	817	<b>Springtown Project Celebration</b> Project Celebration items		
414	<b>Sugar Ants Cottage</b> Freeze Dried Candy, Friuts & Treats	818	<b>Granny's Gourmet and Gifts</b> Prepackaged Baked Goods, Jams, Jellies, Salsas, Relishes		
415	<b>Rocking P Crafts</b> Shirts, Wood Crafts	819	<b>Parker County Republicaion Women</b> Register Voters		
416-17	<b>Beashive Creations &amp; Twisted O Kreations</b> Freshies, Shirts, Freeze Dried Candies	820	<b>Eden Wellsprings</b> Water Filtrating Equipment		
419	<b>McDonalds</b> Information	821	<b>Ballard Family Dentistry in Springtown</b> Information, Giveaways & Prize Games		
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 2000 **Infatuated Mobil Foods** Funnel Cakes, Cotton Candy  
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 2000 **Speedy Spudz LLC** BBQ Brisket Sandwiches, Ribbon Fries, Sausage on a Stick, Roasted Corn  
 2000 **The Odd Cob** Roasted Corn, Nachos, Hots Dogs, Sausage on a Stick  
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 436A **New Beginnings Church** Information  
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 703 **Lemonade Ladies** Lemonade, Tea, Cookies, Chips  
 704 **Old Time Funnel Cakes** Funnel Cakes, Footlong Corndogs, Tater Twists, Lemonade  
 705 **3S Ventures LLC** Craft Soda, Tea  
 706 **Fat Stack Concessions** Steak Kabobs  
 707 **POJO Coffee Shop** Tea, Lemonade  
 709 **Pappy's Kettle Corn** Kettle Corn  
 710 **Dubs Delights** Lemonade, Tea, Limeade  
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With the backing of a large organization, the Springtown bank can provide its customers with all the services they need — from free checking and debit cards to an array of online banking services. The bank also specializes in consumer, commercial and real estate loans.

Paige Slate, market president, says she feels blessed to work for a company that allows the Springtown branch to invest time and

money in the community.

To see how much Pinnacle Bank values the community, see the stories at whycommunitymatters.com.

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Pinnacle Bank is located at 726 E. State Highway 199 in Springtown. The lobby is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Fridays. The drive-through is open 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Mondays through Fridays and 9 a.m. to noon Saturdays.



Employees of the Springtown branch of Pinnacle Bank are, from left, Hayden Holbrook, Shelby Cucuta, Kathy Lockhart, Paige Slate, Cynthia Salas, Erin White, Mindy Matthews and Eli Clelland.

**FRONTIER DENTISTRY**

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Frontier Dentistry is located at 129 E. First St. in Springtown. For more information, visit [larrymurphydds.com](http://larrymurphydds.com) or call 817-523-4648. Pictured are (L-R): dental assistant Maddie, dental hygienist Sarah, Dr. Caroline Miller, D.D.S., front desk receptionist Yuliza and office manager Christy.

Nestled in the Springtown square is the office of Frontier Dentistry, whose team helps to create the best smiles for everyone who walks in the door. The office emphasizes preventative, consistent and thorough care for its patients.

At Frontier Dentistry, each patient's overall health is considered, not just their mouth. Exams include oral cancer screening, TMJ and airway analysis, traditional tooth, periodontal (gum) and orthodontic checks.

The office uses technology such as intraoral (inside the mouth) cameras, panoramic x-rays and a digital scanner to help evaluate and treat patients. Other technology used includes a diode laser for soft tissue treatments like lip tie releases, gum trimming and ClearCorrect clear aligners to straighten teeth without braces. The office also has a periodontist who makes

visits each month to better accommodate patients who need surgical treatment such as extractions, implants and gum grafting.

After 40 years, Dr. Larry Murphy retired from the practice and Dr. Caroline Miller came to the office. Miller is from Blanchard, Louisiana and now lives in Decatur. Miller acquired her bachelor's degree from Southern Arkansas University while competing on the rodeo team. She acquired her DDS degree from The University of Texas School of Dentistry in Houston. She is a member of the American Dental Association, Texas Dental Association, Academy of General Dentistry and the Christian Medical and Dental Association.

Dr. Hassan Asghar, DDS, MS values patients' health and happiness while providing quality care. He received his post doctorate degree in

periodontics and a Master of Dental Science from Saint Louis University Center for Advanced Dental Education.

The team at Frontier Dentistry also includes Sarah, Maddi, Julie and Christy. Sarah, is the office's registered dental hygienist. She acquired her degree in dental hygiene from the University of Louisiana in Monroe. She provides patients with individualized care to address their dental and gum health. Maddi is the office's registered dental assistant and aids Miller in dental procedures. Julie is the front office secretary and part-time registered dental assistant. Christy is the office manager; she aids patients with treatment plans, accounting and overall patient satisfaction.

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Edward Jones, on paper, is a broker-dealer and an investment adviser. But to local advisor Carolyn Rocha, Edward Jones is much more. Edward Jones has been working for more than 100 years to help clients create a better future for their families and communities.

Edward Jones wants to develop a personal relationship with customers and give the most professional plus strategic advice. The areas Edward Jones focuses on are retirement income, wealth strategies, protection planning, business owner strategies, estate plus legacy strategies and charitable giving.

Edward Jones puts its clients' interests first and will always be at the core of what they do. The company has regular reviews with clients

in the belief that is one of the most important ways to help keep customers on track toward their goals.

Edward Jones has regular meetings with customers to discuss their goals, understand customer comfort plus risks and review the financial strategies a customer wants to implement.

Carolyn Rocha is the financial adviser at the Edward Springtown location. For 13 years, Rocha has worked closely with her customers to build investment strategies for business, insurance, college and retirement savings.

Rocha's Springtown team is composed of DaLania Rogers, senior branch office administrator and Eva Barfield, financial para-

planner qualified professional and branch office administrator.

Rocha's team gets customers the information and answers they need as quickly as possible. Rogers and Barfield will mostly be the customers' first point of contact and will help them with their inquiries.

On a personal note, Rocha has given back to Edward Jones through volunteer positions like being a field trainer for new financial advisors, a mentor and a recruiter.

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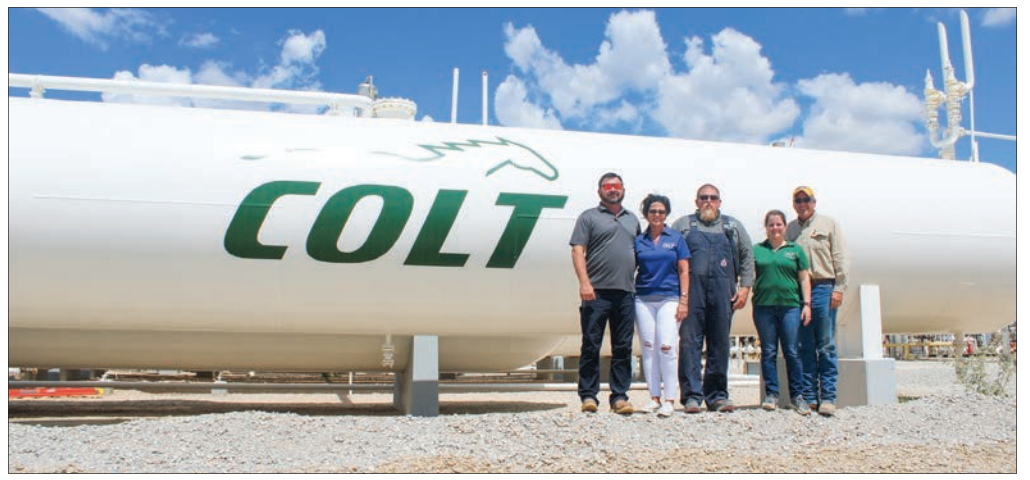
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The Parker County Sheriff's Posse, a private riding club dedicated to preserving Western culture, struts through Springtown for the Wild West Festival parade in 2023.

WILD WEST FEST FAQ

How can I enjoy the annual parade?

Of all the activities available at the Wild West Festival, the parade sticks out as one of the most spectacular. It's also where the community's youth have a chance to shine.

Last year, the procession was filled with floats by Springtown 4-H Club, pee-

wee athletes, varsity football players and Springtown FFA as well as Springtown High School cheerleaders, Showstoppers, the Sound of Springtown and the Parker County Young Marines marching on foot. The parade also included classic cars, tractors, the Parker

County Sheriff's Posse on horseback and floats helmed by local churches, organizations and the Springtown City Council.

This year's parade will begin at 10 a.m. Sept. 21 starting at State Highway 199 and Hilltop Drive. The procession will travel west on SH

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