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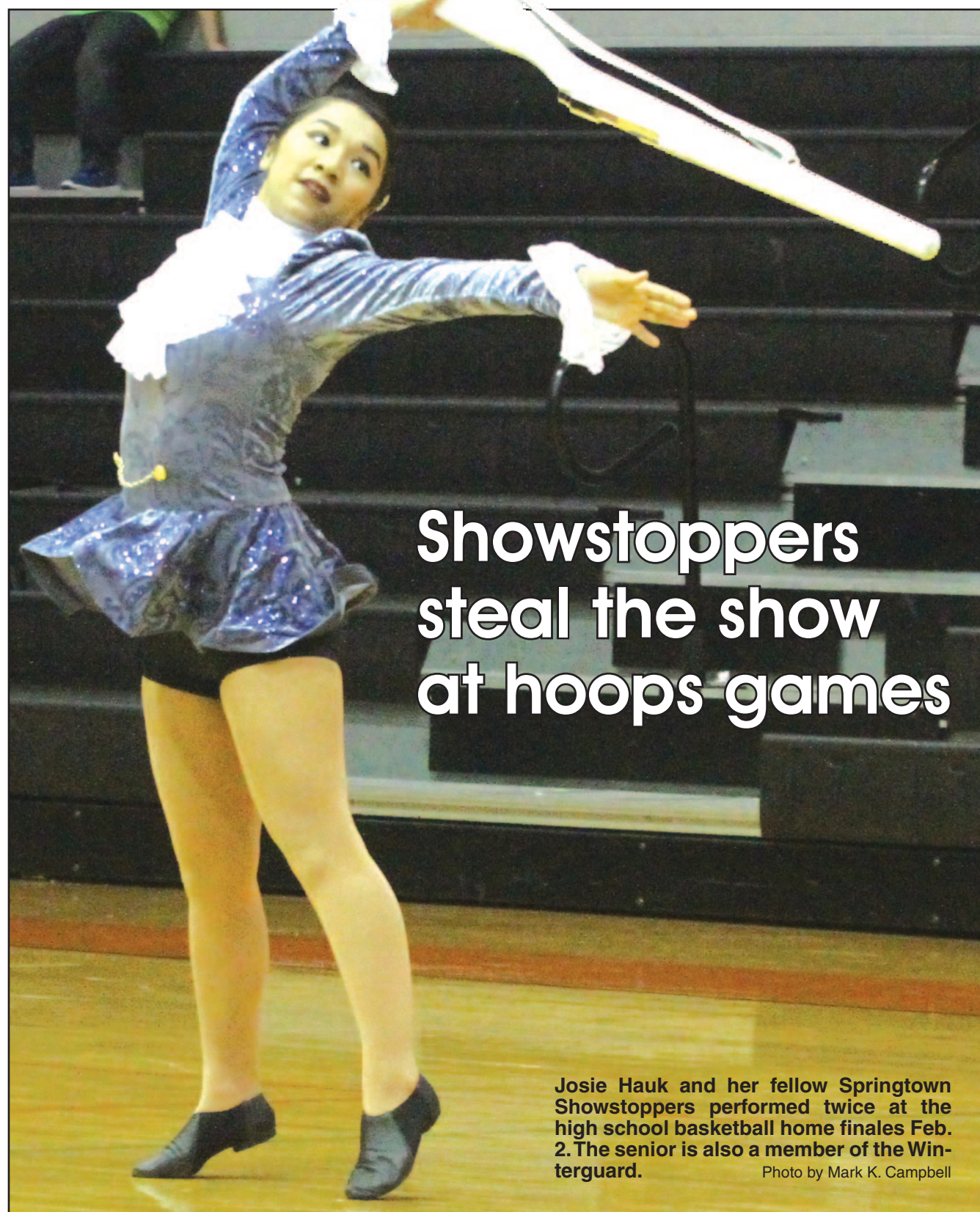
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## Showstoppers steal the show at hoops games

Josie Hauk and her fellow Springtown Showstoppers performed twice at the high school basketball home finales Feb. 2. The senior is also a member of the Winterguard.

Photo by Mark K. Campbell

## UIL scrambles Springtown

Unique new district lineup brings increased travel times for local athletes

BY MARK K. CAMPBELL

Gas up the car. After four years playing in one of the easier football districts in 4A that required little travel, Springtown saw all that end Feb. 1 when the University Interscholastic League announced its biennial jiggering of Texas schools.

Gone are nearby Lake Worth, Castleberry, and Fort Worth Diamond Hill-Jarvis.

Arriving are Burkburnett, Gainesville, and Wichita Falls Hirschi.

Springtown's next 6-team district – Mineral Wells and Decatur are also part of the mix – is dubbed 4-4A.

SHS returns to Region I-4A and will play among Division I ("Big School") squads.

Athletic director/head football coach Brian Hulett said about the alignment, "It's always an exciting day that includes a surprise or two."

Being moved back to Region I was not expected, but there was a

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## Arrest made in string of burglaries

Local man nabbed after anonymous tip

BY CHRISTINA DERR

An anonymous tip led to the arrest of an 18-year-old Springtown man last this week, and he was charged in connection with a string of break-ins on that occurred on Isabella Lane in late January.

Parker County Sheriff's investigators arrested Samuel Ibarra Jan. 30 and charged him with three counts of burglary of a vehicle, a Class A misdemeanor and one count of burglary of a building, a state jail felony.

Four vehicles and a storage building on Isabella Lane were burglarized when the suspect entered the

structure and vehicles, taking numerous valuables including fishing poles and tackle, jewelry, a backpack, sunglasses, flashlights, clothing, phone chargers, credit/debit cards, tax return paperwork, cash, and other personal items, according to the sheriff's office.

The suspect was captured on a home surveillance camera attempting to burglarize a car.

The sheriff's office was able to capture still images from the footage and distribute them in a Crime of the Week press release along with a description of the suspect.

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Samuel Ibarra

## Springtown kids learn about animal science with 'Rosie'

BY CHRISTINA DERR

A 2005 graduate of Springtown High School recently returned home to inspire the latest generation of Porcupines.

Dr. Rebekah Workman Hartfield, now a veterinarian, presented the children's book she authored, *Rosie the Pig*, to Springtown ISD elementary students from all three of the district's K-4 campuses Thursday, Feb. 1.

Hartfield's book, which was published last July, tells the story of Abby's pig, Rosie, as Dr. H. and Abby examine, diagnose, and treat her.

### About the author

A Bridgeport native, Hartfield transferred to SHS in high school.

During her time in Springtown, she was active in the National Honor Society, Student Council, Peer-Assisted Leadership (PALs), Fellowship of Christian Athletes, horse judging, and photojournalism.

She was also a successful athlete competing in basketball and cross country.

After her graduation from SHS, she

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Sisters, and former Lady Porcupines, Dr. Rebekah Workman Hartfield and Sarah Workman Haug, presented *Rosie the Pig* to Springtown ISD elementary students Feb. 1. Hartfield, a veterinarian, authored the book, and Haug was the work's illustrator.

## Historical markers to be dedicated this weekend

BY CHRISTINA DERR

This weekend marks the dedication of Springtown's two new Historical Markers.

More than a year following the announcement that Springtown had received the designations, the markers will be dedicated at the Tabernacle Saturday, Feb. 10 at 10 a.m.

The Texas Historical Commission made the announcement in early 2017 that the town's centerpiece, the Tabernacle had been designated as a Recorded Texas Historic Landmark, of which there are over 3,600 across the state.

Additionally, the town itself was deemed a historic city.

To celebrate those achievements, the city will host a dedication ceremony following the installation of the two plaques.

The purpose of a historical marker, according to THC, is to "commemorate diverse topics in Texas history, including the history and architecture of houses, commercial and public buildings, religious congregations, and military sites; events that changed the course of local and state history; and individuals who have made lasting contributions to our state, community organizations, and businesses."

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# Emergency burn ban continues

Parker County remains at an elevated risk of wildfires due to dry conditions and a high fuel load.

Parker County Judge Mark Riley has continued an Emergency Burn Ban through 10:45 a.m. Feb. 12.

Commissioners Court will consider continuing the ban at its next scheduled meeting on Feb. 12.

During the emergency burn ban, burning trash or any other forms of combustible material is prohibited. If residents see smoke they should call 911 and report it immediately.

Do not throw cigarettes out of car windows as that can

lead to a grass fire. Do not drag any chains or materials from your vehicle that could lead to a spark as that can lead to a grass fire. Avoid pulling your vehicle off into tall grass as that can also lead to a grass fire.

Violation of the burn ban is a Class C Misdemeanor and could result in a fine of up to \$500 plus court costs.

Violations include the use of all combustible materials, including outdoor welding, however where welding must be performed in the field, the following mitigating efforts will be in force until the burn ban has expired:

- all areas where welding, cutting or grinding operations are being performed will be free of vegetation for at least twenty five feet in all directions;
- surface around welding area will be watered down;
- wind speeds must be no more than 20 miles per hour while performing welding, cutting or grinding operations outside of barriers or enclosures;
- a dedicated fire watch person will attend each welder, cutter, grinder and any activity that causes a spark;
- a minimum of one (1) water pressure fire extinguisher per

fire watch person is required;

- each site will have cellular telephone communications for emergency response;
- all welding, cutting and grinding operations may be performed in a total welding enclosure, or “welding box,” that is sufficiently high to control sparks and includes a fire retardant cover over the top. Winds speeds must not exceed 30 miles per hour while utilizing an enclosure;
- where welding (above ground and sub-surface) is required in an area where there is a potential for a hazardous atmosphere, barriers will be substituted for total enclosures

(e.g. “wind walls”) to prevent sparks from coming in contact with any combustible material;

- the barriers will be installed to allow ventilation of the work area and ingress and egress to the work area for personnel safety;
- sub-surface, or “bell hole,” welding and grinding operations within approved excavations are allowed if all other

mitigation efforts are included;

- If an emergency exists where welding has to be performed, the Fire Marshal may issue a temporary exception to the order.



## Anonymous tip leads to arrest for string of burglaries

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The request for the public’s help netted an anonymous tip within 24 hours which led to the identification of the suspect as Ibarra.

After locating the Ibarra and interviewing him, investigators said he fully cooperated and implicated himself in each of

the burglaries.

According to Parker County Jail records, Ibarra is a resident of Isabella Lane, the street on which the break-ins took place.

He posted \$11,000 bond the day of his arrest and was released.

All of the vehicle owners reported they parked their cars at their residences awnd left them unlocked overnight, according to the sheriff’s office.

Parker County Sheriff Larry Fowler said most break-ins can be prevented if people will

simply remove their valuables and lock their vehicles.

Sheriff Fowler also said the Crime Stoppers program has helped solve many cases.

“We encourage our citizens to contact Crime Stoppers with tips on any crime,” Fowler said.

### Got a crime tip?

**You may remain anonymous when calling the Parker County Crime Stoppers Hotline at (817) 599-5555. Crime Stoppers will pay up to a \$1,000 reward for information leading to the arrest of individual(s) involved in crimes.**

“Each year, hundreds of Texas cases would go unsolved without Crime Stoppers tips assisting law enforcement agencies in solving criminal cases.”

## Rosie: Springtown kids learn about animal science with *Rosie the Pig*

■ ROSIE, FROM PAGE ONE.

went on to complete to college and eventually Oklahoma State University’s Center for Veterinary Health Sciences, graduating in 2016.

Now she cares for large breed animals at a clinic in Cushing, Oklahoma. She and her husband live on a ranch just west of Cushing.

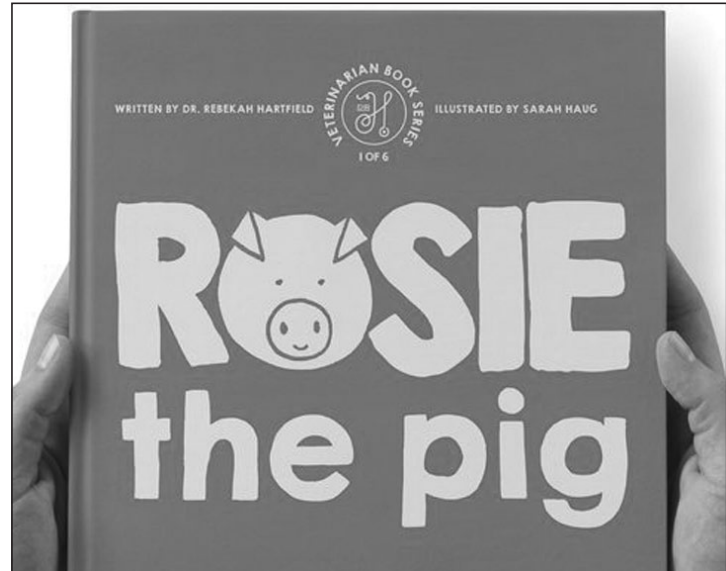
An animal lover, her ranch includes eight horses, 30 cows, two bulls, 20 dogs, three cats, two goats, and one pig.

### Reason to return

Hartfield decided she wanted to bring her first literary work home to Springtown to expose students to the opportunities available in veterinary medicine.

“My love for animals started at birth at our home in Bridgeport,” Hartfield said.

“Unfortunately, few kids have access to the ranch animals I grew up with in order



to foster the same interest and love for them I have,” she explained.

She said that while most children may not be able to observe ranch animals, they do have access to books which can open their imaginations to

an experience they may not be able to have in person.

“I hope to at least spark an interest that will encourage more kids to consider rural veterinary care,” Hartfield said.

Springtown Elementary

School Librarian Velvet Barker said Hartfield was successful in that endeavor: “It was an amazing experience for our SES students. Meeting an author and an illustrator can be life-changing.

“Every time they pick up a book in our library, they will be reminded of the realness of the person responsible for creating their reading experience.”

**A family affair**

Hartfield worked with her sister Sarah Workman Haug on the book.

Hartfield is the author and Haug, a graphic designer, was the illustrator. Haug’s graphic design firm, Design by Workman, is credited as the illustrator.

Haug is a 2009 graduate of Springtown High School, and like her sister, was involved in numerous extracurricular ac-

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**Dr. Rebekah Workman Hartfield**  
Author of *Rosie the Pig*

thor,” Barker said.

“We are so thankful to Dr. Rebekah Hartfield and Sarah Haug for taking their time to share their experiences with us.”

Hartfield’s book is the first in a series – the next installation, *Pistol the Horse*, is due out next summer.

*Rosie the Pig* is available for purchase at [www.doctorhartfield.com](http://www.doctorhartfield.com).

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