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Landfill offers free Christmas tree disposal



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A Christmas tree properly disposed of at the Big Spring Landfill after Christmas 2016. The city charges Big Spring residents no disposal fees for real Christmas trees brought to the Landfill each year, but does not collect Christmas trees during its normal sanitation collection rounds.

By **ROGER CLINE**
 Staff Writer

Are you looking to dispose of your live Christmas tree? The Big Spring Landfill has got a deal for you. "They can bring it up to the landfill and we do not charge them for disposing of it," said City of Big Spring Landfill/Sanitation Supervisor John Vega. "Only the live Christmas trees." Vega said that, while it's okay to leave a little bit of

tinsel on your tree before disposal, lights, ornaments, and other decorations should be removed. The landfill is open to accept the trees Monday through Saturday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., except for New Year's Day – the landfill will be closed Tuesday, as will all city offices. Vega said residents shouldn't put the live Christmas trees on the curb or in a dumpster with the rest of

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Get ready to Run2Love



Courtesy photo

Deloras Shubert, who won best costume in last year's Run2Love2Run 5K, poses for a photo. The race is held every year at Big Spring State Park on Scenic Mountain, and this year's event is scheduled for Saturday, February 9, 2019.

By **AMBER MANSFIELD**
 Staff Writer

Love the park? Love to run? Then get ready, because it's almost time to pull out the ol' running shoes as local Big Spring race organizer Craig Felty of Permian Basin Events prepares for this year's 8th annual RUN2LOVE2RUN 5K race. The RUN2LOVE2RUN 5K race will take place Saturday, February 9, 2019, at the Big Spring State Park. It's a tradition that takes place the weekend before Valentine's Day every year, where all who participate are encouraged to dress in a Valentine's Day themed costume of their choice during the race. Costumes worn will be judged in the costume contest. "Valentine's Day is the inspiration for this event, of course," Park Manager Ron Alton said. "This is an incentive for folks to stay fit." There is more to this race than Permian Basin Events would like to get across to

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First Day Hike at Lake Colorado City State Park to get New Year's resolutions started

By **ROGER CLINE**
 Staff Writer

Interested in getting 2019 off to a great start? Check out the First Day Hike being offered by Lake Colorado City State Park. "We're going to do this First Day Hike. It's going to be our Fourth Annual First Day Hike here at the State Park, and we do that kind of in conjunction with other state parks," said Park Manager Jeff Ellis. "Last year, 65 state parks participated, and this year, I think 72 state parks are participating." Ellis said the event is designed to get your New Year's resolutions started right. "The number-one New Year's resolution in America is to get healthier and lose weight. So we're trying to drive that message home: We can



Courtesy photo

Beautiful natural vistas like this will be in store for those taking part in Lake Colorado City State Park's "First Day Hike" on New Year's morning. This is the fourth year the park has conducted a First Day Hike, and this year's trek is expected to be two miles.

do that and get you outside," Ellis said. "Get outdoors and get healthy. When you're going for a hike or you're riding your bike around a park, it doesn't feel like exercise.

You're out enjoying yourself and enjoying the scenery and everything. We're trying to really convey

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Golden Age of Hollywood

By **AMBER MANSFIELD**
 Staff Writer

Have you ever dreamed of being able to travel back in time between the 1910s and the early 1960s to see the Golden Age of Hollywood? This was a time of classical Hollywood cinema which designated both a narrative and visual style of film-making that developed and characterized American cinema, eventually becoming one of the most powerful and pervasive styles of film-making worldwide. Well, now you can! The Ellen Noël Art Museum in Odessa brings the "The Golden Age Of

Hollywood: Costumes From The Gene London Cinema Collection," to the Permian Basin area. "We are really excited to be able to bring this exciting exhibition to the Permian Basin," said Director Sheila Perry. "We will have the exhibit open until March 10, 2019 and admission is always free here." Perry went into detail stating that this exhibit will give people the chance to get up close and personal with some of their favorite actors and actresses from the golden age of Hollywood films. With over 50 costumes and personal effects, many of the greatest stars are at the Ellen Noël including Fred Astaire, Easter Parade (1948), Tallulah Bankhead, The Royal Scandal (1945), Joan Bennett, The Man in the Iron Mask (1939), Cyd Charisse, Singin' in the

religion. Here's a look at how people are ushering in the new year: **KIRIBATI** The Pacific island nation of Kiribati was the first in the world to welcome the new year, greeting 2019 with muted celebrations after spending 2018 on the front line of the battle against climate change. Kiribati is made up of low-lying atolls along the equator which intersect three time zones, the first of which sees the new year 14 hours before midnight in London. Much of the nation's land mass, occupied by 110,000 people, is endangered by rising seas which have inundated

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Revelers say hello to 2019, goodbye to an unsettling year



AP photo

Fireworks explode over the Sydney Harbour during New Year's Eve celebrations in Sydney, Monday, Dec. 31, 2018.

By **The Associated Press**

Revelers around the globe are bidding a weary farewell Monday to an unsettling year filled with challenges to many of the world's most basic institutions, including politics, trade, alliances and

14 hours before midnight in London. Much of the nation's land mass, occupied by 110,000 people, is endangered by rising seas which have inundated

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Sheriff

The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the following activity:

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 67 inmates at the time of this report.

- **KELLY PATRICK AMOS**, 60, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- **PETER MANUEL CANDELARIA**, 31, was arrested by BSPD on charges of evading arrest, unlawful possession of firearm, two counts of delivery controlled substance less than one gram, six counts of aggravated

assault, and two counts of bail jumping and failure to appear.

- **DAMONN STEVEN FRENCH**, 46, was arrested by HCSO on a warrant of driving while intoxicated.
- **JUSTIN LEE GODFREY**, 28, was arrested by DPS on a charge of possession of marijuana less than two ounces.
- **LANCE WAYNE BIDDLE LAND**, 29, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of criminal trespass.
- **RICHARD PAUL LYONS**, 63, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.

• **RICHARD LEE OLIVAS**, 31, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant of driving while license invalid.

- **STACY LYNN PENDLETON**, 43, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- **ANTHONY A VASQUEZ**, 44, was arrested by BSPD on warrants of theft of property less than \$2,500, bail jumping and failure to appear, and man delivery of controlled substance less than one gram.

Take Note

• The mission of CASA of West Texas is to promote and support quality volunteers who speak for the best interest of abused and neglected children in court in an effort to find each child a safe, nurturing and permanent home. We need your help. If you're interested in volunteering, contact Sara Basaldua at 1-877-316-8346 or visit www.BecomeCASA.org or www.casawtx.org.

• Big Spring and surrounding counties are in need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected. For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children's Protective Services office at 432-263-9669.

• Maranatha Baptist Academy, 903 Johnson Big Spring, Texas 432-213-1046, Call today for educational needs. In School, High School graduation, Tutoring, homeschool. We are qualified to help you with your child's education, kindergarten through twelfth grade. Come by or give us a call. Open enrollment.

• Scenic Mountain Medical Center Auxiliary is looking for new members. If you have a heart for serving people, have at least four hours a week to spare, SMMC Auxiliary might be the fit for you.

Duties include working in the gift shop, delivering newspapers to inpatients, hospitality services, popcorn and more.

To find out more about opportunities available with the SMMC Auxiliary, contact Amy Miramontes at 268-4809 or April Arms at 268-4907.

• The Crossroads Young Marines is taking applications for another boot camp. For more information, call 432-517-4791. Young Marines welcomes boys and girls ages 8 to 18 who are still attending school.

• The Homeownership Preservation Foundation (HPF) is an independent national nonprofit dedicated to helping distressed homeowners

navigate financial challenges and avoid mortgage foreclosure. If you want to stop mortgage foreclosure and are in need of help, the time to call 888-995-HOPE is now. HPF can provide counseling free of charge, in English and 170 other languages, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. For free foreclosure help, call the hotline.

• The Howard County Democrats will meet the second and fourth Monday of each month at 5:30 pm. at the Howard County Democratic Headquarters, 1408 Scurry, behind Prosperity Bank.

• The Emergency Services Chaplains Corps is seeking volunteer chaplains. The corps provides spiritual services to Howard County residents and visitors in crisis situations. Prospective chaplains don't require any specific experience or education to qualify for the position, just a calling from God and a willingness to devote time to the program, which requires a 24- to 30-week training program and dedication of one day per week for emergency call-outs. Those interested should contact Senior Chaplain Joel Miller at 432-213-1221.

• Big Spring's Centennial Lions Club is holding a drive to collect books for the Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club. Books for kids in kindergarten through about 10th grade will be accepted, with special preference for books for younger children in kindergarten through third grade. Cash donations to allow the Lions to purchase additional books are also appreciated. Books or donations can be taken to the Salvation Army, 811 W. Fifth St., or to the home of Lions member Ken Lawhon at 1707 E. 15th St. For more information, contact Lawhon at 214-998-9716.

• Food 2 Kids Big Spring needs you! It is time to start sacking food for Big Spring elementary students who do not receive adequate food over the weekends. Members of the community can be a part by volunteering to sack the

food. It just takes a couple hours of your time and the work is very rewarding. To volunteer, just show up at the time and dates listed. For more information, call, 432-935-3998.

If you want additional information about getting your child on this program please contact your child's school.

• Each week Kindred offers free health checks from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the Corner House Coffee Shop, 1701 Scurry St.

• Seniors and mature adults are invited to a dance on the first, third and fifth Friday of each month at the Dora Roberts Community Center.

Dances are from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. with live bands. No alcohol or smoking permitted. There will be a pot luck as well so bring a dish if you want to eat.

Cost has dropped to \$5 per person thanks to a sponsor Marcy House, 2301 Wasson Road.

• Howard County Republicans meet the second Monday of each month. Club members meet in the Cactus Room at Howard College at 11:30 a.m. for Dutch treat lunch and meeting at 12 p.m.

• The Christensen-Tucker Post-2013 Veterans of Foreign Wars meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7 pm at 500 Driver Road. For more information, contact David Leonard, Post Commander, at 432-816-6004. All combat veterans of foreign wars are invited to come.

• The Big Spring Symphony Board of Directors meets every first Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. at the symphony office, 808 Scurry Street.

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Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **KELLY PATRICK AMOS**, 60, of 902 S San Antonio St., was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **RICHARD LEE OLIVAS**, 31, of 3306 Bryant Rd., was arrested on an outstanding warrant.
- **RICHARD PAUL LYONS**, 63, of 1201 E 17th St., Rear, was arrested on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.
- **LANCE WAYNE BIDDLE LAND**, 29, of 1102 Sycamore St., was arrested by BSPD on a charge of criminal trespass.
- **ACCIDENT MAJOR** was reported on I-20 East-Bound Milemarker 179.
- **STOLEN VEHICLE** was reported in the 900 block of N Lamesa Hwy.
- **FOLLOW UP REPORT** was reported at All Washed Up, and Limestone Ridge.
- **ACCIDENT MINOR** was reported on 11th and Birdwell.
- **UNATTENDED DEATH** was reported in the 500 block of S bell St.

Support Groups

MONDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous, As Bill Sees it, 615 Settles, 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

TUESDAY

• Big Spring and Snyder Parkinson's Support Group meeting at the Big Spring Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month.

This is a group for all Parkinson's Disease patients, spouses and caregivers.

For more information about the support group or about Parkinson's Disease, contact Jo Bidwell at the Lubbock APDA office at 806-785-0942.

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; newcomers meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

• A six-week course in Wellness and Quality of Life with Chronic Pain will be held at Spring Creek Fellowship at the Spring Town Plaza, 1801 E. FM 700. There is no charge for the course, and a workbook will be provided. Contact Steve Purdy at 432-517-4840 for more information.

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; open 12 and 12 study meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

• RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy) a chronic pain disease, a support and informative group, meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at 432-517-9207 for more information.

THURSDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open discussion noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Newcomers' meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

• Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. Weigh-in is confidential and you don't have to talk if you don't want to. Flexible payment options.

• Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder support group meeting is at 6:30 p.m. at the VA Medical Center Veteran's Healing Center.

• Bring Everyone Into The Zone, or BEITZ Support Group, is a veteran-based peer group. The purpose of the group is to provide peer-to-peer support to service members, veterans and families, especially those suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), traumatic brain injury (TBI), military sexual trauma (MST) and other traumatic events in their lives. BEITZ meets every Thursday at 6 p.m. t 501 Birdwell Lane. For more information, email francisco.garza@wtcmhmr.org, or call 432-268-3003.

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Bulldogs win Mary Tatum Holiday Classic championship



Courtesy photo/Lyndel Moody

The Coahoma Bulldogs varsity team and Head Basketball Coach Joe Mireles pose for a group photo with their championship trophy after winning 58-48 over Reagan County in the Mary Tatum Holiday Classic tournament held this past Friday and Saturday, Dec. 28-29. Pictured are from back, left, Joe Manning, Marcus Martinez, Zack Schneider, Kolt Redden, Gage Clark-Burdell, Bryson Cline, Joe Mireles, and front, left, Brant Gartman, Gage Hill, Braxton Chandler, and Brice Martin. The Bulldogs went 3-0 in the tournament.

Special to the Herald

BIG LAKE — After a hard-fought game, the Coahoma Bulldogs came out on top in the 18th Mary Tatum Holiday Classic championship match 58-48 over the Reagan County Owls Saturday.

Gage Clark-Burdell had a game high of 17 points and Joe Manning added 16 to lead the Bulldogs to the championship title.

Manning's performance on the court during the tournament turned more than a few heads. The Coahoma senior was named the Most Valuable Player. Clark-Burdell and Bryson Cline were named to All-Tournament.

Overall, the Bulldogs went 3-0 in the two day event.

The Bulldogs started out strong and fast on the court against the Owls. Bryson Cline began and ended the first quarter nailing a 3-point goal and in between the Bulldogs built an 8-point advantage over the Owls (20-12).

It was Manning who started off a Bulldog 12-point, 3-minute drive by sinking a free throw and two 2-point baskets in succession. Clark-Burdell added

5 more to the scoreboard including netting a basket from behind the arc and Zack Schneider capped off the run with a 2-point jump shot before Reagan County answered back.

After Martin Brice dropped the ball in for 2, the Bulldogs had a comfortable lead of 11 points. However, comfortable is not a state of mind any competitor should keep as the Owls proved by cutting their deficit to just 5. Then Cline nailed his second 3-point shot of the night to end the quarter.

With burst of speed, Manning started off the second quarter with two 2-point baskets and two more at the charity strip, but the Reagan County squad picked up steam on offense. The Owls headed into the locker room down only by 6 (31-25).

Returning for the second half, Clark-Burdell scored for Coahoma with a jump shot at the 7:42 mark then both teams fell into a rut at the post with several missed baskets and turnovers. However, Reagan County did come within 1 point of tying (33-32) before Coahoma snatched back the momentum of the game after Clark-Burdell buried a shot followed by a second basket from Gage Hill. Then

Manning, Cline, and Clark-Burdell all scored to widen the lead 43-33 by the end of the third quarter.

Scoring wide open in the fourth as both teams brought in 15 points each. Hill, who earlier in the quarter nailed a 3-point shot, dropped in the last basket of the game to salt away the victory for Coahoma.

Next: The Bulldogs return to district action when they take on the Buffaloes in Stanton Friday.

COAHOMA 58, REAGAN COUNTY 48

Coahoma: 20, 11, 12, 15 — 58

Reagan County: 12, 13, 8, 15 — 48

Coahoma — Brice Martin 2, Joe Manning 16, Zack Schneider 6, Gage Hill 9, Bryson Cline 8, Gage Clark-Burdell 17.

Reagan County — Jaden Gonzalez 1, Isaiah Perez 5, Pablo Hernandez 16, Isaac Perez 4, Jacob Gallegos 7, Justin Chavez 7, Skyler Smith 8.

Free Throws — Coahoma 8-21, Reagan County 5-7; Three-Point Goals — Coahoma 4 (Cine 2, Hill, Clark-Burdell), Reagan County 3 (Hernandez 2, Perez); Total Team Fouls — Coahoma 13, Reagan County 16.



Courtesy photo/Lyndel Moody

Coahoma Bulldog player Joe Manning, No. 5, holds his MVP trophy of the Mary Tatum Holiday Classic while surrounded by his family following the championship game on Saturday, Dec. 29, 2018, in Big Lake. Bulldog teammates Gage Clark-Burdell, Bryson Cline and Coahoma Bulldogette player Caitlyn Corley were named to All-Tournament.

Corley earns All-Tournament nod, Bulldogettes go 2-2 in Reagan Co. tourney



Courtesy photo/Lyndel Moody

Caitlyn Corley heads down court during the Coahoma/Marfa game held Friday, Dec. 28, 2018, in Big Lake. Corley was named All-Tournament in the Mary Tatum Holiday Classic basketball tournament.

Special to the Herald

BIG LAKE — The Coahoma Bulldogettes wrapped up the 88th annual Mary Tatum Holiday Classic tournament with a 2-2 record. Coahoma won against Reagan County but lost to Monahans on Saturday.

Caitlyn Corley had a game high of 16 points in the Bulldogettes 29-25 win over the Reagan County Lady Owls. Corley had a standout per-

formance on the court during the two day tournament which earned her a spot on the All-Tournament list.

Next: The Bulldogettes travel to Stanton to take on the Lady Buffaloes in 5-3A district play Friday.

COAHOMA 29, REAGAN COUNTY 25

Coahoma: 12, 2, 14, 1 — 29

Reagan County: 4, 7, 6, 8 — 25

Coahoma — Caitlyn

Corley 16, Paige Atkins 1, Jovi Gonzales 8, Abbie Lopez 2, Cassie Grant 2.

Reagan County — Clarissa Flores 2, Shayla Sosa 4, Nivea Goodloe 2, Shyan Darr 4, Paige Baggett 2, Delaney Yanez 2, Melissa Hernandez 9.

Free Throws — Coahoma 1-3, Reagan County 1-6; Total Team Fouls — Coahoma 7, Reagan County 10.

Aldridge scores 38 to lead Spurs past Clippers 122-111



AP photo

San Antonio Spurs forward Davis Bertans, left, reaches for a rebound as Los Angeles Clippers forward Tobias Harris grabs it while guard Patty Mills, right, watches during the first half of an NBA basketball game Saturday, Dec. 29, 2018, in Los Angeles.

By DAN GREENSPAN

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The consistency that has been a staple of the San Antonio Spurs under coach Gregg Popovich eluded them to start this season.

The Spurs seem to have rediscovered it, especially in the second half of games, as the Los Angeles Clippers found out during a dominant third quarter.

LaMarcus Aldridge scored 38 points and the Spurs beat the Clippers 122-111 on Saturday night.

DeMar DeRozan had 25 points, 13 rebounds and six assists for the Spurs, who won for the fifth time in their past seven games.

"It's understanding our mistakes," DeRozan said. "Understanding we got to come out the second half with that intensity. We do it at home, but trying to generate our home energy on the road, trying to be more conscious of that."

Coming out of the locker room with the game tied at 56, the Spurs outscored the Clippers 39-19 in the third

quarter. Defense fueled offense as San Antonio turned six Los Angeles turnovers into 12 points and had a 14-0 edge in fast-break points.

"Our confidence is definitely showing (offensively) once we go out there and play defense like we know how to do it," said DeRozan, who scored nine points in the quarter.

Los Angeles trailed by as many as 24 in the fourth quarter before cutting the margin, but never seriously threatened San Antonio after half-time.

It was the second straight win by San Antonio over Los Angeles. The Spurs' 125-87 victory at home on Dec. 13 is their largest margin of victory this season.

"It felt like they had more energy, they were far more physical than us," Clippers coach Doc Rivers said. "I think the last two times we have played them they have been the more physical team. We just have to go look at it and see what we didn't do right, and it was a lot."

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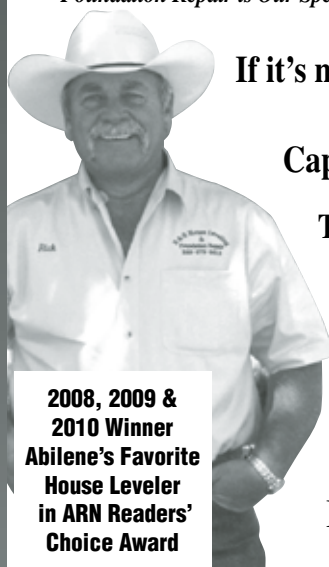
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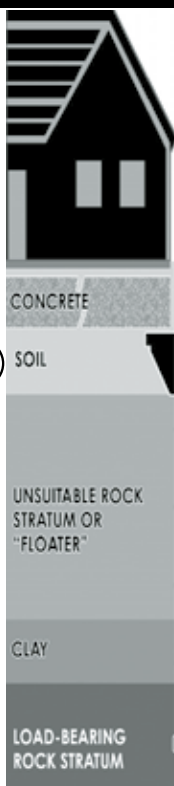
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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Famous Hand

North dealer.
East-West vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ 4
♥ 10 7 6 4 2
♦ 9
♣ K 9 8 7 4 3

WEST
♠ K 9 5 2
♥ K 8
♦ K 8 6 5
♣ Q 5 2

EAST
♠ 7 3
♥ A Q J 9 5 3
♦ A Q J 10
♣ 6

SOUTH
♠ A Q J 10 8 6
♥ —
♦ 7 4 3 2
♣ A J 10

The bidding:
North East South West
Pass 1♥ 4♠ Dble
Opening lead — king of hearts.

The final of the 1995 Women's Knockout Team Championship came down to a clash between a United States squad and a visiting team from China that had previously won four Far Eastern bridge titles.

Today's deal produced a huge gain for the Americans, who won the match by more than 100 IMPs. The bidding shown occurred at the table where the mother-and-daughter pair of Gail Greenberg and Jill Blanchard were North-South for the U.S.

Blanchard ruffed the heart lead and led a diamond. West thought long and hard about whether to win this trick. She felt it might be vital to return a spade to prevent declarer

from ruffing a diamond in dummy, and was not sure East would have a spade to return. At length, she put up the diamond king, but East overtook with the ace and returned a trump.

Declarer finessed, losing the queen to the king, at which point the defense could have cashed three diamond tricks to secure a two-trick set. But West returned a heart, ruffed by Blanchard, who drew West's remaining trumps while exhausting her own. It now remained for declarer to guess the club position.

Blanchard deduced from the early play that East had started with the A-Q-J of hearts and A-Q-J of diamonds. If East had held the club queen, she would have opened the bidding with one club to show 16 or more points in accordance with the Precision System the Chinese were using. So Blanchard knew West had the club queen, but the suit would block if she led the ace followed by the jack and West covered.

Displaying nerves of steel and absolute confidence in her own judgment, Blanchard led the ten of clubs and let it ride when West played low. The ace of clubs followed by the king then gave her 11 tricks for a score of +690.

At the other table, the U.S. East-West pair played in four hearts doubled, making five for +990. This result, combined with the +690 at the first table, gave the Americans a 17-IMP pickup on the deal.

Tomorrow: The delicate art of defense.
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Mars Pops the Champagne

Mars pops the Champagne bottle with his homecoming to Aries on this New Year's Eve. This high-energy position for Mars amplifies his warrior spirit and signals figurative fireworks at the celebration of life, be it a party for one or a ball-dropping big-city bash. There's an intensity going into 2019 that we haven't felt in a while. Delicious anticipation!

ARIES (March 21-April 19). In order to be acceptable to yourself, to be deserving of happiness and to know that you are more than enough, what exactly would you have to do? Let's hope the answer is "nothing." You're already worthy.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). If you're in a place where you're discouraged to be who you are, leave. Why should you willingly subject yourself to rejection? Also, note that no one benefits in an environment where people are scared to be themselves.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Because you're willing to ask why a bothersome thing keeps occurring, you'll finally get somewhere with altering the dynamics. Start by examining the chain of thoughts that leads up to the unwanted circumstances.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). When you purge the old, you make way for the new. When you get something new without purging the old, you create a need for a more intricate organizational system. It still could work; it's just a little more complicated.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). From large-scale enterprises to the smallest transactions, the bottom-line principle remains the same: To have a surplus, you must take in more than you put out. The question now is, How much surplus do you really need?

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). It makes no sense to totally avoid negativity, because for starters, you can't. What you

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS



leadership, yet you're the one who sees clear ways to doing things better. It would be a shame to hoard the information. You might as well step up.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Dec. 31). You'll get a spectacular sign pointing to the exact work necessary to augment your fortunes. Other highlights of the solar journey include a small but hugely meaningful personal victory, the rapt attention of a VIP you want to impress and the great relief of knowing that you owe no one and no one owes you. Pisces and Taurus adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 28, 9, 30, 44 and 14.

YOUR MANTRA FOR 2019: ARIES: I'm proud to live in a way that contributes daily to the healing of the planet. **TAURUS:** Everything I need to succeed is already in me or around me, and I get better at putting it together with every effort I make. **GEMINI:** There is an abundance of love flowing through my life, and all I have to do is take the ride. **CANCER:** There are endless options, and I have an excellent sense for finding a good fit. **LEO:** I am free to see the way to expressing my truest self. I am free to do what I want. **VIRGO:** I'm easy to love, and my relationships flow beautifully. I love myself and accept love readily. **LIBRA:** I am a benevolent and tolerant force, and I make a difference in the world just by being me. **SCORPIO:** I am the power in my own life, and I'm free to make choices for my highest and best. **SAGITTARIUS:** I direct my passion fire where it is needed and will do the most good for myself and others. **CAPRICORN:** I'm here to be inspired and to inspire others daily. **AQUARIUS:** Joyfulness is my natural state. **PISCES:** My powers of flexibility allow me to see life from many vantage points and choose the experience I want to have.

can do, though, is make the most of potentially negative situations and see the best in people.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). People really do live in different worlds, and the rules vary from world to world, too. Learning the culture of another person's reality will broaden you just as much as the mental expansion induced by travel with a passport.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Maybe it goes without saying that relationships and people are always more important than material interests. Indeed, you don't have to say it, because your actions prove it, setting a precedent for anyone needing a reminder.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Every time you act in accordance with your independent spirit, you act in resistance of the evil in the world that keeps people subservient to intolerant, toxic systems that use fear as a means of control.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Your friends have their idiosyncrasies, and you don't necessarily need them to conform to your way of doing things. However, certain group projects only work if you're all on the same page. Communicate.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Should you withdraw to your inner sanctuary, you may not immediately find order there, but spend a little more time and you'll start to understand what needs to be done to restore the peace.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You don't want the pressures of

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



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6:30	Jeopardy!	Rosa de Guadalupe	Big Bang	CBS 7	Latin American	News	Families	PBS News-Hour	M*A*S*H	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Scores	SportCtr	Mavericks	Law & Order: SVU	PD Cam	Street Out-laws	
7:30	Dick Clark's New Year's	Rosa de Guadalupe	Fox's New Year's Eve With Steve H.	Neighbor Happy	Magnum P.I.	A Toast to 2018!	News	Antiques Roadshow	Griffith	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	College Football: TaxSlayer Gator Bowl	Boxing	NBA Basketball: Mavericks at Thunder	WWE Monday Night RAW	PD Cam	Street Out-laws	
8:30	Dick Clark's	FOX 24 News at 9	Bull	Latin American	New Year's	Light of Southwest	News	Antiques Roadshow	Griffith	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Movie: Central Intelligence (DVS)	Ariel Helwani's MMA Show	Mavs	PD Cam	Street Out-laws		
9:30	Big 2	TMZ	CBS 7	Tele	News	News	News	Antiques Roadshow	Griffith	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	SportsCenter	Mavericks	Law & Order: SVU	Live PD Presents			
10:30	Dick Clark's New Year's	Mom	Late Show-Colbert	Titulares	New Year's	American House	American House	Antiques Roadshow	Griffith	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Supernatural	UFC	Red Bull Cliff Diving	Law & Order: SVU	PD Cam	Street Out-laws	
11:30	Dick Clark's	James Corden	Milagros de Navidad	Tonight Show	Seth Meyers	Creation	Emery	Antiques Roadshow	Griffith	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	SportsCenter	NBA Basketball: Mavericks at Thunder	Law & Order: SVU	PD Cam	Street Out-laws		
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ANDY CAPP

MISTER CAPP, I CAN'T UNDERSTAND WHY YOU ARE SO BROKE. WHAT DO YOU SPEND YOUR MONEY ON?

WELL, LAD, THERE'S BEER, OF COURSE, BETTING ON THE HORSES AND DOGS, POKER...

WHATEVER IS LEFT OVER I TEND TO WASTE

AGNES

WE SHOULD PLAN WHEN TO PLAN OUR NEW YEAR'S EVE PLANNING MEETING.

I CAN'T PLAN ON ANY PLANS RIGHT NOW. I HAVE PLANS FOR NOW.

SO WHEN WOULD BE A GOOD TIME TO PLAN IT?

TUESDAY.

NEW YEAR'S EVE IS OVER BY TUESDAY.

WE JUST WON'T INVITE PEOPLE WHO ARE PICKY ABOUT THINGS LIKE THAT.

ARCHIE

PSST! LOOK-- LEROY AND HIS PALS ARE WAITING TO PELT US WITH SNOWBALLS!

FORTUNATELY, I DODGE REAL WELL!

I DON'T!

THWAP! WAP! SMAK!

ONE BIG HAPPY

IT WAS GREAT!

WE'LL CHECK IT OUT!

THAT MAN AND LADY MUST BE MARRIED TO EACH OTHER!

WHAT MAKES YOU THINK SO, RUTHIE?

BECAUSE MARRIED PEOPLE USUALLY SEEM HAPPY TALKING TO OTHER PEOPLE.

MOMMA

WELL, IT'S 11:59 AND 50 SECONDS... IN TEN SECONDS WE'LL START A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

1...2...3... 4...5...6... 7...8...9... TEN!

WELL?

NEST HEAD

IT DOESN'T FEEL LIKE NEW YEAR'S EVE WITHOUT DICK CLARK.

I FEEL THE SAME WAY ABOUT GUY LOMBARDO.

GUY LOMBARDO DIDN'T SEEM ETERNALLY YOUNG.

YET ANOTHER POINT IN HIS FAVOR.

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This Date In History

Today is Monday, Dec. 31, the 365th and final day of 2018.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 31, 1972, Major League baseball player Roberto Clemente, 38, was killed when a plane he chartered and was traveling on to bring relief supplies to earthquake-devastated Nicaragua crashed shortly after takeoff from Puerto Rico.

On this date:

In 1759, Arthur Guinness founded his famous brewery at St. James's Gate in Dublin.

In 1775, during the Revolutionary War, the British repulsed an attack by Continental Army generals Richard Montgomery and Benedict Arnold at Quebec; Montgomery was killed.

In 1879, Thomas Edison first publicly demonstrated his electric incandescent light by illuminating some 40 bulbs at his laboratory in Menlo Park, New Jersey.

In 1904, New York's Times Square saw its first New Year's Eve celebration, with an estimated 200,000 people in attendance.

In 1946, President Harry S. Truman officially proclaimed the end of hostilities in World War II.

In 1951, the Marshall Plan expired after distributing more than \$12 billion in foreign aid.

In 1985, singer Rick Nelson, 45, and six other people were killed when fire broke out aboard a DC-3 that was taking the group to a New Year's Eve performance in Dallas.

In 1986, 97 people were killed when fire broke out in the Dupont Plaza Hotel in San Juan, Puerto Rico. (Three hotel workers later pleaded guilty in connection with the blaze.)

In 1987, Robert Mugabe (moo-GAH'-bay) was sworn in as Zimbabwe's first executive president.

In 1995, the syndicated comic strip "Calvin and Hobbes," created by Bill Watterson, came to an end after a 10-year run.

In 1997, Michael Kennedy, the 39-year-old son of the late Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, was killed in a skiing accident on Aspen Mountain in Colorado. Pianist Floyd Cramer died in Nashville at age 64.

In 2001, New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani spent his final day in office praising police, firefighters, and other city employees in

the wake of 9/11, and said he had no regrets about returning to private life.

Ten years ago: The U.N. Security Council held an emergency meeting on an Arab request for a binding and enforceable resolution condemning Israel and halting its military attacks on Gaza. A man left four gift-wrapped bombs in downtown Aspen, Colo. in a bank-robbery attempt, turning New Year's Eve celebrations into a mass evacuation. (The man, identified as 72-year-old James Chester Blanning, shot and killed himself.)

Five years ago: Only hours before the law was to take effect, Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor, acting on a request from an organization of Catholic nuns in Denver, blocked implementation of part of President Barack Obama's health care law that would have forced some religion-affiliated organizations to provide health insurance for employees that included birth control. Character actor James Avery, who'd played the Honorable Philip Banks in "The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air," died in Glendale, California, at age 68.

One year ago: New Yorkers endured the second-coldest New Year's Eve celebration on record; the temperature in the city was 10 degrees Fahrenheit as a glittering crystal ball dropped with a burst of confetti and dazzling fireworks in Times Square. Bitterly cold temperatures spread across the Deep South; the dangerous temperatures would grip wide areas of the U.S. from Texas to New England for days. The Cleveland Browns joined the 2008 Detroit Lions as the only teams in NFL history to go 0-and-16, losing to the Pittsburgh Steelers 28-24. On the last day of the year, "Star Wars: The Last Jedi" surpassed "Beauty and the Beast" as the top-grossing film in North America in 2017.

Today's Birthdays: TV producer George Schlatter is 89. Actor Sir Anthony Hopkins is 81. Actor Tim Considine (TV: "My Three Sons") is 78. Actress Sarah Miles is 77.

Rock musician Andy Summers is 76. Actor Sir Ben Kingsley is 75. Producer-director Taylor Hackford is 74. Fashion designer Diane von Furstenberg is 72. Actor Tim Matheson is 71. Pop singer Burton Cummings is 71. Actor Joe Dallesandro is 70. Rock musician Tom Hamilton (Aerosmith) is 67. Actor James Remar is 65. Actress Bebe Neuwirth is 60.

Actor Val Kilmer is 59. Singer Paul Westerberg is 59. Actor Don Diamont is 56. Rock musician Ric Ivanisevich (Oleander) is 56. Rock musician Scott Ian (Anthrax) is 55. Actress Gong Li is 53. Author Nicholas Sparks is 53. Actor Lance Reddick is 49. Pop singer Joe McIntyre is 46. Rock musician Mikko Siren (Apocalyptica) is 43. Donald

Trump Jr. is 41. Rapper PSY (Park Jae-sang) is 41. Rock musician Bob Bryar is 39. Rock musician Jason Sechrist (Portugal. The Man) is 39. Actor/singer Erich Bergen is 33. DJ/vocalist Drew Taggart (The Chainsmokers) is 29. Olympic gold medal gymnast Gabby Douglas is 23.

Newsday Crossword

FOR NEW YEAR'S EVE by Sandy Fein
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Thought for Today:

"Though the past haunts me as a spirit, I do not ask to forget."

Felicia Dorothea Browne Hemans
English poet (1793-1835)

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Answer to previous puzzle

WHARFRATS FUMED
HONORARIA AGORA
AHAMOMENT ALOES
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Prescott throws 4 TDs, Cowboys rally to beat Giants

By TOM CANAVAN

AP Sports Writer
EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Don't tell Dak Prescott and the Dallas Cowboys their regular-season finale against the New York Giants was a meaningless game.

They played it to the end and got momentum for the playoffs, in which they will host Seattle next weekend.

Prescott threw a 32-yard fourth-down touchdown pass to Cole Beasley on a play that was reversed by video replay and added a winning 2-point conversion pass to Michael Gallup with 1:12 to play as the NFC East champion Cowboys rallied twice in the final 10 minutes to beat the New York Giants 36-35 on Sunday.

"You saw it out there, the intensity that we played with, the ups and the downs and how we stayed through it," Prescott said after going 27 of 44 for 387 yards and a season-high four touchdowns, three to tight end Blake Jarwin. "We stayed positive, knowing we were going to give ourselves a chance to come out on the end. It was a great win."

The win was the seventh in eight games for the Cowboys and it has them looking forward to next weekend's wild-card game at home.

Dallas coach Jason Garrett downplayed the meaningless angle, even though he rested NFL leading rusher Ezekiel Elliott and two of his top offensive linemen.

"That might be for people outside our building, talking about the meaningful or meaningless nature of a game," Garrett said. "They're all very meaningful to us. It's opportunity for us to improve as a football team, to finish strong, to have some momentum going into the playoffs."

For the Giants (5-11), it was another late loss. They lost eight games by seven points or less in Pat Shurmur's first season, the last two by a total of two points.



Dallas Cowboys' Blake Jarwin, center, evades New York Giants defenders to score a touchdown during the second half of an NFL football game, Sunday, Dec. 30, 2018, in East Rutherford, N.J.

This also could have been quarterback Eli Manning's final start for them after a 15-year career. He has a year left on a four-year contract but his salary will count \$23 million against the cap next season.

The soon-to-be 38 year old who is not very mobile still loves to play, but New York has made the playoffs once since winning the Super Bowl in February 2012.

"The losses hurt and they are tough to deal with," said Manning who went 24 of 41 for 301 yards and two touchdowns. "They are tougher now than in the past because you know your opportunities are running low to make playoffs and championship runs. When you are not doing as well as you want to, it is tough to handle."

Saquon Barkley capped a record-setting rookie season with a sensational 2-yard touchdown dive with 3:21 to play to put the Giants ahead 35-28

However, Prescott engineered a nine-play, 70-yard drive that he ended with an arching pass to Beasley in

the back of the end zone. There was no doubt he caught the ball, and a review showed he got his knee down in bounds.

"That was as good a play as I've ever seen him (Prescott) make, and Beasley made a big-time catch at the end of it," Garrett said, adding it made no sense to go to overtime with a playoff game next week.

Barkley finished with 109 yards rushing and 142 yards from scrimmage. He ended the season with 91 catches, breaking Reggie Bush's NFL record (88) for most receptions by a rookie running back. The No. 2 overall pick also finished with 2,028 yards from scrimmage, joining Hall of Famer Eric Dickerson (2,212 yards in 1983) and Edgerrin James (2,139 in 1999) as the only rookies with at least 2,000 scrimmage yards in NFL history.

Prescott hit Jarwin on scoring passes of 13, 19 and 39 yards. His 49-yard pass set up Rod Smith's 1-yard TD run.

Manning had TD passes of 21 yards

to Cody Latimer and 6 to Evan Engram, who also caught a 2-point conversion pass. Wayne Gallman added a 2-yard TD run and Aldrick Rosas kicked two field goals.

INJURIES

Cowboys: G Xavier Su'a-Filo started with Zack Martin out and was hurt in the third quarter. WR Tavon Austin, who has been sidelined since Week 6 with a groin injury, returned to action. LB Leighton Vander Esch left the field with a lower-leg injury. He said it was minor.

Giants: Backup CB Grant Haley left in the first half with a concussion. WR-returner Corey Coleman sustained a second-half foot injury.

RUSHING TITLE, YARDS FROM SCRIMMAGE

Elliott won the NFL rushing title with 1,434 yards. Barkley finished second with 1,307 and Todd Gurley, who like Elliott did not play Sunday, dropped to third with 1,251 yards. Barkley's 142 yards from scrimmage allowed him to lead the league. Elliott finished second with 2,001 and Christian McCaffrey of the Panthers was third with 1,965.

NOTES

Jarwin's TD catches were his first three in the NFL. ... Giants LB Olivier Vernon had 2½ sacks and six QB hits. ... Dallas CB Chidobe Awuzie had an end-zone interception on the Giants' opening drive. Dallas' DeMarcus Lawrence had a strip-sack that fellow lineman Antwaun Woods recovered. ... Giants LB B.J. Goodson recovered Amari Cooper's fumble caused by DL Kerry Wynn.

UP NEXT

Cowboys: A wild-card game at home next weekend against Seattle. The Seahawks beat Dallas in Seattle in Week 3.

Giants: Go home and get ready for next season, with questions about Manning remaining their quarterback.

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New downtown park and plaza coming to Big Spring



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In this computer-generated artist's rendition of the proposed new city park, the viewer looks northwestward from the parking lot to be situated on the south side of the park, toward the Settles Hotel, which bounds the park's west side. In the image, the proposed pavilion and greenery can be seen. Unless there is an event going on, the park will be open for public use, according to City Manager Todd Darden.

By **ROGER CLINE**
Staff Writer

A new park and entertainment plaza is in the works for Big Spring.

City Manager Todd Darden discussed the project - which will be jointly funded by the city of Big Spring and Cap Rock Holding Corp., a company owned by G. Brint Ryan. Through another venture, the Settles Hotel Development Co., Ryan bought and restored the famous Big Spring landmark, the Settles hotel.

Darden said the project, at this point, has a projected total cost of about \$3.7 million. Although the arrangement was originally a two-thirds/one-third split, with the city paying one-third of the total cost, Darden said the agreement limits the city to a \$1 million outlay. The rest of the cost will be borne by Cap Rock Holding.

"I think (Ryan) said \$3.7 million," Darden said. "But we're only on the hook for our \$1 million. We can't go over that because that's what we originally agreed to."

Negotiations currently underway with Cap Rock holding involve what exactly the city's portion of the cost will consist of.

"What he basically wanted from us was \$1 million cash. It was a two-thirds/one-third split. Our one-third would be a million," Darden said. "Brint has said that we can do a portion of ours in-kind. What we're trying to do right now is nail down what

that in-kind can be. It could be materials and labor, it has to be associated with public use, those kind of things. We're even talking about a long-term lease with an option to buy."

The park and plaza will be located between the Settles Hotel and the West Texas Centers for MHMR administrative building on the west, and the City Hall and Municipal Auditorium on the east. On the north and south, it will be bounded by Third and Fourth streets, respectively. The section of Johnson Street between Third and Fourth will be closed and incorporated into the park.

According to Darden, the park - which is as yet unnamed - will include an outdoor pavilion suitable for small-venue concerts, grassy areas, parking, and a gated area for private events.

"During the day, when we're not having any performance or use of it, it's open to the general public," he said. "We'll be using the parking for our City Hall parking lot. If you want to go over there and eat you a sandwich right there in the grass, it'll be open. Green grassy areas, half of it, and parking on the other half, primarily for

City Hall on one side and West Texas Centers on the other."



HERALD photo/Roger Cline

Big Spring's Tourism Coordinator Hayley Herrera of the Convention and Visitors Bureau recently created "Big Spring, Texas: The Official Visitor Guide," a magazine publication highlighting many of the town's attractions and events through stories and photography. The Guide is available at the Big Spring Visitors Center, 113 E. Third St.

By **ROGER CLINE**
Staff Writer

What's your favorite thing about Big Spring?

Chances are, you'll find it in the new "Big Spring, Texas, Official Visitor Guide" created and published by the Big Spring Convention and Visitors Bureau.

"We have done a Visitors Guide brochure forever," said Big Spring Tourism Coordinator Hayley Herrera. "(Community Services Director) Debbie (Wegman) and I sat down and talked about expanding

Steers take championship at Fort Stockton meet



Courtesy photo

The Big Spring High School Steers and Lady Steers powerlifting teams pose with head powerlifting coach Chris McWilliams and assistant coach Jeff Pannell after their outstanding showing at the January 20 meet in Fort Stockton. The Lady Steers brought home 5th place while the Steers brought home the Championship title out of 10 other teams.

New Big Spring Visitor Guide available at CVB

It. We have a lot more to offer that we felt like the brochure wasn't being able to share with visitors. I had looked at several other visitors centers and visitors bureaus that were doing magazines. You can just go into a lot more depth about things. You can share more about the attractions and things when you have 40 pages to work with instead of just three. We sat down and decided that, especially with our brand-new website that we launched in April, that it was easier and better to be able to share everything that we have to offer in a magazine form."

Herrera said the CVB partnered with Raymond Johnston and West Texas Travel Hosts.

"It is a quarterly publication. We contracted with him, and he and his graphic designer did all the graphic design of it," she said. "I gave all the information. We supplied all of the pictures, and I kind of had veto power over everything that they did. It took a while because there was a lot of back and forth over what we really wanted. But I'd say that when we really sat down and truly started working on it, and I finally got all the information to them, it probably took about three months of actually working on the magazine."

The graphic design of the magazine was planned to match the city's website.

"I think it is simple but still bold. It matches our website.

That's why we picked the color scheme; we tried to keep everything very cohesive with our website," said Herrera. "I think it turned out beautiful. They did such a good job with the graphics. It stands out, but it's not too much. It doesn't overwhelm you."

A couple of local photographers also helped with the job.

"There are a lot of pictures. I'd say, the text is pretty good. I'd say it's about 50-50, text and pictures. Maybe 60-40," Herrera said. "Most of our pictures were taken by Bruce Schooler of Red Barn Studios. He takes a ton of our pictures. Some of the photos were also taken by Alonzo Echavarría. He's the former assistant finance director. He took some of the pictures as well, when he was working for the city."

The photographic artwork really makes the magazine "pop."

"I think it's laid out beautifully, and it makes it even more intriguing. You see it in paper, you see it in the magazine, you see the beautiful pictures, and you think, 'Wow! I really want to visit there!' or 'Man! I've lived here my whole life and I didn't know about the Vietnam Memorial' or 'I didn't know about Hangar 25 museum,'" she said. "When you see a magazine, everything needs to look beautiful, and I think Big Spring does a really good job of translating. Like, when you see it, and then you go to the Spring, and it's still as beautiful as the pictures, or more so. Same thing with the State Park. You can't capture that in a magazine. So I think that's important."



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February

Harmony, orchestra, wow audience at Winter Wonderland Concert



HERALD photo/Roger Cline

Guest Conductor John Giordano congratulates 12-year-old pianist Harmony Zhu after her performance with the Big Spring Symphony Orchestra Saturday evening. Zhu, a Juilliard student, is a prodigy in both piano and chess, in which she won the world championship for her age group when she was eight years old.

By ROGER CLINE
Staff Writer

Big Spring residents were lifted on wings of song Saturday evening at this year's Big Spring Symphony Orchestra Winter Wonderland Concert, held in the Municipal Auditorium.

Young Harmony Zhu, 12, joined the orchestra in the first half of the evening's show, performing Frédéric Chopin's Piano Concerto No. 1 in E Minor. World-renowned conductor John Giordano of Fort Worth, a frequent guest conductor with the BSSO, directed the concert.

"I had lots and lots of fun," said Zhu following the concert. "I really enjoyed it. It was much better than the rehearsals and the audience was really supportive!"

Zhu, a student at New York's Juilliard School, is a prodigy both on the piano keyboard and the chessboard; not only has she traveled all over the world performing at such venues as Carnegie Hall and Lincoln Center, and with orchestras in Philadelphia, Detroit, Europe, and Asia; she also earned the title "Woman Candidate Master" in chess at the age of seven, and won the World Youth Chess Championships, held in

the United Arab Emirates, at age 8.

"Harmony is as extraordinary as I thought she would be," said Giordano. "She's just a magnificent artist and she's going to have a great future. And I thought the orchestra stepped up to the occasion. That concerto, by the way, is probably the most difficult concerto in the entire repertoire to accompany. It's extremely difficult to put together. And the orchestra and she just made it work beautifully. So it was very rewarding. And the Brahms they played very well. It was a real honor to be here."

The "Brahms" Giordano mentioned came in the second half of the concert: The Symphony No. 4 in E Minor by Johannes Brahms. Giordano led the orchestra – without Zhu this time – through the work's four exquisite movements.

BSSO Music Director Dr. Keith Graumann praised the performance by Zhu, Giordano, and the orchestra.

"It was a great concert. Both the Chopin and the Brahms were great," he said. "Harmony did an exceptional job! I don't think we'll ever have a guest artist as young and

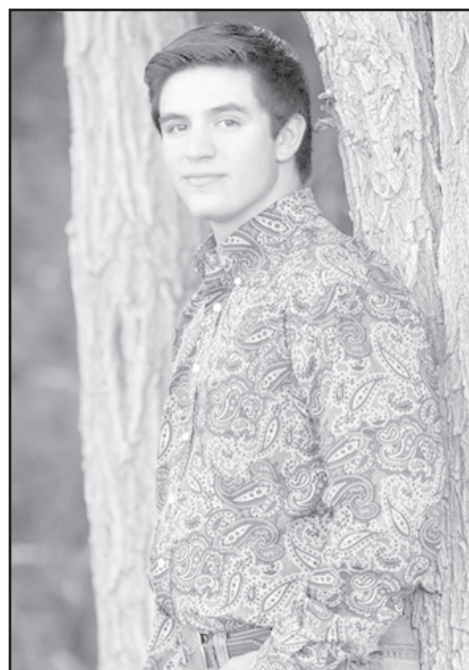
as good as Harmony. She's just exceptional, and very well received. It was a great audience."

Prior to the concert, at Friday's Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meeting, Giordano commented on Big Spring's good fortune in having the BSSO.

"This is extraordinary what Dr. Graumann has done, because it's very difficult to put together a symphony orchestra anywhere," Giordano said. "It's an astonishing thing that he's not only put together a symphony orchestra in a city that's not as large as some of the other cities around;

the quality is far beyond that. I've conducted the Midland-Odessa Symphony as well, and I'd rather conduct this orchestra, because they play with such emotion, and they're involved, and they have such great spirit. They want to do the best they can. It's not just another job for them. They don't have to come here and do this, they come because they love Keith. They love the music he programs, and there's good camaraderie in the group. It's just a very unusual situation. I can't think of any place else in the United States like this."

Big Spring High School senior makes history



Courtesy photo

Pictured above is Big Spring High School Senior Ranen Wilson

By ERIN STEPHENS

Big Spring High school senior Ranen Wilson has accomplished a monumental feat by obtaining membership into the Texas All-State Choir four consecutive years in a row. He attained the highest honor any high school musician could ever achieve in the state of Texas. Making the Texas All-State Choir just one time is impressive enough but doing it four times is something very few students in the state will ever do. "Last month I had an audition for Texas Music Educators Association (TMEA) All-State Choir and ended up making first chair, said Wilson. This isn't common among music students and I'm the first person in BSHS history to make state all four years in a row."

Wilson's win this year is unique in that he competed at a "large school" level, which is a category for students of 5A and 6A schools only. His past 3 years of competition have been on a "small school" level, a category for

1A,2A,3A, and 4A schools. "Students from large schools aren't allowed to compete on a small school level but it can be the other way around, said Wilson. People from larger schools sometimes say that because we're from small schools, we can't possibly measure up to them, but this year, I competed at the their level and got first chair."

There are between 60 and 70 thousand students who audition for TMEA every year and out of that, about 1,700 make it. This number includes various choirs, bands, and orchestras. About 35 people total have made it to state all four years in a row and Wilson is included in this number. "I've been part of choir since the 6th grade but it wasn't until I was a freshman in high school, and my current choir teacher Mr. Garcia encouraged me to enter a competition that I won, that I really started to get into choir more. I guess you can say this all started back when I did All-City choir in 4th grade and my teacher then, Stacy Barr, was really the first to push me to do more but I wasn't that interested in competing until high school. My entire family is involved in music so this is something that has always been a part of me."

As a freshman, Wilson got second chair at state and got first chair his sophomore, junior, and senior year. "When I got second chair as a freshman, that's when I realized I might be capable of doing more than I previously thought, he said. I've had a lot of full-ride scholarship offers from schools in the area but I'm currently interested in attending the University of Texas of the Permian Basin in Odessa."

Yesterday, the high school senior sang a solo in an ensemble qualifying him to perform at the UIL State Solo & Ensemble Contest in Austin this May. This will be the 4th time he will have the opportunity to perform at this State Solo Competition.

Hergert to Hardin-Simmons



HERALD photo/Erin Stephens

Forsan senior Bryce Hergert signed a letter of intent from Hardin-Simmons University with his friends and family there to support him. Shown above from left to right are Lonny Hergert, Tiana Hergert, Bryce Hergert, Linda Berry, and Jerry Berry. "I'll be going to Hardin-Simmons on an academic scholarship, and I'll be playing football in the fall as well," said Hergert. "Im excited, especially going into a really good program where I like the coaches. I'm also excited to continue my academic career."

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March



BSHS player recognized for outstanding performance at Dallas Cowboy's football camp



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Pictured above are Brothers Gabriel (left) and Sonny (right) Baeza at AT&T Stadium for Cowboy's Football Camp.

By JORDAN PARR

Sports Editor

Brothers Sonny and Gabriel Baeza, sons of Sonny Sr and Amy Baeza, attended the Dallas Cowboy's Youth Spring Tune-up 2018 Football Academy on March 13. The camp was held at AT&T Stadium in Arlington Texas. The Baeza brothers attended the camp over Spring break where they worked on fundamentals of the game and learned new drills to help them develop their skills from some of the Cowboy's finest coaches and staff.

The Baeza brothers have a great passion for the game of football and wanted to spend some of their Spring break getting a head start for the upcoming Steers' football season. Sonny is currently a sophomore at BSHS and plays offensive line. Gabriel is currently in the eighth grade and is a Quarterback. The brothers said of their opportunity that "getting prepared early only makes you better when the season starts. It's hard work but you have to be fit and ready to earn your spot when the time comes".

Older brother Sonny was honored by being recognized as one of the three best linemen at the camp. Sonny was selected for this honor by the camps coaching staff and shows promise for the upcoming Steers' football season.

Sonny and Gabriel are both planning to attend another camp with the Cowboy's staff in April with the hopes of getting their skills where they need to be to make an impact for the Steers next football season.

Local Highway Patrol officer receives medal for stopping shooter in 2016

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

A Big Spring Highway Patrol officer has been awarded the Texas Department of Public Safety's highest honor: the Medal of Valor.

The presentation occurred at a DPS ceremony in Austin two weeks ago.

On Dec. 26, 2016, DPS Corporal Hope Hohertz overheard a Big Spring Police dispatch report about a person with a gun at the AT&T Store on Gregg Street, and responded to help BSPD officers make a traffic stop on the suspect, later identified as Raul O. Reyes of Big Spring.

When the officers pulled Reyes over on Gregg Street, the man got out of his car brandishing a rifle and a handgun with a silencer. Reyes reportedly pointed the handgun at Hohertz, who responded by firing at the suspect.

"It's my understanding that several rounds were fired at the officers," Big Spring Police Lt. Brian Gordon told a Herald reporter the day following the incident. "He then got back into his car and pursuit initiated, ending over



Courtesy photo

Hope Hohertz stands with her Medal of Valor at the presentation ceremony in Austin.

here ... where he got out of his vehicle again and fired another couple of rounds at officers, who returned fire," wounding Reyes.

The final shootout occurred at the intersection of 10th Street and Owens Street, where Reyes reportedly fired 28 rounds at responding officers, forcing Hohertz and BSPD officers to take cover. A Big Spring Police officer received minor injuries during the incident.

"With officers at the scene in imminent danger, Corporal Hohertz took decisive action when the suspect tried to reload his weapon, and she opened fire with her shotgun, wounding the suspect and bringing the standoff to an end," according to a press release from the Department of Public Safety announcing the presentation of the medal. "Multiple loaded handgun and semi-automatic rifle magazines were found in the vehicle."

Reyes was later sentenced in Big Spring's 118th District Court to 20 years in prison in connection with the shootout, on five counts of aggravated assault on a public servant.

Child, man, injured in KFC shooting

HERALD photo/Roger Cline



Investigators with the Big Spring Police Department survey the parking lot of Big Spring's KFC restaurant at 1711 S. Gregg St. Friday night after a reported shooting earlier that evening. A 2-year-old girl and an adult man were injured in the incident. Police are seeking Angel Villa, 20, and Rafael Jesus Hernandez Jr., 20, in connection with the shooting.

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

A toddler and a man were shot Friday night during an incident in the parking lot of Big Spring's KFC restaurant.

According to a press release received Saturday morning from the Big Spring Police Department, on the 16th of March, 2018, at approximately 7:25 p.m., Big Spring Police Department Officers were dispatched to the KFC, 1711 S. Gregg, in reference to shots fired.

While police officers were still en route to the restaurant, the PD received several calls reporting that the occupants of a tan SUV were shooting at both a white car and a black car. All three vehicles involved in the in-

cident left the area before police arrived.

One person in each victim vehicle was shot. Police discovered an adult male who had been shot in the area of 20th and Donley; while a two-year-old female child had been taken to Scenic Mountain Medical Center with gunshot wounds from the incident.

Police believe that at about 7:25 p.m., the white and black cars were sitting in the north parking lot of KFC when the tan SUV approached from the alley just east of the parking lot. While the occupants in the white and black cars were visiting, two Hispanic men, allegedly identified by police as Angel Villa, 20, and Rafael Jesus Hernandez Jr., 20, opened fire on both vehicles.

As the vehicles departed from

the KFC parking lot in attempt to get away, Villa and Hernandez reportedly followed and continued firing at the vehicles while eastbound on East 18th Street. The driver of the black car drove the child to SMMC for treatment. The child was flown by helicopter to Covenant Medical in Lubbock Texas and was in serious condition.

The driver of the white car continued to run from Villa and Hernandez until his vehicle was disabled in the 1000 block of East 20th Street. Big Spring Fire and Emergency Medical Services responded and transported the adult male to Scenic Mountain Medical Center for treatment. The adult male was treated at Scenic Mountain Medical Center and is in stable condition.



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April

3 wildfires rage across Howard County

By **ROGER CLINE**
Staff Writer

Three wildfires flared up in Howard County Friday; one in the Craig/Jeffrey/Ratliff roads area south of Big Spring, which burned more than 400 acres, including a home, a barn, and several outbuildings; the second, a grass fire in the Neill/Oasis roads area north of Big Spring, consumed about 250 acres, but destroyed no buildings; and the third, in the Sherrod Road area along Highway 350, sparked from a power pole in the area and was quickly contained.

The first fire, dubbed the "Craig Road Fire" by local authorities, began near Craig and Jeffrey roads around 1 p.m. Friday. By 8:30 p.m., Howard County Volunteer firefighters reported the fire as "Fully contained and mopping up, hitting hot spots," in a statement to KBYG Radio.

"It looks like it started from the roadway, from South 87," said Howard County Volunteer Fire Department Chief Tommy Sullivan. "It started in the bar ditch with the wind blowing from the southwest to the northeast. Then about an hour into the fire, the wind shifted out of the northeast blowing back. So we were chasing the fire in one direction, and it got a big head on it. Then the wind shift turned it around, which made it so big so quick."

Sullivan said that one home and a barn along Ratliff Road were destroyed by the blaze, as well as several outbuildings and some water wells.

"Early on in it, we evacuated those who were in imminent danger, which was probably about 25



different households," Sullivan added. "They were allowed to come back in about 8 o'clock to get to their houses."

Sullivan said the U.S. Forest Service helped out, sending five fire engines to assist with battling the fire.

The Forest Service also sent three bulldozers; which, combined with two additional bulldozers

contributed locally, were used to battle the Neill Road fire, which flared up around 3 p.m.

"It was out probably, I'd say, 6, 6:30, something like that," Sullivan said, adding that the Neill Road fire didn't claim any buildings.

The Sherrod Road fire also started about 3 p.m., and was out by about 5:30 p.m., said Sullivan.

"That one took two Howard County units," Sullivan said. "No injuries there. It was an electric pole that caused that one."

Firefighters were finally able to head home shortly before midnight Friday, Sullivan said.

"At Craig Road, all the units were released about 11:30," he said, adding that between 8 and 11:30 p.m., firefighters were busy mopping up hot spots associated with the fire to prevent re-ignition.

The Fire Chief issued a warning to homeowners.

"I want to get out to them to be sure that they scalp all the grass around their house," he said, adding that the house that was lost was surrounded by flammable vegetation. "The fire just ran right up to the house, up the side of the house, and into the attic. You don't see that fire into the house until it's completely engulfed."

Steers stun No. 2 ranked Wylie Bulldogs



Tony Claxton (www.claxtonphotography.com)

The Big Spring baseball team piles on Aaron Olague following his 1 RBI walk-off double in the bottom of the 7th inning of the Steer's 2-1 win over Abilene Wylie on Tuesday, April 24, 2018.

By **JORDAN PARR**
Sports Editor

In their last game ever at Steer Park Tuesday night, the senior Steers led Big Spring all game and defeated No. 2 ranked Wylie 2-1 thanks to a walk-off single. The game was tied at one with Big Spring batting in the bottom of the seventh when senior Aaron Olague, in his last at bat as a Steer, singled on the first pitch to score the game-winning run.

The pitching was strong on both sides. Big Spring's pitchers struck out three, while Wylie pitchers sat down seven. The Steers out-hit Wylie nine to four in the game and handed the Bulldogs only their third loss of the entire year (19-3-1).

The Steers capped off a season that fell short of their expectations with a huge, resounding exclamation point. Big Spring finally put all the pieces together and showed us all what kind of team they really are. The Steers have out-hit opponents all year and have still fallen short, but last night they showed Steer Nation exactly what kind of young men they are and did what many thought impossible.

Whether it was the way they got key hits in key situations, or the way the team played their best defensive game of the year, the Steers looked like the better team from the first inning to the last. There was no fear or hesitation playing the No. 2 team in the state, but instead there was steady fast determination and a "not here, not us" attitude that permeated throughout the team, the coaches, and even the Steers' fans Tuesday night. Coach Daniel Carrillo and his team have showed us all year long that win-loss records don't display a team's character, heart and pride. This win, against that opponent, and they way in which it was accomplished, confirmed that this team is a prime example of all three.

Defensively everyone on the diamond made great plays. Whether it was the pitching, Sizenbach's diving catch in the outfield, Renteria's sliding stop and throw from third, Edward Aguilar's great stretches and catches at first, Elijah Munoz's back hands and quick throws at short, Jason Miramontes' great tags at second, or Brett Berringer's as he gunned out three runners trying to steal, the team played as a team last night. There were no cracks in their armor as each player played for each other, had each other's backs and did their jobs all game.

Carrillo and the coaching staff are extremely proud of their team.

"These guys have done what we have asked all year. It's a great win, but it's bittersweet that the season is over when we really felt like we belonged in the post season. If there is any blame to be given, it should be given to me because these guys have done everything we asked of them," Carrillo said. "They played hard all year, but it's one of those life lessons. Sometimes things just don't go your way even when you do all the right things. So all you can do is continue to do the right thing and things like tonight happen for you for staying the course. I told the seniors before the game they had a choice. This game may not mean anything in the standings or for the playoffs, but it will be a measure of your character and heart. I believe they showed they had plenty of both".

McWilliams takes over as BSISD superintendent

By **ROGER CLINE**
Staff Writer

Big Spring Independent School District now officially has a new superintendent on the job.

Jay McWilliams was officially promoted to that job at Tuesday evening's special called meeting of the BSISD board of trustees.

"I'm extremely excited to be given the opportunity to lead this outstanding school district," McWilliams said. "It's a great honor to be selected to oversee a district, not only of this size, but a district that is doing so many great things with kids."

McWilliams, who has served as the district's assistant superintendent for two years, was named "sole candidate" for the superintendent job at another specially called meeting April 2. State requirements said that he couldn't officially take the helm for three weeks following that declaration.

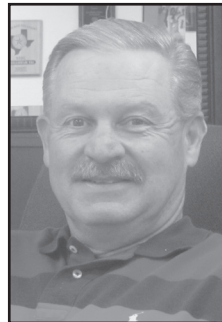
A veteran of public education with 35 years on the job, McWilliams has served as a teacher; a coach - including athletic director; and as an administrator, including principal and assistant

superintendent.

Going into the job, McWilliams faces the specter of a possible Texas Education Agency takeover or restructuring of Washington and Goliad elementary schools for low performance on state-mandated standardized testing; the low scores have kept both schools on TEA's "Improvement Required" list for more than six years.

Speaking following the announcement of his sole candidate status, McWilliams expressed optimism about the situation.

"Our thought is, we're going to get out. Both schools are going to get out. We're going to move on, and we're going to be even better the next year," he said. "You also have to keep in the back of your mind, 'What if one doesn't, or both don't?' You have to have that other plan, because TEA requires that you have that plan of action. We have got a few plans already that we have discussed publicly, and our teachers are aware. Right now, we've got a few more questions for TEA. I don't want



McWilliams

to go into the details on that, but we are waiting on responses, and they promised we'll be getting that hopefully by the end of the week. Then we can put that in the equation, like, 'What if we don't meet standard?' This is what we will do. But I do feel very good about the direction we're going.

I feel good about the people we have in place, and I feel like we're doing a lot of great things here at Big Spring ISD. Making those last three statements, if I didn't believe that, I wouldn't have even put my hat in the ring for this job."

Following Tuesday night's meeting, McWilliams is already on the job and working as superintendent.

"I'm just looking forward to hitting the ground running, and I'm looking forward to the challenge. I think we've got a great team in place and a lot of things going in the right direction," he said. "I just want to continue going in that direction, and basically push even higher to reach the goals and aspirations I have for this district."



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BSISD adopts campus carry

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

It's official: Big Spring Independent School District trustees approved implementation of the Guardian Plan at Thursday evening's school board meeting, giving BSISD administrators the option of allowing school employees to carry concealed handguns on campus.

The school board unanimously approved the measure.

"Our school board has done a tremendous amount of work studying this program," said BSISD Superintendent Jay McWilliams. "We put a lot of time into contacting school districts around the state that use this program, and I believe firmly that the school board did what is in the very best interest of Big Spring ISD and our kids. Our kids are our number one priority, and I feel like it was a major step in the safety of all of our kids here in Big Spring."

Big Spring High School Principal Mike Ritchey said he welcomes the program at the school.

"I think it's a great thing," Ritchey said. "I believe any initiative you can take to enhance the safety of students and staff is the right direction to go, and the right approach. At the end of the day, that's our ultimate goal."

At the start of the meeting, three people spoke regarding the Guardian Plan during the public comments portion of the agenda. Two of those people - Ray Smalling and Cory Wood - spoke in favor of the plan. Steven Hobbs, school board candidate and runner-up in the recent local election, raised what he claimed was an issue with representation regarding the vote on the Guardian Plan.

"First, I would like to congratulate (newly elected school trustee) Melissa Miller, who is the person who will be speaking for me on this board," Hobbs said. "If you guys are going to vote on Campus Carry prior to Melissa Miller being sworn in, then we are not being represented, my entire district. If you guys are going to vote after she has been sworn in, the information you have gotten in closed-door sessions, she does not have it. If she did have access to that information, which I am almost certain that she did not, it would be illegal. So I ask that the vote for Campus Carry be held off for at least one month until the next open session, so that my representative can make a very well-balanced decision."

In other business, the school board canvassed the votes from the May 5 election, said farewell to outgoing school board member Tony Kennedy, and welcomed Miller to the board. Miller received 63 votes in the election, while Hobbs received 17 votes and Bond Moughn Ryan received 15 votes. Miller signed the requisite paperwork and recited the oath of office before taking her place on the panel.

Kennedy, who had served as the school board president until leaving office Thursday evening, surrendered the gavel to McWilliams before stepping down.

"It's always tough losing...well, we're not losing him," said McWilliams. "Tony Kennedy is Big Spring through-and-through, and I know he's going to continue supporting us and this district, and everything our kids do. I know we're going to see him at everything. We appreciate Tony very, very much."

McWilliams presided over the election of a new president. Tommy Olague Jr. nominated Fabian Serrano for the position, and Serrano was unanimously elected by the board. Serrano then took the gavel and the board president's chair, and presided over election of the new school board vice president and secretary, Julie Harris and Olague, respectively.

A Tribute to Howard County Volunteer Fire Chief Tommy Sullivan

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

A Howard County hero has ended his watch and moved on to his eternal reward.

Howard County Volunteer Fire Department Chief and 9-1-1 Director Tommy Sullivan, 58, died at about 10 a.m. on Monday morning. Sullivan was diagnosed earlier this year with Stage 4 pancreatic cancer, but remained on the job guiding the county's fire protection services, including during major grass fires on South Mountain just two and a half weeks ago that threatened dozens of homes, but destroyed only one.

Sullivan had served as a Howard County Volunteer Firefighter for 35 years, and as chief for 25. In 2000, Sullivan was also named Howard County's 9-1-1 Director.

Local leaders commented with sorrow on Sullivan's passing, and remembered his life with a mixture of fondness and awe.

Mitchell Hooper will serve as acting Howard County Volunteer Fire Chief for the remainder of Sullivan's current term, when a new chief will be elected by the firefighters. During a recent interview, Sullivan related that a television appearance during a fire early in his career earned Hooper the nickname "Hollywood."

"So many things come to mind when asked what kind of man he was, but the greatest would be a leader, mentor, friend, and family man. He made the department into what it is today; from one of the worst to one of the best volunteer fire departments in Texas," "Hollywood" Hooper said. "If we were on a bad fire he would be right there with his hand on your back leading you in or standing side by side, 'dancing with the dragon,' as he would say; or even being even being called 'crazy' for making a stand at a home with just a pumper and two brush trucks with a fire storm coming at us. He is gone but will never be forgotten. His legacy will live on through everyone on the department standing hand in hand side by side dancing with the dragon with our guardian angel's hand on our back."

Sullivan's brother, Pepper Sullivan, will serve as in-

terim 9-1-1 director until the process to hire a new permanent director can be fulfilled. Pepper said he plans to apply for that position as well.

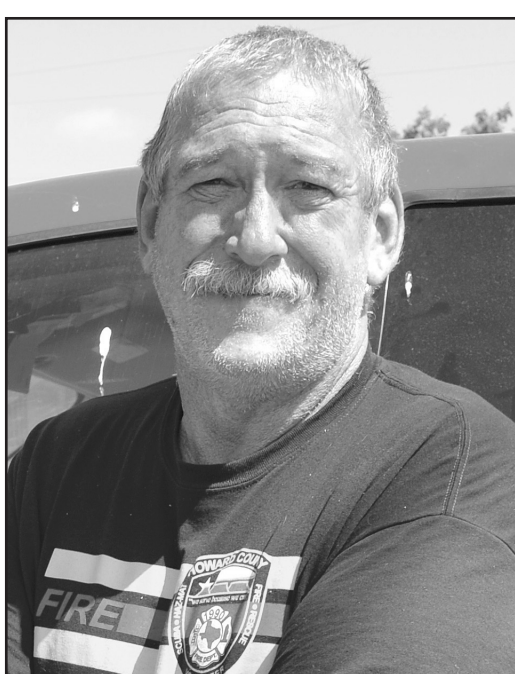
"He was first and foremost my brother. Above that, he was my chief with the fire department since the 1990s," Pepper Sullivan said. "He was loved by everyone. Would do anything for anyone. Total strangers, family. All his firefighters are like his kids. A lot of them have been here to the end because that's our extended family. He did things his way and he went away on his own terms. He passed away in his sleep peacefully."

Big Spring Mayor Larry McLellan said that Sullivan was always willing to help, no matter what the problem.

"Tommy was a great guy. He worked hard for the city and the county, and he took care of us," the mayor said. "I think he was a hands-on guy. He was out there with what was going on. When they were fighting fires, he was out there. He was not the guy who was behind the desk, he was the one using the shovel and whatever. A great trooper for the county and the city. When we needed him in the city, he would come in, even though we have the city fire department, but he would always be willing to help us take care of situations. He was just an all-around great guy, easy-going, but again, just very much hands-on and very willing to do anything."

Howard County Judge Kathryn Wiseman said Sullivan will be missed by the county.

"Tommy Sullivan served as the Howard County Volunteer Fire Chief for 25 years. During his time, he has been instrumental in saving hundreds of houses and probably hundreds of lives from being destroyed by fire," said Judge Wiseman. "He developed some very innovative ways to fight fire during his tenure here. He used back burning, he used a way to station his trucks to force fires to go around buildings. He has done an excellent job for us in all these years. I can't tell you how much we will miss Tommy Sullivan. Our prayers go out to his family. We will all miss him. He was a friend to Howard County."



Lady Hawks win Region V Championship

By JORDAN PARR
Sports Editor



Tony Claxton (claxtonphotography.com)

Howard College softball storms the field to begin their celebration after sweeping through the competition at the Region V West tournament on Sunday, May 6, 2018.

In the second game of the Region V West softball tournament on Saturday, the Hawks followed up their first round win with another one dominant performance. The five RBI day for Evelyn Loyola led the Hawks to a 7-1 victory over Clarendon College.

Howard College defeated Clarendon on Saturday thanks in no small part to Evelyn Loyola, who drove in five runners. Loyola drove in runs on a home run in the first and a home run in the seventh.

The Hawks secured the victory thanks to four runs in the seventh inning. Loyola and Alexis Velazquez all moved runners across the plate with RBIs in the inning.

The Hawks tallied three home runs on the day. Hallam had a homer in the fifth inning and Seumalo went yard in the third and fifth innings.

Howard College collected ten hits. Seumalo and Hallam each collected multiple hits for the Hawks. Seumalo led Howard College with three hits in four at bats.

The Hawks now move on to the NJCAA Division I National Tournament on May 16-19, 2018 at Canyons Complex; St. George, UT.



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'The Spring,' a documentary about Big Spring's namesake



Courtesy Photo

Interim Community Services Director Hayley Herrera, shows off the Telly Award and Communicator Award earned this spring by the documentary about Big Spring's historic spring, "The Spring."

Special to the Herald

"The Spring," the documentary-style video written and directed by Tumbleweed Smith along with James Fite, videographer and editor; B.Z. Lewis, music; and Bruce Schooler, photography; was submitted in four film competitions, and was awarded the bronze Telly and an award of distinction from the Communicator Awards.

The Telly Awards is the premier award honoring video and television across all screens. Established in 1979, The Telly Awards receives more than 12,000 entries from all 50 states

and five continents. Entrants are judged by The Telly Awards Judging Council—an industry body of over 200 leading experts including advertising agencies, production companies, and major television networks.

The Communicator Awards is said to be the largest and most competitive awards program, honoring creative excellence for communication professionals.

"The Spring" is available to view on www.facebook.com/BigSpringCVB and www.visitbigspring.com.

For more information call Hayley Herrera at 432-263-8235.

85th Annual Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo results



Tony Claxton/www.claxtonphotography.com

Justin Neil hangs on during the bull riding competition at the 85th Annual Big Spring Cowboy Reunion & Rodeo on Saturday, June 23, 2018.

Big Spring, Texas, June 21-23

All-around cowboy: Dylan Schroeder, \$656, tie-down roping and steer wrestling.

Bareback riding: 1. Logan Corbett, 85 points on Pete Carr Pro Rodeo's No. 3t3, \$959; 2. Lane McGehee, 82, \$719; 3. Luke Creasy, 78, \$479; 4. (tie) Taylor Broussard and Kyle Charley, 77, \$120 each.

Steer wrestling: 1. Sam Williams, 4.4 seconds, \$872; 2. Cimarron Thompson, 5.5, \$722; 3. Ace Campbell, 5.6, \$572; 4. Dakota Stermer, 5.7, \$421; 5. Dylan Schroeder, 6.5, \$271; 6. Blake Doyle, 6.7, \$150.

Team roping: 1. Casey Tew/Blake Bentley, 6.5 seconds, \$879 each; 2. Brandon Gonzales/Weston Podzemny, 6.6, \$728; 3. (tie) Michael Bell/Carl Sweazea and Robert Martinez II/Paul Gutierrez, 7.1, \$500 each; 5. Landon McClaugherty/Case Swaim, 7.2, \$273; 6. Jason Guzman/Jesse Guzman, 7.3, \$152.

Saddle bronc riding: 1. Blaise Free-

man, 80 points on Pete Carr's Classic Pro Rodeo's Baywatch, \$940; 2. (tie) Andrew Counts and Treyson Antonick, 78, \$588 each; 4. Dean Wadsworth, 77, \$235.

Tie-down roping: 1. Cody Owens, 10.0 seconds, \$1,240; 2. (tie) Charlie Gibson and Bradley Bynum, 10.5, \$920 each; 4. Ty Baker, 11.5, \$599; 5. Dylan Schroeder, 11.8, \$385; 6. Monty Lewis, 12.0, \$214.

Barrel racing: 1. Jill Wilson, 15.59 seconds, \$1,177; 2. Sissy Winn, 15.67, \$1,009; 3. Dena Kirkpatrick, 15.73, \$841; 4. Sara Withers, 16.09, \$729; 5. Raylene Cox, 16.10, \$561; 6. Sarah McCormick, 16.11, \$449; 7. (tie) Teresa Turbeville and Debbie Bloxom, 16.13, \$280 each; 9. Billie Ann Harmon, 16.16, \$168; 10. Liz Herrin, 16.18, \$112.

Bull riding: 1. Aaron Pass, 86 points on Pete Carr's Classic Pro Rodeo's Rifleman, \$1,147; 2. Cody Strite, 84, \$860; 3. J.W. Harris, 83, \$573; 4. Joseph McConnel, 74, \$287.

Forsan ISD makes Texas Honor Roll

By TYLER SCHELLIE

Every school in the state is looked at, reviewed and considered for this achievement, though not many will receive it. Forsan High was 1 of 4 schools in all of Region 18 (West Texas) selected for their ability to demonstrate a consistent, high level of student academic achievement with improvement in achievement over time, and a great reduction in achievement gaps.

The schools in Region 18 that received this honor include: Midland College Early College High School, Midland's Parker Elementary, Rankin High School and Forsan High School.

"In Forsan ISD, our mission states that we will continually strive to be a place of high standards where each student is prepared for success in careers, relationships and life," said Superintendent Randy Johnson.

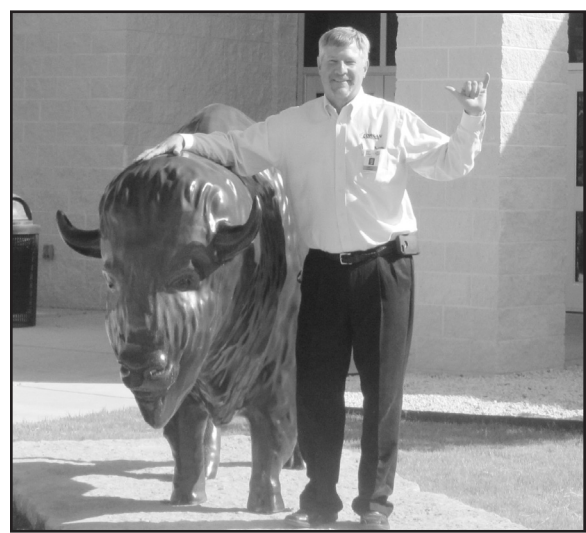
The Texas Honor Roll

recognizes public elementary, middle, and high schools that demonstrate consistently high levels of student academic achievement, improvement in achievement over time, and reduction in achievement gaps. For high schools, such as Forsan, Honor Roll recognition includes high college readiness in students.

"This recognition is an encouragement and a recognition that things are headed in the right direction. This award is

based on data, not on reputation, rumor, or hype. That makes it more meaningful," Johnson added.

The Texas Honor Roll is presented by the Educational Results Partnership and the Institute for Productivity in Education, which will feature honor schools on their website in hopes other educators and policy makers can find information needed to try and replicate the success from previous honor schools.



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Outpatient area in VA dedicated to long time volunteer Clara Lewis



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Clara Lewis receives an American flag which flew over the U.S. Capitol from U.S. Congressman Jodey Arrington's representative, Glen Pugh, during the dedication of the Clara Lewis Outpatient Waiting Area at the West Texas VA Health Care System on Wednesday, July 18, 2018.

By TYLER SCHELLIE

As Ms. Clara Lewis made her way down the walkway, an overwhelming applause roared throughout the VA's outpatient waiting room as residents and veterans came from all around to see her. That's because this extremely hard working volunteer, Ms. Clara Lewis, is being honored for her 43 years of service. As of just two days ago on July 17, Clara Lewis has served 42,549 hours of volunteer service. It truly is impressive, and by the number of attendees at the ceremony, it is clear to see that it means the world to everyone in the VA.

The dedication ceremony went on with the VFW Color Guard marching out with the United States Flag and Texas Flag in their presentation of the colors, followed by a brief invocation from Chaplain Andrew Helms. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by County Judge Kathryn Wiseman, and succeeded by a terrific rendition of the National Anthem, performed by Lauren Arpin.

The ceremony continued with Master of Ceremonies and VA Associate Director, Manuel Davila, who then handed the microphone over to Director and Chief Executive Officer of the West Texas VA Healthcare System, Kalautie JangDhari.

Jangdhari started by noting the amount of people that showed up to support Clara. "We had great aspirations about how many people would attend, and this far exceeded our thoughts. We appreciate everyone. This just tells me more and more of how much this community loves Ms. Clara."

JangDhari continued on by thanking the staff and other members who look out for and help veterans throughout the country, and also shared some inspirational stories and facts about the beloved Clara Lewis.

"I arrived here about 3 years ago. I encountered 3 forces of nature. Not being from West Texas, one was the sweltering summer heat, two was the gusty winds of West Texas, and I had Ms Clara, that was my third force when I got here," JangDhari said as laughter filled the room. "From day one, Ms Clara's been an avid supporter of our VA. When she feels it's necessary, she is a concerned critic reminding me of why

she shows up every-day with 6 simple words, and I bet we all know what they are," JangDhari assured. Heads in the crowd began to nod, and a few people spoke up along with JangDhari. "I do it for the veterans."

Clara became a volunteer because she saw a need when her husband, staff Sgt. Lewis, was a patient here in this VA medical center when it was an inpatient facility. She was a vocal and active presence in the hospital while advocating for his care.

Clara found her calling as she attended to Sgt. Lewis, who suffered the tribulations of his combat service in Vietnam. When she noticed there were other veterans who needed an advocate as well, somebody to be their champion as they faced those

traumatic health problems, Clara became just that.

"It is hard to grasp the amount of effort Clara puts in, or how one person can do so much, as she is a member of a number of different groups. Serving on the Veterans Affairs Volunteer Service Committee, all veterans council, she's the main volunteer, no wait, she is the information desk at this VA Medical Center in the waiting area," JangDhari said

Clara is also a dedicated member of the Eastern Star #67 in Big Spring, the #253 in Midland, the Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary 47, and the daughters of the American Revolution Elisha Mack Chapter.

This event was certainly something special, "It literally takes an act of congress to change the name of a room or area in a government building. We received overwhelming support from everyone we asked, so we want to thank everybody," JangDhari said.

Proud to be an American began to play as Davila reached out to Clara and handed her the microphone to get some remarks from the honoree. Smiling, dancing and looking at all of the emotions flooding the room, she waited as the song finished up.

Congratulatory gifts were handed over to Clara such as flowers and plaques. Veterans and residents said a small piece, showing truly what Clara means to them and the entire VA.

Clara began listing off a number of friends, family and organizations that she was grateful for, though she was seeing first hand how grateful everyone was for having her.

"I'm really happy for all of you who came out today. This has been a perfect day," Clara Lewis said.

A few guests stood up and said their piece about Clara before everyone began taking pictures with her and heading to get food and refreshments. A placeholder for the plaque she will receive was set up, and the applause continued as members of the VA proudly watched it go up.

"It's an honor and pleasure to be the first to welcome you to the Clara Lewis Outpatient area," said JangDhari.

Krabill appointed to HC Board



HERALD photo/Roger Cline

Howard College Board of Trustees Chairman, Dr. John Freeman, stands with Scenic Mountain Medical Center CEO, Emma Krabill, Wednesday at a specially called meeting to swear her in and take her seat on the board.

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

The Howard College Board of Trustees has a new member.

At their special meeting Tuesday, the College Board appointed SMMC CEO Emma Krabill to fill the seat vacated by Ryan Williams, when he resigned in June for personal reasons.

"I am honored to be able to serve in this role and be a part of the movement and impact that Howard College is making," said Krabill. "This will be a great opportunity to also build the synergy between the college and Scenic Mountain, which in turn will result in positive momentum for the community."

Krabill has more than 10 years of leadership experience in the health care industry, specifically in the west Texas area. Her first degree was an associate degree in Physical Therapy Assistant from Amarillo College. She also holds a bachelor's

degree in biology and international business and communications from Hardin Simmons University and a MBA in healthcare administration from the University of Phoenix. She is currently pursuing a master of science of healthcare administration through Trinity University in San Antonio.

"Emma brings some excellent experience and insight to the table and we look forward to having her on the board," said Dr. John Freeman, chairman of the Howard College Board. "The Board had an excellent pool of interested individuals to consider for this appointed position. Emma will be a great fit for this board and an asset as we continue to move Howard College into the future."

Krabill will be sworn in at a meeting at 12:30 p.m. today. The board also plans to say "Thank you" to Williams for his service at today's meeting.

Lady Steer volleyball under new head coach Mitzi Bell

By JORDAN PARR

Sports Editor

The Lady Steers kicked off a new athletic year for Steer Nation this week with an intense two-a-days schedule under new head coach Mitzi Bell. Coach Bell is in her first year with the Lady Steers after signing on this Monday. Coach Bell comes to Big Spring from Colorado City where she had a record of sustained success. Coach Bell has plans to continue that success here in Big Spring. "Our goal is always state. We don't want to set the goal of just getting to the playoffs, we want to go multiple rounds deep in the playoffs every year and I believe we have the girls that can do that".

The Lady Steers practiced hard and with a lot of energy during two-a-days as they prepare for multiple scrimmages this weekend here in Big Spring. The entire coaching



staff stressed team work and the importance of positive attitude towards each other and the process throughout the week.

Coach Bell said that "one of the biggest challenges the team faces early in the year is how little time they have had to prepare together and to get to know each other" but that "they are coming together quickly and are showing a lot of promise early in the process". I believe the Lady Steers have the opportunity and the coaches that can help them get where they want to be as a group if they gel and buy into the process that Coach Bell is bringing to the table.

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August

Bulldogs victorious in 2018 Howard County Bowl vs. Buffs



By **JORDAN PARR**
Sports Editor

The 2018 Howard County Bowl showed once again why this great rivalry and event has become a staple of West Texas Football. The Howard County Bowl is a modern day throw back to a time when football was about community, competition, camaraderie, sportsmanship and... of course football!

From the opening ceremony, in which Coahoma's and Forsan's bands played their school songs respectively, then joined together to play our national anthem, to the hard hitting, back-and-forth defensive battle the Bulldogs and the Buffs put on display, the game and the crowd never lost the intensity or the energy that was present from the beginning. The players played like it was a playoff game, the coaches coached like it was a playoff game, the fans cheered

like it was a playoff game, and anyone present felt that playoff atmosphere all around them.

The Bulldogs won the game in impressive fashion, playing fundamentally sound football on both sides of the ball and controlling the clock and tempo with their run game. The Buffs did everything they could on defense holding up to a powerful run game, despite their offense missing opportunities to score off turnovers multiple times in the game.

Despite the loss, the players and coaches of Forsan put it all out there and played hard with class until the final whistle. A few plays here and there, and this game could have gone the other way, but credit is due to Coahoma for coming out and executing their game plan and implementing their second half adjustments on offense while continuing to execute on defense.

Big Spring Rotary Club has three generations as members



Courtesy photo

At Tuesday's meeting of the Big Spring Rotary Club, President Hardy Wilkerson announced a new member: his son Heath (right), an instructor at Howard College. This addition makes three generations of Hardy's family. Hardy's father, Homer (left), a retired restaurateur, became a Rotarian 5 years ago. Hardy (center), who is a district attorney, has been a Rotarian 25 years. As far as anyone in the club can remember, this is the first time the club has had three generations of the same family.

Wells selected for National FFA band

Special to the Herald

A Coahoma High School junior has been selected to perform in the national FFA Band during the 2018 National FFA Convention and Expo.

"I am really excited about meeting new people and having new experiences," said Bailey Wells, who plays trumpet in the CHS band. "This will be my first time to get on an airplane when I travel to Indianapolis. I am excited for that, and I am excited to meet new people."

Wells will join musicians from across the nation to perform during the 2018 FFA National Convention and Expo set for Oct. 24-27 in Indianapolis.

She is the daughter of Cody and Gina Wells and has been a band student at Coahoma ISD since the seventh grade. Her father, who is also a trumpet player, inspired her to send in the audition tape to the national FFA organization, Wells said.

"He was in the 1991 national FFA Band," she said. "He told me about it because I didn't know they had a national FFA Band. I looked it up on online, and I saw examples of the 90th FFA national convention and it looked really cool. It also sets an example for my section. I am a co-leader with Aaron Turnbough for the section. I feel like doing something like national band enunciates my way of being a leader."

Although she admitted she was a little nervous to audition, she felt she

needed to show leadership to encourage other students to take chances.

"Doing something like that and then following through shows commitment," Wells said. "It shows you are a good leader. Even if you don't make it, I feel like the experience is really good, and it helps make you a better person."

For the past two years Wells, who plans to become a veterinarian, has participated in the Coahoma FFA chapter, a program designed to cultivate leadership through agricultural education.

"I've always been an outgoing person, mostly," she said. "I was a little shy and then when I got into the FFA organization my freshman year, that really brought me out. It showed me what it takes to be a leader and how to be an effective one and how to get people to respond to you and respect you. It's really helped a lot with band, with everything."

In October, Wells will head to Indianapolis with fellow CHS students Michah Worley and Julia Cox. Worley is a voting delegate for Texas FFA Association and Cox qualified for national competition in the Creed Speaking contest when she placed first at Texas State FFA Leadership Contest in December 2017.

The 2017-2018 academic year was a stellar year for the Coahoma FFA Chapter. The program, which has been led by advisor Aaron Custer for the past 17 years, raked in 45 state, area, and district banners.

Fair to take over as new Executive Director

HERALD File photo

Current Executive Director of United Way of Big Spring and Howard County, Meghan Bias, announced her departure from her position with the organization on Wednesday morning. Following Bias' announcement, it was made public that Christian Fair (above) has been selected to fill the Executive Director role.



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September

Steers stampede Sweetwater to snap 26-game losing streak



By **JORDAN PARR**

Sports Editor

After two years of heartbreak and disappointment, this years Steer team finally put the 26 game losing streak to bed once and for all. Coming off a tough loss to Greenwood last week, in which Big Spring made huge strides on both sides of the ball, they really started to show the kind of team they are capable of being. The Steers took that next step this week and left no doubt in a lopsided 33-7 victory over the Sweetwater Mustangs Friday night at the Mustang Bowl.

From the offense putting up over 300 yards of total offense and controlling the time of possession by keeping the ball away from the Mustangs for over 30 minutes, to the defense causing six turnovers and allowing just one first down in the entire second half, this was a complete team win with contributions from every player and every coach to get the 26 game monkey off their backs and finally be able to turn the page to the next chapter of Steer football.

The Steers played like the team lots of us thought they were. This team is no longer the "same ol' Steers", but are the team that broke that streak and that mindset, and they did it together. With belief, dedication and hard work, this team has changed the narrative and the mindset surrounding them and their program, and showed us all that there is a new chapter to be written in Big Spring football!

"Our kids did a great job. I've got nothing but praise for these guys. Cortez played great for us, considering he was playing against his old team, and Cooley was outstanding for us as well," said head football coach Mitch McLemore. "Our defense is playing smash mouth football right now. I'm so proud of these kids and these coaches because they are in it for each other and really do care about our team" These kids and coaches have done a lot to earn this big win, and now it is up to the rest of us in Steer Nation to come out a support this team and do what we can to spark an entirely different kind of streak.

Fifth annual DAV Dove Hunt banquet honors four American heroes

By **ROGER CLINE**

Staff Writer

Another successful Disabled American Veterans Dove Hunt is in the books.

This year marked the fifth annual hunt, during which the DAV invites four veterans to come to Big Spring, do a little hunting, shoot a little skeet and target practice, talk and share their experiences with each other, and receive the acclaim of a grateful public at a banquet in their honor.

"It went really well," said local DAV Senior Vice Commander Mike Tarpley. "Every year it gets better and better. The amount of stuff they got, it looks like we may have to tell them they need to bring a trailer with them to bring it back home."

At the banquet, the honorees received a veritable mountain of swag, including hunting supplies and carry bags, a piece of original art, a pocketknife, hatchet, flags that have flown over the Texas and U.S. Capitol Buildings, a brand new shotgun, and hand-sewn quilts from the Quilts of Valor project.

Unfortunately, the turnout at the banquet was a bit lower than last year, possibly due to a combination of rain and numerous other activities taking place in the area at the same time.

"There's a lot going on in Big Spring tonight," Tarpley said.



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Local DAV Senior Vice Commander Mike Tarpley (second from right) drapes Quilts of Valor over the shoulders of honoree veterans at the Fifth Annual DAV Dove Hunt Banquet Saturday evening. This year's honorees, all retired U.S. Army veterans, include (from left) Sgt. First Class Daniel Martinez, Staff Sgt. Carlos O. Torres, Major Elliott R. Vann, and Sgt. First Class Robert R. McBride.

"Hopefully we can get the word out that people need to show up. With all of the presents and stuff that they get, the weekend that they got, people feeding them, having them at their homes, the trap and skeet and long-range shooting, there's still nothing like somebody here to say 'Thank you.' And the more 'Thank you's, the better.'"

The hunting and target shooting went well, said Tarpley, despite the rainy weather.

"We got a little bit today, but they are soldiers, so..." he said. "Yesterday was really good. Today was mediocre because of the weather. Wishbone Ranch that hosts us ev-

ery year...if there's gonna be birds, they're gonna be on the Wishbone."

The honored veterans this year included four retired U.S. Army veterans: Sgt. First Class Daniel Martinez, Staff Sgt. Carlos O. Torres, Major Elliott R. Vann, and Sgt. First Class Robert R. McBride.

At the banquet, the honorees and guests dined on barbecue brisket and sausage with all the fixings, provided by the Howard County Volunteer Fire Department.

For more information about the Disabled American Veterans chapter, visit the website at www.dav.org.

Runnells Academy holds first school year



HERALD photo/Roger Cline

A parent escorts students back to school at Runnells Academy, housed in the repurposed Runnells Junior High School located at 102 E. 10th St. This morning marks the first day of operation for Runnells Academy after the new school's start date was delayed from the originally planned first day, which was last Wednesday, to allow for some finishing touches to the building's interior.



October

Local, state, national leaders speak at Big Spring Rail ribbon-cutting



HERALD photo/Roger Cline Center, Wegman prepares to cut the ribbon as, from left, Big Spring Mayor Larry McLellan, Darby, State Senator Kel Seliger, Big Spring Rail Systems Inc. President Dave Lee, Big Spring City Councilman Jim DePauw, McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark Director Jim Little, Howard County Judge Kathryn Wiseman, and U.S. Representative Jodey Arrington look on.

By **ROGER CLINE**
Staff Writer

"Railroad iron is a magician's rod, in its power to evoke the sleeping energies of land and water." – Ralph Waldo Emerson

Big Spring is tapping into the vital energy of the railroad that Emerson spoke of with the expansion of Big Spring Rail Systems Inc. The most recent expansion – Phase Four of the expansion project – invested an additional \$2.4 million into rail infrastructure in Big Spring. All told, the project has added approximately six miles of track inside Big Spring's McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark, allowing the park's businesses to service a greatly increased volume of rail cargo.

Thursday, community, state, and national leaders gathered on the tarmac at the Airpark to sing the praises of the project and officially cut the ribbon on the completion of Phase Four. About 75 people turned out to the event, at which U.S. Congressman Jodey Arrington, State Senator Kel Seliger,

State Representative Drew Darby, and local officials including Howard County Judge Kathryn Wiseman and Big Spring Mayor Larry McLellan spoke.

Big Spring Economic Development Corporation Executive Director Terry Wegman, who was instrumental in supporting the expansion project, acted as master of ceremonies for the event.

"Business and industry don't believe in locating and relocating in communities unless you've got the infrastructure in place to support their businesses. This is just part of developing all of that," Wegman said. "We are a destination now, when before we were just another spot on the map. Now that we have all these tools to work with, we've got a great way to attract business, and we're starting to see it every day. We get calls on a weekly basis, and even more often than that, because word's getting around that we have this capacity and we have this infrastructure. It just creates lots of opportunities. We've just got to capitalize on those; attract

them and make them stick. That's the whole thing. Business brings employees, employees bring a lot of life to the city. You've got to kind of build it from the ground up. This is what you call the ground floor. This is where you start. This is what makes it happen."

Wegman said the project will continue to grow, and roadways are probably the next step.

"There are some more rail projects kind of on the drawing boards, but I think the most important thing we need to do next is get the roads built from the reliever route into the airpark," he said. "We're starting to get enough traffic out here now that it's starting to get a little congested. That in itself will open up many more doors for development. Long term, warehousing and distribution, logistics...we can literally be a logistics hub with the air and the roads and the rail. That's the long term goal. That's the vision. But the next phase, I think we're going to be talking roads."

Forsan ISD adds volleyball program to athletic dept.



Special to the Herald

Forsan ISD is happy to announce that they now offer volleyball. The buffs started out the school year by offering 8th grade, 7th grade A and 7th grade B teams. Forsan is excited about the growth of the program, and their ability to offer even more extracurricular activities for their students.

"It was a learning experience" said Head Coach Sunni Strickland. "I think it went well. The girls really enjoyed it. I am looking forward to adding the high school team, watching for improvement, and just getting to participate in that next level competition."

The buffaloes will open up a junior varsity team for the 2019-2020 school year, expanding beyond jr high. One of the 8th graders, Hannah Hillger is already looking forward to the next season.

"I've enjoyed learning something new," said Hillger. "It was neat to be a part of a team where everyone was learning a new sport, and starting at the same level. I am looking forward to seeing how we grow as a team."

Several of the girls on the team were excited to be a part of the new tradition. 7th grader K'Leigh Williams said that she was looking forward to a new season – and the growth that more time on the court brings with that.

"It is such an energetic sport," said Williams. "Our team is hardworking, and I feel like the best part was having such good teammates. I am looking forward to us having more experience next year."

Coach Strickland is joined by Coach Shanna Taylor, and Coach Ashli Irwin. They are also looking forward to watching the program grow.

"It was fun learning the Dos and Don'ts of a new sport," said Taylor. "It gave us the opportunity to get to know the girls, and it provided the girls with a chance to participate in a sport that they may not have had a chance to do before."

7th grader, Emma Buske, a member of the 7th grade A team was very proud of all that she had learned this school year.

"The best part of volleyball was watching everyone's hard work," said Buske. "I am most proud of my serving skills and my ability to get down on the floor. I know that next year we will get better, and win even more games."

Several other 7th graders were excited to share how they felt the season went, and what they were most looking forward to.

"I would say the season was great," said Carson Brown, a seventh grade A team player. "The best part would be the games. I had never played before so it was good learning how to play. I also made a lot of new friends."

The team played the Odessa Warriors last Monday in Odessa, and pulled out a tough win.

"I like the adrenaline that volleyball gives you whenever you are at match point and you could win or lose it," said seventh grader Caylee Myers. "It is exciting to get to do that with your friends."

The Forsan Buffaloes will play their last game of the season this Monday at Sweetwater. Please come out and support their new growing program. Go Buffs!

BSJH choir breaks record as seven make Regional Honor Choir



Courtesy photo

The Big Spring Junior High (BSJH) Choir competed in Regional auditions this past Saturday, October 13, and had a record-breaking total of seven junior high students place in the Regional Honor Choir this year! These students competed against hundreds of other students from across Region 6, including high school freshmen. Pictured on the back row from left to right are: Tryntin

nell, 16th chair-Tenor 2; Abraham Vazquez, 24th chair-Bass; Aiden Chaney, 15th chair-Bass; Kael Amador, 5th chair-Tenor 1; and Kaegan Baker, 16th chair-Tenor 1. Shown on the front row from left to right include: Evelyn Sanchez, 16th chair-Alto; and Kaydence Norwood, 15th chair-Soprano 2. Sponsors Tara Trowbridge and Larry Thiebault are very proud of all the students who auditioned this year.



November



Big Spring Fire Department named the 2018 Texas EMS Provider of the Year



Courtesy photo

Pictured from left to right receiving the award are Operations Chief, Jay Holt; Fire Chief, Craig Ferguson; Fire Marshal, Dan Hendrickson; and Training Chief, Jose Cazares.

Special to the Herald

On November 20, 2018, members of the Big Spring Fire Department attended the annual Texas Emergency Medical Services Conference in Ft Worth, Texas. At the conference, the Texas Department of Health and Human Services presented the Big Spring Fire Department with the 2018 EMS Provider of the Year Award. Fire Chief Craig Ferguson proudly accepted the award on behalf of the members of the Big Spring Fire Department. The award recipient is nominated by peer agencies and voted on by a state wide committee. The purpose of this award

is to honor a ground or air organization that demonstrates leadership in emergency medical services in patient care, public access, medical control, disaster preparedness, public education and training.

According to a statement released by the Fire Department, "The Big Spring Fire Department is grateful for this recognition and we will continue to provide the citizens of Big Spring and Howard County with the highest level of professionalism, customer service, and responsiveness through effective and efficient fire suppression and emergency medical services."

Big Spring Steers named Bi-District Champions



By JORDAN PARR

Sports Editor

There was something different about this Steers' team on Friday. Even before the game got started, there was a sense amongst the players and coaches during pregame warm-ups that their showing against Lake View last week in San Angelo was not going to be the way they were going to be remembered this year. Once the game was underway, that sense became a reality as Big Spring put to-

gether a full four-quarter comeback win over the Clint Lions to bring home the bi-district championship.

Big Spring won Friday night's game despite having fewer total yards with just 281 compared to 405 for Clint. The Steers also had fewer first downs, less than half as many rushing yards and 20 minutes less time of possession in the win. Where the Steers did win was on the field, where they got two huge goal line stops and two huge turnovers to turn the tide of the game.

BSHS Choir Director receives statewide recognition

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

Big Spring High School's choir director has received recognition from a statewide choral association.

At the 2019 Texas Choir Directors Association Convention in San Antonio, Gershom Garcia will be a Small-School Clinician for the event.

"They gave me a call and asked if I would speak and clinic their music educators for programs that are 'small school,' considered to be 1A through 4A, throughout the state of Texas," Garcia said. "They just said that they were looking for successful programs in the state, and Big Spring was listed among them, so they called and asked if I would be willing to share what we're doing here – the good things that are happening in Big Spring ISD."

Garcia said he was happy about the recognition the district is receiving across the state.

"I'm really honored, for one, and I'm really excited for our district, because that brings recognition to the Choral Program and the hard work that the kids have done, and our directors and our district have done," he said. "Really excited that I can share with other music educators our process of learning mu-



Gershom Garcia

sic and performing and what our mission is, and just examples of what we do curriculum-wise in our district."

Big Spring Assistant Superintendent George Bancroft praised Mr. Garcia's contribution to the High School's music program.

"He really has done fantastic work here," Bancroft said. "In addition to serving more students than even our band program, Mr. Garcia has produced more award winners than any director here in Big Spring for more than 20 years."

Garcia thanked those who have contributed to the Big Spring choral program.

"I'd just like to thank the administration for being so supportive, and Mr. Ritchey. And I've got great colleagues that I'm working with – Beth Spence and Tara Trowbridge and Larry Thibeault have been instrumental in helping develop our choral music," he said. "We're just here to promote choral music in our city and bless people with this music. The kids – I'm so proud of what the kids have done. This actually is a result of their hard work. They've brought recognition to the district."

The 2019 TCDA Convention is slated for July 25 through 27 at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center in San Antonio.

Howard named No.1 by Schools.com

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

Howard College is the number one community college in Texas...at least, according to the website Schools.com.

The website, billed as a "...definitive source for education information," lists Howard at the top spot of its list "Top 10 Community Colleges in Texas." In a short blurb along with the listing, Schools.com highlights some of Howard's strengths and features: "Howard offers close to 50 two-year degree programs, including pre-professional Associate of Science (A.S.) plans for doctors and engineers and Associate of Arts (A.A.) degrees in art, music, history and communication. Around three dozen certificate plans are available as well, in subjects like business, computer science, health care and criminal justice."

The listing goes on to mention Howard's SWCID campus' commitment to deaf education.

"Students who are deaf or hard of hearing also have a unique option in Big Spring," the site says. "Across town from its main campus, Howard operates the SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf (SWCID), the nation's only self-contained community college environment that focuses on the needs of hearing-impaired learners."

The number-one listing places Howard above other schools on the list including Ranger College at number two, Central Texas College in Killeen at number three, and Palo Alto College in San Antonio at number four.

The rest of the list consists of Richland College in Dallas at number five, McLennan Community College in Waco at number six, Galveston College at number seven, St. Philip's College in San Antonio at number eight, Brookhaven College in Farmer's Branch at number nine, and Houston Community College at number 10.

Howard College President Dr. Cheryl Sparks said the website never contacted the college before releasing the list. In fact, the school administration knew nothing of the list until Howard's Dean of General Studies Amber Kelly stumbled across it and brought it to Sparks' attention. Sparks said she's proud of the listing.

"We love it. We love that they're ranking us top. We checked their methodology because we wanted to see how legit they were, and as far as their methodology, they are using the National Center for Education Statistics," said Sparks. "There's lots of great community colleges in the state. We're proud, but we could also point out, 'Well that institution is really good,' you know? I'm glad that we're on the list, absolutely."

Schools.com ranked Texas Community Colleges based on six data points: distance education, cost of attendance, student-to-faculty ratio, graduation rate, transfer-out rate, and flexibility – including whether the school offers credit for life experiences, programs of study that can be completed entirely in the evenings and on weekends, on-campus daycare, and alternative education plans.

The website also offers a lists of the best community colleges and four-year colleges and universities, and profiles on individual colleges, throughout the United States and Canada.





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December

Zack Schneider receives Built Ford Tough Player of the Week trophy



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Zack Schneider stands with his family members for a photo holding the Built Ford Tough Player of the Week trophy. Pictured from left are Tim Childers, Zack's grandmother Sheryl Childers, Zack's brother and teammate Jonathon, Zack, his mother Andi Schneider, and his grandfather Mack Schneider.

By **LYNDEL MOODY**

COAHOMA - On Friday, Bulldog quarterback Zack Schneider received his trophy as the Class 3A Built Ford Tough Player of the week for Nov. 9, from David Howard, general manager of Big Spring Ford.

"This is a very prestigious honor and well deserved," said Bulldog head football coach Chris Joslin. "Zack is the example of a team player who carries himself the right way. His self-discipline and can-do attitude make him an outstanding leader for this team."

Ford Motor Company's Player of the Week program honors six student-athletes in each of the state's six athletic classifications each week during the 2018 regular season.

Schneider's workhorse attitude on the field has helped lead the Bulldogs into the playoffs. For the season, the junior has carried the ball 206 times for a total of 1,743 yards and 26 touchdowns.

"We are so proud of Zack," said CHS principal Christina Cox. "He is an all-around amazing, talented, goodhearted kid who is always thinking of his fellow students and teammates before himself."

As a Built Ford Tough Player of the Week, Schneider is eligible for the Ford Player of the Year for Class 3A. He will be featured on the Built Ford Tough Player of the Week website along with the five other players of the week chosen from around the state. To visit the page go to <https://fordplayeroftheweek.com/>

The ceremony was held in front of his Coahoma High School classmates in the school auditorium. Zack was surrounded by his fellow Bulldog teammates as he received the honor. Howard presented a second trophy honoring Schneider to CHS Principal Christina Cox which will be on permanent display at the high school.

The award was given for his outstanding performance during the Coahoma/Roosevelt football game when Schneider carried the ball 24 times for 311 yards and five touchdowns four of which came in the second half. His efforts helped to lead the Bulldogs to a win over the Eagles and secure a playoff bid.

Ford Motor Company's Player of the Week program honors six student-athletes in each of the state's six athletic classifications each week during the 2018 regular season. Zack was chosen out of more than 6,000 players in Class 3A.

HCVFD recognizes leaders

Courtesy photo

The Howard County Volunteer Fire Department presented its Firefighter of the Year and Officer of the Year awards Saturday evening during the department's annual Christmas Banquet. Jimmy Kyle Olivares, left, was named Firefighter of the Year for 2018, while Kem Hooper, right, was named Officer of the Year. Presenting the awards was HCVFD Fire Chief Mitchell Hooper, center.



The end of an era and the beginning of a new one

JP Green retiring, Angela Griffin tapped for the job



HERALD photo/Roger Cline

Justice of the Peace for Precinct 1, Place 1 Bennie Green, right, chats with those attending his retirement reception Friday in the third-floor courtroom of the Howard County Courthouse. Green's last day will be Dec. 31, when Angela Griffin will take over the job. About 100 well-wishers turned out to the reception.

By **ROGER CLINE**

Staff Writer

Howard County's Justice of the Peace for Precinct 1, Place 1, is retiring after 37 years of service with the county.

Judge Bennie Green has decided that it's time to move on to the next adventure. His last day in office is Dec. 31, and County Attorney's Clerk Angela Griffin will take over the job Jan. 1.

"I'm not quitting because of anything bad, I just feel like it's time," said Green. "I've got enough time here, and because of my age...It's just time."

Green reminisced about the various aspects of his job.

"I just enjoy working with the people here at the courthouse and working with the people that voted me into office. It's been a good ride, so to say," he said, adding

that other aspects - such as certifying deaths - are less pleasant. "I guess if there was a negative about it, that would be the negative. You just don't get used to it. I guess the worst part is like small children and people who commit suicide. That's not too pleasant, but that's part of it."

During his 37 years, Green worked for 18 as a sheriff's deputy and patrol sergeant with the Howard County Sheriff's Office, before moving into the JP's seat where he's served for 19 years.

"Back in 1999, China Long was the Justice of the Peace here, in this precinct. She retired, and I just thought it was time to do something different, so I applied for the job," he said. "The commissioners appointed me, and I took office here at this JP's office on May 1, 1999, and I've been here

ever since."

Green thanked those who have voted for him over the years.

"Of course, it's an elected position. The people voted me in, and I feel grateful for that," he said. "I've enjoyed it."

Howard County Commissioners have appointed Griffin to step into the JP post being vacated by Green. Griffin has served in the Howard County Attorney Josh Hamby's office for 10 years, before which she worked for Hamby in his private practice.

"I had a few people approach me, telling me this was something they thought I'd be good at," Griffin said. "Then I started giving it a little more thought, and I realized that it would be a step up for me. I'd be learning new stuff and representing the county in a different way, as a judge instead of on the prosecutor's side. It just interests me to do something more for the county and to learn other skills."

Griffin said her job in the County Attorney's office has familiarized her quite well with the scope of the JP position.

"I don't work hand in hand with the JP, I actually work hand in hand with the County Judge," she said. "But I'm very familiar with what the JPs do."

Griffin earned her both her associate's and bachelor's degrees in Criminal Justice through University of Phoenix in Tempe, Ariz. She will start training with Green this week, before attending Judge's School Dec. 10 through 13.



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