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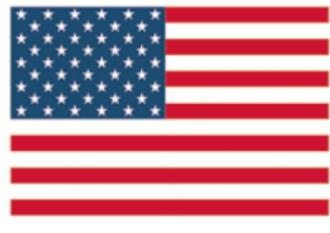
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- Upcoming Events**
- Festival of Lights*
Open through Dec. 25
6 p.m. - 10 p.m. nightly
 - Live Drive Through Nativity* open through Sunday, 6:30 p.m.
First Church of the Nazarene
 - Red Kettle Challenge* has begun. Those wanting to volunteer can sign up at RegisterToRing.com
 - Submit your holiday festivities photos to be featured in the Big Spring Herald. Email editor@bigspringherald.com.
 - Saturday**
 - Nutcracker*
Municipal Auditorium
7:30 p.m.
 - Cookies and Cocoa with Santa*
Hangar 25
1 p.m.
 - Christmas Tree Forest*
Heritage Museum

Big Spring Veterinary Diagnostic Hospital expanding Community invited to see renovations

By ANNA GUTIERREZ
 Staff Writer

Big Spring has a “new” facility where we can take our furry family members. Although many are familiar with the location, not many know about the remodel and improvements that have been made to the facility.

Big Spring Veterinary Diagnostic Hospital (BVDH), located in what was Sierra, has remodeled and expanded their facility. They would like to invite everyone to their ribbon cutting ceremony on Wednesday, Dec. 18, from 11:45 a.m to 1 p.m. You can make res-

ervations by responding to their Facebook event; gourmet BBQ will be served. In addition, Dr. Guy Lonergan, Dean of Texas Tech School of Veterinary Medicine, will be the Guest of Honor.

“We bought the practice in 2018. Not only did we remodel the existing facility, we also added a new 7000 square foot surgical suite,” says Leslee Hurwitz, CVPM, co-owner of BVDH. “This will allow us to expand our services and to better help the animals of Big Spring and Howard County. We feel we are in an under-served area and that there is a compelling need for the services we provide.”

See The Nutcracker Ballet
 with
 The Big Spring Symphony Orchestra
 (presented in part by a grant from HEB)
Saturday, December 14
7:30PM
 Municipal Auditorium

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Howard Board of Trustees meet Monday

By CINDY PINCH
 Staff Writer

Howard College Board of Trustees will hold a board meeting Monday, Dec. 16. A special Christmas lunch will be held in the Cactus Room before the meeting. The meeting will be held in the Tubleweed Room at 12:30 p.m. Both rooms are located inside the Student Union Building. This is the final board meeting for the college until the new year.

The meeting will cover routine business and will give an update on the recent power outage that has been affecting the college since before Thanksgiving.

“Electricity was restored Monday evening,” President Cheryl Sparks said. “And we

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Thank a Veteran Day



“WHEREAS, the City of Big Spring, in recognition of the courage, honor, devotion and sacrifice of our service men and women, hereby establish the 15th day of every month as “Thank a Veteran Day”, and this day shall forever stand as a day to honor those that have selflessly served each citizen of this Great Nation.”
 The Big Spring Herald stands in support of all Veterans. The above is part of a proclamation presented by the Big Spring City Council in honor of everyone that has served our Country. Please take a moment today to thank a Veteran. This proclamation was presented by Mayor Larry McLellan on behalf of the Big Spring City Council on Tuesday, April 10th, 2018.
 God Bless our veterans!
 If you know a veteran we should recognize, please send the information to editor@bigspringherald.com.

Special to the Herald

John C. Bates is one of our West Texas Health Care System Veterans. A WWII Veteran, Bates was drafted in 1944 and sent to Fort Riley Kansas for basic training. After basic training, he sailed to Scotland on the “Queen Mary” and then boarded a boat to France.

Bates was a loader on a Sherman tank and was a part of the 2nd Armored Division - among the first allied forces to push in to Berlin following the battle in Belgium. “It was an honor and privilege to serve my country, and for the right cause, I would serve my country today, even at my age of - 93,” said Bates, “There are not very many WWII Veterans left, and it is an honor to be able to share my memories with people.”



John C. Bates, WWII Veteran visits with Santa, during the recent Christmas Tree lighting at the West Texas VA.

When asked what makes him feel the proudest, Bates replied, “I fought alongside some of the greatest and strongest men I have ever met and it makes me proud to say I am an American.”

Speech and Debate coaches recognized during Big Spring School Board’s final meeting of the year

By CINDY PINCH
 Staff Writer

Big Spring ISD Board of Directors gathered Thursday for the final meeting of the year.

Jennifer and Clint Adams, the speech and debate coaches at Big Spring High School, were recognized at the meeting for Big Spring Independent School District on Dec. 12. Big Spring High School Principal and Athletic Director, Mike Ritchey recognized the couple during the board meeting for their service to the school and its students.

“They are out there, they’re involved, they’re invested with them. And as a result,” Ritchey said. “They’re making a difference in our nation and in our world.”

Jennifer and Clint have worked with Big Spring High School for twenty years. They are coaches for the speech

and debate program that has influenced quite a few students over the years. Ritchey mentioned students who participated in the program during their time with Big Spring High School and the accomplishments they have achieved since graduation.

“Number one, I think we should all be very proud of their twenty years of commitment to Big Spring ISD. They continue to sustain excellence, but more importantly, they’re leaders in our school...in our district.” Ritchey said. “You don’t get any better than this.”

In addition to the special recognition, the board recognized volunteer organization, Food2Kids. The volunteers thanked the board for their support of the program. The group has served students in the community since 2013 and re-

ported serving over 400 students during the previous week. Food2Kids meets once a month. Volunteers include people from the community and also students, faculty, and staff from BSISD.

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Obituaries

Travis D. Fryar



Travis D. Fryar, 83, of Midland, Texas, passed away Thursday, Dec. 12, 2019, in Midland.

He was born on Aug. 21, 1936, in Howard County, Texas, to R.V. and Claudie Fryar.

Travis worked for TXU for 40 years and was also a farmer and rancher.

He is preceded in death by his parents; and his sister, Orvita DeLeon.

He is survived by his wife, Shirley Fryar; children, Debra Calobreves and husband Bill of Kerrville, Texas, Kathleen Epley and husband, J. of Big Spring, Texas, Terry Don Fryar and wife,

Karon, of Big Spring, Texas, Shelley Roten, of Lubbock, Texas; brothers, James Fryar and wife, Bo of Big Spring, Texas, Melvin Fryar and wife, Bobbie, of Brownwood, Texas; as well as 14 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

Funeral Services will be held on Saturday, Dec. 14, 2019, at 3 p.m., in the Rosewood Chapel at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home in Big Spring, Texas.

Family will receive guests for a visitation on Friday, Dec. 13, 2019, from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory. Online condolences may be made at www.npwelch.com.

Paid Obituary

Jean Marie Tidwell



Jean Marie Tidwell, 94, of Big Spring, passed from this life Saturday, Dec. 7, 2019, in a local nursing home. Graveside services will be 11 a.m. Monday, Dec. 16, 2019, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park with Rev. Scott Kirkland, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, officiating.

The family will receive friends from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 15, 2019, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

She was born July 27, 1925, in Commerce, Texas to Ervin and Maurine Harrison.

Jean worked as secretary for Stanton Independent School District for a number of years. She did volunteer work with R.S.V.P. and was a longtime

member of Trinity Baptist Church.

Survivors include one daughter, Bobbie Lee Fryar and husband, Melvin of Brownwood; three granddaughters, Kim Jenschke and husband, Lonnie of Stephenville, Dawn Tucker of Brownwood, and Lana Kirkham of Big Spring; nine great-grandchildren; numerous great-great grandchildren; two brothers, Don Harrison of Arlington, and Ed Brice of Sulphur Springs; and a very dear friend, Maurice (Smitty) Smith of Big Spring.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husbands, Ralph R. Newman and Russell Tidwell; a son, Ralph R. Newman Jr.; two daughters, Anita Sue Myers and Ginny Crawford; and two grandsons, R. Norman Fryar and Randal W. Crawford.

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Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

• **LIONEL LEYVA**, 49, of 1317 Tucson St., was arrested on an outstanding warrant from another agency.

• **STEPHEN THOMAS PORTER**, 42, of 3221 Cornell Ave., was arrested on an outstanding

warrant from another agency.

• **CAMERON PAUL-LEE WILLIAMS**, 18, of 1605 Sunset Ave., was arrested on an outstanding warrant from another agency.

• **BURGLARY OF HABITATION** was reported in the 1000 block of Runnels St.

• **THEFT OF A FIREARM** was reported in the 3600 block of W.

Hwy 80.

• **THEFT** was reported in the 3600 block of W. Hwy 80.

• **ACCIDENT MINOR** was reported in the 1400 block of Princeton Ave., and in the 1800 block of S. Gregg.

• **STOLEN VEHICLE** was reported at Jonesboro and Gatesville.

Sheriff

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 83 inmates at the time of this report.

• **BRODY ERIC GUTIERREZ**, 27, was arrested by DPS on warrants for two counts of bail jumping and failure to appear.

• **TOMMY RAY HULL**, 36, was arrested by HCSO on a warrant for failure to appear.

• **LIONEL LEYVA**, 49, was arrested by BSPD on warrants for possession of marijuana (less than two ounces), and duty on striking fixture or highway landscape.

• **AKKEY MCVAE**, 21, was arrested by HCSO on a warrant for

resisting arrest, search or transport.

• **STEPHEN THOMAS PORTER**, 42, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant for motion to revoke-driving while intoxicated.

• **CAMERON WILLIAMS**, 5018 was arrested by HCSO on a warrant for theft of property (\$100 to \$750).

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 600 block of Colgate. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1500 block of E. 17th St. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1800 block of N. Hwy 87.

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• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 300 block of E. 3rd St. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1300 block of Mesa. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1600 block of Sunset Ave. One person was transport-

ed to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3700 block of Dixon. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported in the 4300 block of FM 818. No transport was required.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2600 block of Langley. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

Support Groups

SATURDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m. Covered dish supper at 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous closed meeting from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

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.

• Caregivers Support Group, sponsored by the Area Agency on Aging, meets the second Tuesday of every month at 10:30 a.m. The meetings are held at the Senior Citizens Center located at 100 Whipkey Drive. These meetings are open for any caregiver, whether medical professional or family member. For more information, please call Becky Letz at 267-1628.

• Al-anon family group meets at 8 p.m. at 615 Settles.

• DivorceCare is a biblical support group for those facing divorce or separation. Each DVD session features nationally respected experts, such as Christian Counselors and Pastors. Small group discussions and workbook exercises help participants apply the information to their own situations. We cover pertinent issues like: • Will I survive? • How to get out of debt. • How do you know when you are ready for a new relationship? • How to lessen the impact of divorce on your children. • Is reconciliation possible?

There is no charge for attendance. 13-week seminars are held two times per year on Tuesday evenings from 6 to 8 p.m. at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. The next session begins Sept. 3, 2019. Visit the DivorceCare Ministry of TBC Facebook page for information. You can also call Donna Burcham at 267-6344 for information on seminar dates and how you can register to attend.

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.

• Celebrate Recovery meets at First United Methodist Church Youth Hall, 400 Scurry, from 6-8 p.m. Hurts, habits and hang-ups. Leave message for Joyce Webb at 325-212-860

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.

Reaching out to Veterans through BEITZ

Special to the Herald

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. at 501 Birdwell Lane. For more information, email francisco.garza@wtcmhmr.org, or call 432-268-3003.

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Weather



Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 73. Calm wind becoming southeast around 5 mph in the morning.

Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 48. South wind 5 to 10 mph.

Sunday: Sunny, with a high near 76. Southwest wind around 10 mph.

Sunday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 39. Southwest wind around 10 mph becoming northwest after midnight.

Monday: Sunny, with a high near 53. North wind around 10 mph.

Monday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 28.

Tuesday: Sunny, with a high near 48.

Tuesday Night: Clear, with a low around 27.

Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 52.

Wednesday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 33.

Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 57.

Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 34.

Friday: Sunny, with a high near 61.

(Weather courtesy National Weather Service via forecast.weather.gov)

BSISD

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“We really want to thank you, and you guys as volunteers.” Superintendent Jay McWilliams said. “Because when it gets right down to it, it’s all about kids.”

The board approved the acceptance of a donation from Absolute Pipeline Integrity, LLC. The company donated pipe for the students to use for welding. The contract with West Texas Injury and Prevention was approved to be renewed. WTIP provides drug testing services for extracurricular students. The board approved two requests from Four Sevens Operating Co. Ltd. in regards to permissions the company needed on the assignment of oil and gas leases. Assistant superintendent, Raemi Thompson reported on College, career, and military readiness monitoring.

“We have possibly five students that are planning to graduate high school with their Associate’s Degree, not this year, next year; they’re juniors.” Thompson reported. “Nobody’s ever done it before. They’re trying and their self-motivating each other.”

Thompson reported on high schoolers who are preparing to graduate, students who are participating in dual credit, and students who are receiving certifications for programs such as welding and Microsoft Office upon graduation. BSISD is working to help students to not only be college ready, but workforce ready. In conclusion, the board heard the superintendent’s report and approved the minutes from the Nov. 21 meeting. The next board meeting for BSISD will be held on Jan. 16.

Cindy Pinch is a staff writer at the Big Spring Herald. To contact her, email reporter@bigspringherald.com or call 432-263-7331.

Take Note

- The Potton House will be open, beginning Sunday, Dec. 8, and then on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays through the month of December. Hours will be from 1 to 4 p.m. Admission is free, but donations are greatly appreciated. Come see a little bit of Big Spring’s history at the historic Potton House.

- Christmas in Coahoma at the Park will take place this year on Saturday, Dec. 14, from 3 to 6:30 p.m. There will be hayrides and caroling, Christmas art projects for kids, free coffee, cocoa, popcorn and cookies. There will also be a special visit from Santa from 3 to 5 p.m. If you would like to enter your house into the Best Decorated House contest, you can pick up an application at City Hall or at the Office of the Justice of the Peace and return by December 11. The winner will be announced at the park and will receive a yard sign and stocking of goodies.

- VFW Post 2013 meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. New members are being sought. The Post is located at 500 Driver Rd. Qualified veterans, those who have served in a foreign war, who are interested in joining the VFW are encouraged to attend a meeting to find out more information.

- A fund has been set up in or-

der to assist Brent Fowlkes with medical expenses. Brent is the husband of Ashley Martin Fowlkes, CEO of Big Spring Education Employees Federal Credit Union. If you would like more information or would like to make a donation, please stop by the credit union located at 1110 Benton, or call 432-263-8393. Please see the tellers to make a donation. Thank you to everyone for your kindness and support during this difficult time.

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- Food2Kids will again be providing sack lunches to children in the Big Spring area who do not receive adequate food over the weekends. Members of the community can be a part by volunteering to sack the food. It takes just a couple of hours of your time, and the work is very rewarding. The next sacking event of this 2019-2020 school year will be Monday, Jan. 6 and Tuesday Jan. 7, and they will continue throughout the year on the first Monday and Tuesday of the month. To volunteer, just show up at Lakeview High School located at 1107 N.W. 7th St., at 5:30 p.m. You can follow their Facebook page for additional information <https://www.facebook.com/food2kids/>.

- O’Neal-Kunkle, Chapter #47 of the Disabled American Vets (D.A.V.), meets the third Monday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at 2204 Rannels Street. For more information, please contact Norman Witcher at 432-413-6663.

- Senior and/or mature adults are invited to come to a dance every first and third Friday each month at the Dora Roberts Community Center, located at 100 Whipkey Drive. Come two-step the evening away, or just mingle with old friends and make new friends. Dances start at 7 p.m.

HOWARD

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were back in business Tuesday morning.”

In addition to the update, the board will discuss and take possible action on the following:

- Special Initiatives in the District, Big Spring, Lamesa, San Angelo, and SWCD.
- Accountability Measures on Oper-

ational, Financial, and Student Success Indicators.

- Monitoring Bids.
- Handbook and Catalog Changes.
- Legislative and General Updates.
- Notice of Filing for Trustee Election.

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MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

24th & Johnson 267-8288

Kenneth M. Beeler, 82, died Wednesday. Graveside service will be at 2:00 PM today at Trinity Memorial Park Peace Chapel.

Joyce Coffman, 63, died Tuesday. Services are pending. A fund has been established at the funeral home to help the family with expenses.

Jo Ann Africh, 54, died Wednesday. Services are pending.

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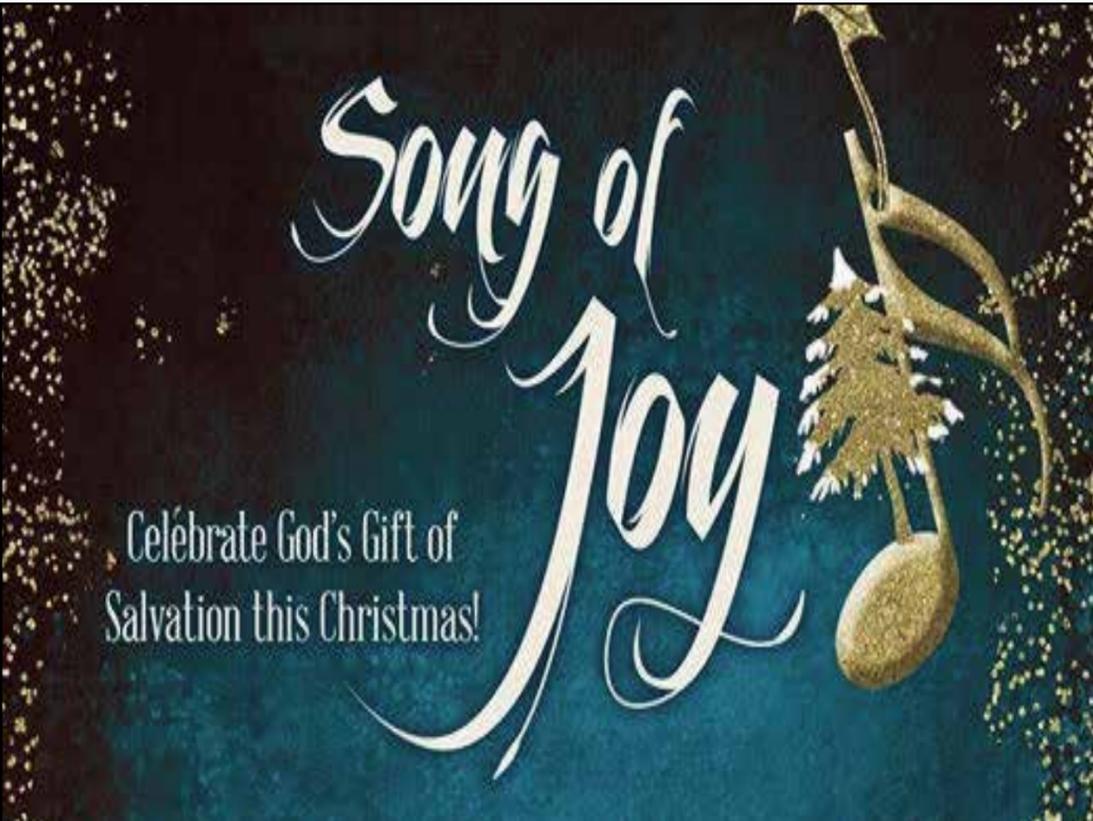
“Hospital tours will be available all day; we have an open-door policy. We also believe where your pet goes, you go. People get nervous taking their pets to the vet, and owners are part of the treatment process,” says Hurwitz.

BVDH is located at 3404 E. FM 700. You can reach them at 432-263-1198. Don’t forget to follow their Facebook page for new and exciting updates.

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DAILY PRAYER

*Dear Lord, You provide us with
all Your good and perfect gifts.
Thank You.*

Amen

Marshall's wonderland of lights

So many Texas cities really put on the glitter and lights around Christmas. Big Spring, with a population 28,000 lights up the city park with displays and giant lighted poinsettias (it's the lighted poinsettia capital of Texas) that attract some 20,000 visitors every December.

Andrews has 13,000 residents and puts on an impressive downtown light show. After people watch the lights they go to the home of Gary Rawls that has a nativity scene with live actors and live animals, camel and donkey included.

Fort Worth, population 800,000, outlines its downtown buildings with lights.

In East Texas, the place to go see Christmas lights is Marshall, where 24,000 people live. There are millions of lights downtown and beyond. It's a spectacle that has been covered by all kinds of media for years.

"It started with lighting our downtown courthouse, the shrubbery and trees around it

and morphed into much more than that," says Tim Holt who works with Marshall's Wonderland of Lights. "Neighborhoods started to decorate. It started with the bag lights and luminaries and people started putting lights on their houses. Next thing you know, Marshall is lit up. People have come here at Christmastime from all over the country. It is just such a beautiful sight that puts you in the Christmas spirit real quick. We have tour buses from Dallas, Houston and New Orleans around our courthouse



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square then they go out to the neighborhoods." The celebration starts the day after Thanksgiving. "We kick it off with a bunch of activities. Bands play in an outdoor pavilion on weekends and it's all free. We try to do things that will bring people downtown so we can keep downtown involved in our everyday lives and keep people involved. We've got ice skating, we'll

have things for the kids to do like visiting with Santa, working on a model train, eating reindeer food, I mean there's just so many things that we set up for the kids."

The ice skating rink is outdoors.

"The city has spent a lot of money on our ice skating rink. You know it can still get hot here in East Texas in November so the city makes sure it stays frozen. The ice rink is just east of the courthouse.

Last year they covered it with a tent but if it's not raining they'll not use it. People come from all over East Texas and bring their skates just so they can say they went ice skating on an outdoor rink in Texas."

Millions of photos have been taken around Christmastime in Marshall.

"You've got the courthouse 30 yards away from you, so the pictures are absolutely beautiful. They're postcard pictures with people ice-skating, thousands and thousands of tiny white lights twinkling behind you and all around you.

It is a spectacular sight to see in downtown Marshall. "

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Two Interstates

Dear Editor

About a century ago, the attitude of pioneer Big Spring must have been joyful, jovial, happy, delighted with merriment and so on. They would have welcomed the Bankhead Highway through Big Spring - a forerunner of the later built Settles Hotel, whose front door sets on its trail.

In time it became Interstate 20, collecting taxes on every gallon of gas (your lawn mower for instance) and a federal highway system passing over 23,000 vehicles a day through this community. Known as the Southern all-weather route - U.S. east coast to U.S. west coast, it tended to duplicate a previous Northern (Lincoln highway) route compromised with weather part of the year. It could have gone through other towns, but it went through Big Spring (that's another story.)

Lords-town, Ohio - though earlier devastated by the potential loss of thousands of auto workers - an electric battery factory, one of the largest in the world, is being built there for all electric powered GM trucks. The trucks are scheduled for 2021.

In essence, they've locked into the future for their area - the next half century or more of an economic watershed unlikely to be disrupted, isn't it notable - the CROSSROADS of two interstate highways (80

and 76) is at their doorstep. Big Spring may be at a happy time again with the possibility of another interstate.

While our segment is being prepared for presentation to the Governor in a few months - it wouldn't seem unreasonable if Big Spring community sent the Governor a message by the thousands that stated: 2. We want IS-27; 2. Much of the infrastructure

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Santa on the run

The youngster, maybe 6-7 years of age, is on one of those "select" league baseball teams that may play four games or more on a single weekend during most months of the year.

Sometimes, they fly commercially to tournaments, but so far, I haven't heard of any teams chartering planes. But that'll be next.

Anyways, the youngster had just bounded off the mound, his pitching prowess proven yet again, even at his tender age.

Upon reaching his parents, his out-of-the-blue question proved that "little pitchers have big ears."

Several other parents overheard the question which may have been contemplated for weeks, if not months.

It was simply this: "With all the trouble in the world today, do you think Santa Claus packs heat?"

Psychologists could work overtime on this one. It would have given me pause back there if a grandchild had posed the question to me.

I was proud of the poised mom who fielded the question admirably. Speaking in a conversational manner, she was comforting.

"Oh, I don't think anyone would take on Santa," she began. "He is beloved around the world. He's far better known for 'packing warmth,' no matter the time zone, country or hemisphere."...

Her deft handling of the youngster's question was worthy of applause. Just guessing, I'd say she

has a keen understanding of our tumultuous environment, and probably wasn't surprised that even her baseball-pitching son has been hearing-if not seeing-life's ragged edges, even in his hometown.

The mom's mention of Santa's "packing warmth" stuck with me for days.

It is worthy of passing along, and something we can all do. We are "packing warmth" with a healthy laugh, a hearty handshake or a heartfelt gesture that seems simply to be "the right thing to do." At Christmas time, may we reflect the love of the Christ child, unpacking the warmth of his love, spreading it far and wide.

I am often the "victim" of humorous moments, usually by choice. I do better, of course, if I have a few minutes' warning, and sometimes, even more warning would be helpful. Certainly I couldn't have improved on the mom's instructions to "pack warmth."

Very often, though, when I feel like I have instantaneously figured something out, the pendulum swings back. At such times, I feel lukewarm mush dripping from my face.

One such pratfall occurred recently at our Dairy Queen, where chicken and dumplings are featured during the cooler months....

The dish is delicious, and not to be confused with "fast food" only because it is offered at a place that's typically known for timeliness.

I'm attesting that the chicken and dumplings are better than

most grandmothers have made across the years, and would be a close runner-up to my long-departed "Granny." She was "the best" when it came to chicken and dumplings, as well as fried pies, made with homegrown apricots, peaches and figs.

At the cash register, I asked a bonehead question upon discovering that I had been granted a 10% discount, no questions asked.

The receipt read: "10% discount for veterans."

My heart soared. I was as excited as the young pitcher cited earlier. Had the cashier read my column last month about being a veteran--my very own self-discovering nearly six decades after becoming one? (Again, thanks to the Lowe's guy who convinced me that the term "veteran" includes folks like me who served nine years without mobilization.)

I was coy--maybe even sly--upon reading details about discounts for veterans. "How could you tell that I'm a veteran?" I asked.

"Oh, you didn't read the next line, did you?" he countered.

Quickly, I unfolded the receipt. Under the line about 10% veterans' discount was another claim, "10 percent discount to senior citizens."

Well, I'm gonna buy me a "VETERAN" gimme cap to avoid misunderstandings at Dairy Queen. But, I'll find other ways to redder my face.

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Check this out, at the library this week

With winter right around the corner come by the library and pick up a good book to curl up with! This week we will have Babytime on Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. and Storytime on Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. Code Club will meet only for session one on Thursday at 10:30 a.m.

We will resume regular Code Club meeting times January 2.



Sandra Verdin

This week's reviews include fiction and western.

Keely Green always dreamed of leaving the beautiful shores of Nantucket to become a writer in "Surfside Sisters" (LP F THA N) by Nancy Thayer.

Now she's a bestselling novelist living in New York City, attending glamorous cocktail parties and mingling with the literary elite.

Keely is also dating a charming, perfectly fine pediatric surgeon who looks good on paper but isn't "the one." Then Keely's editor demands major edits to her latest novel before it can be published. With her life getting more and more difficult, Keely longs for the soothing island way of life.

Growing up, Keely and her best friend, Isabelle, were inseparable. Nothing could come between them except, as it turned out, Keely's boyfriend, Tommy. Returning home would mean facing Isabelle's bitter betrayal and seeing for herself the family Tommy and Isabelle have created, the life that might have been Keely's. But when Keely's mother falls into a deep depression, Keely knows what she must do, even though she is reluctant to face her estranged friend. Encountering Isabelle's older brother, Sebastian, Keely's longtime crush, only complicates things. In one incredible summer, Keely must confront the mistakes of the past if she has any chance of finding true happiness in

the place she will always call home.

Redheaded, curly-haired Zoe is openhearted, kind and free-spirited, and dreams of becoming a famous actor in New York City in "The Little Teashop on Main" (LP F THO J) by Jodi Thomas. Shy Emily struggles with mental health but has the heart and soul of a writer.

Shannon, tall, athletic, strong, has a deep sense of loyalty that will serve her well when she heads off to military college. As Zoe, Emily and Shannon grow into women forging careers, following dreams and finding love they'll learn that life doesn't always unfold the way they want it to, but through it all, the one constant is each other and their regular tea parties.

When the unthinkable happens, the girls must come together to face the greatest test of all. A moving novel about the family that raises us, the hearts that nurture us and the great friendships that define our lives.

Six western stories in "Dead Man's Journey: A Western Sextet" (LP W SAV L) by Les Savage, JR. In "The Wagon Warrior," David Brooke, a hunter for freight caravans, finds himself shackled in a wagon because he had been raised by the Cheyenne who are being blamed for the attack on an earlier supply train.

In "The Man Who Tamed Tombstone," singer Kate Lawrence, with her manager, arrive in Tombstone and find themselves in danger as a power struggle between Sheriff Nevis and Marshal Graham plays out. Blackballed by the freighting companies when his caravan burned three years ago, killing five men, Blackie Barr in "Bullets and Bullwhips" is given a second chance by Pop Trevers, whose future depends on making good on a government contract.

In "Owlhoot Maverick," Johnny Peters is out to avenge the death of his father, the outlaw Concho Peters becomes conflicted when the man he seeks saves his life and offers him a job on a cattle drive. In "Bullets Bar This Trail," three men race to Butte with \$40,000 in cash to exercise the option on the

Golden Ace mine for their client, but soon one man becomes suspicious about the intentions of the other two.

In "Dead Man's Journey," when Ray Bandelier is suspected of killing the man who grub-staked him, he sneaks out of town with an acting troupe that soon finds themselves the target of outlaws.

Stovepipe Stewart and Wilbur Coleman look like drifters in "Hang Them Slowly" (LP W JOH W) by William W. Johnstone.

In this blazing Western saga, these two undercover cowboys get paid to find trouble and to risk their lives to stomp it out. By any means necessary, Vance Brewster is a hardworking young cowboy. Stovepipe and Wilbur are two new ranch hands working at his side.

All three are caught up in a brewing, trigger-happy Montana range war between the Rafter M and Three Rivers. Then the fury suddenly explodes, in a hail of gunfire the three men must show their hands: they're all hiding their true identities. With Vance falling in love with the daughter of the Three Rivers manager, and Stovepipe and Wilbur paid by a tycoon who needs the violence to stop, all three are in mortal danger.

Their real enemies are hiding true identities of their own-and they're not nice men. The body count is about to go sky high and Stovepipe and Wilbur prefer not to be on top of the pile.

"Books can truly change our lives: the lives of those who read them, the lives of those who write them."

- Lloyd Alexander

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Santa visits the Howard County Library

First 100 kids were treated to a Christmas book after their visit



HERALD photos/Amanda Duforat

Christmas time is here and Santa has been making his rounds in Howard County. One of his first stops was at the Howard County Library. Santa received some help from local elves - Greater Big Spring Rotary - and was able to provide Christmas books to the first 100 kids who came to visit him.

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is already in place including the west route around Big Spring; 3. It's the cheapest and closest route; 4. It's the most central route; 5. It would grow the state of Texas when fossil fuel use diminishes as forecast. These and your even better ideas would likely have an impact for Big Spring.

*Bobby McDonald
Big Spring*

TMPA, HPOU, HCDO and Texas State FOP Demand Action by the District Attorney in the Killing of Sgt. Kaila Sullivan

AUSTIN — Today, TMPA leadership, HPOU (FOP Lodge 110), and HCDO (FOP Lodge 39), and Texas State FOP, representing over 40,000 officers including the Nassau Bay Police Department, come together to formally and loudly condemn the handling of Sgt. Kaila Sullivan's killer, Tavoires Henderson.

The lengthy time it took to file capital murder charges against Henderson by the District Attorney and the fact that he has been given an option for bail are an insult to every member of law enforcement and the good citizens we are charged with protecting.

Henderson has multiple violent arrests spanning multiple counties, including arrests for weapons charges and domestic violence. He is no stranger to the criminal justice system and now stands accused of killing Sgt. Sullivan and attempting to flee before being apprehended.

"For the judge to allow any sort of bond, especially one this low, is imbecilic. He is an accused cop killer already out on multiple bonds, who went on the run after he murdered Sgt. Sullivan. The decision to even consider giving him a bond is beyond illogical and idiotic," said Joe Gamaldi, President of HPOU and Vice-President of National FOP.

David Cuevas, President of HCDO, went on to say "The criminal justice system only works when all people, including members of the criminal justice system itself, have faith in its processes and those in charge of making decisions.

These series of decisions strike deep at the heart of our shared faith in our prosecution and judicial arms of that system. Texans, especially those in law enforcement, deserve better."

Finally, Kevin Lawrence, the Executive Director of TMPA added, "What this judge has done is unconscionable — it is not only an affront to Sgt. Sullivan's family, it is a slap in the face to every law enforcement officer who is out there today trying to keep our communities safe. The good, decent, law-abiding citizens of Harris County need to be alarmed. If this pattern is not reversed, Houston is going to become Baltimore or Chicago or Washington D.C."

TMPA, HPOU, and HCDO demand action by the Harris County District Attorney and vow to pursue this issue for as long as it takes in whatever form necessary to see justice for Sgt. Sullivan and the community in which she served.

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Lady Steers fall to Levelland in Stanton

By SHAWN MORAN

Herald Sportswriter

STANTON — After finishing their first day of the 2019 Pinky Jones Hooptown Classic with a 1-1 record, the Lady Steers faced the Levelland Loboettes in another tough contest for Big Spring.

The Loboettes were a well-oiled machine and came out firing on all cylinders when they took a quick 18-9 lead at the end of the first quarter. Big Spring was forced into an astounding 23 first half turnovers and could barely find time to even get a shot on net. In fact, the Lady Steers as a group attempted only 15 shots in the first half, which means they committed eight more turnovers than they had shots on basket.

"It's just the mental breakdown and the mental issues that we have of not being as aggressive as we can be," Levelland head coach Krystle Jim said. "We just didn't shoot. If we don't shoot, then we don't get any shots off. We just need to work on being more aggressive in that aspect that everyone can shoot."

The second half was not much kinder to the Big Spring offense. Outside of senior forward Trinity Galloway and her 16 points, the Lady Steers accounted for only 17 points total in the last two quarters of the game. Meanwhile, the Loboettes offense was humming and on their way to a con-



HERALD Photo/Shawn Moran

A Levelland defender meets up with a Big Spring ballhandler at midcourt of the Lady Steers loss on Friday afternoon.

vincing 66-29 win.

Galloway recorded a double-double with 16 points on seven made shots and 12 rebounds, but her high-energy playmaking did not rub off on her teammates in this meeting. Outside of Galloway, the entire Lady Steers roster recorded only five made baskets and turned the ball over 35 times.

Following a 1-2 record in the first two days of competition in Stanton, Jim believes her team has experienced different basketball situations that will help them in the long-run.

"I felt like we took a step back today," Jim said. "It is up to them whether they bring it or not. When they do bring it, they are a lot better than what they show. When they hit adversity, they have to keep working on through that instead of crumbling back down and taking a seat to adversity."

With just one game remaining on the weekend, the Lady Steers will be looking to show how they can play when everything clicks.

UP NEXT: The Lady Steers conclude their trip to the Pinky Jones Hooptown Classic on Saturday afternoon.

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Coahoma drops both games at Pinky Jones Classic on Friday

By SHAWN MORAN

Herald Sportswriter

STANTON — On the second day of the 2019 Pinky Jones Hooptown Classic held at Stanton High School, the Coahoma Bulldogs we're matched up against the Dumas Demons and Colorado City Wolves.

First, the Bulldogs had a meeting on the Old Gym court with the Demons. Dumas played two games on the first day of the tournament and had outscored their two opponents by a combined 58 points heading into their Friday afternoon matchup.

Their hot streak continued against the Bulldogs.

Following Thursday's victory over the Stanton JV, Coahoma head coach Joe Mireles had stressed the importance of watching film of their opponents that traveled to the tournament from nearly 700 miles away. When guard Isaiah Johnson first entered the game midway through the first quarter, a Bulldogs bench player pleaded with him to "play smart."

With a suffocating defense that was difficult for the Bulldogs to maneuver around, the ability to play smart at times seemed impossible.

"Dumas is a very good team," Mireles said. "It's a

good test for us to see where we're at and what we need to work on."

The Demons jumped out to a 22-9 lead at the conclusion of the first quarter and would continue to grow their lead quarter after quarter until they finished with a huge 85-35 win.

The 50-point margin was made possible by the lights-out shooting of Demons guard Aiden Venzor. The senior seemingly could not miss as he racked up 28 points in the contest. Dumas had three players finish the game in double-digits and 11 players were able to record a made basket in an all-out dominant performance. "Those guys are basketball year-round and you can tell," Mireles said.

With a little over 90 minutes before their second game against C-City, Mireles knew what his team needed to improve on to be able to grab a win and finish with a .500 record for the day.

"We just need to learn from the mistakes that we just made," Mireles said. "That's what tournaments are for. Just to learn where you're weaknesses are at and improve on them."

Mireles and his squad were much better prepared when the second game came around. The team was able to create more separation than they had in the first contest and kept it tight with the Wolves

throughout the entire first half.

Although, when the second half came around, all the momentum seemed to cease for the Bulldogs. The squad only posted seven points in the second half and ended up dropping their third game of the Pinky Jones Hooptown Classic by a score of 45-27.

With the defense limiting the Wolves to 40 points less than the Demons, it seemed as though that side of the ball stepped it up. But when you cannot get the ball through the bottom of the basket, it is always a difficult to win.

"We just need to go back to the drawing board," Mireles said. "More and more reps and more experience is what we need to get."

UP NEXT: The Bulldogs will play their last game of the Pinky Jones Hooptown Classic on Saturday afternoon. Currently sitting with 1-2 record for the tournament, Coahoma would certainly like to finish their three day trip to Stanton with a .500 record.

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International clings to 2-point lead in Presidents Cup

By DOUG FERGUSON

AP Golf Writer

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — The International team has the lead going into the final day of the Presidents Cup for the first time in 16 years, and it has a trio of rookies to thank for that.

Marc Leishman and unbeaten rookie Abraham Ancer staged a remarkable rally Saturday afternoon in four-ones, going from 5 down with eight holes to play to earn a most unlikely halve against Justin Thomas and Rickie Fowler.

Byeong Hun An and Joaquin Niemann led in the final point and scratched out another half-point against Matt Kuchar and Tony Finau.

That gave the Internationals a 10-8 lead going into Sunday singles, and a real chance to win the Presidents Cup for only the second time in its 25-year history.

"We've given ourselves ... a great shot to win the session tomorrow and win this cup," said Adam Scott, who has been part of one tie and seven straight losses. "I think we've got to be pretty happy about that. Come out tomorrow, leave it all on the golf course."

Nothing inspired the Internationals more than to watch the final two teams on the course scratch out a half-point despite never leading at any point in the match.

"For us to scratch and scramble for one point, the guys were very excited about that," Els said.

It looked as though it could have been even larger, when the Internationals built a 9-5 lead after the morning session.

The Americans finally showed some fight, even with captain Tiger Woods sitting out for both sessions. And the caddie of Patrick Reed might have shown too much fight. He confirmed in a statement to the Barstool Sports podcast "Foul Play" that he shoved a spectator who he felt got too close to Reed while cursing him.

Kessler Karrison, who is also Reed's brother-in-law, will not be on his bag for the final session. Reed said in a statement he respects the tour's decision and that everyone was focused on winning the cup.

It was the second straight week of scrutiny for the Reed camp, following his rules violation of scooping sand out of the way in the Bahamas that led to a two-shot penalty.

There was plenty of drama Saturday, and all that did was set the stage for 12 singles matches.

Woods put himself out first against Abraham Ancer, who got his first taste of a big stage when he was grouped with Woods at the World Golf Championship in Mexico City in February.

Reed, a target of the fans all week, will play C.T. Pan in the third match. The International team needs six points from the 12 matches to claim the cup for the first time in 21 years.

Reed and Webb Simpson lost matches each of the first two days. Woods

sent them out again Saturday morning, and they delivered a dud by making only one birdie in fourballs and losing, 5 and 3, to Hideki Matsuyama and Pan.

Even more curious was Woods, who won matches each of the first two days with Thomas, benching himself in the morning and the afternoon, and saying it was best for his team.

"I trust the guys," Woods said.

Dustin Johnson finally got the board when he and Gary Woodland took down Adam Scott and Louis Oosthuizen in the lead match in four-ones. California rookies Xander Schauffele and Patrick Cantly rallied from 3 down through 5 holes by winning three straight holes and pulling away at the end over Cameron Smith and Sungjae Im.

It was only the third time in 13 events that the International team had the lead after team matches. It had a three-point lead in South Africa in 2003, the year the matches ended in a tie. And they had a nine-point lead at Royal Melbourne in 1998, the only team to beat the Americans.

The Americans trailed in all four matches Friday and kept it close. The Internationals trailed in all four matches Saturday afternoon and returned the favor.

Both captains appeared to use that as motivation in their press conference. Woods noted that his team could have been trailing 9-1, "and for the International team only to get out from that point on, for us to fight back

and get eight points, was a huge, huge win."

Els couldn't stifle a laugh, for the International team was never leading 9-1 — they were only leading matches.

"You're the absolutely optimist, aren't you?" Els said with a laugh. "My God."

The shocker of the day was Thomas and Fowler losing a big lead.

They were dormie with three holes to go when Leishman made an 18-foot par putt and Fowler missed his 6-foot par attempt. Then, Thomas missed a 10-foot par putt to end it on 17. On the final hole, Thomas sent his tee shot well to the left and under a tree, leaving the team no chance to get closer than 150 yards from the green. It might not have mattered. Leishman dropped his approach to within 6 feet, a birdie that was conceded.

"Speechless," said Thomas, the star of this American team. "It's unacceptable for us to get a half a point. They made a couple long putts there on 15 and 16 to keep it going. We had our chances, and flat honest, just didn't execute."

Woods watched it all unfold from the sidelines, sticking to his job as captain. Even after losing the morning fourballs session, he kept himself out of the lineup in a decision that surprised International captain Ernie Els.

Woods and everyone else will be playing Sunday, including Bryson DeChambeau, who has not played since Thursday.

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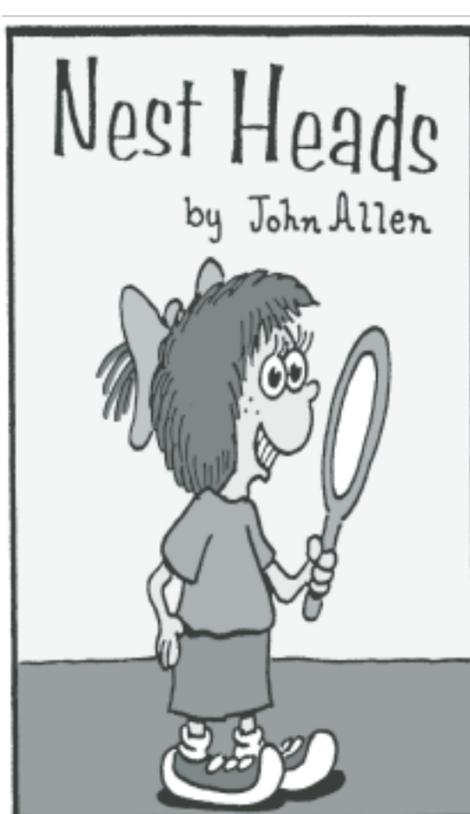
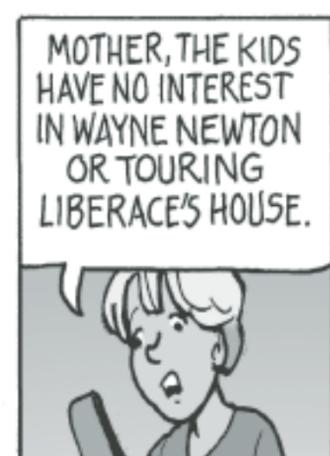
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ANDY CAPP

by Smythe



Pacioretty scores in OT, Golden Knights beat Stars 3-2

DALLAS (AP) — The Vegas Golden Knights went on the offensive in OT, and the aggressive approach quickly paid off.

Max Pacioretty scored on a backhander 51 seconds into overtime and the Knights beat the Dallas Stars 3-2 on Friday night.

Vegas coach Gerard Gallant put Pacioretty, the team's scoring leader, and Mark Stone on the ice to start the overtime.

"In the D-zone I worry about it," Gallant said. "But in the offensive zone, no. They are two good hockey players and I want to get them out there. We tried something better and it worked."

Dallas' Jamie Benn had tied it with 5:11 remaining in the third period. He worked a give-and-go, passing from behind the net to Tyler Seguin, then skating into the slot to deflect Seguin's return pass past goalie Malcolm Subban.

Taylor Fedun put the Stars ahead 1-0 in the first period. The Golden Knights took a 2-1 lead in the second on goals by William Karlsson and newcomer Chandler Stephenson.

"You could see the difference when we were playing as a unit of five," Pacioretty said, "making sure we make life hard on (Dallas') forwards on the blue lines. We deserved, I felt, to come out with a win."

Subban made 28 saves for his first win in three career games against Dallas.

Ben Bishop stopped 28 shots for Dallas, which had won three in a row and 10 of 11 home games.

Fedun, a defenseman activated because John Klingberg was a late scratch because of a family illness, skated backward across the top of the slot and sent a wrist shot over Subban at 15:14 of the first. Fedun had been a healthy scratch in all six games since Nov. 26.

Fedun was informed about an hour before the puck dropped that he would be playing.

"It doesn't matter what's happening behind the scenes in there," Fedun said. "You got to perform

and that's what matters. However you go about doing that, you got to find a way to get it done."

Fedun's second goal this season was the only one of 16 shots on Subban in the first period.

"Malcolm was huge in the first," Gallant said. "He had a lot of good scoring chances against so he was the difference in the first for sure."

A bigger difference was Vegas' superior play in the second period and beyond.

"A very good first and a very bad second is what you saw," Stars interim coach Rick Bowness said. "I thought it was even in the third. We had a great chance in overtime but didn't capitalize. We got caught on a change and they did it."

Dallas is 1-0-1 since Bowness took over after head coach Jim Montgomery was fired.

Karlsson led the Golden Knight's resurgence in the second period. Bishop stopped Karlsson's shot from the left faceoff circle 3:35 into the period, but 45 seconds later Karlsson beat the goalie with a snap shot into the left side of the net. That tied the game at 1.

Neither team had a penalty until the Stars' Blake Comeau went off for hooking at 12:04 of the second. Dallas killed the Golden Knights' power play, with Bishop making three saves.

The Golden Knights came back just 37 seconds later for a 2-1 lead when Stephenson eluded Fedun for a wrist shot from the left circle. In six games since being traded from Washington, he has two goals and an assist while playing nearly three minutes more per game for Vegas.

"I didn't know much about him before he came," Pacioretty said. "I knew he was a fast player and he probably didn't get as much of a chance as he deserved in Washington. As you saw tonight, he's got a phenomenal shot."

NOTES: Vegas C Cody Eakin (upper body injury), who previously played for the Stars, missed his seventh straight game. ... Jonathan Marchessault's

assist on Karlsson's goal was his 100th career point. ... Mark Stone and Shea Theodoer each had two assists for Vegas. ... Neither team scored on its two power plays. ... Dallas has killed all 12 penalties in the last five games. ... Vegas had no penalties Thursday at St. Louis but had allowed at least one power-play goal in the three games before that. ... The Stars recognized former players and new Hockey Hall of Famers Sergei Zubov and Guy Carbonneau in a pregame ceremony. With Ed Belfour, Brett Hull, Mike Modano and Joe Nieuwendyk, six players from Dallas' only Stanley Cup winner in 1999 are now in the hall.

UP NEXT
Golden Knights: Play Vancouver on Sunday in the first of two home games.

Stars: Make a quick trip for one game at Nashville on Saturday.

Derrick Henry questionable for Titans' showdown with Texans

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Tennessee running back Derrick Henry is questionable for the Titans' AFC South showdown with the Houston Texans.

Henry has not practiced all week with a sore left hamstring that limited him in the Titans' 42-21 win over the Oakland Raiders last week despite him running for 103 yards and a touchdown. Henry currently ranks second in the NFL with 1,243 yards rushing and is tied for the league lead with 13 TD runs.

"I'll be ready to go," Henry said Thursday. "When Sunday comes, I'll be ready to go."

First place in the AFC South is on the line when the Titans (8-5) host the Texans (8-5). The teams

will play each twice in the final three weeks of the season.

The Titans also said Friday that starting safety Kenny Vaccaro is questionable for Sunday's game. Vaccaro has to clear the concussion protocol after practicing fully Thursday and Friday. Cornerback LeShaun Sims is questionable after missing the past two games with an injured right ankle. He also practiced each day this week.

Tennessee will be without starting cornerback Adoree' Jackson for a second straight game because of an injured foot. Wide receiver Adam Humphries (ankle) and linebacker Daren Bates (shoulder) also will miss their second consecutive game.

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Honoring Old Glory and our Veterans

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**

Managing Editor

Remember history and providing a proper retirement for a tattered American Flag, was the reason behind a group of veterans local Scout Troops coming together on Dec. 7. Boy Scouts of America Troop 5 and Scouts of America Troop 55 joined together for a flag retirement ceremony at the West Texas VA Medical Center.

"History is one of those things, if you don't remember it, you are doomed to repeat it," Rodney Patridge, Scoutmaster Troop 5 and third generation Navy veteran, said.

Scout Matt Martinez conducted the ceremony, while the troops disassembled the flag properly. As the flag was retired, the veterans who were in attendance had an opportunity to take part in the retirement process.

"If we don't do ceremonies like these and involve our youth then these veterans get forgotten, and Dec. 7 - Pearl Harbor - is a day that should never be forgotten," Jeannie Hernandez, Communication's Chair for Troop 5 said.

Hernandez's son, Matt Martinez, will be joining the Navy at the beginning of 2020. He will be continuing the tradition - three generations deep - of military service.

"Not everyone can make that decision, but we are thankful for those that do," she said.

At this time, according to Patridge no other flag retirement ceremonies are scheduled, but that does not mean one can't be. For those who are needing to have a flag - American Flag or Marine Corp Flag - retired, contact the Boy Scouts of America Buffalo Trail Council office, at 432-212-3577.



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HERALD photos/Amanda Duforat
Members of Boy Scouts and Scouts of America Troop 5 and Troop 55 joined together to conduct a flag retirement ceremony at the West Texas VA Medical Center, on Dec. 7. During the ceremony, veterans in attendance were recognized for their service and Old Glory was retired properly.



HERALD photos/Amanda Duforat
Veterans had an opportunity to salute Old Glory one final time before she was officially retired.

HERALD photo/Amanda Duforat
Matt Martinez (back left) and his mother, Jeannie Hernandez, speak with John Bates, an Army veteran, who attended the flag retirement ceremony. The three discussed the importance of remembering those who sacrificed for our country and the important days in history that made our nation what it is today.

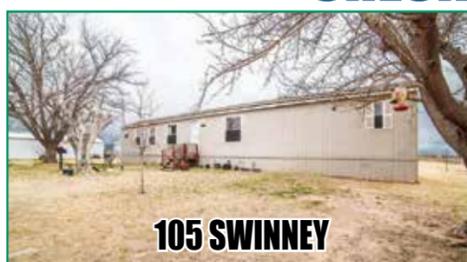
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Wednesday: Breakfast: Berry French toast, applesauce, 1 percent white milk Lunch: Chicken patty sandwich, mashed sweet potatoes, diced peaches, 1 percent white milk

Thursday: Breakfast: Southwest Slider pizza, fresh bananas, 1 percent white milk Lunch: Beef quesadilla, black eyed peas, fresh steamed squash, applesauce, 1 percent white milk

Friday: Breakfast: Grape PBJ sandwich, diced peaches, 1 percent white milk Lunch: Sack Lunch

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Monday: Breakfast: Chocolate banana bar, fresh apple slices, cherry star juice Lunch: Salisbury steak, soft chicken taco, fresh oranges, mixed fruit cup, tater bites, fresh broccoli, garden salad

Tuesday: Breakfast: chicken biscuit, fresh oranges, grape juice Lunch: Chicken patty sandwich, chicken quesadilla, fresh cantaloupe, diced pears, roasted mixed vegetables, fresh red pepper strips, garden salad

Wednesday: Breakfast: Lucky charms cereal, cheese cubes, applesauce, orange juice Lunch: Chicken nuggets with roll, chicken ranch salad with roll, fresh apples, diced peaches, sweet potato fries, fresh zucchini squash, garden salad

Thursday: Breakfast: Mini cinnamon bagel, fresh bananas, fruit juice Lunch: Breaded fish fillet, pizza sticks with marinara, mac and cheese, fresh grapes, rosy applesauce, green beans, fresh celery sticks, garden salad

Friday: Breakfast: Chocolate chip round, fresh grapes, apple juice Lunch: Sack lunch

Big Spring Intermediate School

Monday: Breakfast: Raison oat bar, Lucky Charms cereal, fresh apple slices, cherry star juice Lunch: Salisbury steak, beef nachos, bacon cheeseburger, fresh oranges, mixed fruit cup, tater bites, fresh broccoli, garden salad

Tuesday: Breakfast: Mini cinnamon roll, Cinnamon Toast Crunch cereal, fresh oranges, fruit juice Lunch: Pepperoni pizza, chef salad with roll, chicken patty sandwich, fresh cantaloupe, diced pears, roasted mixed vegetables, fresh red pepper strips, garden salad

Wednesday: Breakfast: Berry French toast, Honey Nut Cheerios cereal, applesauce, orange juice Lunch: Chili mac, diced chicken salad with roll, spicy chicken sandwich, fresh apples, diced peaches, sweet potato fries, fresh zucchini squash, garden salad

Thursday: Breakfast: Breakfast slider pizza, Cocoa Puffs cereal, fresh bananas, pineapple juice Lunch: Ham pepper salad with roll, diced chicken quesadilla, pepperoni pizza, fresh grapes, rosy applesauce, green beans, fresh celery sticks, garden salad

Friday: Breakfast: Chocolate chip round, Cinnamon Toast Crunch cereal, fresh grapes, apple slices Lunch: Sack Lunch

Big Spring Junior High

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Tuesday: Breakfast: Glazes donut, fresh oranges, pineapple juice Lunch: Sweet and sour chicken with rice, diced chicken quesadilla, cheeseburger, French fries, fresh cantaloupe, diced pears, roasted mixed vegetables, fresh red pepper strips, garden salad

Wednesday: Breakfast: Cinnamon Toast Crunch cereal, applesauce, orange juice Lunch: Chicken ranch salad, beef nachos, chicken patty sandwich, French fries, fresh apples, diced peaches, fresh zucchini squash, garden salad

Thursday: Breakfast: Cinnamon mini bagel, fresh bananas, fruit juice Lunch: Breaded fish fillet, Fruit and cheese salad with roll, hot dog, French fries, fresh grapes, rosy applesauce, green beans, fresh celery sticks, garden salad

Friday: Breakfast: Chocolate chip round, fresh grapes, apple juice Lunch: Sack lunch

Big Spring High School

Monday: Breakfast: Chocolate crescent roll, waffles with strawberries, sausage patty, egg sausage

and cheese burrito, refried beans, Cinnamon Toast Crunch cereal, fresh apples, diced pears Lunch: Line 2 Daily Special: Chicken nuggets with roll

Tuesday: Breakfast: Glazed donut, pancakes with strawberries, sausage patty, egg sausage and cheese burrito, refried beans, Honey Nut Cheerios cereal, fresh oranges, mixed fruit cup Lunch: Line 2 Daily Special: Spaghetti and meat sauce

Wednesday: Breakfast: Chocolate chip round, waffles with strawberries, sausage patty, egg sausage and cheese burrito, refried beans, Cinnamon Toast Crunch cereal, fresh cantaloupe, applesauce Lunch: Line 2 Daily Special: Salisbury steak with mashed potatoes and a roll

Thursday: Breakfast: Blueberry bagel, pancakes with strawberries, sausage patty, egg sausage and cheese burrito, refried beans, Cinnamon Toast Crunch cereal, fresh bananas, pineapple tidbits Lunch: Line 2 Daily Special: Chicken fried steak with mashed potatoes, gravy and a roll

Friday: Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, waffles with strawberries, sausage patty, egg sausage and cheese burrito, refried beans, Cinnamon Toast Crunch cereal, fresh grapes, diced peaches Lunch: Line 2 Daily Special: Pizza cheese sticks with dipping sauce

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Wednesday: Breakfast: Chicken n waffles, 100% fruit juice, fruit, milk Lunch: Ravioli or chicken nuggets, potatoes, Tuscan veggies, broccoli, roll, fruit cups, cookie, milk

Thursday: Breakfast:

Stuffed bagel with sausage or pancakes with sausage, 100% fruit juice, fruit, milk Lunch: Hamburger or pizza or popcorn chicken salad, fries, carrots, snowball salads, milk

Friday: School Holiday

Forsan ISD

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Tuesday: Breakfast:

Early Bird sandwich or cereal, strawberry cup, fruit juice, milk Lunch: Steak fingers, popcorn chicken, sunbutter and jelly sandwich, roll, mashed potatoes, green beans, snowball salad, fresh fruit, milk

Wednesday: Breakfast: French toast with sausage patty or cereal, Mandarin oranges, fruit juice, milk Lunch: Pizza or sunbutter and jelly sandwich, fresh veggie cup, garden salad, strawberries, fresh fruit, milk

Thursday: Breakfast: Breakfast pizza or cereal, strawberry cup, fruit juice, milk Lunch: Chicken sandwich, Asian bowl, sunbutter and jelly sandwich, baby carrots, tots, grapes, fresh fruit, milk

Friday: Breakfast: Mini powdered donuts with sausage or cereal, applesauce cup, fruit juice, milk Lunch: Ham and cheese melt, baby carrots, cucumber cup, fresh fruit, milk

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Monday: Breakfast: Cinnamon pull-a-parts, cheese stick, fruit, fruit juice, milk Lunch: Taquitos and queso, pinto beans, corn, salsa, grapes, milk variety

Tuesday: Breakfast: Muffin, yogurt, fruit, fruit juice, milk Lunch: Chili cheese combo, fresh veggie cup, strawberries, milk variety

Wednesday: Breakfast: Pancake wrap, yogurt, fruit, fruit juice, milk Lunch: Grilled cheese sandwich, chips, tomato cup, seasoned corn, diced peaches

Thursday: School Holiday

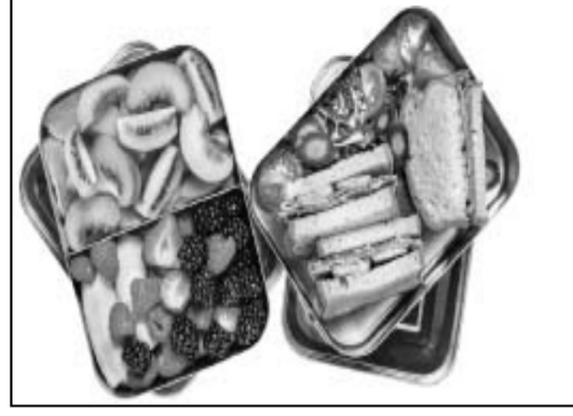
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Senior Center

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Tuesday: Green chili stew, brown rice, tossed salad with fat free dressing, applesauce, crackers, milk

Wednesday: Cabbage rolls, black eyed peas, sea-



soned greens, cake, corn bread, milk

Thursday: Roast turkey with grave, dressing, cranberry sauce, candied sweet potatoes, green beans, Waldorf salad, pumpkin pie, rolls, milk

Friday: Battered fish fillet, tarter sauce, rice pilaf, hush puppies, pears, milk

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Chopping Broccoli

By **CINDY PINCH**

Staff Writer

Broccoli falls into two camps - either you love it or you don't. According to the United States Department of Agriculture, the average American eats about 4 pounds of broccoli a year. When cooked, broccoli has a strong scent that can be too bold for some. The taste of broccoli is generally bitter, though the bitterness can be cooked out depending on how the vegetable is prepared.

Surprisingly, broccoli, is not a natural plant. It was originally cultivated by the Etruscans from a wild cabbage plant known as brassica oleracia. The Etruscans, who inhabited the part of Italy known now as Tuscany, cultivated the plant to make it more palatable.

Broccoli isn't the only vegetable to come from brassica oleracia. Other vegetables that originated from the wild cabbage are cauliflower, kale, and Brussels sprouts. A fun fact about broccoli, is that when it was introduced to England, it was referred to as 'Italian asparagus'.

Shopping for broccoli can be quite simple. There are only a few factors to pay attention to when selecting broccoli.

Choose broccoli that has tight, green florets and firm stalks. Avoid purchasing broccoli if the stems are dried or browning. A sure sign that the broccoli isn't as fresh, is that the florets have begun to turn yellow.

In addition to being delicious, broccoli is actually quite healthy. There are several important vitamins and minerals found in broccoli. The vegetable is a great source of vitamins K and C, folic acid, potassium, manganese, and iron. Broccoli is also a good source of fiber.

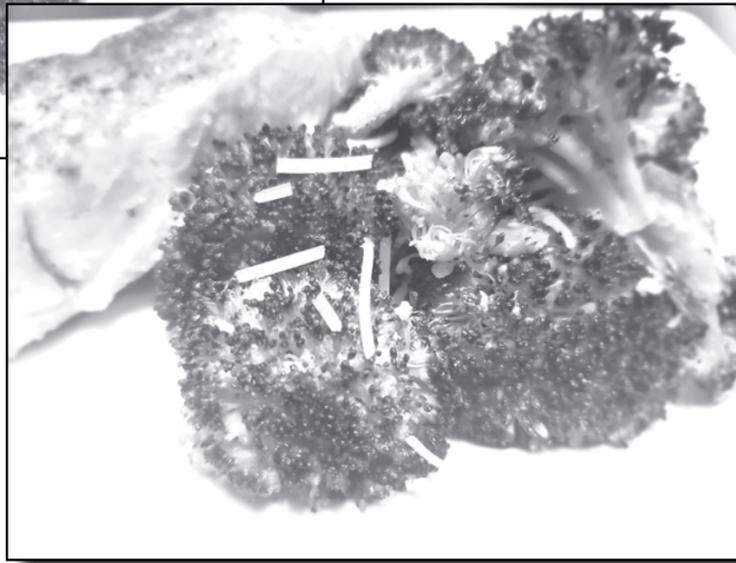
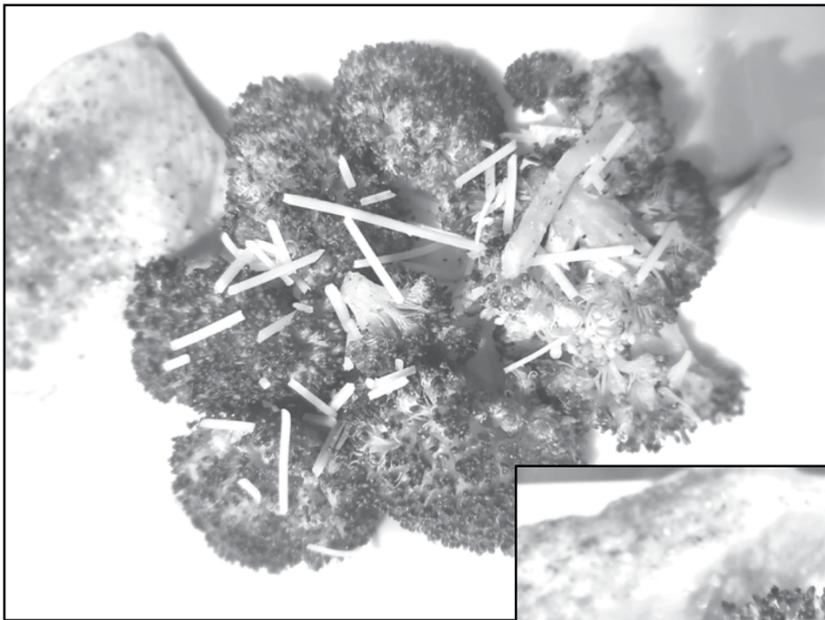
Anatomy of broccoli

There are many ways to enjoy this popular vegetable.

Raw: Broccoli florets are commonly eaten raw. They can be dipped in ranch or thrown into a salad.

Boiled: To get the perfect texture, place broccoli in boiling water for 8-9 minutes. Remove from the water and season as desired. This prevents broccoli from getting too soft. It is also important to note when boiling broccoli, that the longer it's in the water, the more it loses its flavor.

Roasted: Broccoli can be roasted in a 450 degree oven for 20 minutes. This



method preserves the crunch of the vegetable and brings out a delicious, nutty flavor. Be sure to sprinkle a drizzle of olive oil over the broccoli and season it before roasting it.

Steamed: Broccoli can be steamed for five to seven minutes.

When chopping broccoli, turn the vegetable on its side and remove the crown from the stalk. The stalk can be cut into small, bite size pieces - about one inch wide. When chopping the crown, hold it so that the florets are on top and the side that was attached to the stalk is on your cutting board. Make several chops lengthwise. Turn the crown and repeat. At this point, the florets will be loose and you can chop them into smaller pieces.

Broccoli has a strong flavor that can make seasoning a bit of a challenge.

Salt and pepper are always complimentary to the vegetable. A general rule of thumb is that, with broccoli, less is more. Looking for a little heat in your life? Sprinkle a little cayenne over your broccoli for an extra kick. Many people pair broccoli with cheese. Boiled broccoli is good with melted cheddar. If you choose to roast your broccoli, sprinkle fresh shredded parmesan on top.

Broccoli is a versatile vegetable that can be enjoyed on its own or mixed into other dishes. It is used in soups and salads. For a tip to get more vegetables in your life, mix broccoli into your chicken alfredo. Broccoli also goes well in stir-fry. Below is a recipe for perfect roasted broccoli. This dish can be enjoyed on its own or served with your choice of meat or pasta. The recipe serves two to three people.

Ingredients:

- 1 crown of broccoli

- 1-2 tablespoons olive oil

- 1/4 teaspoon salt

- 1/2 teaspoon pepper

- 1 teaspoon cayenne (if desired)

- 1/4 cup of shredded parmesan cheese

Directions:

- Preheat oven to 450 degrees Fahrenheit.

- Chop broccoli.

- Place broccoli on baking sheet. Drizzle with olive oil. Add seasonings and parmesan cheese. Using your hands, mix broccoli until it is evenly coated and

spread so that it lays flat on the baking sheet.

- Bake in oven for 20 minutes and enjoy.

Cindy Pinch is a staff writer at the Big Spring Herald. To contact her, email reporter@bigspringherald.com or call 432-263-7331.

Could fish oil fight inflammation?

Special to the Herald

American Heart Association News

Plentiful in foods like fish and flaxseed, omega-3 fatty acids have long been linked with cardiovascular health, and new research is looking at the biology behind how it might work.

A study published Thursday in the American Heart Association journal Circulation Research found fish oil supplements containing a specific formula of omega-3 fatty acids reduced inflammation by increasing the concentration of special molecule "mediators" that regulate the work of certain components in the blood.

"We used the molecules as our biomarkers to show how omega-3 fatty acids are used by our body and to determine if the production of these molecules has a beneficial effect on white blood cells," said Dr. Jesmond Dalli, who conducted the study with colleagues at William Harvey Research Institute at Queen Mary University of London.

The researchers gave 22 healthy volunteers between the ages of 19 and 37 three different doses of an enriched fish oil supplement containing a mix of omega-3 fatty acids. They then tested participants' blood at varying time intervals for levels of specific anti-inflammatory molecules that those fatty acids have been found to produce.

Researchers found the fish oil supplementation increased the level of the anti-inflammatory molecules for up to 24 hours. While it's still unclear from the study if those molecules reduce cardiovascular disease, they do supercharge macrophages, specialized cells that destroy bacteria and eliminate dead cells. They also make platelets less sticky, potentially decreasing the formation of blood clots. The molecules also have been shown to play a role in tissue regeneration.

"These molecules have multiple targets," Dalli said.

Dr. Deepak L. Bhatt, a cardiologist at Brigham and Women's Hospital and professor of medicine at Harvard Medical

School in Boston, led a study published early this year showing a prescription medication containing an omega-3 fatty acid called EPA (icosapent ethyl) significantly reduced heart attacks and strokes, as well as deaths from those causes, in people who already had cardiovascular disease or were at high risk for it. But he said there's no good data showing regular supplements do the same.

"There have been large randomized clinical trials of thousands of people that have looked at omega-3 supplements, which have not found a benefit," said Bhatt, who was not involved in the new study.

That's in line with a 2019 science advisory from the AHA that cautioned people to avoid unregulated omega-3 supplements. A 2017 AHA advisory said while these supplements may slightly lower the risk of dying after a heart attack or heart failure, they don't prevent heart disease.

A meta-analysis of past trials by Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health and Brigham and Women's Hospital also found an association between daily omega-3 supplementation and a reduced risk of death from heart disease. Higher doses appeared to provide the greatest benefits.

But there are more proven ways to improve cardiovascular health, Bhatt said. Instead of taking fish oil supplements, which are far less regulated by the Food and Drug Administration than prescription medications, he recommended people with cardio-

vascular disease talk with their doctors about proven treatments such as statins, physical activity and diet.

"There are things that really could help like exercising for an hour a day and adopting a diet that's high in fruits, vegetables and whole grains," Bhatt said. "Maybe omega-3 fatty acids are part of the answer, but more research is needed before recommending supplements."

Dalli said further research also is needed to discover if fatty acids have the same anti-inflammatory effects in people older than 45 and in those who already have cardiac disease. People with chronic inflammatory diseases, he noted, don't produce the same number of these anti-inflammatory molecules that healthy people do.

"The enzymes that produce (the molecules) are not functioning adequately in these patients," Dalli said. "It might be something that people take to stay healthy rather than something to treat a diseased patient."

The proper formulation of fatty acids also remains to be determined. Currently, the FDA has approved two medications, one that contains EPA and another that contains a mix of EPA

and DHA, and there are numerous supplements on the market with various formulations.

"We're still far away from having the magic formula," Dalli said. "Each person will need a specific formulation or at least a specific dosing, and that's something we need to learn more about."

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Chamber of Commerce happenings



Lula Blu Boutique celebrated their ribbon cutting and open house on Wednesday afternoon, with family, friends, community members and Chamber Ambassadors and Board Members. The boutique recently relocated and can now be found next to Cowboy's Steakhouse and The Crowned Bird. In addition to relocation, new services have been added.

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FamousElle turns one



HERALD photos/Anna Gutierrez
 FamousElle has been up and running a successful business for the past year, in Downtown Big Spring. For the one year anniversary, which took place this past weekend, the shop doors were opened for the community to come and help celebrate with refreshments, foods and discounts. FamousElle is one of the several boutiques that opened up this past year and brought new life to Downtown Big Spring.



First deer is a big deal



Courtesy photo
 Carson Smith, 13, of Allen, Texas, poses with his first deer. Carson caught a nice 8 pt. buck, Nov. 26 on the Smith Farm, off RR33 south of Big Spring. Carson's great grandfather acquired the place in 1911, and it's been in the family since. This year has been an excellent hunting year, and most area game processors report being at full capacity before the season is half over. Big Spring graduate and resident Joe H. Smith submitted the photo.

Wool prices fall from historic highs earlier this year

By ADAM RUSSELL
 Special to the Herald

After a record start to 2019, wool prices declined as uncertainty in the market made price speculation for buyers iffy, according to a Texas A&M AgriLife Research expert.

Ronald Pope, Ph.D., AgriLife Research director of the Bill Sims Wool and Mohair Research Lab, San Angelo, said wool prices are still good, but trending downward after hitting a historic high in February.

spring of 2019. Clean and greasy wool prices are now at \$4 and \$2 per pound, respectively, with no signs of prices holding.

Prices bottomed out in August but have not gained enough traction to create prices that buyers can rely on. Mohair prices have also dipped alongside wool, he added.

Pope said a litany of factors contributed to the price decline.

"Consumer demand is still there, especially for certain items," he said. "Uncertainty amid inconsistent pricing has left buyers speculating. They don't want to buy today and then see the price go down further. Most process it, and if prices de-

cline, they can't get back what they have put into it. That's created a bit of hesitance on the demand for raw wool."

Pope said buyer demand has hit a lull globally. The trade war with China has impacted U.S. producers to some degree, but China has also slowed imports from Australia, New Zealand and South Africa.

"Tariffs are playing a role, but they aren't the only driving force," he said.

Pope suspects much of the decline is a price correction after reaching historic highs and wool stockpiles.

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Date: Dec. 6, 2019

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'Shop early': US Christmas trees supplies tight, prices up

CHARLESTON, W.Va. (AP) — Customers searching for the perfect Christmas tree typically glance at Sandy Parsons' limited offerings, then keep walking.

Parsons never got her order for 350 trees from a North Carolina farm. Supplies were short, she was told. Instead, she was shipped some smaller ones for her lot at the Capitol Market in Charleston. Those paled in comparison to the much taller beauties at a competitor's lot next door.

"This has been the worst season," Parsons said. "We lost a lot of money by that. It sets you back two or three years."

Christmas tree supplies are tight again this year across the United States, depending upon location and seller. The industry is still bouncing back from the Great Recession and trying to win people back from a shift toward artificial trees when times were especially tough.

Industry officials say not to worry: Everyone who wants a last-minute tree should be able to find one. It just might take a little more searching, especially if customers want a specific type, and you might have to pay a little more.

The best advice, said Amy Start, executive director of the Michigan Christmas Tree Association, is simple: "Shop early."

Parsons has been in business for 42 years as a seasonal seller of flowers, produce, pumpkins — and this year, just 32 Christmas trees.

"I can tell you how many I didn't buy: 350," said Parsons, whose disappointment has been tempered by robust wreath sales.

In the next lot, Robert Cole was having a jolly ole time preparing an abundance of trees for loading onto customers' vehicles.

The difference? Cole's lot, French Creek Farms of Buckhannon, grows its own trees.

"We've been busier than we've ever been before," Cole said.

Gesturing toward the lots of Parsons and another competitor, he explained his brisk business in the simplest economic terms: "Because there's been no trees here and no trees over there."

An oversupply of trees about a decade ago caused a domino effect nationwide. Subsequently, fewer trees were cut down, which meant not as many seedlings were planted to replace them. Hot, dry weather also took its toll, forcing many growers to close.

Larry Smith, who has been selling Fraser firs from the same lot in Lenoir, North Carolina, for 40 years, and second-generation Christmas tree farmer Mike Rood of Hermann, Missouri, said some farmers' adult children aren't as eager to take over the family business, leading to a labor shortage.

"A lot of the farmers have gotten older and their kids realize there's an easier way to life," Smith said.

Despite such challenges, Smith isn't looking for other ways to make a living. "I hope they find me fell over dead in the tree patch," he said. "That's the way I really want to go."

Smith's trees have graced homes across the North Carolina foothills and up to the White House. He said he's having his best year ever and doesn't foresee running out. When his supply dwindles, his team heads up the mountain to harvest more.

In Missouri, Rood buys pre-cut trees not native to the state to supplement the short supply. This year, his farm couldn't buy as many taller trees as it wanted.

"The bigger trees in particular at this stage in the game are going to be harder to find," Rood said. "So they need to be aware that if they're really looking for a big tree, they need to go out and find it pretty quickly."

Missouri Christmas Tree Association President Steve Meier said that by late December, "there's still going to be Christmas trees left that haven't been chosen."

The supply issue goes all the way up the chain.

Oregon has the highest annual production of Christmas trees, followed by North Carolina and Michigan. In Oregon, where some tree farms comprise thousands of acres, Kirchem Farm owner Cher Tollefson in Oregon City closed her 100-acre business this holiday season for the first time in nearly three decades, citing a lack of trees.

"Our trees need a year to grow," Tollefson said.

The number of Christmas tree farms nationwide fell 3% between 2012 and 2017, the latest year available, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

According to the National Christmas Tree Association, a real tree last year cost \$78 on average, up \$3 from 2017.

At the Charleston market, customer Bob Atkins of Madison noticed not only that prices are higher but "there's not as many as usual."

He was near the point of settling for an artificial tree when he and his wife, Jane, found the right tree after about 20 minutes on Cole's lot.

"I do not want an artificial tree," Jane Atkins said with a smile. "We will fight over that!"

Artificial Christmas trees now represent 70% of all trees in U.S. homes. The Denver-based National Christmas Tree Association is trying to change that, mainly by appealing to a sense of tradition among millennials.

"Young families are our bread and butter," said Doug Hundley, the group's spokesman. "It's important to that group of adults to have that real tree experience."

Natural Resources: More
Mussels, More Questions

AUSTIN — In the debut edition of its Natural Resources newsletter, the Texas Comptroller's office reveals the discovery of rare, state-protected freshwater mussels within the jurisdiction of the Lower Neches Valley Authority in southeast Texas. The discovery of Louisiana pigtoes and Texas heelsplitters in new portions of the Neches River drainage area could affect reviews of the species by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS).

This issue of the newsletter also explores an ongoing initiative in Matagorda Bay, nestled along the sprawling Texas coastline, where Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi researchers are gathering information on several species of endangered and threatened sea turtles and birds and the habitats that support them. In addition, the issue highlights species with pending federal listing decisions — the Texas kangaroo rat in North Texas and the western chicken turtle in East Texas.

The Natural Resources newsletter will be updated periodically with news and features on imperiled, threatened and endangered species across Texas. Since 2009, the Texas Legislature has directed the Comptroller's office to take a leadership role in protecting the state's natural resources while avoiding needless restrictions on economic growth.

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To: Whiskey Reed, Defendant, Greeting:

Respondent Greeting:

The petition of Keith Torbik; Robyn Torbik, Petitioner has been filed in the 118th District Court of Howard County, Texas, on 2nd day of December, 2019 against Jessica Baird; Kyle Simmons; Whiskey Reed, Respondents, numbered **54017** and styled In The Interest Of A.I.B, A Child

Issued and given under my hand seal of said court at of office on this the 4th day of December, 2019.

COLLEEN BARTON District Clerk of Howard County, Texas

By: Joanna Gonzales, Deputy

#10385 Dec. 15, 2019

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 59, TEXAS PROPERTY CODE, AMERICAN SELF STORAGE WHICH IS LOCATED AT 3314 E. FM 700, BIG SPRING, TX 79720 WILL HOLD A PUBLIC AUCTION OF PROPERTY BEING SOLD TO SATISFY A LANDLORD'S LIEN. SALE WILL BE AT 11 O'CLOCK A.M. ON JANUARY 4, 2020 AT 3314 E FM 700 BIG SPRING, TX 79720.

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CITY OF BIG SPRING, TEXAS NOTICE TO BIDDERS SALE OF A PORTABLE BUILDING
The City of BIG SPRING ("City") is soliciting sealed bids for the immediate cash sale of the following described personal property ("Property"), to wit: **SPECIFICATIONS:** 60' x 24' portable building 1440 square feet building that served as a storage for the City of Big Spring and that is currently located at 309 E. 5th, Big Spring, Texas. The portable Building is being sold AS IS, must be moved at purchaser's expense, and will not include any warranties. **MINIMUM BID:** The Minimum Bid is \$14,000.00 For further instructions visit the City's website, www.mybigspring.com under Bid Postings. **CLOSING TIME.** Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. Central Time on the 7th day of January 2020 and opened soon thereafter. **CITY OF Big Spring, TEXAS**

Notice to Creditors

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Wayne Halfmann, deceased were issued on November 6th, 2019 in Cause No. CC-445-P, pending in the County Court of Glasscock County, Texas, to: Wayne Halfmann.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

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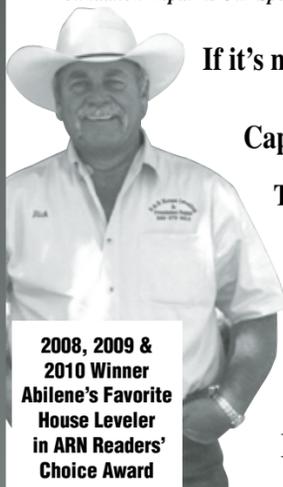
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Commission of Texas for a
permit to inject water into a
formation productive of oil or
gas.

The applicant proposes to in-
ject fluid into the San Andres
formation, into the Kloh
Lease, Well no. 52. The pro-
posed injection well is loca-
ted 14 miles North of
Garden City, TX in the
Howard Glasscock (Consolid-
ated) Field in Howard
County. Fluid will be in-
jected into strata in the subsur-
face depth interval from 2000'
TO 2600' TVD.

LEGAL AUTHORITY:

Chapter 27 of the Texas Wa-
ter Code, as amended, Title 3
of the Texas Natural Re-
sources Code, as amended,
and Statewide Rules of the
Oil and Gas Division of the
Railroad Commission of
Texas.

Request for public hearing
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they are adversely affected,
or requests for further infor-
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Gas Division, Railroad Com-
mission of Texas, P.O. Box
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NOTICE OF APPLICATION
AND PRELIMINARY
DECISION
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Permit No. WQ0004539000

**APPLICATION AND
PRELIMINARY DECISION.**
Alon USA, LP, P.O. Box
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79721, which operates Alon
USA Big Spring Refinery, has
applied to the Texas Com-
mission on Environmental
Quality (TCEQ) for a renewal
of TCEQ Permit No.
WQ0004539000, which au-
thorizes the disposal of
treated process wastewaters,
treated contaminated storm
water, cooling tower and boil-
er blowdown, sour water
stripper & desalter wastewa-
ters, softener backwash, off-
site wastewaters, uncontam-
inated storm water, un-
treated non-process cooling
tower blowdown, untreated
water treatment wastewaters,
and miscellaneous wastewa-
ters via irrigation of the 71-
acre eastern irrigation site
and the 35-acre western irri-
gation site. This permit will
not authorize a discharge of pol-
lutants into water in the state.
TCEQ received this applica-
tion on June 3, 2019.

The facility and land applica-
tion site are located at 200 In-
terstate Highway 20 Front-
age Road, in the City of Big
Spring, in Howard County,
Texas 79720. The facility and
land application site are lo-
cated in the drainage area of
the Colorado River Below
Lake J. B. Thomas, in Seg-
ment No. 1412 of the Color-
ado River Basin. This link to
an electronic map of the site
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or has completed the technic-
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and prepared a draft permit.
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must operate. The Executive
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utive Directors preliminary
decision, and draft permit are
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Texas.

**PUBLIC COMMENT / PUB-
LIC MEETING.** You may sub-
mit public comments or re-
quest a public meeting about
this application. The purpose
of a public meeting is to
provide the opportunity to
submit comments or to ask
questions about the applica-
tion. TCEQ holds a public
meeting if the Executive Dir-
ector determines that there is
a significant degree of public
interest in the application or if
requested by a local legislat-
or. A public meeting is not a
contested case hearing.

**OPPORTUNITY FOR A
CONTESTED CASE HEAR-
ING.** After the deadline for
submitting public comments,
the Executive Director will
consider the comments and
prepare a response to all re-
levant and material, or signi-
ficant public comments. **Un-
less the application is di-
rectly referred for a con-
tested case hearing, the re-
sponse to comments will
be mailed to everyone who
submitted public com-
ments and to those per-
sons who are on the mail-
ing list for this application.**
**If comments are received,
the mailing will also
provide instructions for re-
questing a contested case
hearing or reconsideration
of the Executive Directors
decision.** A contested case
hearing is a legal proceeding
similar to a civil trial in a state
district court.

**TO REQUEST A CON-
TESTED CASE HEARING,
YOU MUST INCLUDE THE
FOLLOWING ITEMS IN
YOUR REQUEST: your
name, address, phone
number; applicants name
and proposed permit num-
ber; the location and dis-
tance of your
property/activities relative
to the proposed facility; a
specific description of how
you would be adversely af-
fected by the facility in a
way not common to the
general public; a list of all
disputed issues of fact that
you submit during the com-
ment period; and the state-
ment "I/we request a con-
tested case hearing." If the
request for contested case
hearing is filed on behalf of
a group or association, the
request must designate the
group's representative for
receiving future corres-
pondence; identify by
name and physical ad-
dress an individual mem-
ber of the group who would
be adversely affected by
the proposed facility or
activity; provide the infor-
mation discussed above re-
garding the affected mem-
ber's location and distance
from the facility or activity;
explain how and why the
member would be affected;
and explain how the in-
terests the group seeks to
protect are relevant to the
group's purpose.**

Following the close of all ap-

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licable comment and re-
quest periods, the Executive
Director will forward the ap-
plication and any requests for
reconsideration or for a con-
tested case hearing to the
TCEQ Commissioners for
their consideration at a
scheduled Commission meet-
ing. The Commission may
only grant a request for a
contested case hearing on is-
sues the requestor submitted
in their timely comments that
were not subsequently with-
drawn. **If a hearing is granted,
the subject of a hear-
ing will be limited to dis-
puted issues of fact or
mixed questions of fact
and law relating to quality
and material water quantity
concerns submitted during
the comment period. TCEQ
may act on an application
to renew a permit for dis-
charge of wastewater
without providing an op-
portunity for a contested
case hearing if certain cri-
teria are met.**

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
ACTION.** The Executive Dir-
ector may issue final approv-
al of the application unless a
timely contested case hear-
ing request or request for re-
consideration is filed. If a
timely hearing request or re-
quest for reconsideration is
filed, the Executive Director
will not issue final approval
of the permit and will forward
the application and request to
the TCEQ Commissioners for
their consideration at a
scheduled Commission meet-
ing.

MAILING LIST. If you submit
public comments, a request
for a contested case hearing
or a reconsideration of the
Executive Director's decision,
you will be added to the mail-
ing list for this specific applica-
tion to receive future public
notices mailed by the Office
of the Chief Clerk. In addition,
you may request to be placed
on: (1) the permanent mail-
ing list for a specific applica-
nt name and permit number;
and (2) the mailing list for a
specific county. If you wish to
be placed on the permanent
or the county mailing list,
clearly specify which list(s)
and send your request to
TCEQ Office of the Chief
Clerk at the address below.

**All written public com-
ments and public meeting
requests must be submit-
ted to the Office of the
Chief Clerk, MC 105, TCEQ,
P.O. Box 13087, Austin, TX
78711-3087 or electronic-
ally at
[www14.tceq.texas.gov/epic/e
Comment/](http://www14.tceq.texas.gov/epic/eComment/), within 30 days
from the date of newspa-
per publication of this no-
tice.**

**INFORMATION AVAIL-
ABLE ONLINE.** For details
about the status of the applica-
tion, visit the Commission-
ers' Integrated Database at
www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/cid.
Search the database using
the permit number for this ap-
plication, which is provided at
the top of this notice.

**AGENCY CONTACTS AND
INFORMATION.** Public com-
ments and requests must be
submitted either electronic-
ally at
[www14.tceq.texas.gov/epic/e
Comment/](http://www14.tceq.texas.gov/epic/eComment/), or in writing to
the Texas Commission on
Environmental Quality, Of-
fice of the Chief Clerk, MC-

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105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin,
Texas Please be aware that
any contact information you
provide, including your name,
phone number, email ad-
dress, and physical address
will become part of the
agency's public record. For
more information about this
permit application or the per-
mitting process, please call
the TCEQ Public Education
Program, Toll Free, at 1-800-
687-4040 or visit their web-
site at
www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/pep
Si desea informacion en Es-
panol, puede llamar al 1-800-
687-4040.

Further information may also
be obtained from Alon USA,
LP at the address stated
above or by calling Mr. Nish-
anth Singh at 432-263-9452.

Issuance Date: November
26, 2019

#10383 Dec.15, 2019

RAILROAD COMMISSION
OF TEXAS
OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 08 Rule 37 Case
No. 0324332
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Dec
10, 2019 Status/Permit No.
859534
NOTICE OF PROTEST
DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Dec
31, 2019
Address: Railroad Commis-
sion of Texas
ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit
P. O. Box 12967
Austin, Texas 78711-2967
Fax: (512) 463-6780
Email:
SWR37@RRC.TEXAS.GOV

NOTICE OF
APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that the SM ENERGY COM-
PANY, [RRC Operator No.
788997] has made
application for a spacing ex-
ception permit under the pro-
visions of Railroad Commis-
sion Statewide Rule 37 (16
Tex. Admin. Code section
3.37). Applicant seeks excep-
tion to the LEASE LINE re-
quirement for the NEW
DRILL permit in Sec. 35, Bk.
34 T3N, T&P RR CO Survey,
A-502, SPRABERRY
(TREND AREA) Field,
HOWARD County, being 4.3
miles E direction from
ACKERLY, Texas.

PURSUANT TO THE
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this application may
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HEARING** if no protest to the
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son is entitled to protest this
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the operator or lessees of re-
cord of adjacent tracts and
tracts nearer to the proposed
well than the minimum lease
line spacing distance. If you
have questions which are
specific to the Application or
the information set forth in
this Notice, please contact
the Commission's Drilling
Permit Unit at (512)463-6751.
If a hearing is called, the ap-
plicant has the burden to
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ing as an affected person,
and to appear at the hearing
either in person or by quali-
fied representative and
protest the application with
cross-examination or
presentation of a direct case.
The rules of evidence are ap-
plicable in the hearing. If you
have any questions regard-
ing the hearing procedure,
please contact the Commis-
sion's Docket Services De-
partment at (512)463-6848.

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FAX NUMBER, OR
E-MAIL ADDRESS SET
OUT ABOVE BY Dec 31,
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The location and identity of
the well is as shown below:
FIELD: SPRABERRY
(TREND AREA)

Lease/Unit Name : SMALS
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Lease/Unit Well No. :
2318JM
Lease/Unit Acres : 882.51
Nearest Lease Line (ft) : 1.0
Lease Lines : 907.0 F NE L,
275.0 F SE L
Survey Lines : 907.0 F ne L,
275.0 F SE L
Wellbore Profile(s) : Horizont-
al
Lateral: TH1
Penetration Point Location
Lease Lines: 1296.0 F NE L
50.0 F SW L
Terminus Location
BH County: MARTIN
Section: 23 Block: 34 T3N
Abstract: 24
Survey: T&P RR CO
Lease Lines: 120.0 F NW L
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1296.0 F NE L

Field Rules for ALL fields on
the permit application are as
follows:

SPRABERRY (TREND
AREA) : Special Rules 330/0,
80.0 acres.

This well is to be drilled to an
approximate depth of 10000
feet.

If you have questions regard-
ing this application, please
contact the Applicant's
representative, Jill Hamilton,
at (432)8484855.

#10388 Dec. 15 & 22, 2019

RAILROAD COMMISSION
OF TEXAS
OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 08 Rule 37 Case
No. 0324333
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Dec
10, 2019 Status/Permit No.
859535
NOTICE OF PROTEST
DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Dec
31, 2019
Address: Railroad Commis-
sion of Texas
ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit
P. O. Box 12967
Austin, Texas 78711-2967
Fax: (512) 463-6780
Email:
SWR37@RRC.TEXAS.GOV

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34 T3N, T&P RR CO Survey,
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By Steve Becker

Neutralizing a knave

South dealer.
Neither side vulnerable.
NORTH
♠ J 6
♥ A J 8
♦ K Q 10 5 2
♣ 9 8 3
WEST
♠ K 10 7 2
♥ 7 4 3
♦ 9 4
♣ A K 6 4
EAST
♠ Q 8 5 4
♥ 9 5
♦ J 8 7 3
♣ Q 10 7
SOUTH
♠ A 9 3
♥ K Q 10 6 2
♦ A 6
♣ J 5 2
The bidding:
South West North East
1♥ Pass 2♦ Pass
2NT Pass 3♥ Pass
4♥
Opening lead — king of clubs.

to concede a diamond to East at the
end for down one.
South's method of play had about
an even chance of success. Had the
diamonds been divided 3-3, or had
the jack fallen singleton or double-
ton, he would have made the con-
tract. However, since he overlooked a
safe way to guard against either
opponent holding the J-x-x of dia-
monds, the outcome cannot be attrib-
uted solely to bad luck.
After taking the ace of spades, the
best line of play is to cash the trump
king and lead a trump to the ace.
When both East and West follow suit,
the A-K of diamonds are played.
At this point, the contract becomes
certain. Declarer trumps a low dia-
mond with the queen, leads a low
trump to dummy's jack and discards
his 9-3 of spades on the Q-10 of dia-
monds. That's all there is to it.
If the opponents' trumps were
divided 4-1, declarer would find out
when he cashed the second heart. He
would then have no choice but to
continue drawing trump and hope for
a favorable diamond division.
Observe that the recommended
method of play — drawing only two
rounds of trump, if both defenders
follow suit — assures the contract
whenever the opposing diamonds are
divided 3-3 or 4-2 (86 percent), while
drawing three rounds of trump stakes
the entire outcome on a much less
likely diamond division.

SUDOKU

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

**Fun By The
Numbers**
Like puzzles?
Then you'll love
sudoku. This
mind-bending
puzzle will have
you hooked from
the moment you
square off, so
sharpen your
pencil and put
your sudoku
savvy to the test!

Here's How It Works:
Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine
3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each
row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row,
column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will
appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The
more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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

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The location and identity of the well is as shown below: FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA)

Lease/Unit Name : SMAILS C
Lease/Unit Well No. : 2369WB
Lease/Unit Acres : 882.51
Nearest Lease Line (ft) : 1.0
Lease Lines : 877.0 F NE L, 275.0 F SE L
Survey Lines : 877.0 F NE L, 275.0 F SE L
Wellbore Profile(s) : Horizontal
Lateral: TH1
Penetration Point Location
Lease Lines: 1096.0 F NE L, 50.0 F SE L
Terminus Location
BH County: MARTIN
Section: 23 Block: 34 T3N
Abstract: 24
Survey: T&P RR CO
Lease Lines: 120.0 F NW L, 1096.0 F NE L
Survey Lines: 120.0 F NW L, 1096.0 F NE L

Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:

SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) : Special Rules 330/0, 80.0 acres.

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 10000 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, Jill Hamilton, at (432)8484855.

#10389 Dec. 15 & 22, 2019

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 08 Rule 37 Case No. 0324337
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Dec 10, 2019
Status/Permit No. 859554
NOTICE OF PROTEST
DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Dec 31, 2019
Address: Railroad Commission of Texas
ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit
P. O. Box 12967
Austin, Texas 78711-2967
Fax: (512) 463-6780
Email: SWR37@RRC.TEXAS.GOV

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SM ENERGY COM-

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PANY, [RRC Operator No. 788997] has made application for a spacing exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.37). Applicant seeks exception to the LEASE LINE requirement for the NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 35, Bk. 34 T3N, T&P RR CO Survey, A-502, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) Field, HOWARD County, being 4.3 miles E direction from ACKERLY, Texas.

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted **WITHOUT A HEARING** if no protest to the application is received within the deadline. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If you have questions which are specific to the Application or the information set forth in this Notice, please contact the Commission's Drilling Permit Unit at (512)463-6751. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protest must be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission's Docket Services Department at (512)463-6848.

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The location and identity of the well is as shown below: FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA)

Lease/Unit Name : SMAILS D
Lease/Unit Well No. : 2385DN
Lease/Unit Acres : 882.51
Nearest Lease Line (ft) : 1.0
Nearest Well on Lease (ft) : 192.0
Lease Lines : 846.0 F NE L, 275.0 F SE L
Survey Lines : 846.0 F NE L, 275.0 F SE L
Wellbore Profile(s) : Horizontal
Lateral: TH1
Penetration Point Location
Lease Lines: 816.0 F NE L, 50.0 F SE L
Terminus Location
BH County: MARTIN
Section: 23 Block: 34 T3N
Abstract: 24
Survey: T&P RR CO
Lease Lines: 120.0 F NW L, 816.0 F NE L
Survey Lines: 120.0 F NW L, 816.0 F NE L

Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:

SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) : Special Rules 330/0, 80.0 acres.

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 10000 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, Jill Hamilton, at (432)8484855.

#10387 Dec. 15 & 22, 2019



Answer to previous puzzle

BURRO	REPO	SWIG
ATEUP	EXAM	PANE
RIGHT	THING	EGGO
SLUR	OAT	EAGER
OIL	YRS	TALKING
AZURE	HOHUM	SUE
PESETA	HAT	THEM
DIRTYWORK		
ISTO	ORE	SOONER
CPU	AMASS	ASANA
HARDWAY	PAD	MSN
ARNIE	JOB	WIIG
BEST	IMPOSSIBLE	
OMIT	NOEL	OSIER
DENY	KEGS	BEADS

12/14/19

Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS



bracing for a room on fire.

Cosmic Trine of DownTek

ARIES (March 21-April 19). A conversation doesn't have to be long to be effective. In fact, the longer it is, the less effective it will be. Think and write about what you are feeling. What is worth expressing here? Choose very carefully.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Human interaction is hardly ever about what it purports to be about. The puzzle this poses is reason enough for you to slow down and listen closely. Of course, figuring it out also gives you an edge.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). It's as hard to communicate with someone who easily takes offense as it is to relate to someone who readily gives offense. Choose your topics well and tread lightly, and you'll cross the minefield intact.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Small daily improvements lead to sizable monthly improvements. If you only do 1% better each day on something that matters to you, in 100 days you'll have completely transformed your skill level.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). When you can't see your way forward in the dark, the brightest flashlight in the world won't do you any good unless it is also turned on. Asking for help today will be like flipping that switch. Let there be light.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). There can be many morals to the same story. Your takeaway is going to be different from that of others who lived the same experience. The value of this is something all people set for themselves.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Environments have psychological weight, a fact you're all too aware of today. Practice emotional safety. Figuratively feel the temperature of a door before opening it, as though

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Dec. 15). Travel will be your soul's thriving influence, as will connecting with new people. You're gifted in the art of reading and relating to people, yet you'll seek to further build your emotional intelligence, thus ratcheting up the excitement in your personal life. Novel self-care will bring instantaneous and long-range benefit. Cancer and Leo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 7, 1, 3, 45 and 44.

FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD:

THEME ONE: While there are many ways to let a thing go (drop it, donate it, gift it, dump it, bury it, burn it, sink it) and the benefits are obvious (freedom, levity) and the logistics are easy (open hands, forget, leave) letting go is still somehow difficult. The last week of the Sagittarius sun offers a cry for liberty and an opportunity of the sort of big-picture perspective that inspires us to see what's holding us back so we can finally break loose of it.

THEME TWO: In the movies, the hero battling evil is seldom freaking out at the same time. A focused intensity is usually the mode that gets it done. In real life, it's much easier to lose it and act out with the emotional upsurge in ways that later seem regrettable. Emotional mastery is among the most useful skills to pick up along life's way.

Venus enters Aquarius, providing an emotional cool-spray on those hot emotions. The temperature drop allows for greater mastery and management. Recognize the state you're in and use it to your advantage. You can move through it, turn down the internal temperature even more to get a grip on a situation, or turn it up because it's time. These are the skills that will lead to success this week.

Write Holiday Mathis at HolidayMathis.com.

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SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). It is rare to be in a situation where a mentor knows exactly what to do with your talent. You'll have to figure out quite a lot about yourself on your own. As long as you expect and embrace this, the process will be fun.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The value you give today's pursuits can be summed up by these words of explorer Dame Freya Stark: "Love of learning is a pleasant and universal bond, since it deals with what one is and not what one has."

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). People change their minds all of the time, though most prefer to do this privately. Public shifts of thought can be equated to admitting error, which egos of the big and fragile variety cannot abide.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). They really have no idea what it's like to be you. But before you get to worrying about that, it will be helpful to answer this question: What is it like to be them?

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You know that you don't yet understand a thing enough to form an opinion, let alone act on the matter. This knowledge is, in and of itself, virtuous. A lesser person wouldn't even realize the gap.

Annie's Mailbox

Company Does Not Love Misery

Dear Annie: I recently retired, and my younger brother is still working in a high-pressure job. Whenever we get together, all he talks about is every detail of his daily grind. I never cared to hear all of these stressful job details. And this is especially true now that I'm retired. How do I get him to stop -- or at least greatly reduce the amount of time he talks about his stressful job? -- Happily Retired

Dear Happily Retired: Some degree of venting is part of any close friendship or family relationship, and it can be therapeutic. That said, after a while, venting becomes complaining, and complaining becomes toxic. It fosters complacency in misery.

So encouraging your brother to get out of this negative work headspace will not only be a relief for you but also helpful for him. Toward that end, the best defense is a good offense: Be proactive in conversations, asking him questions about nonwork topics. Make a point of attending outings with him, such as going to sporting events, concerts, botanical gardens, museums -- activities that will offer conversation fodder besides the same old, same old.

At the end of the day, he might continue to talk about his stressful work life, but his stress doesn't have to be yours. Practice some loving detachment; realize that

you can be there for him without being his dumping ground.

Dear Annie: I have been diagnosed with myasthenia gravis, like the young lady in the recent letter from her mother. I am so sorry her daughter passed during a crisis. I have not lost a child, but I have lost a grandchild. So, I know a little about the pain. Only time helps, in my opinion.

Luckily, as a man, MG came much later in my life than the daughter in that letter. Typically, men get this autoimmune disease in their 50s and women in their 20s.

Unfortunately, this is my second autoimmune disease. I have since found out people with autoimmune diseases often get more than one. The first autoimmune disease is currently in remission.

Autoimmune diseases are hard to diagnose. Many times, people are misdiagnosed. I do not find it hurtful when family and friends doubt my diagnosis; I question everything myself. But I do find it very hurtful when the people who know me best think there is nothing wrong with me. They have called me a liar. They have called me a malingerer. I am neither of these, and they should know that.

I work very hard to overcome these diseases, with the help of medical professionals and medication. I have been successful in business. I have overcome these challenges to be very active. Sometimes my autoimmune diseases slow

me down, but they have not stopped me. I am lucky my symptoms are not worse, and this is because of all the help I have had. Not everyone is so lucky. Instead of giving me credit for overcoming these diseases, friends and family often think this is evidence there is nothing wrong with me.

I wish I could tell the mother in your letter to forgive and forget. I hope she can. Certainly, I understand how upsetting it is when the people that should know you best doubt you. I try to remember that I knew nothing about autoimmune diseases until my first diagnosis and forgive their ignorance. -- Your Faithful Reader

Dear Faithful Reader: I am sorry that it's been such a struggle for you to find validation of your disease. People who live with lesser-understood conditions, including myasthenia gravis and other autoimmune diseases, often report a lack of support from peers and even the medical professionals from whom they seek help.

Readers can find out more information about autoimmune diseases, as well as support groups for people living with them, at <https://www.aarda.org>.

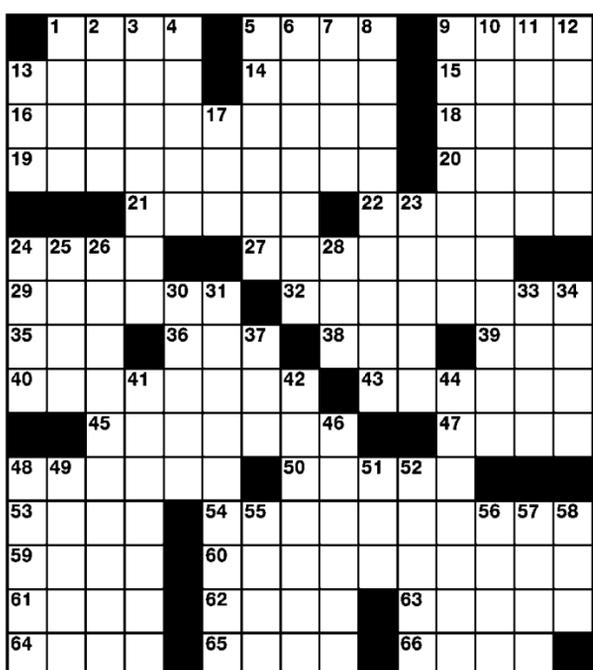
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Newsday Crossword

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| ACROSS | DOWN |
| 1 What's for dinner | 1 Statue at the FDR Memorial |
| 5 Bungled task | 2 Iota |
| 9 Idiomatic sticking point | 3 Lavish host |
| 13 Served and gone | 4 Korean pancake stuffing |
| 14 One with an ID | 5 Complain confidentially |
| 15 Coors former carbonated brand | 6 How some pillows are made |
| 16 Overposter's affliction | 7 Vague impression |
| 18 From | 8 Chicken |
| 19 Capital southwest of Timbuktu | 9 Mrs. Ivan |
| 20 Puffed product | 10 Comer |
| 21 Got happy | 11 Gas brand of BP |
| 22 F's cousin | 12 Layer of some snacks |
| 24 Mint family member | 13 Word from "Old Norse for 'place where water backs up'" |
| 27 Resting (on) | 17 Malarkey |
| 29 F-worthy | 23 Gemstone descriptor |
| 32 Fallen from favor | 24 Only Oscar winner/Nobelist before Dylan |
| 35 ALW team, before 2005 | 25 Superb |
| 36 Something set to keep things in line | 26 Second |
| 38 Coffee table material | 27 Susan B. Anthony, to the first |
| 39 Floppy topper | 28 Bossy type, supposedly |
| 40 Didn't charge | 30 Arrival announcement |
| 43 Capulet cousin | |
| 45 Champagne descriptor | |
| 47 Makes weary | |
| 48 Revolutionary War-era religious leader | |
| 50 What damage control might repair | |
| 53 Be agitated | |
| 54 Hypoallergenic designer dogs | |
| 59 It's south of Mason City on I-35 | |



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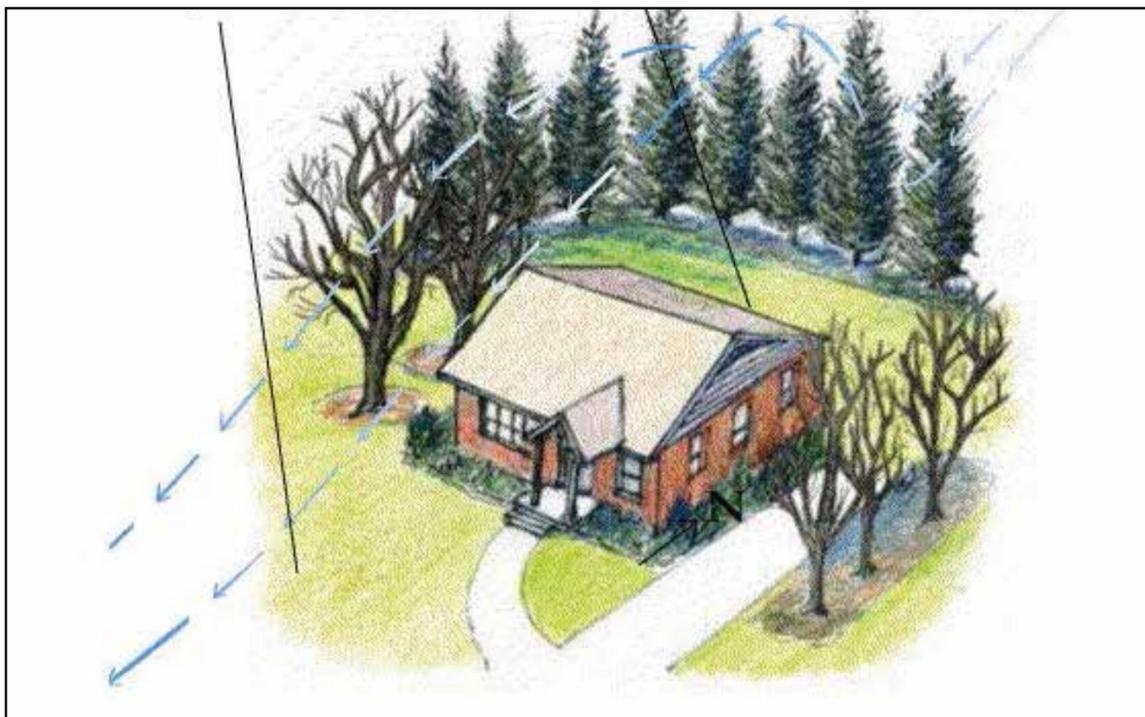
By JUDY TERELETSKY

District Clerk for HSWCD
Winter has never been my favorite season, but Christmas has always been my favorite holiday time. I don't care for cold weather, snow or ice but the colors of the decorations and warmth of Christmas spirit makes it bearable. I always looked at winter as being the time that plants die off and things go into hibernation. However, since working at the Howard Soil and Water District (HSWCD) I have learned that a great many plants have their planting season in the fall and winter months. The Texas Bluebonnet is one example; plant their seeds in October and they germinate and grow through out the winter to bloom in March and April. One of the support systems that the HSWCD provide for the agriculture producers of Howard County is grass seed and tree sales.

Agriculture producers plant grass seed and forbs to provide protection to the soil, infuse the soil with nutrients and provide food for livestock and wildlife. The planting time frame for grass seed is December 1 through June 1. This allows for the seeds to germinate and grasses to get established while protecting species such as quail during their nesting season.

Windbreak trees are another resource offered by the HSWCD. While it is a popular trend to plant a living Christmas tree after the holidays on your property, agricultural landowners use trees to provide protection from the wind and offer sanctuary for wildlife.

Trees such as Bur Oak, Pecan, Afghanistan Pine and Shumard Oak are among the trees that are specially chosen for this area. Afghanistan Pine is a fast-growing pine that retains its branches to the ground and reaches a mature height of 40-50 ft with a spread of 20-30 ft. The Austrian Pine is much the same except the needles are darker and it is resistant to pine tip moth. The Italian Stone Pine reach-



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If open wind is 35 mph, the windbreak can reduce velocity to about 10 mph to 15 mph around. Windbreak trees protect our natural resources by directing wind to prevent soil erosion.

es 40-50 feet with a spread of 30-35 ft but self-prunes the lower branches as it gets older.

The Pinyon Pine is a relatively slow-growing pine reaching the height of 10-30 feet and a spread of 8-12 feet. Howard SWCD also offers Oriental Arborvitae trees that most people associate with windbreak trees at cemeteries.

Besides the evergreen seedlings, a variety of hardwood seedlings are offered by Howard SWCD. Bur Oak and Chinkapin Oak are great oaks and provide excellent food for squirrel and deer.

The Shumard Oak is also popular with its leaves turning scarlet-red in the fall. Catalpa is a drought hardy fast-growing tree with beautiful white flowers. The Texas Redbud is also an attractive tree to add to windbreaks with pink blooms in the spring. Of course, the native Pecan is a favorite of many landowners and is moderately drought hardy. This state tree of Texas reaches a mature height of 60-70 feet and its nuts are eaten by many wildlife species.

The windbreak trees are seedlings and must receive special care of good water and protection from wildlife such as deer for the first two years of growth. Some producers plant the seedlings in five-gallon buckets to allow the root systems a chance to

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The pipeline wool travels from shearing to retail shelves is long, Pope said.

"Spring 2019 wool won't be in a garment until fall 2020," he said. "It takes a long time."

The prolonged drought in Australia and subsequent fires could change the situation, but Pope said it's anybody's guess when buyers will begin looking for new raw wool consistently.

However, he said, consumer trends show demand for wool socks and next-to-skin active- and performance-wear for outdoor enthusiasts, including runners, continues to grow.

"There's still good consumer demand, and those consumers have shown a willingness to pay for quality," he said. "It's a value-added product to them. They see how it performs compared to cotton and other textiles, and quality machine-knit wool is what they want."

AgriLife Extension district reporters compiled the following summaries:

CENTRAL: Very dry conditions continued with mild temperatures. Temperatures have changed wildly in recent weeks. The forecast called for another 40-degree temperature change with an expected cold front. Small grains were off to a good start in areas with better soil moisture and spotty in other areas. All small grains could use rain. Preparation for corn planting progressed. Cattle were in fair condition with producers feeding hay. Stock tanks were showing signs of drought, and some runoff rain would be beneficial. Some producers were culling cattle and hauling water. Nearly all counties reported short soil moisture levels and poor rangeland and pasture conditions.

ROLLING PLAINS: Temperatures were warmer than normal, and a few areas received small rains. Cotton harvest continued. Producers continued to plant winter wheat. Cattle producers were supplementing cow/calf and stocker operations with protein supplements and hay where forages were lim-

ited.

SOUTH PLAINS: Conditions were very dry, which was affecting dryland wheat and oats, rangelands and pastures. Irrigated wheat looked okay. Cotton harvest neared the end with most yields below expectations. A couple of the gins had completed ginning for the season. Stocker cattle were being placed on wheat. Cattle were in good condition overall.

PANHANDLE: Cotton harvest was complete in southwestern areas of the district with below-average yields and grades reported. All winter wheat had emerged, and most was in fair condition, but was in poor condition in southern parts of the district. Pastures and rangelands were in fair to good condition. Subsoil and topsoil moisture levels were short to adequate. Soybeans were harvested.

WEST CENTRAL: Temperatures were cool in the mornings with warm afternoons. All areas needed rain. Small-grain growth slowed due to drought, and insect pests increased. Livestock looked fair to poor due to the lack of grazing. Supplemental feeding of livestock increased. Demand at local cattle auctions was good. Stocker steers were \$8 higher per hundredweight. Stocker heifers were \$3-\$7 higher per hundredweight. Feeder steers were \$2-\$3 higher. Feeder heifers were \$5 higher per hundredweight. Packer cows, bulls, pairs and bred cows were steady.

SOUTHWEST: Dry weather continued with mild and seasonal temperatures reported. Rainfall was needed to improve pastures for grazing. Fall calving was wrapping up. Livestock were in fair condition, and producers continued with supplemental feeding.

establish before planting them in their permanent locations.

HSWCD offers these seedlings at 25 seedlings for \$70.00 and more information can be obtained by calling the office at 432-267-1871 extension 3. Whether you plant windbreak trees, grass seed, forbs, or the family Christmas tree, the Howard Soil & Water District wishes you and yours a safe holiday season.

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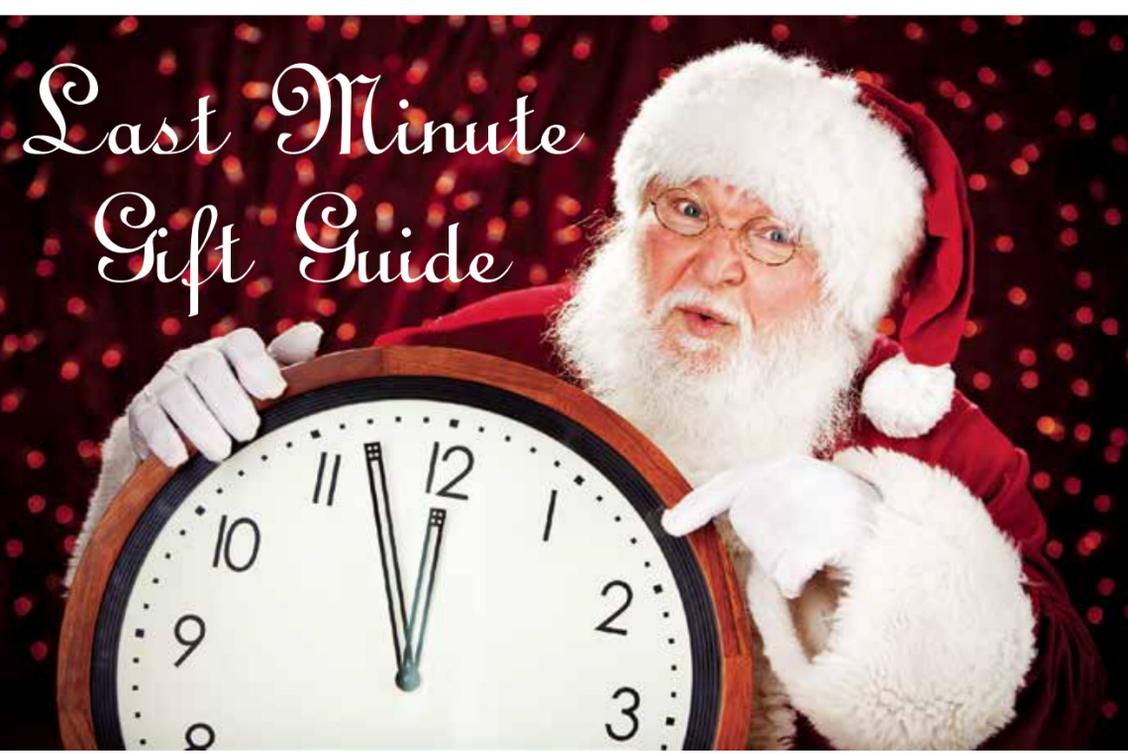
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