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City Council Meeting Oct. 27
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 City Council Chambers

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City Council to hold work session before Tuesday evening meeting

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**
 Managing Editor

The Big Spring City Council will convene for a regular meeting Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers. The Council will meet for a work session at 10 a.m. Tuesday in the Council Chambers to provide an opportunity for discussion and clarification to take place on numerous agenda items before the meeting Tuesday evening. Those wanting to attend the meeting

are able to do so in person at 307 E. 4th Street or online at <http://mybigspring.com/224/Channel-17-Live> or on Channel 17 through Suddenlink.

Mayor Shannon Thomason will read a proclamation recognizing Municipal Court Week November 2-6 at the beginning of the meeting.

The City Manager's Report will be presented by Interim City Manager Shane Bowles and provide updates for the Large Item Pickup which took place

on Oct. 21 for District 4 and provide the next date for District 5. An update will also be provided on RFP for Wood Chipping and for Risk and Resilience Study. Bowles will also be addressing the completion of land purchase for airport road project, along with an update on the Amphitheater Ribbon Cutting that took place on Oct. 22.

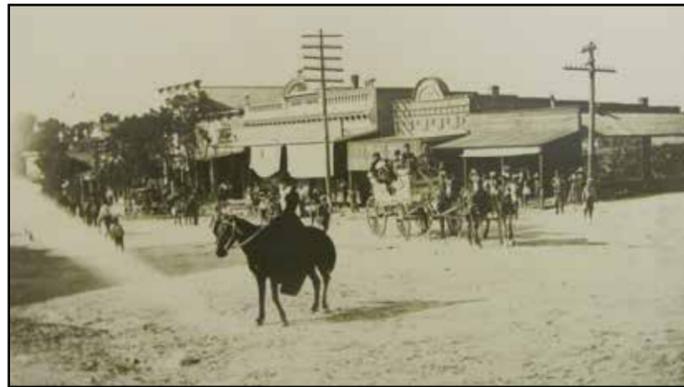
Bowles will speak to the Council

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A Moment in Time The Ghosts of Big Spring

By **TAMMY SCHRECENGHOST**
 Heritage Museum

In 1881, according to I.D. Eddins, the first six to be buried in Big Spring, was due to violence. Perhaps, the shoot-outs, rowdy cowboys and the 13 saloons that fostered these bad boy behaviors, contributed to those untimely deaths. Eddins told John Hutto (Howard County in the Making) that the cemetery was located on the site of the Southern Ice Co. After a small pox plaque, entire families were buried in the unmarked cemetery. This could not be a more unsuitable location for a cemetery as it flooded almost every time it rained. The great flood of 1902 washed up sev-



Pictured above is downtown Big Spring back long ago with horse riders and saloons.

Courtesy Photo

eral unidentified coffins.

In July 1890, Nip and Tuck Saloon owner George Bauer, donated land for the "New Mount Olive Cemetery." Perhaps the cemetery by the tracks was named Mount Olive.

In 1893, W.G. Tennyson plotted an addition to the original Big Spring Township. Plans were underway for roads and homes to be built. The Howard County Court ordered, on September 22, 1894, "all persons who have relatives and friends buried in the old graveyard, immediately north of the railroad, remove the remains of same." Several families did comply however, many were buried without families or anyone knowing

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Final PolitiTaco Tuesday at Howard College to take place this week

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PolitiTaco Tuesdays - hosted by Big Spring High School, Howard County Library and Howard College Anthony Hunt Library - will be concluding this week, with the fifth session, at Howard College Library. The voter education forum this week is set to take place from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. and the community is invited. The focus will be on a virtual walk through of the voting process.

"We wanted to do everything we can to prepare our students and community members for the upcoming elections," said Jill DeFore, Librarian. "So many of them are unsure of the process and it is our responsibility to educate them about their right to vote and what they can expect on election day."

Last last couple of weeks, the forums focused on "Who/What's on the Ballot?" and a few of the candidates were on hand to meet with attendees and a Q&A Session with the

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Inmate Death at FCI Big Spring

WASHINGTON, D.C.: On Wednesday, October 7, 2020, inmate Darin Taylor tested positive for COVID-19 at the Federal Correctional Institution (FCI) Big Spring in Big Spring, Texas, and was immediately placed in medical isolation. He was evaluated by institution medical staff for shortness of breath and transported to a local hospital for further treatment and evaluation. On Sunday, October 18, 2020, his condition worsened and he was placed on a ventilator.

On Friday, October 23, 2020, Mr. Taylor, who had long-term, pre-existing medical conditions, which the CDC lists as risk factors for developing more severe COVID-19 disease, was pronounced deceased by hospital staff.

Mr. Taylor was a 60-year-old male who was sentenced in the District of Idaho to a 121-month sentence for Possession of Methamphetamine With Intent To Distribute, and Use of Interstate Commerce Facilities in the Commission of Murder For Hire. He had been at FCI Big Spring since June 11, 2019.

FCI Big Spring is a Low security facility that currently houses 923 male offenders.

The Bureau will continue to provide daily updates and information on actions related to COVID-19 at www.bop.gov/coronavirus/index.jsp

Additional information about the Federal Bureau of Prisons can be found at www.bop.gov.

Fall Sweep focusing on Downtown Big Spring

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As the cooler temperatures start to roll in, the Toasty Tuesday clean up opportunities are coming to a close for 2020. Keep Big Spring Beautiful is hosting the fourth annual Fall Sweep to conclude this year's Toasty Tuesdays. The community is invited to join the clean up efforts Nov. 7 at 2 p.m. in Downtown Big Spring.

"The goal for this event is to clean as much of the Downtown area as possible. This is an area that is once again starting to draw more attention and we want to make sure it's clean and presentable for the foot traffic and cars passing through," Peggy Skiles, KBSB President, said. "With other beautification projects kicking off on Main Street, the Downtown Area was the perfect place for us to focus our clean up efforts on

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Courtesy Photo
Last Toasty Tuesday efforts picked up five bags of trash near Birdwell Park. Next week the clean up will focus on the Downtown area. The Group will meet at 2 p.m.

downtown for the Fall Sweep on Nov. 7, which will be the final clean up of the year.

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Take Note

• Big Spring Theatre presents Haphazardly Ever After by Jeff Fluharty on Nov. 6 and Nov. 7. The performances will take place at 6:30 p.m. both nights in the Big Spring High School Auditorium. Tickets must be purchased in advance at the High School in Room 121 from 4 p.m. - 7 p.m. Face masks are required. Children 5 and under are free.

• A drive-thru flu shot clinic will be hosted by Shannon Clinic in Big Spring on Friday, Oct. 30 from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. For more information, call 432-606-5178.

• Howard County Republican Club meets the second Monday of each month at 421 Main Street. Everyone is welcome. The meeting takes place at Noon. For more information call 432-213-7628.

• The Life Center in Big Spring is helping moms and dads with a Diaper Day Giveaway! Call for a five minute phone appointment and a pickup time for free diapers, wipes and formula. 432-606-5041.

• The Senior Supper Club has come out of hibernation to resume its normal Tuesday evening dinners. The Come-One-Come-All group will be meeting on Tuesdays at 5 p.m. and orders will be placed around 5:30 p.m. after much socializing from a distance. The Senior Supper Club is an informal group of folks from Howard County who meet at least weekly and sometimes more for Dutch-Treat food at different area restaurants. Sometimes the group also meets for cards, dominoes, or desserts and fellowship. For more information, contact Colonel.Allen.M.Morris@Gmail.com.

• St. Vincent de Paul will be open the following dates beginning November 2020. Food distribution will take place the second Thursday of each month from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and other assistance will be suspended at this time, but will resume on Dec. 17. Distributions will take place at 1009 Hearn at SVDP Building. In December 2020, the food distribution will continue the 2nd Thursday as scheduled. SVDP will be closed from December 18 through January 7, 2021.

• Isaiah 58 will be open on Tuesdays from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. further notice, for the safety of their volunteers and those they serve. Those receiving services are asked to enter the parking lot on 9th Street and exit onto Scurry. Please bring a form of identification with you to pick up food. Masks are required and those receiving food boxes will need to place boxes in their own vehicles until further notice. All these efforts are being put in place to help slow the spread and ensure the safety of those volunteering and those receiving services.

• Permian Basin Multiple Sclerosis Support Group for information, encouragement and support. The group meets monthly on the Second Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Express at 5321 John Ben Sheppard Parkway, Odessa. If you or someone you know has been touched by MS, or if you are just interested in more information please feel to contact Gary Tidwell at garylteagle1987@gmail.com.

• 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.

• 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. 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.

• 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 Runnels Street. For more information, please contact Norman Witcher at 432-413-6663.

• Home Hospice is looking for volunteers (18+) and junior volunteers (9-16 years old). Applications can be picked up at the Home Hospice office, located at 111 E. Seventh Street, Suite A between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Adult volunteers will need to complete a training and must be able to pass a background check. Volunteer duties will include home visits; junior volunteers will be helping with office work, community events and holiday activities. More information can be obtained by calling 264-7599 or 432-967-0901.

• Keep Big Spring Beautiful meets at noon the first Monday of every month. We meet at Howard College in the Cactus Room. Our vision is that every Big Spring citizen will take individual responsibility for making Big Spring the most beautiful city in Texas. Visitors are always welcome. For more information call Tammy at 432-935-0057. Toasty Tuesday is also a weekly clean up effort that takes place around town at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday. The locations is normally announced on the Keep Big Spring Beautiful Page along with in the Monday edition of the Big Spring Herald.

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Support Groups

MONDAY

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

TUESDAY

• Big Spring and Snyder Parkinson's Support Group meeting at the Big Spring Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month. This is a group for all Parkinson's Disease patients, spouses and caregivers. For more information about the support group or about Parkinson's Disease, contact Jo Bidwell at the Lubbock APDA office at 806-785-0942.

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

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

• 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.

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WEDNESDAY

• 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.

• 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.

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GHOST

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their identity. It is these people that remained buried as the town grew over them. In the 1930's, some of the children that lived in the area, recalled finding brass handles and other brass adornments from the caskets.

Mrs. J.P. Meador, who lived at the corner of North Nolan and Northeast 2nd, recalled how during the 1930's, a gas line was laid, and crews unearthed rotted coffins and bones. She added that her neighbor watered his lawn frequently and a portion of his lawn caved in to resemble where a grave may have been. Around the same time, Mr. Derrington, from Derrington's Auto Parts, allowed the city to bulldoze the dirt from his lot across the street from his store.

Subsequently, the city's equipment disturbed a human grave and brought several bones to the surface. The city also unearthed a strongbox with a hole blown in the side. It was the kind used to haul silver coins. Maybe a bandit

robbed the train and buried the evidence in the cemetery. The strong box appeared to have been blown open with dynamite.

As for actual ghost sightings, one lady had claimed that during the 1930's her grandchildren were playing outside when a female 'ghost' had appeared to them. She claimed that the ghost was wearing a long "Victorian" style dress. Could it have been real or was it the imagination of young children? No one knows for sure, but one thing is for certain, there was a cemetery many moons ago, north along the railroad tracks.

Perhaps on this full moon Halloween, a lone cowboy will be seen on Main Street with his six shooter by his side or the sounds of laughter and saloon music will fill the air. Steam engines pulling into the depot and the engineer pulling on the whistle. Horse and buggies, once again dominating the dusty streets as the sound of hooves quickly trot by. Ladies in their long hoop dresses and fancy hats, children running barefoot through the streets. Neighbors stepping out to their fence to talk to other neighbors or to those leisurely strolling by. Those are the ghosts of Big Spring. A simpler time that is gone forever.

CITY

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regarding the Award of Texas Department of Agriculture Community Development Fund (CD) of \$400K in support of water improvements. Other items in the City Manager Report will include information on utility department overstaffing and the upcoming Veteran's Day holiday on Nov. 11.

The Council will also be looking to possible cancel meetings scheduled for Nov. 24, 2020 and Dec. 22, 2020.

As part of new business, the Council will discuss and possibly take action on the City of Big Spring Policies and procedures regarding accepting, handling, and responding to information requests under the Texas Public Information Act.

Councilmember Jim DePauw will lead discussion to terminate the SAFER Grant from FEMA and reimburse monies received to date and directing interim City Manager or his designee to notify FEMA and execute necessary documents.

Don Moore, City Finance Director, will bring to the council an emergency reading of a resolution declaring the official intent of the City of Big Spring (Lessee) to be reimbursed for certain capital expenditures from proceeds of a lease purchase agreement.

Big Spring Police Chief Chad Williams will lead discussion on the first reading of a resolution authorizing and appointing the interim City Manager

to submit an application to the office of the governor, Criminal Justice Division to Solicit Funding from the Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Program for Personal Protective Equipment and supplies for use by the Big Spring Police Department, Howard County Sheriff's Office and Detention Center and Emergency Medical Services to prevent, prepare for and respond to the coronavirus; repealing resolution 011-2020.

Chief Williams will also bring to the council, the first reading of a resolution authorizing and appointing the interim city manager to submit an application to the office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division, for a grant to secure funding for negotiators Crisis Response throw phone; repealing resolution No. 001-2020.

City Attorney Andrew Hagan will bring the first reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 2 of the Big Spring City Code entitled "Administration" by adding a new article IX entitled "Reasonable accommodations policy" in order to establish a policy to address grievances concerning accessibility to city services and designating the City Manager or designee as the ADA Coordinator.

Other agenda items include:

- Vouchers for 10/15/2020 and 10/22/2020
- Bid consideration regarding proposal for recruiting firms to assist in filling the position of City Manager
- Bid regarding bids for sanitation trucks
- BSEDC minutes for meeting of September 15, 2020

• Final reading of two ordinances pertaining to building structure: an ordinance amending various sections of Chapter 12 of the Big Spring City Code entitled "Buildings and Building Regulations", "Signs and Billboards", "Enforcement", "Violations" and "Fire Code Adopted"; an ordinance amending the structural standards ordinance of the City of Big Spring in its entirety

• Final reading of ordinance amending Chapter 34 of the Big Spring City Code entitled "Municipal Court" by adding a new section 34-5 entitled "Attorneys Representing the State in Criminal Prosecutions"

• Quarterly report on claims and litigation from City Attorney sent Oct. 13, 2020

• Approval of City Council minutes of the regular meeting of Oct. 13, 2020

• Presentation - landfill video

• Final reading of a resolution designating the following as a nominee to fill a vacancy on the Howard County Joint Tax Appraisal District Board of Directors for the 2020-21 Term

• Public Comment - public comment can be made by calling 432-264-2411.

• Final readings of several code ordinances including: "Grease Traps", "Vermin Control" "Solid Waste" "Illegal Dumping and Litter Control" "Property Maintenance Code"

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candidates, with only one candidate showing up for the session.

According to the press release issued about the forums, all attendees are required to sign in, wear a mask,

and be screened with a hands-free temperature check as they enter the library. Howard College students can attend the event virtually if they prefer. All candidates were invited to the forums along with the community.

Everyone who signs in will automatically be entered to win a drawing for one of three taco night party pack-

ages, one of which includes a television.

"We received two separate grants to help us fund this project which allowed us to create the prize packages and entice people to come out and educate themselves about the voting process and get their voting related questions answered," said DeFore.

The final session will take place this week on Oct. 27 and will focus on Voting Walk-Through. The community is invited to attend.

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SWEEP

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this year for Fall Sweep."

Each year, the Fall Sweep focuses on a different area of town. In 2017, clean up efforts focused on Main Street from First Street to Eighth Street; 2018 covered the West end of Third Street and last year in 2019 the efforts were focused on FM 700 - one of our main roadways. This year, with the current construction taking place on FM 700, cleaning in the area wasn't safely feasible.

"It's important that we take pride in our community. We can first do that by not littering in the first place. We should not be throwing stuff out of our cars," Skiles said. "It's important for all of us to remember, the view here makes an impression on everyone. We need this to be a good impression."

The primary clean up for Keep Big Spring Beautiful is held in the spring in conjunction with Don't Mess With Texas campaign, coordinated by Keep Texas Beautiful. In addition to the spring clean up, KBSB has been hosting Toasty Tuesday since the warmer temperatures arrived. While there were

many other events that were cancelled this year, Toasty Tuesday was able to continue for at least part of the season. Due to the pandemic and to ensure the safety of the community and the volunteers, the Toasty Tuesday clean up start was postponed.

"We all know litter is a problem that never goes away so we have scheduled this one about six months later, in the fall," Skiles said. "With the final Toasty Tuesday upon us, this is a good time to have as many people out as possible to come out for a big effort as winter comes on." Skiles offered a few tips to keep Big Spring clean; don't litter, take care of your personal yard and the area surrounding, keep dumpster lids closed - this keeps trash from being blown out by the wind and it keeps animals out and keeps them from tearing up the trash.

"We shouldn't be throwing stuff out of our cars while driving down the road. We should be responsible when it comes to throwing our trash and doing our part to keep our community clean," she said. "Residents can show their pride by going a little out of their way to pick up trash they see around town. Every piece picked up makes a difference."

Skiles continued, "KBSB welcomes everyone - individuals and groups - to join us in cleaning this very noticeable area." KBSB will be handing out trash bags and other needed supplies for those who attend and want to help out.

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Take Note

• The Big Spring Art Association meets the third Saturday of the month, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., in the basement of the Howard County Library. Come join us, we would love to have you.

• Big Spring and surrounding counties are in need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected. For

more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children's Protective Services office at 432-263-9669.

• Victim Services is a non-profit independent community-based program serving victims of all violent crime, including, but not limited to, assault, sexual assault and domestic violence. Victim Services advocates are available 24 hours a day, 365 days

a year, to provide crisis intervention or accompaniment to the hospital and law enforcement agencies, as needed. If you can commit to 30-hour training, an interview process and a background check, we need you. For more information, call Linda Calvio at 432-263-3312.

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Lady Steers lose final district game, now set for playoff match with Canyon



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Big Spring's Ryen Terrazas hits the ball with authority during a set.

By SHAWN MORAN

Herald Sports Writer

In their last regular season game of the year, the Big Spring Lady Steers (13-14, 5-5) lost in five sets to the Sweetwater Lady Mustangs (11-10, 8-2).

Big Spring had dropped the first two sets but quickly turned it around and were able to extend the game to a fifth set. However, they were unable to finish the comeback attempt (18-25, 18-25, 25-23, 25-16, 9-15).

That end to the season means that Big Spring has finished third in the district and are preparing to play Canyon in their first postseason match this Thursday.

"I'm proud of the way they played. They could have thrown in the towel following that second set, but instead, they chose to battle back and we were almost able to pull out the win," Head Volleyball Coach Kaitlyn Braswell said.

Big Spring has improved more and more as the season has gone along and they were able to triple

their win total from 2019. According to MaxPreps, the Canyon Lady Eagles have a 15-5 overall record this season and are riding on a multiple-game win streak.

Braswell is hoping her veteran players are able to step up to the challenge this Thursday and lead them to the second round of the playoffs. The Lady Steers are taking it one day at a time and will need to pull together their strongest performance of the season later this week.

"Our more experienced players are our go-to players in close-game situations and those girls have really seemed to embrace that role as the season has gone along," Braswell said.

The Lady Steers have put together a solid season and will be looking for their first playoff win since 2014.

Shawn Moran is the sports writer at the Big Spring Herald. To contact him, e-mail sports@bigspringherald.com or call 432-263-7331.

Bulldogettes fall to Crane in season finale over the weekend



Above left: Ashley Romero tips the ball over the net in this weekend's contest against Crane. Above right: The JV Red team poses together after playing their final game of the season.

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COAHOMA — The Bulldogettes fell in the season finale to Crane on Saturday in three sets — 19-25, 19-25, 18-25.

Coahoma wrapped up district 5-3A action in fourth place. Now the Bulldogettes turn their sights toward former district rivals, the Clyde Lady Bulldogs, for the first round of playoffs. The bi-district game is set for 7 p.m. Thursday in Sweetwater.

CHS Head Coach Jamie Bonner knows her players have their work cut for them against the Lady Bulldogs, who went undefeated in District 6-3A.

"We need to come back to practice and work out the little things like talking on the court, everybody moving on every touch of the ball," Bonner said. "We've got to move quicker. I think we were a little slow today, so really, we just need to change a couple of little things, and I think we will be competitive. I am excited."

Led by a strong group of four seniors — Kenzi Canallas, Julia Cox, MaKynlee



Courtesy Photos/Coahoma ISD

Overton, and Ashley Romero — the Bulldogettes are having one of the best seasons in the history of the program and have built a season record of 12-6.

"Every single kid on our team has been working hard and not just in volleyball season," Bonner said. "They worked out in the off season and in the summer when they could work out. You can tell in their hustle and the heart they put into it. I am very proud of them. They have done an excellent job. I really can't brag about them enough on the heart they've put in and how much they have improved over the last couple of years."

Sub-varsity scores: JV Red was victorious against Crane in three sets (17-25, 25-21, 25-18) in their last game of the season. Overall, JV Red had a season record of 15-3 and went 7-1 in district with their only loss to Crane in the first round of district action.

JV White lost to Crane in two sets (19-25, 20-25). White finished the season with a 6-8 record and went 1-3 in district.

Eli Cranor's Athletic Support: "Girls need fans, too"

By ELI CRANOR

Special to the Herald

Dear Athletic Support: My daughter plays volleyball at a high school in Arkansas. This school is known as a football powerhouse around the state, but this year the boys aren't doing so great. They've only won half their games, while my daughter's volleyball team is undefeated! Nobody seems to care, though. We still have less than fifty people in the gym on game days. The football stadium, on the other hand, is packed! This really bothers me, and I know it bothers the girls more than they let on. One of the saddest parts is the girls all go to the football games. They cheer so loud for those boys every Friday night. But do the boys come to any of their volleyball games? Nope. Why does it have to be like this?

—Girls Need Fans Too

Dear Girls: My first thought here is don't take this personally. I know that's easier said than done, but the fact that there are fewer people at your daughter's volleyball games (even if she's having a great season) has less to do with the girls and more to do with the culture in your town.

Football, especially in the south, is a way of life. There are decades worth of history that one strong volleyball season cannot erase. I'm not saying this is right or wrong, I'm just telling you how it is. And this isn't a boy versus girl problem, either.

You could say the same for almost any other sport compared to football. Even if the golf team were making a run at the state title, there just wouldn't be as many people at the course as there are at the football stadium on Friday night.

Instead of focusing on the problem, maybe try concentrating on what you can do to make this better. Get the girls to go talk with the boys and see if they can convince them to come to the game. Football teams are huge, especially compared to most other sports. So if you convince fifty of the players to come cheer on the girls, maybe that would also draw some of the boys' friends and their parents.

Dear Athletic Support: My kid's coach won't let him drink water unless he "earns it." This is obviously absurd, but I don't want to make my son quit over it. What can I do about it?

— Water Boy

Like this from back when he was playing football in the 1970s. I'm not sure if time has added a little flair to some of his tall tales, but Dad's even told me about how players would drink from puddles and take "salt tablets."

Thankfully, we've come a long way since those days. If your kid's coach is really withholding water as a reward, you need to notify the principal immediately.

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'We weren't good at all': Cowboys lose Dalton in rout at DC

LANDOVER, Md. (AP) — When a sliding Andy Dalton got a concussion from a shoulder-to-head blow that sent the quarterback's helmet flying, Dallas coach Mike McCarthy noticed that none of the other Cowboys got in the face of Washington linebacker Jon Bostic, who was ejected for the hit.

"We speak all the time about playing for one another, protecting one another," McCarthy said. "It definitely was not the response you would expect."

The Cowboys didn't do much of what their coach might have expected — or hoped for, really — in a disastrous 25-3 loss at Washington on a rainy, dreary Sunday in a nearly stadium, save for some friends and family invited by the home club.

Running back Ezekiel Elliott, for one, said he's never been this frustrated.

"We've got to be better than we were today," he said after gaining just 45 yards

on 12 carries. "We weren't good at all."

McCarthy, now 2-5 in his first year in Dallas, called his team's display "disappointing" and "not a very good day."

Well, there's an understatement. The Cowboys were outgained 397-142, allowed Washington to convert six of its initial eight third-down conversions and allowed 208 yards on the ground.

"I talked to them at halftime about the 'Here we go again' mode on the sideline," McCarthy said, "and we've got to move past that."

What he did rule out were any personnel changes, insisting that "it hasn't crossed my mind" when asked specifically about a switch to defensive coordinator Mike Nolan's status.

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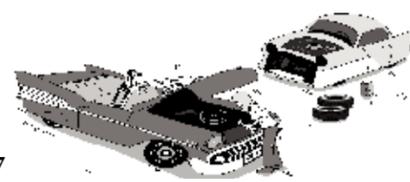
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Annie's Mailbox

Affairs of the Heart

Dear Annie: My husband had an emotional affair with his boss. He texted her, called her and tried to go out with her. She did not reciprocate and, as far as I know, kept it strictly business. He told her his feelings, but she told him she was not interested. He quit his job after that but continued to text her, asking her to go out. She didn't reply.

When I found out, he told me he just wanted to have sex with her, and her not giving in made him pursue her more. Now, I feel in second place in my marriage. Would he still be here if had she had said yes? What were his true feelings?

They only worked together and were never physically intimate. I am lost and don't know what to do. -- Lost and Alone

Dear Lost: What your husband did to you was disgraceful. You have every right to be upset and hurt. His intentions were enough for you to leave. You should seek the help of a professional marriage counselor to decide whether it is worth staying together. Best of luck.

Dear Annie: I'm a 24-year-old new mom to a gorgeous son. But I discovered that my husband was -- and I'm 100% sure still is -- cheating on me with someone who I thought

I could trust. She has known us since I found out I was pregnant.

On the day that I brought my son home from the hospital, she was the first person to hold him outside of my husband and me. He keeps saying that she's distancing herself from him because he turned her down for sex, but I went through his phone and saw a message from her saying to come over, and he said he was on his way.

I don't know what to do. I love him so much, and he's the father of my son. Help please. -- Shocked and Saddened

Dear Shocked and Saddened: Congratulations on the birth of your gorgeous son. I am so sorry that your husband is unable to be present for you and your newborn. Sadly, some men feel jealous of a newborn and sometimes act out. This awareness in no way excuses his behavior.

While you can't control his actions, you can control yours. Stop snooping on his phone and start having real and honest conversations with him about his infidelity. If this is to work, you have to seek the help of a counselor.

Dear Annie: I remember when my husband, my kid's dad, used to threaten me with leaving if I didn't kick out whichever kid had incurred his wrath. This would happen

more times than not, with my pointing out that you don't kick your kids out of the house because they make you angry or are irritating you.

Finally, I got tired of it, as it left our kids and me mentally and emotionally drained for days.

The next time the threat was issued, I didn't say anything. Instead, I walked out to the garage and started bringing boxes in, along with a suitcase. He asked me what I was doing, and where did I think I was going? I told him that I wasn't going anywhere but that since he was leaving, he'd need to pack his stuff.

Tell Grandma that if "Grumpy Gramp" honestly loved her, he wouldn't ask her to choose between her grandkids and him. The relationship children have with their grandparents creates memories that last a lifetime.

Grumpy Gramp can be replaced. I'm sure he understands that the door swings both ways. -- Been There

Dear Been There: Thank you for your letter. It highlights the importance of standing up to bullies, which is usually the best way to make them stop.

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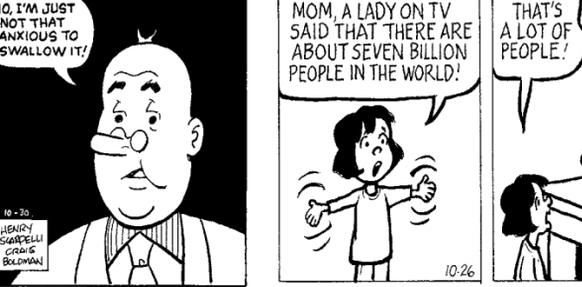
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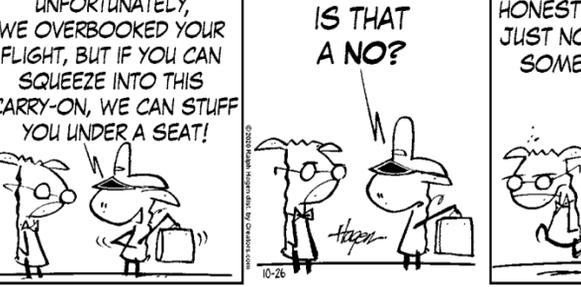
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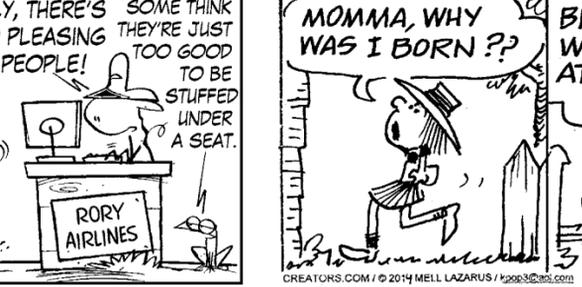
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This Date In History

Today in History

Today is Monday, Oct. 26, the 300th day of 2020. There are 66 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On October 26th, 1774, the First Continental Congress adjourned in Philadelphia. On this date: In 1825, the Erie Canal opened in upstate New York, connecting Lake Erie and the Hudson River. In 1861, the legendary Pony Express officially ceased operations, giving way to the transcontinental telegraph. (The last run of the Pony Express was completed the following month.) In 1881, the "Gunfight at the O.K. Corral" took place in Tombstone, Arizona, as Wyatt Earp, his two brothers and "Doc" Holliday confronted Ike Clanton's gang. Three members of Clanton's gang were killed; Earp's brothers and Holliday were wounded. In 1902, women's rights pioneer Elizabeth Cady Stanton died in New York at age 86. In 1944, the World War II Battle of Leyte (LAY'tay) Gulf ended in a major Allied victory over Japanese forces, whose naval capabilities were badly crippled. In 1949, President Harry S. Truman signed a measure raising the minimum wage from 40 to 75 cents an hour. In 1975, Anwar Sadat became the first Egyptian president to pay an official visit to the United States. In 1979, South Korean President Park Chung-hee was shot to death by the head of the Korean Central Intelligence Agency, Kim Jae-kyu. In 1980, Israeli President Yitzhak Navon became the first Israeli head of state to visit Egypt. In 1984, "Baby Fae," a newborn with a severe heart defect, was given the heart of a baboon in an experimental transplant in Loma Linda, California. (Baby Fae lived 21 days with the animal heart.) In 2001, President George W. Bush signed the USA Patriot Act, giving authorities unprecedented ability to search, seize, detain or eavesdrop in their pursuit

of possible terrorists. In 2002, a hostage siege by Chechen rebels at a Moscow theater ended with 129 of the 800-plus captives dead, most from a knockout gas used by Russian special forces who stormed the theater; 41 rebels also died. Ten years ago: Saddam Hussein's foreign minister, Tariq Aziz, was sentenced to death for persecuting members of Shiite religious parties under the former regime. (The sentence was never carried out; Aziz died of a heart attack in June 2015.) Iran began loading fuel into the core of its first nuclear power plant. A day after an earthquake sparked a deadly tsunami, Indonesia saw another natural disaster as Mount Merapi (meh-RAH'pee) began erupting explosively, resulting in hundreds of deaths in the weeks that followed. Five years ago: A 7.5-magnitude quake in the Hindu Kush region of Afghanistan caused extensive damage in neighboring Pakistan and killed around 400 people. The World Health Organization, throwing its global weight behind years of experts' warnings, declared that processed meats raised the risk of colon and stomach cancer and that red meat was probably harmful, too. One year ago: Islamic State leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi blew himself up during a raid by U.S. special operations forces on his compound in Syria. A Northern California blaze forced evacuation orders and warnings for nearly all of Sonoma County; forecasts of strong winds prompted additional blackouts in the event of damage to power lines. Hollywood producer Robert Evans, who at Paramount Pictures had backed such films as "Chinatown" and "The Godfather," died at the age of 89. A homemade device that was meant to discharge colorful powder at a "gender

reveal" party to celebrate an upcoming birth for an Iowa family instead exploded like a pipe bomb; a 56-year-old relative was killed when she was hit by debris. Today's Birthdays: Actor Jaclyn Smith is 75. TV host Pat Sajak is 74. Hillary Rodham Clinton is 73. Musician Bootsy Collins is 69. Actor James Pickens Jr.

is 68. Rock musician David Was is 68. Rock musician Keith Strickland (The B-52's) is 67. Actor Lauren Tewes is 67. Actor D.W. Moffett is 66. Actor-singer Rita Wilson is 64. Actor Patrick Breen is 60. Actor Dylan McDermott is 59. Actor Cary Elwes is 58. Singer Natalie Merchant is 57. Actor Steve Valentine is 54. Country singer Keith

Urban is 53. Actor Tom Cavanagh is 52. Actor Rosemarie DeWitt is 49. Actor Anthony Rapp is 49. Writer-producer Seth MacFarlane (TV: "Family Guy") is 47. TV news correspondent Paula Farris is 45. Actor Lennon Parham is 45. Actor Florence Kasumba is 44. Actor Hal Ozsan is 44. Actor Jon Heder is 43.

Singer Mark Barry (BBMak) is 42. Actor Jonathan Chase is 41. Actor Folake Olowofoyeku (foh-LAH'kay oh-low-wow-foh-YAY'koo) is 37. Olympic silver medal figure skater Sasha Cohen is 36. Rapper Schoolboy Q is 34. Actor Beulah Koale (TV: "Hawaii Five-0") is 29.

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- ACROSS: 1 100-yard race, 5 Place to park a car, 8 Natural bandage, 12 Not married, 14 Very long car, for short, 15 Volcano's outflow, 16 Long look, 17 Prayer-ending word, 18 Change for a \$5 bill, 19 Windy-day playing with a toy in the air, 21 Was dressed in, 22 Toward sunrise, 23 Unexpected victories, 25 Back of a boat, 28 "Recent" prefix for natal, 29 "... and all ___ jazz", 30 Out of town this week, 33 Locations, 38 Rainy-day viewing of funny TV shows, 41 Nebraska city, 42 "How long has it ___?", 43 A Great Lake, 44 By way of, on an itinerary, 46 Neglected to, for short, 48 Buckle up, as a seat belt, 52 Egotistical, 54 Female choral voice, 55 Hot-day basking at a beach, 61 Ink smear, 62 "It's clear now", 63 Helicopter blade, 64 Valentine's Day emotion, 65 Religious splinter group, 66 Performance with sopranos, 67 Lambs' mothers, 68 "For shame!", 69 TV industry award, 10 Avoid, as a crisis locations, 11 Air Force, 13 Delay until a later time, 14 Installs, as a carpet, 20 Hawaiian porch, 24 Blog entry, 25 Dishonest imitation, 26 "See ya later!", 27 Carve a design into glass, 28 Wall Street market: Abbr., 29 One more than one, 31 Female hoopsters' org., 32 Improve with time, as wine, 34 Cooled with cubes, 35 Tattered and ___ (raggedy), 36 Give off, as light, 37 NNW opposite, 39 Possess, 40 Taj Mahal's country, 45 Refuse to compromise, 47 Emcee's opening speech, 48 Story from Aesop, 49 Give permission for, 50 Cooking appliance, 51 Carryall bags, 52 Sweater style with an angled cut, 53 Aid and ___ (assist in crime), 56 Puts into service, 57 Optimistic feeling, 58 Line on a list, 59 Typical result, 60 Color of overcast skies

