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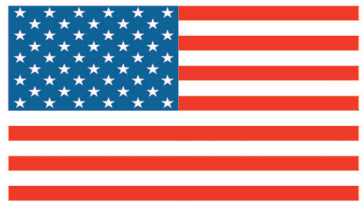
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November election featuring eight statewide propositions

By **ROGER CLINE**

Herald Staff Writer

This November's election will feature eight statewide propositions, as well as 20 Big Spring city propositions, and one proposition for rural Howard County residents, according to local elections administrator Jodi Duck.

"We have eight Texas Constitutional Amendments that we have to vote on, then there are 20 Big Spring Charter Amendments," Duck said. "Everyone in the city limits of Big Spring will get that on their ballot. If they are outside the city limits, not in Forsan city, not in Coahoma city, not in Big Spring city, they will all have the Howard County Assistance District Amendment on their ballot – and the state, only. So it will be the state and the county; or if they're in Big Spring

city limits, they're going to have the state and Big Spring. If they're in Forsan or Coahoma cities, they're only going to have the state."



Jodi Duck

Early voting in the election will begin October 18, and will take place on the first floor of the Howard County Courthouse. From Oct. 18 through 22, and from Oct. 25 through 27, early voters may cast ballots from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. On Oct. 28 and 29, the polls will open at 7 a.m. and remain open until 7 p.m.

On election day, Nov. 2, any registered Howard County voter can cast ballots at any of the following locations: Ryan Hall/St. Thomas Church, 605 N. Main St.; First Baptist Church, 705 W. FM 700; Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, 1001 Birdwell Lane; or the Coahoma Community Center, 306 North Ave. in Coahoma. No voting will be held at the Howard County Courthouse on Election Day. Election Day polls will be open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

A voter must show one of the following forms of photo identification at the polling location in order to vote:

- Texas Driver's License issued by the Department of Public Safety;
- Texas Election Identification Certificate issued by DPS;
- Texas Personal Identification Card issued by DPS;
- Texas Handgun License issued by DPS;
- U.S. Military Identification Card containing the voter's photograph;
- U.S. Citizenship Certificate containing the voter's photograph; or
- U.S. Passport.

With the exception of the U.S. Citizenship Certificate, the ID must be current or have expired no more than four years before being presented at the polling place.

If the voter doesn't have one of the above forms of ID, he or she may fill out a form and present an alternative ID including:

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Announcements

October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, Breast Cancer Awareness Month

*Don't Litter
 Pet Vaccine Clinic Oct. 9 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. 600 E. Third St. Suite B.*

The Howard County Library, 500 S. Main Street, has re-opened. Hours: 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. Monday - Friday

*Pints for Polio
 Oct. 9, 7-11 p.m.*

*Oct. 16
 United Way Clay Shoot
 Moss Creek Ranch*

*Alive After 5
 SMMG/OBGYN
 5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
 Oct. 20*

Art Show exhibits throughout October



HERALD photos/Amanda Duforat

The Heritage Museum will have the Found Object Art exhibit on display throughout the month of October. The Big Spring Art Association also has the membership art show at Howard College.

Herald Staff Report

The fall weather has arrived and as temperatures cool down, it creates the perfect setting for an art tour. The Big Spring Art Association has set up and unveiled the Members' Show and Sale, at the Hall Center for the Arts on the Howard College campus and the Found Object Art Show is at the Heritage Museum.

According to Ruby Bruns, the Big Spring Art Association

members' show opened Oct. 4 and features work from 10 local artists this year and a total of 28 pieces of art. The show can be viewed during regular Howard College business hours through Oct. 30.

"We ask that you come visit the show and maybe do some Christmas shopping for that special someone. All works are priced for sale," Bruns said.

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Stanton Old Sorehead Days this weekend

By **ROGER CLINE**

Herald Staff Writer

For nearly 30 years, 3,000 friendly people and a few old soreheads have welcomed people to Stanton for the Old Sorehead Trade Days. This weekend – October 9 and 10 – Downtown Stanton's famous event will wrap up its 29th year.

"We've got new vendors, returning vendors...we will span about nine city blocks in Downtown Stanton, and then we have seven buildings that we also put vendors in, in addition to our downtown businesses being open,"

said Shawna Burch, director of the Old Sorehead Trade Days.

Burch said the show will be open at 9 a.m. and close at 5 p.m. each day.

Food vendors at this weekend's iteration of Old Sorehead will be selling roasted corn, fajitas, funnel cakes, and more...including some cuisine with a New Orleans accent.

"I've got a guy that's coming that's supposed to be doing Cajun food," Burch said. "That's something fun and different. Typically with our food vendors, we have the usual kinds of fair food – Mexican food, barbecue. That typically stays the same because that's

what people like."

Of course, vendors are always a major part of the Old Sorehead days.

"We have all kinds of stuff," Burch said. "It's hard for me to say, especially with new vendors, until I see their stuff, what's new and worth seeing. We've got arts and crafts, jewelry, clothing. All the stuff will be here for Halloween. Fall décor, Christmas, all that fun stuff."

The event will also feature live music on the courthouse lawn.

"It's mostly local acts," Burch said.

"We've got a guy named Bill Drake,

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Take Note

• Don't Litter Vaccine Clinic will take place Oct. 9 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m., at 600 E. Third Street, Suite B, next to Boyd's Auto Glass. The clinic will be cash only and will include rabies, rabies/DAPP, Rabies/DAPP/Bord for dogs and rabies and rabies/FVRCP/FELV for cats. The Home Again microchip will also be offered and spay/neuter appointments can be made with a cash deposit.

• District 4 Large/Bulk Item pickup will take place Oct. 20. Those residents in District 4 wishing to have items picked up will need to schedule a pick up by Oct. 18 at 5 p.m. More information can be found by visiting mybigspring.com. To schedule a pick up call 432-264-2501.

• Community blood drive is set to take place Oct. 15 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the City Council Chambers. Chambers are located at 3047 E. 4th Street. To schedule an appointment e-mail sking@mybigspring.com or call 432-264-2347. Walk in appointments are welcome, but appointments are strongly encouraged.

• City of Big Spring offices remain open by appointment and electronic means only. These offices include: City Hall (432-264-2401); Finance Department (432-264-2513); Public Works Department (432-264-2501); Human Resources Department (432-264-2346); Code Enforcement/Permits (432-264-2504); Water Utilities (432-264-2392); Community Services Office; Convention and Visitors Bureau (432-263-8235); facilities (432-264-2322); Cemetery (432-264-2323); Police Department (432-264-2550); Fire Department (432-264-2304); Municipal Court (432-264-2530)

Citizens who have an appointment in a City office will be asked to wear a face covering and present valid identification upon arrival. The identification can be as simple as a utility bill. The City of Big Spring Water Office is open to the public; no appointment is necessary. The Big Spring Senior Center remains closed to congregate meals, but those who wish to pick up a to go order can call 432-267-1628, for more information. Rentable facilities including the Dora Roberts Community Center will remain open, however, users are requested to maintain social distancing and other COVID-19 precautions. For any questions or concerns please contact the City Manager's Office at 432-264-2401.

• 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. For more information, call 432-263-4155; Michelle Worthan at 325-227-3911; Kay Smith at 432-213-1153; or Ruby Bruns at 432-664-1943.

• The Big Spring Symphony is celebrating 40 years. Shows remaining this season include: Dec. 8 "Holiday Spectacular"; Jan. 22: "The Music of Queen"; Feb. 19 "Winter Wonderland"; and Spring Pops Concert on April 23. The remaining concerts will all take place at the Big Spring Municipal Auditorium. Tickets can be purchased in season passes or per concert. For updates and general information, follow The Big Spring Symphony Facebook page or go to www.bigspringssymphony.org.

• The Great Courses history video lecture series is taking place each Wednesday in the Theater Room in the First Presbyterian Church, located at 701 Runnels Street. No charge for the lectures.

• Howard County Community Health Center is offering the Moderna – a two dose and Janseen – a single dose, Covid-19 vaccine to those over the age of 18. Businesses, churches, groups or organizations of 10 members or more who would like the vaccine can schedule a time to have a mobile vaccine clinic. The staff will to the business, church, or organization to administer the vaccine. For ore information, call 806-894-7842 ext 178 or 124 or e-mail Covid19@sprhs.org

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

Duties include working in the gift shop, delivering newspapers to inpatients, hospitality services, popcorn and more. To find out more about opportunities available with the SMMC Auxiliary, contact Amy Miramontes at 268-4809 or April Arms at 268-4907.

• St. Vincent de Paul food distribution will take place the second Thursday of each month from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and other assistance will take place the third Thursday of each month from 10 a.m. until 12 p.m. Both distributions will take place at 1009 Hearn at SVDP Building.

• Interim HealthCare is looking for volunteers. Those who would like to find out more about becoming a volunteer can call 432-263-5999.

• 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 Mike Tarpley at 432-556-2227.

• 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 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.

• 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.

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

• The Howard County Democrats meet every Monday at 5:30 p.m. at the Cactus Room at Howard College in the Student Union Building. For more information, e-mail howardcountytcdems@gmail.com.

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

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

Obituaries

Jennie Kohanek

Jennie Kohanek, 87, of Big Spring, passed away Tuesday, Oct. 5, 2021, in Lubbock, Texas.

Services are pending at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory.

Jana Sue Lockhart Morphis

Jana Sue Lockhart Morphis of Big Spring passed away on Monday, Oct. 4, 2021. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 9, 2021, at Spring Creek Fellowship in Big Spring. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Cemetery. The family will receive friends on Friday from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home in Big Spring.

She was born Feb. 12, 1952.

Survivors include her husband, Frank Morphis of Big Spring; children, Hugh Don of Blanchard, Okla., Miranda Neves of Van Alstyne, Texas, Enid Stonerook of Lindsey, Okla., Frank Morphis of Waxahachie, Texas, Bubba Taylor of Maypearl, Texas, Cember Boyd of Holliday, Texas, and Joseph Morphis of Waxahachie, Texas; 25 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; brother, Michael Warren Lockhart of Big Spring, Texas; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Jana Sue was preceded in death by her parents, Elizabeth Williamson Miller and Harvey "Gene" Lockhart; her sister; and her brother.

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

Dorothy Johnson

Dorothy Johnson, 74, of Big Spring, died Tuesday, Oct. 5, 2021. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Richard Mendoza

Richard Mendoza, 62, died Aug. 20, 2021 at Lubbock Heart Hospital after a short illness.

Rosary will be held Friday, Oct. 8, 2021, at 7 p.m. at St. Thomas Church, 605 N. Main St., Big Spring.

Richard was born Oct. 2, 1958. He was raised in Big Spring, Texas, by his parents, the late Santos Mendoza Sr., and Juana Mendoza.

Richard graduated from Big Spring High School. He had a love for classic cars, which took him to work in the automotive industry.

He is survived by his mother, Juana Mendoza; one daughter, Starla Marie Mendoza; two granddaughters, Bianca Marie Mendoza and Gianna Marie Mendoza; one grandson, Robert Carlos Gonzales; one sister, Janie Marin and husband, Frank; and two brothers, Robert Mendoza and Santos Mendoza Jr.

He is preceded in death by his father, Santos Mendoza Sr.; and two brothers, Andres "Andy" Mendoza and Phillip Mendoza Sr.

Paid Obituary

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

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

• Order of the Eastern Star Big Spring Chapter 6 meets the third Tuesday of each month at 219 Main St. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. Lodge meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. For more information, contact 432-271-2138.

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Support Group

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, or call 432-268-3003.

GriefShare is a biblical support group that focuses on helping people who are dealing with a loved one's death. Each DVD session features nationally respected grief experts and real-life stories, followed by small group discussion about the topics presented (with workbook support); there is no charge for attendance. 13-week seminars are held three times per year on Thursday evenings, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Visit the GriefShare Ministry of TBC Facebook page. You can also call Vivian Gordon at

432-466-3583 for information on seminar dates and how you can register to attend.

FRIDAY

Reformers Unanimous International is a faith-based addictions program helping people find freedom from addiction. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. Fridays at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Enter at the main entrance of the church.

AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

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

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

SOREHEAD

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Gary Reid, we're a little skimpy this show, I think because of COVID, but it's mostly just local groups and family performers. Super family-friendly stuff."

Speaking of COVID-19, Burch said Old Sorehead has responded to the pandemic increasing opportunities for visitors to disinfect throughout the show.

"We have ramped up our hand washing stations and hand sanitizing stations," she said. "We are recommending that people wear masks when they go into buildings and our buildings are going to be one way in and one way out. And then we've changed some of our procedures for vendors coming into the office. But as far as shoppers go, mostly just wash your hands, stay away from people, and wash your hands again."

For those visitors new to the Trade Days, Burch has a bit of advice: "Bring your walking shoes," she said. "We're free admission and free parking... parking is crazy, so you're going to have to walk a ways. We span nine city blocks, so you're going to be walking a lot there too. But it's a fun way to get out with your family. It's free, so you can bring your babies and your grannies and everybody will have a good time. There's something for everyone."

Burch said she's excited to get the Old Sorehead Days up and running again.

"We're just excited to be back," she said. "April was gigantic. I think everyone was ready to be out kind of post-COVID, and now people are vaccinated, or they're just willing to be outside...they feel fairly safe at an outside event. I think it's going to be a great show. We are sold out on vendor booths, and we should max out at between 620 and 630 vendor booths. It's going to be big."

ART

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Bruns continued, "The Big Spring Art Association is dedicated to promoting interest in art in Big Spring and vicinity and to promote public recognition and appreciation of art in the community."

Monthly meetings have kicked off again for the Big Spring Art Association, and take place the third Saturday of the month from 10 a.m. until Noon, in the Howard County Library meeting room. Meetings continue from September through May and memberships are open to those who are interested in joining the BSAA. To find out more about the BSAA attend a meeting, follow the social media page on Facebook or reach out to a member of the association.

The Found Object Art Show features more than 20 unique pieces and will run through Oct. 28.

"We are doing a little art show with - I like to say it's 'found art.' I just call it 'found object art,'" said Heritage Museum Archivist Michelle Worthan. "Basically, it's where you find something and you refurbish it, or change it up however, and turn it in to a new piece of art. Kind of like if you've seen that show Flea Market Flip Tips on TV where they go to flea markets or garage sales and they find an old lamp that could really be thrown away, and they turn it into a piece of art. Just that kind of thing, where you take something and you turn it into something totally different."

Worthan stressed that the show is not an art contest, but rather a chance to show off your creativity and possibly sell your artwork to museum guests who love great artwork.

VOTE

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- A valid voter registration certificate;
- A certified birth certificate (must be original);
- A copy of or original current utility bill;
- A copy of or original bank statement;
- A copy of or original government check;
- A copy of or original paycheck; or
- A copy of or original other government document that displays your name and an address (original is required if it contains a photograph).

Voters with a disability may apply with the county voter registrar for a permanent exemption to showing an acceptable form of photo ID at the polls. Voters with a religious objection to being photographed or voters who cannot present an acceptable form of photo ID due to certain natural disasters may apply for a temporary exemption to showing an acceptable form of photo identification at the polls. Contact the Howard County Elections Office at 432-264-2273 for more information.

According to sample ballots provided by the Howard County Elections Office, statewide propositions that will appear on the November ballot include:

- Proposition 1: Gambling. Authorizes professional sports team charitable organizations to conduct raffles at rodeo venues.
- Proposition 2: Bond issues. Authorizes a county to issue bonds to fund infrastructure and transportation projects in undeveloped and blighted areas.
- Proposition 3: Religion. Amends the Texas Constitution to prohibit the state or any political subdivision from enacting a law, rule, order, or proclamation that limits religious services or organizations.
- Proposition 4: State judiciary. Changes the eligibility requirements for the following judicial offices: a justice of the supreme court, a judge of the court of criminal appeals, a justice of the court of appeals, and a district judge.
- Proposition 5: State judiciary. Authorizes the Texas State Commission on Judicial Conduct to accept and investigate complaints and reports against candidates running for state judicial office.
- Proposition 6: Healthcare and Constitutional rights. Amends the Texas Constitution to state that residents of nursing facilities, assisted living facilities, or state-supported living centers have a right to designate an essential caregiver that may not be prohibited from visiting the resident.
- Proposition 7: Taxes. Amends the Texas Constitution to allow the legislature to extend a homestead tax limit for surviving spouses of disabled individuals as long as the spouse is 55 years old and

resides at the home.

Proposition 8: Taxes and Veterans. Amends the Texas Constitution to allow the legislature to apply a homestead tax exemption for surviving spouses of members of the military to those fatally injured in the line of duty.

City of Big Spring proposed charter amendments include the following. All proposed amendments begin with the words "Amending the Charter of the City of Big Spring...":

- City Proposition A: ...by deletion and revision to require and ensure compliance with state law.
- City Proposition B: ...by deleting and amending those provisions which are redundant of state law, duplicative of other sections of the Charter or otherwise unnecessary for placement in the Charter.
- City Proposition C: ...to require council members to reside within the District to which they intended to be elected.
- City Proposition D: ...by clarifying that the City Attorney, Internal Auditor and the City Judge are appointed by City Council.
- City Proposition E: ...by providing for gender-neutral pronouns.
- City Proposition F: ...to authorize City Council to either (1) appoint an individual to a vacancy or (2) call a special election to fill a vacancy when there are less than 180 days remaining in the term of the office to be filled.
- City Proposition G: ...to clarify how the existing term limits are applied.
- City Proposition H: ...to clarify when a resignation of office occurs when a council member is appointed to or becomes a candidate for any local, state or federal office.
- City Proposition I: ...by deleting the disciplinary hearing process for city employees.
- City Proposition J: ...by removing the requirement that City Council provide a bond upon being elected to office.
- City Proposition K: ...by establishing October 1st as the beginning of the City's fiscal year.
- City Proposition L: ...to clarify Article VI, City Officers and Employees by removing redundant language and reorganizing related sections.
- City Proposition M: ...to provide for the powers and responsibilities of the Mayor and the Mayor Pro-Tempore.
- City Proposition N: ...to require the appointment of an Acting City Manager during the City Manager's absence.
- City Proposition O: ...to provide for the process of appointing and

removing the presiding and associate judges of the municipal court.

City Proposition P: ...to require the creation of a Charter Review Committee every four (4) years for the purpose of reviewing the City Charter.

City Proposition Q: ...by revising the process for making a claim against the City.

City Proposition R: ...by revising the recall process.

City Proposition S: ...to reduce the number of council persons necessary to call a special meeting from three council persons to one council person.

City Proposition T: ...by adding provisions for initiative and referendum.

The Howard County Assistance District proposition for rural Howard County voters reads as follows:

County Proposition A: Authorizing the creation of the Howard county assistance district and the imposition of a sales and use tax at the rate of 2.00 percent for the purpose of financing the operations of the district.

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

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Viola Lopez, 70, died Thursday. Rosary will be 7:00 PM Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass will be at 10:00 AM Saturday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with burial at Coahoma Cemetery.

Tamala Calhoun, 58, died Saturday. Funeral service will be at 5:00 PM Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel.

Dorothy Johnson, 74, died Tuesday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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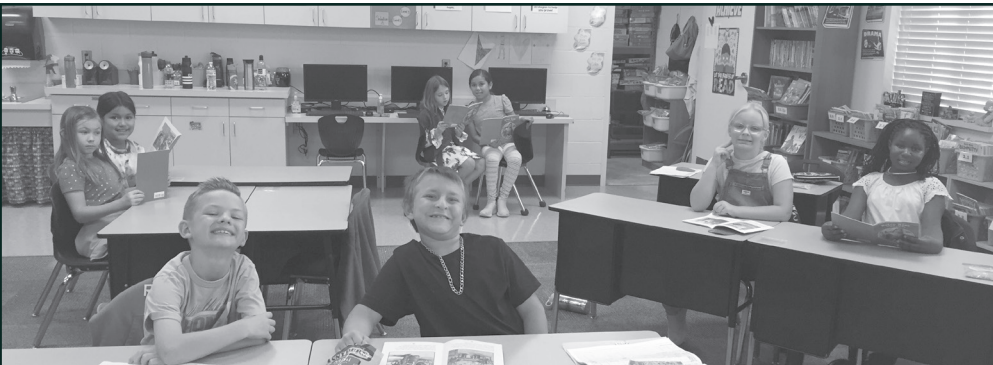
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Buddy reading, studying biographies in class



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Mrs. Kelso's ELAR class is pictured doing some buddy reading with a historical biography during their genre study of biographies.

The Postscript by Carrie Classon: Dozens of cousins

"We are cleaning up our stuff," Meshach, the tile layer who now more or less permanently resides in our home, informed me. "We are giving you more space."

"More space!" I said in mock amazement. "Why would I need more space? I see at least three square feet over there by the closet and another four feet behind the dining room table!"

Meshach squinted his eyes and looked at me seriously, as he does. He was again accompanied by his assistant, Yusefu, a recent immigrant from Kenya.

"Well, that is good," Meshach said. "Because we have invited Yusefu's cousins here to live."

Yusefu's eyes opened wide before he realized he was being teased. Then Yusefu smiled. "They are not large!" he insisted, gesturing with his arms. "I am the fattest one!"

This is now a running joke in our

home—discussing how many of Yusefu's cousins would fit in our living room at any given time.

Last weekend we spent time with a dozen of my husband Peter's cousins at the funeral for Peter's sister, and I thought of how enduring these ties to cousins are—even if they are not sleeping on our floor. Peter was the youngest cousin on his father's side and so he remembers these cousins as the much older kids he grew up with. The older cousins were all cool or bossy and the younger cousins were all brats, to hear them tell it. It's funny to realize that these people in their 70s still think of one another as the children they once were, but I feel the same way about my cousins.

I have dozens of cousins on my mother's side and, like Peter, most of them are older than me. My cousin Jill will always be the super-cool girl with the dyed black hair ironing her peasant

dress at the farmhouse. Her musician boyfriend would arrive in a VW Bug and I was awestruck. It doesn't matter that Jill is now a Lutheran minister with grandchildren. To me, she will always be that elegant young woman flipping back her jet-black hair as she toiled over the iron. I knew I would never be as cool as Jill. I never was.

My cousins and I formed bonds that survive today. Last week, my cousin Dane took me to look at audio equipment, as we needed amplification for the funeral service. Dane told me I'd be better off borrowing what I needed from him. And so I did. Dane has always been quiet. He'll wait for everyone to finish talking, then offer up an idea that begins with, "You know what you might do..." and it will be the most sensible thing said. It has always been this way.

Cousins are the friends I was given as a gift from my family. They are as

different from me as they can possibly be, yet I will always keep a space for them in my life.

Meshach is pleased with the work he has done, and I don't think either of us is eager to say goodbye. I can tell his work is nearly concluded because we could stash at least a dozen cousins in the available space—assuming they are as small as Yusefu claims.

But Peter and I are looking forward to having our home back, to finally putting books on the shelves and inviting people over for dinner.

"I know what we should do, when everything is finally finished," I told Peter.

"What's that?"

"We should invite your cousins over!"

I think we will. There's plenty of room.

Till next time,
Carrie

Student taken into custody hours after Texas school shooting

By JAMIE STENGLE and JILL BLEED

Associated Press

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — An 18-year-old student opened fire during a fight at his Dallas-area high school on Wednesday, injuring four people and then fleeing before being taken into custody hours later, authorities said.

Timothy George Simpkins was taken into custody without incident, the Arlington Police Department tweeted. He was booked in the Arlington jail on three counts of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and was being held on \$75,000 bail.

One person was in critical condition, another was in good condition and a third person was treated for minor abrasions and was scheduled to be released from the hospital Wednesday afternoon, police said. A fourth person was hurt but did not require treatment at a hospital. Police said earlier that three of the four injured were students.

The shooting at Timberview High School, which is in Arlington but belongs to the school district in neighboring Mansfield, stemmed from a fight that broke out in a classroom, Arlington Assistant Police Chief Kevin Kolbye said at news conference before Simpkins' arrest.

"This is not a random act of violence," he said. "This is not somebody attacking our school."

Timberview serves about 1,900 students in the ninth through 12th grades. The sprawling complex opened in 2004.

After news of the shooting spread, parents gathered at the Mansfield Independent School District Center for the Performing Arts about 5 miles (8 kilometers) from the high school to be reunified with their kids, who were bused over. Among them was Justin Rockhold, whose ninth-grade son had texted him to let him know he was OK.

Rockhold said he has served in the military and he drew on that experience to instruct his son, telling him to keep

his head down and be still to stay safe. When asked whether he had thought a shooting could happen at the school, he said his military training is also a reminder of life's dangerous realities.

"Obviously in America — in the world we live in today — it's always something. ... It's in the back of your mind," Rockhold said, adding that he was praying for the injured. "I'm just blessed today that

my kid's safe."

The shooting happened just days after a shooting at a Houston charter school that injured an administrator. Texas' deadliest school shooting occurred in May of 2018 when a then-17-year-old armed with a shotgun and a pistol opened fire at Santa Fe High School near Houston, killing 10 people, most of whom were students.

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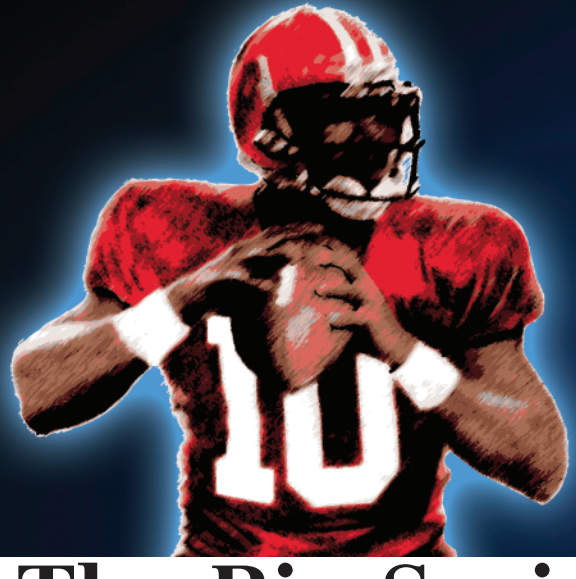
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FRIDAY NIGHT UNDER THE LIGHTS

High School Football In Howard County

The Big Spring Steers win again move to 5-1

By DUSTIN POPE

Special to the Herald

Last Friday, the Big Spring Steers again handled business on their home turf by beating the Littlefield High Wildcats 44 to 32. The game was an extraordinary night as Big Spring honored its seniors from the band, cheerleading, trainers, and, of course, the football team. It was a wonderful night for all the seniors to be recognized by the people that cared most about them. After the commemorations, it was time to play some football.

On a dull Friday night that had a few sprinkles of rain throughout the game, it was what we call excellent football weather. Big Spring wasted little time as they got on the board first. The Steers worked the ball down the field using that methodical passing offense coupled with a few runs to keep the defense honest. The result of the drive was a ten-yard run by quarterback Gabriel Baeza. I hope you like to hear Baeza's name because I will allude to him throughout this article as he had a remarkable game. The extra point was no good for the Steers, so they had an early 6 to 0 lead. Littlefield would then get the ball back. The play of this Steers defense

was too much on this drive for the Wildcats, and they gave the ball back to the Steers. Big Spring got the ball back and drove down the field once again. This time Baeza would run the ball from 15 yards out for his second rushing touchdown of the quarter. Giving the Steers a 13 to 0 lead after one-quarter of play.

The Wildcats got the ball in the second half, and this time they could travel down the field on the Steers. They moved the ball down the field and ultimately broke through



Herald Photo/Dustin Pope

Gabriel Baeza runs the ball in for one of his three rushing touchdowns on the night against the Littlefield Wildcats. Baeza had seven total touchdowns on the night. He had three on the ground and four in the air.

from two yards out for their first score of the game.

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Buffaloes looking to continue great play heading into district



Courtesy Photo

Major Stockton was having some fun this past Friday night as his Buffaloes dominated the Reagan County Owls 43-0.

By DUSTIN POPE

Herald Sports Writer

Don't look know, but your Forsan Buffaloes are one of the hottest teams in the state right now. They came into their homecoming matchup against an outstanding Reagan County Owl team with a 4-0 record. Not only are they 4-0, but they are ranked #10 in

the State of Texas in district 2A. The Buffaloes had their homecoming game this week as they hosted the Reagan County Owls. The latter came into this matchup with a 3-1 record. However, what the Buffs did tonight to a superb team was something marvelous.

The Buffaloes took control of this game early and never let go. In the

first quarter of play, Forsan scored to make this a 7-0 game, but it was how well this defense played that stood out. The first quarter of play ended with the Forsan Buffaloes enjoying a 7-0 lead.

The Buffs poured it on even more to the Owls in the second quarter of play as they put up 14 more points. Just like all their games this season, it was the ground game that propelled this team. They can run the ball on any team in the state and do it adequately. They also have a great defense, so they will be hard to beat when running the ball effectively and playing for good defense. Forsan dominated this game by a final score of 43 to 0.

Earlier, it was the running game that continued to propel this team. The Buffaloes had a team total of 340 yards rushing. They were led by Chris Mendez, who carried the ball eight times for 161 yards and two touchdowns, including a nice 66-yard TD run. Nate Hernandez also had a great game with 16 carries for 77 yards, and he also has 2 TDs. This rushing attack will be brutal to stop

because of the great defense they play and the dominant offensive line these Buffs have. They are just able to control every game they play in. It will be exciting when district play begins. Still, to this point of the season, the Forsan Buffaloes have been an exceptional team. They may have a great season in front of them.

The Buffs will have a bye week coming up this week. After the bye week, the games start to count as they will begin District play. Forsan does have a pretty tough district to play in. They will open district play on Oct 7 when they face off against the Colorado City Wolves. The Wolves have been struggling for a couple of years now as they have yet to win a game in over 20 games. Still, this being a district game, I'm sure the Buffs will not overlook the Wolves and will come out and handle business as usual. On Oct 14, they have their second game of district play when they face off with the Anson Tigers. The Tigers are 23 when I'm writing this and will always be a challenging game for Forsan. The Tigers have wins over

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Bulldogs look to upset top ranked Idalou in district opener

By DUSTIN POPE

Herald Sports Writer

Two Fridays ago, on Sept 24, the Coahoma Bulldogs were looking to keep the good time rolling. They were coming off a victory over the Colorado city Wolves 26 to 12. However, on this Friday, they found themselves going up against the Merkel badgers. Coahoma came in with a 2-2 record as well as the Badgers. The game was set to be an outstanding matchup of two excellent football teams. Unfortunately, the Bulldogs fell to the Badgers 37-20. The loss gives the Coahoma Bulldogs a 2-3 record on the season.

The game was on Sept 24, in Merkel. The Bulldogs came into the game ready to play against a game team from Merkel. Merkel got on the board first to take advantage of a short field, and they scored on an eight-yard TD run by running back Joey Zink. The badgers put the extra point through the uprights and took an early 7 to 0 lead with 9:46 left to play in the first quarter. After the score by the Badgers, the Bulldogs went to work on the offensive side of the ball. They performed the ball down the field and eventually found the pay dirt when quarterback Billy Bailey found Austin Perkins on a 30 yards pass for the TD. The Bulldogs extra point was good by kicker Reagan Chapman making this a tie game at 7-7. Thus, the first quarter would come to an end with a tie game at 7-7.

As the second quarter rolled around, it was clear that the Bulldogs were in a dog fight, and this would be a good game. This time, the Bulldogs struck first as they capped off a beautiful 80-yard drive to open the second quarter of play. The drive was finished off when Isaiah Eleda ran back from two yards out; Chapman put the extra point through again, giving the bulldogs a 14-7 lead. So with 10:00 minutes left to play in the first half, the Coahoma bulldogs enjoyed their first and only lead of the night. Merkel would answer right back when they scored on a 17 yard run by Elijah Salas. Merkel decided to go for two this time, and they were good with the conversion making this a 15 to 14 game with 8:18 left in the second quarter of play. However, the Badgers were not done scoring as they drove down the field once again, and this time



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Isaiah Eleda, No 5, takes the ball down the field for the Coahoma Bulldogs. The Bulldog lost bringing their record to 2-3

punched it in the end zone when Joey Zink scored from two yards out. The extra point was no good, leaving the score at 21 to 14 in favor of the Merkel Badgers. That is how the first half would end as the Bulldogs trailed the Badgers 14 to 21.

As the second half started, the Bulldogs found there self trailing a good team on the road, not a good place to be. The Bulldogs continued to play their hearts out as they left it all on the field. Merkel was just the better team this

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Steers

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The Wildcats then went for the two-point conversion, and it was successful, making this a 13 to 8 game. The Steers then answered right back with a pleasant drive of their own. They did it through the air on this drive as QB Gabriel Baeza found his wide receiver, Eli Cobos, for a lovely 15-yard pass. The Steers then went for the two-point conversions but could not get across the line. So the score was now 18 to 8. The next drive for the Wildcats ended up as an interception when Devin Manning came up with a huge pick to deliver the ball right back to the Steers. Big Spring struck quickly as Baeza found Kaegen Mitchell on a 49-yard deep ball. Mitchell was just a stronger athlete than whoever was covering for Littlefield as he plucked the ball out of the air and strolled on into the end zone. The two-point conversion would be good for the Steers, making this a 27 to 8 lead for Big Spring. However, Littlefield would not go away quietly as they scored right before the end of the first half on a 12-yard touchdown pass. Making this a 27 to 15 game at the half.

Littlefield revived the second-half kickoff and drove a long way down the field until they would ultimately find pay dirt cutting into the lead once again. Making this a five-point game at 27 to 22. Littlefield seemed to have some life, so it was up to the Steers to have the drive to maintain control of this game. Big Spring took the ball down the field but encountered a crucial fourth down and short play. They went for it, and they got the first down to keep this drive going. The Steers took advantage of that fourth-down play as Baeza connected with Isaiah Holloway for a 37-yard touchdown pass, stretching the lead to 33 to 22. The Wildcats would not be satisfied as they took the ball, drove back down the field, and scored yet another touchdown. This one was a one-yard touchdown pass, making this a very close game at 33 to 29. Sensing that they needed to take control of this game and pressure, the Steers did just that as they showed they could finish a game. Big Spring got the ball back and drove down the field with ease this time as Baeza threw another touchdown pass on the night, this one from 15 yards out to Sa'Quan Fizer. The score pushed the lead to 40 to 29 at the end of the third quarter of play.

With the control back in the game, the Steers defense stepped back up and played outstanding football in the fourth quarter. Never allowing the Wildcats to get any closer in this game. Big Spring did, however, put up another touchdown on the night as Gabriel Baeza scored from 13 yards out on a QB run. Putting this game away with a final score of 47 to 29.

It was another dynamic game for this

Steers team, who now advanced to 5 and 1 on the season. This game was a clinic for the wonderful Big Spring quarterback, Gabriel Baeza. The young man put on a show on his senior night. This guy was 27/41 for 325 yards passing and four touchdown passes through the air, then he had 18 carries for 207 yards on the ground had another three touchdowns on the ground. That means that Gabriel Baeza accounted for 532 total yards of offense and had seven total touchdowns on the night. Wow, that is a memorable performance from one of the finest players I have ever covered. But, of course, he doesn't do all of this on his own. He has a great offensive line in front of him that protects him and opens up his rushing lanes. Plus, he has a superb set of wide receivers at his disposal. Keagen Mitchell is a superior athlete who has exceptional speed and great hands. The way he runs his routes and can attack the ball in the air is a sight to see. He had three catches for 97 yards and a touchdown on the night. Another key receiver that the Steers have been using all season long is Eli Cobos. This season, Cobos has been an enjoyable surprise as he is a particularly gifted route runner and is a sure-handed game in and game out. Cobos had five catches for 51 yards and a touchdown on the night. Devin Manning also had a tremendous night as the young WR was all over the field, and he was the favorite target for Baeza on the night. Manning had nine catches for 61 yards. He likewise came up with a great interception on the night.

The Steers are cruising and playing great football as they now have a 5-1 record. They will have an externally long road trip this week as they will travel to Pampa to take on the 5-1 Pampa Harvesters. Pampa is an excellent football team who will be a stiff test for the Steers. Pampa started the season with a loss to Elk City 35 to 28. The Harvesters then have been on a roll since that loss. They won against Dalhart 37 to 29. Then they won the second game in row 51 to 17 against Borger. They followed up that with a third win in a row against Randall in a close match from 29 to 28. Their fourth win came against Levelland with a blowout victory, with a score of 53 to 6. Last week they won their fifth game in a row when they faced off against a dangerous Perryton team, winning a close-fought competition 44-41. This will be a stiff test for a Steers team playing great football so far this season. Of course, the long drive will invariably be a component in the game, as Pampa is a good four-hour drive away. If you are going to the game, please travel safe, and cheer these Steers on to a victory. The game will take place in Pampa, and kickoff will be at 7:00 P.M.

BUFFS

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Winters 24-6 and Hamlin 54-7 this season. After Anson, The Buffaloes will take on the Haskell Indians on Oct 21. Again at the time of me writing this, Haskell sports a 2-3 record. Haskell is always a formidable opponent for the Forsan team, so this will be a good matchup. On Oct 28, Forsan will take on the Stamford bulldogs. Stamford is also 2-3 and has won games over Hamlin 38-6 and Sudan 46-20. Finally, they wrap up district play with the most challenging game in the District against

the Hawley Bearcats. Like Forsan, the Bearcats are undefeated at 5-0 and playing great football. This game could go on to see who wins this District, as both teams will expect to be still unbeaten by the time they meet up on Nov 4.

There is little doubt how good the Buffaloes have been playing. They are playing great on both sides of the ball and have pretty much dominated every game this season. As they use this bye week to rest and prepare for District, I believe this team is set up for something extraordinary this season. They will be getting some key players back after the bye week and will look com-

pletely healthy. While they have a very tough district, they are a much better team than years before and will look to take the District by storm. One thing is for sure it is going to be fun to see what lies in store for this team as I think they will go through district play undefeated and will make an intense playoff run. It's very few, and in between, we get to see a team as unique as the Forsan Buffs are this year. As well as they play as a complete team on and off the field, this is an extraordinary team, and we should enjoy being a part of it.

Coahoma will have a bye week and try to get everything on track before they begin district play. Despite the 2-3 record, this is a good Bulldog team who will be ready to play when the district rolls around in two weeks. The Bulldogs are too good of a football team and too well-coached not to put everything together and make a strong run for the district title. During the bye week, Coach Joslin will have this team clean up the minor mistakes they make. They will come out of the bye week a much better team, and as I said, they will make a run in this district then beyond.

The Bulldogs are ready to open up district play this week when they face a very dangerous Idalou team. The Wildcats are a perfect 5-0 in the season and are ranked #10 in 3A Division 2. This will undoubtedly be a tough test for a Bulldog team that has been a little up and down so far on the season. The Wildcats hold victories over Denver City in week one 25-0. Clyde in the second week, 24-6. Brownfield in week three 49-13. Littlefield in the fourth week 56-13, then finally a win over New Deal 28-14. There is little doubt that this Idalou team is very dangerous. The Bulldogs will be ready to play and will have an upset in mind this Friday night when they will welcome Idalou to their home field. The kickoff will be this Friday night in Coahoma at 7:30 P.M.

STATS FROM WEEK 3

BIG SPRING STEERS

Passing: G. Baeza - 27/41, 325 yards, 4TD

Rushing: G. Baeza - 18 rush, 207 yards, 3TD
K. Ford - 5 rush-36 yards

Receiving K. Mitchell-3 catches 97 yards, 1 TD
E. Cobos - 5 Catches 51 yards, 2TD
K. Ford - 1 reception, 13 yards
M. Yanez
S. Fizer- 5 catch 52 yards, TD
Q. Lewis-
D. Manning- 9, receptions 61 yards

Defense: E. Cobos - 4 total tackles
I. Holloway - 6 total tackles
D. Manning - 5 tackles
K Ford - 2 tackles
N. Garcia -
R. Eddington -1 Tackles
V. Ortiz - 7 Tackles
T. Galaviz - 2 Tackles
A. Lopez - 4 total tackles
B. Pearson - 13 total tackles,
J. Fassett - 2 tackles
M. Yanez - 3 tackles
R. Escovedo -3 Tackles
J. Overton -

All stats per Hudl.com

COAHOMA BULLDOGS

Passing: B. Bailey - 8/14, 111 yards, 2TD

Rushing: B. Kerby - 25 carries, 86 yards,
J. Vineyard - 1 carry 6 yard
I. Eleda- 12 carries, 79 yards, 1TD
Ky Kemper, 3 carries 57 yards
B. Bailey- 4 carries, 6 yards

Receiving: A. Perkins- 1 catch 30 yards, 1TD
A. Emerson - 3 receptions, 53 yards,
K. Kemper - 3 receptions, 38 yards, 1TD
B. Bailey-

all stats via Max Preps

FORSAN BUFFALOES

Passing: M. Stockton - 5/7, 87 yards

Rushing: C. Mendez -8 carries, 161 yards, 2TD
M. Stockton - 10 carries, 22 yards, 2TD
N. Hernandez - 16 carries for 71, 2 TD
K. Kligora-11 carries, 57 yards,

Receiving: C. Morgan - 4 receptions, 80 yards
J. Cervantes - 1 Reception, 7 yards,
A. Enriquez- 1 Reception, 30 yards
B. Valdez- 2 Receptions, 36 yards
T. Gabehart-

Defense: C. Morgan - 3 solo, 4 assists, 6 total tackles
M. Stockton - 6 assists, 6 total tackles
B. Kinsey - 1 assists, 6 total tackles
A. Enriquez - 1 assists, 1 total tackles
J. Cervantes - 1 assists, 1 total tackles
B. Stillwell - 2 assists, 6 total tackles
N. Hernandez - 4 solo, 6 assists, 10 total tackles

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BULLDOGS

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night. Merkel scored to open up the third quarter when Joey Zink scored his third TD of the night, this time on a 28-yard run pushing the Badger lead to 14-28. With 10:09 left in the third quarter of play, the Bulldogs found this game slipping away as the Badgers just seemed to have their number as they were able to contain the ever-dangerous Bulldog rushing offense. With 5:26 left in the third, the Badgers forced a safety which gave them two more pints making this a 30-14 game. The Badgers added on another TD with 1:51 left in the third when Joey Zink scored again from one yard out, pushing the lead to 37-14. It was the fourth TD of the game for Zink.

The fourth quarter began, and the Bulldogs continued to show their heart as they would not back down. Finally, they could find the end zone when Ky Kemper scored on a 24-yard pass from QB Billy Bailey cutting the lead to 20-37. But, unfortunately, that would be the last for the Bulldogs and the game. The Merkel Badgers went on to win this game 37 to 20. The loss dropped the Bulldogs to 2-23 on the season.

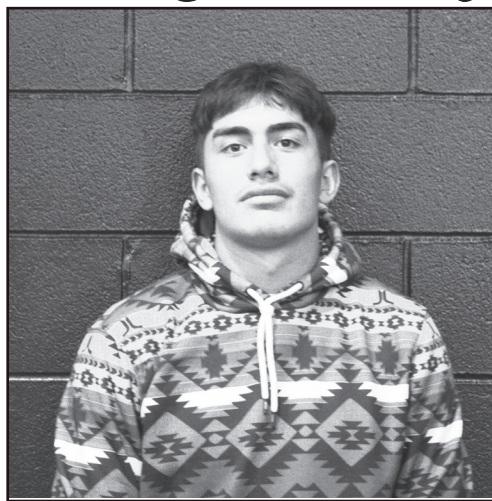
Despite the loss, Coahoma still had its moments in the game. They had a total of 217 yards rushing on the night. They were led by RB Brysen Kerby, who had 25 carries for 86 yards. Isaiah Eleda chipped in with 12 carries for 79 yards and a TD. Ky Kemper added 57 yards on only three carries. On the passing side, Billy Bailey was 8 of 14 for 118 yards and two touchdowns. The Bulldogs played a good game of football. They just ran up against a better team on that particular night. This is coming up week.

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Players of the Week



Gabriel Baeza



Braxton Pearson

Top Right: Well, this should not surprise this guy had another amazing football game this past Friday night. Gabriel Baeza is a man amongst boys at times on the field, and his play shows that. The top quarterback in this district and maybe all of 4A this season has been pretty much unstoppable. This past Friday against the Levelland Wildcats, Baeza was just simply amazing. Baeza was all over the field, both through the run game and through the air. The Wildcat defense had no answer for the do-it quarterback on the night. Baeza was a master class on the ground as he carried the ball 18 times for a fantastic 207 yards, and he also had three touchdowns on the ground. He did even better through the air as the Senior quarterback went 27 for 41 for 325 yards and four touchdowns through the air. That means the Big Spring QB accounted for 532 yards of total offense and an astonishing seven touchdowns on the night. That is pure dominance for one player. So far in the year of play, Gabriel Baeza has passed for 1498 yards on 133 for 205 attempts that breaks down to a completion percentage of 64.8%; he has 15 touchdowns on the season to only three interceptions. This is only six games, and it is five, being they only had one drive against Brownfield. He is also the leading rusher for the Steers as he has 65 carries for 478 yards on the season with nine touchdowns, to zero fumbles lost on the season. He is the leader of a team that has been playing good football so far this season. He has grown before our eyes as the Steers quarterback over the last couple of years, and now is his time to shine. **Top Left:** Braxton Pearson. If Baeza is the leader for the offense, then Pearson is the leader of a stout Big Spring Steer defense. Pearson is always in the mix of every single play. He flies around the field and makes plays all the time. This past Friday, the do it all linebacker had 13 total tackles on the night. He helped lead this team to a dominant victory over the Littlefield Wildcats by a final score of 44-32. Braxton is a senior leader on this team and is a massive part of why the Steers play such good football. With this team playing good ball on both sides of the ball, it's no wonder they have a record of 5-1 on the season.

Ex-Oklahoma QB Thompson's son leads Texas into rivalry game

By CLIFF BRUNT

AP Sports Writer
NORMAN, Okla. — Former Oklahoma quarterback Charles Thompson never imagined he'd even consider putting up the "Hook 'em Horns" hand gesture. He's done it now, and for good reason. His son, Casey, will start at quarterback for No. 21 Texas (4-1, 2-0 Big 12) against No. 6 Oklahoma (5-0, 2-0) in the annual rivalry game.

It's a strange situation for the elder Thompson, who lives in Moore, Oklahoma — a short drive from Oklahoma's campus. Charles ran the wishbone offense for coach Barry Switzer, playing a significant role in Sooner victories over Texas in 1987 and 1988.

"I've been an OU fan since I was six," Charles, a native of Lawton, Oklahoma, said. "Every year, this time of year, I've always rooted against Texas. Even the last few years with Casey on the team, I still kind of quietly wanted Oklahoma to win -- kind of a win/win situation for me. This will be the first year that honestly, I'm really rooting for Texas."

Charles said he catches some grief from his old teammates with his son playing for Oklahoma's biggest rival.

"I mean, there's surely some joking, kind of messing around a little bit, but I think all of them are kind of in support of him," he said. "They certainly want Casey to have a great game, but want Oklahoma to win."

"I get a mulligan. I want Casey to win."

Charles won't go so far as to wear Texas' burnt orange, and he said if you gut him open, he'll bleed Oklahoma crimson. He'll wear a custom-made black Texas shirt when he sits with the other parents.

"Well, I've never put on burnt orange," he said defiantly.

The situation has provided an opportunity for Charles to learn a few things about the rivalry from the Texas side.

"All my life, I've always called it the OU-Texas game," he said. "Ask anybody from Oklahoma, they'll say OU-Texas. I got sort of harassed a little bit in Austin because they say Texas-OU. They want Texas first."

Casey is in an odd situation, too. He wore Oklahoma's crimson and cream until his high school days. Another of Charles' sons, Kendal, played for the Sooners, further strengthening the bond between the family and the school.

Casey played high school football at Southmoore High School in Moore before playing his senior season at Newcastle High School in Newcastle, Oklahoma.

As he became a major prospect, his loyalty to Oklahoma waned. Former Texas coach Tom Herman recruited Thompson back when Herman was the head coach at Houston, and Tim Beck had recruited him when he was an assistant at Ohio State. When Herman took over at Texas and Beck became the offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach at Texas, it made sense for Casey to take a look. He attended the 2017 Red River rivalry game as Longhorns prospect.

Naturally, the locals objected when Texas entered the picture.

"I remember even in high school when I was getting recruited, some of my teachers and best friends were like, 'If you go to that school, I'll never root for you, never cheer for you,'" Casey said. "But I'm really not worried about people who are hating. I'm trying to focus on this team and the people who care about me and love and support me."

WEST TEXAS STANDINGS

District 2-6A	District	Record	PCT	PF	PA
Midland Legacy	0-0-0	2-0-0	1.000	88	55
Odessa Permian	0-0-0	2-0-0	1.000	83	56
SA Central	0-0-0	2-0-0	1.000	77	57
Wolford Friendship	0-0-0	2-0-0	1.000	90	26
Midland	0-0-0	1-1-0	.500	69	52
Odessa	0-0-0	1-1-0	.500	76	32
Abilene	0-0-0	0-2-0	.0000	35	71

District 2-5A-I	District	Overall	PCT	PF	PA
Amarillo Palo Duro	0-0-0	2-0-0	1.000	98	67
Amarillo	0-0-0	1-1-0	.500	35	58
Amarillo Tascosa	0-0-0	1-1-0	.500	88	72
Lubbock Monterey	0-0-0	1-1-0	.500	54	57
Amarillo Caprock	0-0-0	0-2-0	.0000	20	42
Lubbock	0-0-0	0-2-0	.0000	24	77
Lubbock Coronado	0-0-0	0-2-0	.0000	33	56

District 3-5A-II	District	Record	PCT	PF	PA
Lubbock-Cooper	0-0-0	2-0-0	.1000	55	7
Wichita Falls Rider	0-0-0	2-0-0	.1000	70	37
Canyon Randall	0-0-0	0-1-0	.0000	27	13
Abilene Wylie	0-0-0	0-2-0	.0000	33	64
Plainview	0-0-0	0-2-0	.0000	20	62
Witchita Falls	0-0-0	0-2-0	.0000	30	75

District 2-4A-I	District	Record	PCT	PF	PA
Big Spring	0-0-0	5-1-0	.1000	80	32
Fort Stockton	0-0-0	2-0-0	.1000	78	31
Andrews	0-0-0	0-2-0	.0000	20	62
S.A. Lake View	0-0-0	0-2-0	.0000	55	64

District 1-4A-II	District	Overall	PCT	PF	PA
Monahans	0-0-0	2-0-0	.1000	84	3 7
Snyder	0-0-0	2-0-0	.1000	74	15
Midland Greenwood	0-0-0	1-1-0	.500	28	36
Pecos	0-0-0	1-1-0	.500	59	63
Sweetwater	0-0-0	0-2-0	.0000	27	107

District 4-3A-II	District	Record	PCT	PF	PA
Abernayhy	0-0-0	2-0-0	1.000	74	24
Idalou	0-0-0	2-0-0	.1000	49	6
Lubbock Roosevelt	0-0-0	2-0-0	.1000	63	6
Big Lake Regan Co.	0-0-0	1-1-0	.500	85	24
Coahoma	0-0-0	1-1-0	.500	68	35
Stanton	0-0-0	1-1-0	.500	21	26

District 3-2A-I	District	Record	PCT	PF	PA
Forsan	0-0-0	2-0-0	.1000	57	20
Hawley	0-0-0	2-0-0	.1000	96	14
Anson	0-0-0	1-1-0	.500	30	39
Haskel	0-0-0	1-1-0	.500	36	40
Stamford	0-0-0	1-1-0	.500	64	43
Colorado City	0-0-0	0-1-0	.0000	6	28

Amanda (White) Delgado

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5. Lubbock Roosevelt
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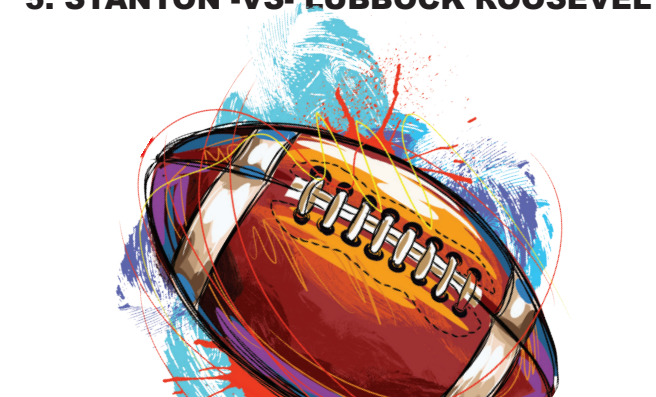
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