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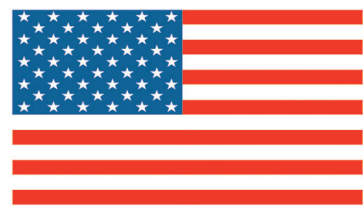
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## Upcoming Events

*New Life mature adult dance. Western-style. 7 p.m. Nov. 19 at the Dora Roberts Community Center. Entry fee is \$5 and a snack will be served. Call 517-9097 for more information.*

*Three Angels Food Pantry food distribution starts Nov. 18 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Seventh Day Adventist Church, 4319 Parkway Rd., and the third Thursday of every month after that.*

*Goliad Elementary's Turkey Trot will be Nov. 19 at 1 p.m. at Blankenship Field. Contact the Goliad Main office at 264-4111 for more information.*

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## Mayor bans vaccine requirement

By **ROGER CLINE**  
Herald Staff Writer

At the end of a three-hour city council meeting Tuesday evening, Big Spring Mayor Shannon Thomason issued an executive order, designated as "Executive Order ST-09," banning COVID-19 vaccination requirements for employment within the city.

Citing his authority not only as mayor, but as Emergency Management Coordinator for the city under state law, Thomason declared that the city will not require the vaccine for its employees, and also "No individual or entity operating within the corporate limits of the City of Big Spring shall compel or require a person to receive the COVID-19 vaccination as a condition of employment, or to receive any benefit to which they would otherwise be due."

The order goes on to ban vaccine requirements for employment on Big Spring city property, or by tenants on Big Spring city property.

According to the order, those violating it are subject to fines up to \$500, "...except that convictions for intentional, knowing, or reckless violation of rules and regulations issued pursuant to this chapter...shall be punishable by a fine not to exceed \$2,000."

The order was issued on Thomason's sole authority as mayor and - by state law - as Emergency Management Coordinator, with no input during the meeting given by other members of the city council. It cites Texas Governor Greg Abbott's declaration of disaster for the state in March of

2020, and President Donald Trump's statement that "...a major disaster exists in the State of Texas."

It was unknown at press time which, if any, Big Spring employers will be affected by the mayor's decree.

Following the meeting's invocation and Pledge of Allegiance, local resident Devvy Kidd addressed the council regarding the proliferation of stray dogs in some parts of Big Spring. Kidd said since she moved to the Kentwood area of Big Spring, she's called Animal Control 150 times regarding stray dogs.

Kidd gave several examples of times when she was terrorized by dogs in her neighborhood.

"One day I was bringing the garbage out of my garage. The garbage was right there, and there was a rottweiler with his teeth bared," she said. "I thought for sure I was dead meat. The good Lord protected me and I backed into my garage and into

my SUV and he finally went away."

The resident said the proliferation of dogs was partly responsible for her decision to replace her lawn with artificial turf, because she felt the animals threatened her when she mowed the grass.

Following Kidd's comments, the council heard presentations from Allan Johnson, incoming president of the Howard County Resource Center; and Jim Little, Stormy Bradley and Amber Stokes of the Hangar 25 Air Museum.

City Manager Todd Darden reported on plans for the upcoming Large Item Pickup, scheduled for Nov. 17. He

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## Big Spring Area Community Foundation Focus on the Future

### 2015 graduate Tyler Bryan

By **GEORGE BANCROFT**

Special to the Herald



*Courtesy Photo*  
**Tyler Bryan graduated from Big Spring High School in 2015 after graduation Bryan was awarded the Conley Prime Cut Scholarship.**

The Big Spring Area Community Foundation would like to celebrate the continued success of one of its past scholarship recipients, Big Spring High School Class of 2015 graduate Tyler Bryan. Tyler was awarded the Foundation's Conley Prime Cut Scholarship upon graduation from high school and used those funds to help pursue degrees in both Electrical and Mechanical Engineering at Texas A&M University. In 2018, Tyler received the Professor Edwin S. Holdredge Award from Texas A&M. The award is given annually to the Mechanical Engineering student with the highest grade point average. Mr. Bryan is currently working as a controls engineer at Lockheed Martin Aeronautics Company. Specifically, Tyler works on the building automation team that is responsible for controlling and monitoring the manufacturing plant's primary infrastructure in a smart, reliable, and energy-efficient manner.

When asked what the BSACF's Conley Prime Cut Scholarship has meant to him,

Tyler wasn't short of words,

"It was a great blessing and honor to have received the Conley "Prime Cut" Scholarship. That scholarship enabled me to pursue a double major in electrical and mechanical engineering while minimizing the stresses and worries that financial stress brings. Thanks to this scholarship, I was able to achieve a competitive resumé and educational background in college that enabled me to enter a competitive workforce during times of great economical strain in our world and country."

The Big Spring Area Community Foundation salutes Tyler Bryan for his pursuit of excellence and thanks Mr. Conley for his generous donation.

Because Mr. Conley thought enough of our community to invest in our youth, Tyler and other area graduates are able to track down their dreams.

If you would like to learn more about the Big Spring Area Community Foundation or would like to be part of its efforts to improve the Big Spring area, please contact George Bancroft at 432-714-4316.

## Howard County Commissioners will meet to canvas the results from the Nov. 2 election

By **ROGER CLINE**

Herald Staff Writer

Howard County Commissioners will meet at 10 a.m. Wednesday to canvass the results of the Nov. 2 general election. The meeting will take place in the second-floor Judge's Conference Room.

According to the meeting's brief agenda, citizens may register at the start of the meeting to offer public comments to the commissioners.

Following any public comments, the commissioners will canvass the election results, followed by an opportunity for commissioners to mention items to be considered during future meetings.

The sole Howard County item decided in the Nov. 2 election involved the creation of a Howard County Assistance District to allow the county to use tax funds to help fund items of public welfare.

According to unofficial results, the item failed, receiving

about 175 votes for to about 331 against.

Howard County Judge Kathryn Wiseman said the measure would have increased sales tax at businesses in unincorporated areas of Howard County by 2 cents, bringing it into line with sales tax paid inside city limits in the county.

"The whole goal was for us to help defray property tax," Wiseman said. "We were hoping to use those tax dollars to help repair our roads and keep them in better shape. Our roads have just been beaten to pieces. At one time we had something like \$68 million of damage to our roads, mostly from oilfield traffic. This small two-cent increase in tax in the unincorporated areas would have helped us get those roads repaired."

Wiseman said the increase would have also helped fund ambulance service in the county's unincorporated areas.

"We will put it back on the ballot as soon as possible, and try to do a better job of helping people to understand, out in the rural areas, what this sales tax would have meant in the county," she said.

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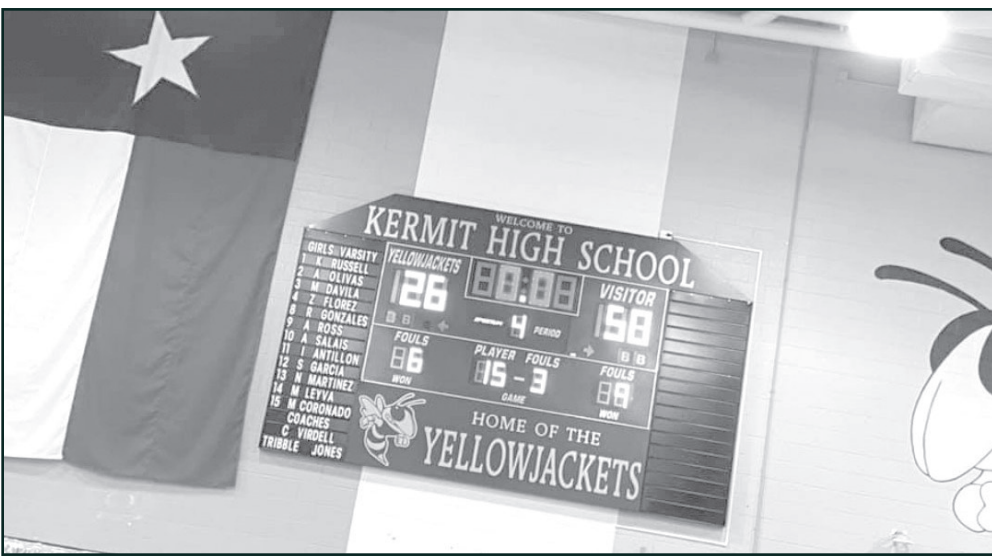








# Big Spring Lady Steers basketball team wins season opener in Kermit 58-26



*Courtesy Photos*

The Big Spring Lady Steer basketball team had its first game of the season last night, Nov 9, to take on the Kermit Yellow Jackets. The girls are coached by Eric Tuttle, who is pulling extra duties right now and is still coaching the football team and his basketball team. The Lady Steers looked great as they won an easy game 58-26. Tristan Smith led the Lady Steers with 22 points, and Ryen Terraza helped out with 10 points and ten rebounds. It was a great start to the season; good luck the rest of the way.

## Roadrunners bask in dream season after taking a few chances

By RAUL DOMINGUEZ

Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — No. 15 UTSA is enjoying a dream season after trusting in what could be when few others were as hopeful.

Basking in a 9-0 start and the first national ranking in the program's 10-year history, the Roadrunners are rolling ahead of Saturday's home game against Southern Mississippi.

"I'd be lying if I didn't say this is almost surreal, a dream," coach Jeff Traylor said. "Enjoy these moments. These are special moments. We'll look back in time one day and go, 'Wow, that was an incredible ride.' I hope we've got many, many more of those in front of us."

How the Roadrunners are accomplishing this dream is a tale of taking some chances.

UTSA hired Lisa Campos, whose career began in student affairs, as the program's fifth athletic director in 2018. Campos is one of only two Latinas among the nation's 130 FBS schools running a Division I athletics department.

"Being in San Antonio, this is about being a role model to the youth here and across the nation that we have a responsibility to," Campos said.

Her first major move was trusting her instincts and hiring Traylor, a relatively unknown commodity, as the team's third head coach.

Traylor had coached in five state championships at Gilmer (Texas) High School, winning three state titles and 12 district titles and going 175-26 in 15 years. He then had a successful career as an assistant coach at Texas, SMU and Arkansas before joining UTSA in December 2019.

His previous success was not enough for some of the university's existing fan base and casual observers, who wanted a known commodity like former Miami coach Larry Coker, the Roadrunners first head coach.

"I wish I would have saved some of the messages and some of the social media from two years ago when I made that hire," Campos said, chuckling. "There were definitely some folks who didn't see what I saw, who didn't know Jeff. They hadn't connected with him."

The biggest risk was taken by a growing list of local football standouts who decided to remain in San Antonio rather than join more established programs.

Junior linebacker Rashad Wisdom of nearby Converse said he kept a low profile as a freshman athlete while working toward his major in cybersecurity.

"I'm new, so I'm not really saying anything," Wisdom recalled. "People were in there (a class he was attending), 'Are you going to the football game?' I remember like it was yesterday, one girl was like, 'Ah, no. Our football team sucks.' I was like, 'Man!'"

Wisdom can laugh after facing some initial criticism for choosing the school with nearly 35,000 students in Texas' largest city.

"Now, everybody loves talking about UTSA football and say they love going to UTSA," Wisdom said.

In the past three months, UTSA has opened a \$40.4 million athletic training facility, upset Illinois for its first victory against a Big Ten school, has the best start in school history, is bowl eligible for the second straight season, received its first national ranking and announced last month that it will

soon join the American Athletic Conference.

As big as those moments have been, what drew the most excitement among players and staff was Campos' announcement that Traylor had signed a 10-year extension worth \$28 million amid rumors that he might leave for a more established program.

"Jeff is a builder," Campos said. "He's a builder of culture. He's a builder of aspirations and belief. That team is totally behind him, believing in what they can do."

To hear Traylor tell it, he simply stumbled into something.

"I'm so thrilled for my kids, my players," Traylor said. "It just makes me feel so good for them. They are the ones that deserve all this. I'm just so happy for them."

Truth is, the 53-year-old Traylor has elevated the program at a faster pace than its mascot. UTSA has consecutive winning seasons under Traylor after being above .500 only once in the six seasons prior to his arrival.

Traylor has implemented the "Triangle of Toughness," which consists of offense, defense and special teams but also represents a culture of toughness and commitment that UTSA's other athletic programs are adopting.

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Marcie received her Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing from Lubbock Christian University in Lubbock and earned her Master of Science degree in Nursing from Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene. She completed her Doctor of Nursing Practice degree at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center in Lubbock. She is board certified by the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners in family practice and emergency care.

Marcie has more than 13 years experience in family practice and patient care. She welcomes existing and new patients to her office located at Shannon Clinic Big Spring, 2503 Gregg Street, Unit C, Big Spring, Texas, 79720.

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