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West Nile

Rain brings mosquitos so remember, be cautious

Special to the Herald

Though the recent rainfall provided much-needed moisture to the area, it also brought an increase in the mosquito population and the possibility of West Nile.

There have been two cases reported this year, one occurring in Anderson County and the other in Tarrant County.

"Last year, the state of Texas saw a high number of West Nile cases with a good number of them resulting in death," said Yvette Woody, MSN/Ed, RN Risk Manager/Quality Coordinator/IC at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. "While the two reported cases for this year may not have been located near Howard County, it doesn't mean that we need

to be any less cautious. We should take precautions to prevent West Nile, that way we can hopefully prevent any cases from being reported in our area."

"While our numbers of West Nile may be down substantially from last year, it doesn't mean we should be any less cautious."

—Yvette Woody, SMMC quality coordinator

West Nile is a virus first identified in 1937 in eastern Africa. The first case was discovered in New York in 1999.

Mosquitoes contract the virus from feeding on infected birds and mammals.

The intensity of West Nile activity in Texas is affected by the weather, number of birds and mosquitoes spreading the virus and human behavior, according to information provided by the Department of State Health Services.

In 2012, there were 1,868 human cases of West Nile reported, resulting in 89 deaths, according to the state health department. Howard County had one reported case last year.

"While our numbers of West Nile may be down substantially from last year, it doesn't mean we should be any

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Big Spring and Howard County 2013-2014 COMMUNITY GUIDE



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City council meets Monday

Big Spring City Council will have a special meeting at 5:30 p.m. Monday to consider a lease agreement with the Big Spring Hospital Corporation (Scenic Mountail Medical Center) for medical office space at the Malone and Hogan Clinic.

The meeting will be held in the City Council Chambers at 307 Fourth St.



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Mr. Goose wants his 15 minutes of fame — or at least his picture in the paper. Geese and ducks were plentiful at Comanche Trail Lake Saturday morning, as usual.

Budget, employee raises to confront commissioners

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
 Staff Writer

Howard County commissioners will meet during a special-called meeting Monday morning to begin work in-earnest on the government entity's 2013-2014 fiscal plan.

The Howard County Appraisal District released certified values this week, with Howard County seeing a slight downturn in its certified taxable values. The county saw values dip to \$3,201,897,608

this year, down \$248,038,790 compared to values estimated at \$3,449,936,398 in 2012.

According to Precinct 2 County Commissioner Donnie Baker, the drop in values will be felt in the upcoming budget, but isn't expected to over-burden the plan.

"Anytime you have a de-



Baker

crease in your taxable values, you're going to feel it in your budget," Baker said. "That's just a fact of life. However, I feel like the county budget will be able to take this in stride. I feel like we're in good enough shape right now that we'll be alright."

While the county has been meeting with its department heads and discussing expected costs going into the

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HC trustees will interview San Angelo dean candidates

By **STEVE REAGAN**
 Staff Writer

Howard College trustees will hold a special meeting Monday to interview candidates for San Angelo campus executive dean position.

The meeting will convene at 10:30 a.m. in the student union building's Tumbleweed Room, at which time trustees will go into executive session to interview the candidates.

No other items are on the agenda.

Long-time San Angelo Provost LeAnne Byrd recently announced her retirement. Her last day on campus will be Aug. 9, HC President Dr. Cheryl Sparks said.

The San Angelo campus experienced dramatic enrollment growth during Byrd's

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Obituaries

Gwyn Dunnam



Gwyn Dunnam, 67, of Big Spring died Thursday July 25, 2013, at Parkview Nursing and Rehab. Funeral services will be at 2:30 p.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel with Pastor Sam Segundo officiating. Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Gwyn was born Nov. 16, 1945, in Wheeler, Texas, to Lavoy and Jack Davis. They moved to Big Spring in 1955 from Austin. Gwyn married Tommy Dunnam on Feb. 12, 1965, in Big Spring. She was a homemaker, caregiver and a Baptist. Her greatest pleasure in life was caring for her grandchildren.

Gwyn is survived by her husband: Tommy Dunnam of Big Spring; one son: Thomas Dunnam and fiancée Edna Lerma of Big Spring; one daughter: Leslie Whitten and husband Phil of Big Spring; father: Jack Davis of Comfort; seven grandchildren: Sandi Golleher, Linzee Phernetton and husband Dillon, Logan Yarbar, Thomas F. Dunnam, Leksey Yarbar, Keelyn Dunnam and Anthony Dunnam; two brothers: Marshall Davis and wife Mary of Fredericksburg, and Michael Davis and wife Becky of Comfort; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her mother, she was preceded in death by an infant sister.

The family would like to extend special thanks to all of the Staff of Home Hospice, especially Jessica Way and Betty Richardson.

The family suggests memorial donations to the Gwyn Dunnam Memorial % Myers & Smith Funeral Home, P.O. Box 2760, Big Spring, Texas, 79721.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersand-smith.com

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Myrna 'LaRue' Casey



Myrna "LaRue" Casey, 75, formerly of Big Spring, Texas, passed peacefully through the pearly gates to heaven Wednesday, July 24, 2013, in Austin, Texas, after a gallant five-year battle with colon cancer.

LaRue was born March 22, 1938, to E.C. and Edna Casey. LaRue was a 1956 graduate of "Dear olé Big Spring High" where she was proudly elected "Ranch Queen" in 1955. LaRue loved Big Spring and its people. In the mid 90s, LaRue moved to Georgetown, Texas, to be closer to her family.

LaRue is survived by three children, son, Casey Lovelace, wife Celeste, daughter, Tina Ross, husband Bill, daughter Michelle Alberts, husband Dave, brother, M.M. "Mickey" Casey, wife Pat, six grandchildren, one great-grandchild, two nieces, one nephew and dog Apple. She was affectionately known as "Rue Rue" by her grandchildren.

LaRue is preceded in death by her parents and brother, Billy E. Casey, nephew Robert Casey, and favorite niece, Kara Casey Meyer.

A gathering of family and friends will be held at Nalley-Pickle and Welch funeral home, Tuesday, July 30, 2013 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Funeral services will be held at Trinity Memorial Park Chapel, Wednesday, July 31, 2013, at 10 a.m.

Honorary pallbearers are Mike Casey, Bill Ross, Dave Alberts, Christopher Ross, Michael Ross, Dick Milam and Bill Lovelace.

In lieu of flowers, please make a contribution to the charity or cause of choice.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at: www.npwelch.com

Paid obituary

Take Note

• Spring Creek Fellowship will hold a fundraiser, "We Sent Our Harts to Zambia," Aug. 3 at Big Spring State Park. Pre-registration will guarantee a commemorative T-shirt. Registration and sign in will be at 8 a.m. on top of Scenic Mountain. Entry fee is \$30. Race will begin at 9 a.m. Awards for all participants. Medals for the top three finishers. For more information, contact Shawn Hart at 432-238-0642 or Lauren Hart at 432-213-0790. Proceeds will be used to send the Harts to Zambia.

Angela 'Lita' DeAnda Rodriguez



Angela "Lita" DeAnda Rodriguez, 90, of Big Spring died Thursday, July 25, 2013, at her residence. Vigil services will be at 7 p.m. Sunday, July 28, 2013, at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel with Msgr. Bernard L. Gully officiating. Burial will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

She was born Oct. 2, 1922, in Van Horn, Texas, to Soledad and Juan DeAnda. She was a lifetime resident of Howard County except for a few years in Van Horn. She was a homemaker but she and her husband owned a janitorial service. She was a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church.

She is survived by one son: Tony Rodriguez and wife Anna of Big Spring; three daughters: Linda Rodriguez of Big Spring, Cynthia Stinson and husband Blake of Minnesota and Sylvia Rodriguez of Big Spring; one sister: Virginia DeAnda Vasquez of California; and several grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Antonio Rosales Rodriguez; one daughter Juanita Rodriguez; one granddaughter; and one great granddaughter.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersand-smith.com

John E. Dever Jr.

Graveside services for John E. Dever Jr., 80, of Lubbock, Texas, will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, July 29, 2013. Services are under the direction of Abell Funeral Home & Flower Shop of Abernathy, Texas, and will be held in the Abernathy Cemetery.

Mr. Dever died Thursday, July 25, 2013, in Lubbock.

He was born Feb. 22, 1933, on a ranch outside of Snyder, Texas, and was raised in the Snyder and Sweetwater, Texas, areas, graduating from Sweetwater High School. He married Bobbie Walker on Jan. 3, 1953, in Roscoe, Texas. He was employed at an oil refinery and was a resident of Coahoma, Texas, from 1961 until 2003. They moved to Lubbock in 2008.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Debra Washburn in 2009 and a brother, Ted Dever.

He is survived by his wife, Bobbie Dever of Lubbock; three sons, John E. Dever III and wife Theresa of Austin, Texas, James Dever and wife Jane of Lubbock, Texas, and Jeff Dever and wife Merita of Leander, Texas; one brother, Ken Dever of Herford, Ariz.; and a sister, Cynthia Mathis of Jacksonville, Fla.; nine grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 7 a.m. July 27, 2013 and 7 a.m. today:

- ISRAEL TREVINO FLORES JR., 33, of 2202 S. Rannels was arrested Friday on a warrant from another agency.
- BRANDON J.D. MENDOZA, 28, OF 1903 S. Monticello was arrested Friday on a warrant for delivery of a controlled substance greater than or equal to 4 grams but less than 200 grams.
- TERRY LEE LOUDERMILD, 55, of 1401 South Highway 87 was arrested Friday on a charge of no drivers license when unlicensed.
- NATHANIEL JAMMAL AUSBIE, 30, of 107 East 17th, was arrested Friday on a warrant for delivery of a controlled substance less than 1 gram.
- JACOB JACK GARCIA, 32, of 3704 Boulder was arrested Friday on a charge of driving while license suspended/ invalid - previous conviction.
- MARIO IRENO YANEZ, 32, of 1510 Vines was arrested Friday on a charge of driving while license suspended/ invalid - no insurance.
- SARAH OLIVAS, 25, of 801 Willia was arrested Friday on a warrant for failure to maintain financial responsibility.
- JULIO DIAZ BALCAZAR, 30, of 1202 Harding was arrested Friday on a charge of duty on striking unattended vehicle greater than 200.

Correction

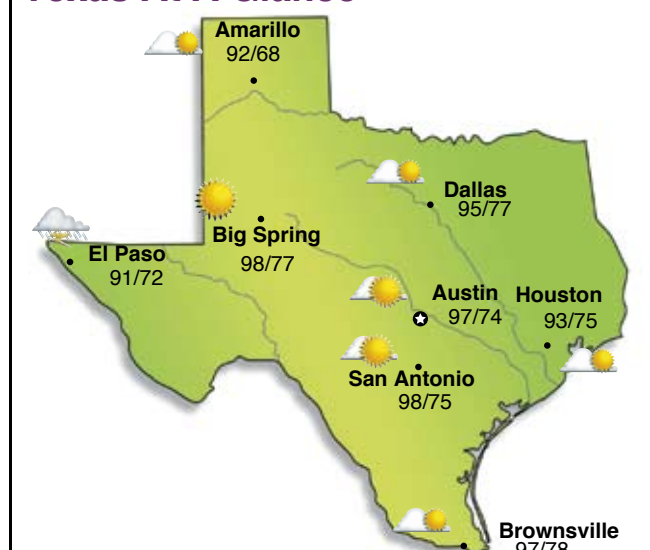
The information accompanying the photo on Page 1 of Friday's paper identified the artist as Nancy Rupard. The artist's correct name is Linda Rupard.

Today's Weather

Local 3-Day Forecast		
Sun 7/28	Mon 7/29	Tue 7/30
98/77 Sunny skies. High 98F. Winds SSE at 10 to 20 mph.	98/76 Partly cloudy, chance of a thunderstorm. Highs in the upper 90s and lows in the mid 70s.	100/75 More sun than clouds. Highs 98 to 102F and lows in the mid 70s.
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Brownsville	97	78 pt sunny	Lufkin	94	73 pt sunny
Brownwood	97	75 mst sunny	Midland	97	77 sunny
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Corsicana	94	75 pt sunny	Rosenberg	94	75 pt sunny
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Houston	93	75 pt sunny	Wichita Falls	97	75 pt sunny

Parenting classes are being held in room A-10 at Howard College from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on the first and third Monday of each month.

For more information, call 263-2673 and ask for Linda.

Police blotter

- MANUAL SOSA IV, 20, of 2510 Ent was arrested Friday on a charge of resisting arrest search or transport.
- SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY reported 7 miles south of town.
- UNWANTED SUBJECT reported at the 1900 block of Wasson.
- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE reported at the 700 block of Colgate.
- THEFT reported at the 200 block of Terry and the 3600 block of Highway 80.
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VIRUS

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less cautious. The best thing people can do at this point is to use insect repellent if they have to be outdoors around dawn and dusk," Woody said.

Another tip to reduce mosquitoes is to limit

the amount of stagnant water. Rain buckets or other sources used to hold water outdoors can turn into breeding grounds for mosquitos. In order to keep mosquitos out of the house, make sure all doors and windows have screens on them. Woody said the best practice to combat West Nile is providing

education to the public on the issue and treating the symptoms as soon as they show up.

"Transmission of West Nile virus occurs through a mosquito bite, which is why taking precautions to keep them off and away is the best thing to do in trying to prevent an occurrence of West Nile,"

Woody said.

There is no vaccine available to prevent West Nile. However, physicians are prepared to conduct testing if symptoms associated with the virus become present.

Symptoms to look out for after receiving a mosquito bite are visual problems, body trem-

ors, mental confusion, stiff neck, memory loss and seizures.

"We are always here for our community and prepared for any emergency situation which may occur in our area. We have a great group of folks working for us who are members of the community and take pride in the good care

they are giving," said Woody.

COUNTY

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new budgetary year, County Judge Mark Barr said the release of the certified values will allow the commissioners court to begin plotting out the fiscal course of the county.

"Until you have those certified values, you're really just having to go off the numbers from the previous years," Barr said. "Now that we have them, we can really begin working on the finer points of the budget."

According to Baker, one of the biggest challenges facing the county

going into the 2013-2014 budget will be employee salaries.

"In my mind, that's going to be the big cost in the coming year," Baker said. "The non-elected county employees haven't had an honest-to-goodness raise in four years and they are due. We know we can't compete with the salaries that are being paid in the oilfield, but at the same time we know we have to address this issue."

Barr said the court is expected to give the go-ahead for raises for county employees in an effort to not only draw new employees, but to keep the workers the county already has.

"Just like every other entity in Howard County, we're feeling the squeeze from the oilfield," Barr said. "We simply can't compete with what they are paying, which makes it hard to hire or keep employees, especially those whose job titles translate easily into positions in the oilfield. We're going to have to look at that and try to find a way to be more competitive."

Baker said the court hasn't yet discussed an estimated cost for across-the-board raises for county employees, but he expects the cost to be hefty.

"I imagine it's going to be the most costly thing

in the coming budget," he said. "Once we've had a chance to analyze the certified values, we'll have a much better idea what we can and can't do in this situation."

Another challenge the court will face in the coming years - and likely for many years to come - is the cost to repair county roadways, which have suffered due to the boom in the oilfield and subsequent increase in traffic.

"This is something we know we're going to have to address," Baker said. "With each day that goes by, the damage is getting worse and worse. That's why we've agreed to set aside approximately \$1 million

each year for seal coating and another \$500,000 for needed repairs. If we don't get ahead of this problem now, it's only going to get worse."

Monday's meeting is to get under way at 10 a.m. in the old commissioners courtroom, located on the second floor of the county courthouse.

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tenure, expanding to the point that it is now the largest campus, numbers-wise, in the Howard College system. The campus also is expanding its physical plant - ground-breaking will be held soon on a project that will result in two new buildings (one for

classrooms, the other to house student services).

Sparks declined to name the two candidates to be interviewed Monday, but did say other interviews for the position would likely be held in the coming weeks.

No timeline has been set for naming a new executive dean, she added.

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May we always put our best foot forward,
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Amen

Across the river to Boquillas

For people living on either side of the Rio Grande in villages near the Big Bend National Park, the river has always been only a technicality, just something to get your feet wet while going back and forth between Texas and Mexico.

All that changed dramatically in 2002 when the border was closed as a result of the 9-11-01 terrorist attacks.

Affected most were the tiny settlements on the Mexican side, which had depended on tourists from the U.S. for much of their existence.

When the border closed, the villages of Santa Elena (across from Castolon), Paso Lajitas (across from Lajitas) and Boquillas (across from Rio Grande Village in the national park), lost businesses and most of their residents, who had to move further into Mexico to find work.

Also lost was perhaps the most important thing: contact with friends across the river.

The border remained closed until April 10 of this year when people were allowed to cross the river between Rio Grande Village and Boquillas.

For Lilia Falcon, who has a restaurant and curio shop in Boquillas, the re-opening has been a blessing.

“My father, who worked hard building the business in 1973, died in 2000. Two years later the border closed, so we had to close the restaurant and store. I had my mom to take care of, my oldest daughter was 10 and I had a new baby. The border closed on Mother’s Day, so it was very sad.”

She re-opened the restaurant the day tourists were allowed back in the town.

Boquillas now has two restaurants, a hotel, a bar and residents will rent a room for \$20 a night. She says a room by the river will be ready for fall, when the real tourist season starts.

Boquillas has a population of 130 with 32 families living there now. The population used to be much larger. The village has no electricity but several structures have solar panels. Boquillas has new life.

I went to Boquillas on July 4. I had been told to make sure I had my passport, which is required to get back to the U.S. Rio Grande Village has a \$6,000,000 immigration station where you receive a briefing from a park ranger who tells you what you can and cannot bring back from Mexico. Then you go to the river

and either walk across it or pay a man \$5 to take you across in a rowboat.

While you are crossing the river, Victor, standing on the southern side of the river, will serenade you with his strong voice, and then welcome you to Boquillas. He’ll sell you a walking stick for \$5 or a scorpion made from wire, also \$5.

I heard he put three kids through college selling those items.

You have a choice of taking a horse, burro or pickup to town. Mexican immigration officials will stamp your passport.

We walked around town, had a meal, took a brief pickup ride to the Buzzards Roost hotel, then returned to the boat, crossed the river, slid our passports into a machine and talked to a customs official in El Paso by phone.

After a few questions, we were free to go.

There is no government fee to cross the river. The border is open from 9 to 6 Wednesdays through Sundays only. It is closed Mondays and Tuesdays.

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TUMBLEWEED SMITH

LETTERS

The solution

TO THE EDITOR:
So the simple solution to the trash problem was to outlaw garbage. This is the logical equivalent of attempting to fly by repealing the law of gravity.

Will there ever be an end to Big Spring’s litany of lousy leadership?

I’ll bet long time residents already know the answer.

BILL COLEMAN
BIG SPRING

Faith is a gift

TO THE EDITOR:
Faith is a gift — and I know that without faith that I wouldn’t be here today because our heavenly father has healed me many times and these past few weeks God has once again healed me. When the Big Spring Herald announced an Adopt a Fire Hydrant painting contest I wanted to paint one, but with my knee hurting I wasn’t sure I could. But I noticed that no one else was painting them.

So I decided I would paint one and it took me a few days to paint it and many people stopped to admire it. And I noticed that my knee wasn’t hurting as much.

I think because I prayed for God to heal me and the last things I painted on the fire hydrant was a little cross on the front of it and faith on the back. Because those two things are why I am still alive — God and Faith — and they serve to remind others too that

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Quebec city links old and new

“I really miss the seasons.” That’s a lament commonly heard from folks transplanted here who failed to get the memo that Mother Nature’s hop-scotch across Texas’ weather map is guaranteed — often daily. She chuckles at the mention of seasons in the Lone Star State.

On our continent, however, are climes worthy of poster board homage to spring, summer, autumn and winter. Québec City — provincial capital of Québec — is such a place. There, more than a half-million people claim distinctive seasons, breath-taking topography and immense national pride.

Had Norman Rockwell lived there, he’d have been so taken with the folks, flora, fauna and funicular*, thousands of magazine covers would have flown off his easels. The heralded artist for the Saturday Evening Post could have turned out prize-winning works on a daily basis.

During our recent four-day visit prior to boarding Holland America’s Veendam for its Canada/New England cruise, our minds were blank slates. We had never visited eastern Canada.

A favorite radio program during growing-up years, Sergeant Preston of the Yukon, stirred in my memory. It painted vivid audio pictures of his gallant, never-ending pursuit of truth and justice alongside the always white-hatted Canadian Mounted Police.

Not once did we see uniformed law enforcement officers — mounted or unmounted — in one of the world’s safest cities. Visi-

tors eager to see uniformed sentries need only visit the Citadel, an ongoing military garrison where guards stand at rapt attention in the same manner as at England’s Buckingham Palace.

We saw hoards of public school students visiting points of interest in the school year’s waning hours. There is far more to take in than most “in-takes” allow, what with its rich 405-year history.

There were reminders at every turn — museums, statues, cathedrals, parks and the formidable Citadel stone wall that is up to 25 feet thick.

Nestling between two rivers — the St. Lawrence and the St. Charles — are both an old and new Québec City. The British won the Battle of 1759 over the French — on paper, anyway. Otherwise, “Francophones” prevail. (And no, this is not a band instrument nor a Paris pay phone.) Upwards of 95 percent of the folks speak French primarily, sweetening the air with one of the world’s most beautiful languages.

Native Americans proved centuries ago that the ravaging winters can be dealt with. The Hurons still have a strong presence, prospering in Wendake, a community in Québec City. It features a reservation with wide-ranging programming and unique activities.

Resourceful and talented, they fought winter’s savagery on equal terms, followed by spring renewals, summer’s flowering abundance and autumn’s signature color-changing of leaves — all ordained by God.

In a similar manner, residents in the nearby île d’Orléans (“Garden of Québec”) faithfully preserve their island of some 100 square miles. Worthy of ongoing applause are folks who tend small farms, dairies, wineries

and, of course, tap trees for the precious sap that yields maple syrup. Some products new to us have “iced” on labels, i.e., ice cider, made, of course, from frozen apples.

A view from high in the Québec Hilton provided a view of the city and river that bade us “be still.”

We could fathom “laid back” for the summer season, assured that “frozen forward” rules almost half of the year. Our eyes often settled on a nearby park — one of many — where green lawns flourish and locals gather. They bring children, pallets, Frisbies and dogs. Much seems right with their world.

Québec City is a grand place to celebrate life. This is particularly so for youth and other sports-minded individuals who happily claim all 12 months. They revel in skiing — both water and snow — and multiple other sports.

For the rest of us, it is a city to be savored. If the hills seem a bit too challenging, we can hitch a cheap ride on the funicular* to ascend from shore side shops to the city’s upper parts 252 feet above.

The thought of departing QC is a sad one, gladdened by the prospect of one day returning to see wintry majesty and dozens of other places that couldn’t be crowded into four days.

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* Oh, yes. The funicular has been operative for 134 years. Its tram cars ride rails of 45 degrees, an option to a mighty steep staircase. (More info at www.quebecregion.com)

LETTERS

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without God we truly have nothing.

I just finished painting my 17th fire hydrant. It was truly a labor of love because I don't drive and walk to where ever I go.

It's been very hot and it's hard for me to bend down to paint. A few people asked why didn't I use spray paint. I can't use it because as a throat cancer survivor I breath from an opening in my neck and I have to avoid the fumes from spray paint.

So, each fire hydrant I painted is hand painted and while they may not be perfect, each one was painted with much care and thought.

I've had a lot of fun and a few laughs too. Because a couple of people stopped to tell me that I might get in trouble for messing the the fire hydrants that the firemen might not like me painting them.

I wanted to tell them that I wasn't some crazy old lady who went around painting things — that the firemen wanted people to paint the fire hydrants.

One lady said that I wasn't painting any fire men designs and I told them that firemen like flowers too — I hope.

I won't be painting any more fire hydrants because it's just too hot and I'm of paint and my brushes are wore out. I bought my own paint and supplies. My way of thanking the firemen

and women and to let them know that I appreciate them for taking care of our town.

I would like to thank all the kind, caring people that stopped to admire my paintings and for the cold water and soda pops they bought me.

I need to thank a special young man, P.J. Or T.J.?

Because you hear people say that our young people are rude and uncaring and that not true because this kind young man stopped to see if I needed something to eat or drink and that touched my heart and I may not win the fire hydrant painting contest, but that's okay because I know that in God's eyes that I am a winner!

Thank you,

LANA F. ANGUIANO
BIG SPRING
"Have faith in God." -
Mark 11:22

Inevitable fate

TO THE EDITOR:

The Postal Service is conducting a feasibility study to determine if closing Midland Mail Processing and Distribution Facility, and instead trucking 797 prefix zip code mail to Lubbock, to be processed there and trucked back to Midland, makes sense.

Toward its goals of "saving operating expenses and improving efficiency," I can tell you from its closing of my last two USPS facilities — Daytona Beach, Florida Plant and then Mid-Florida Plant — it has accomplished neither.

Years later, the same number of buildings remain open with skeleton crews. Workers were forced to transfer jobs, homes and families to one site after another.

All machines are still in inventory, moved at great expense, and the mail now is shuttled from central locations to remote plants, processed, then trucked back for further processing and delivery. Same number of buildings, same number of machines, same number of personnel, only miles of added trucking to increase delays.

Tired of being moved from job to job with no benefit to the public or the USPS bottom line, my careful consideration led me to request a transfer here, to West Texas, where this USPS remote location and large surrounding service area make for an impracticality that I would be transferred again. My work in the Midland Plant gives me an astonishing picture of just how much West Texas commerce relies on the mail. Hundreds of thousands of local company checks pass through this facility each week.

While I was a postal customer in Florida, my community witnessed the delay of mail delivery to our addresses when the local plant closed, then further delays when processing operations moved again to even further locations.

Whatever the reason for Florida delays,

or even successive days when no mail arrived, the distance from the pickup location to the processing location was hours less than distances proposed in closing Midland.

Our plant's West Texas mail collection areas from Big Spring to Fort Davis take hours now. Proposed added distances to truck mail to Lubbock and back for processing, instead of processing here, result in undeniable and unjustifiable delays to the seamless commerce West Texas has achieved and needs.

Service cuts, later pickup, later delivery, delayed checks, bills and mailed medications are inevitable fate if a proposed mail processing consolidation being considered for our community is allowed to occur.

It is up to us, as West Texans, to ensure our government representatives and business leaders are aware of the negative effects that moving our mail processing away would have on our communities and commerce.

Sincerely,

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- Aug. 7** – Senior Appreciation Day, 11:30 a.m.
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1 backpack (full size)
2 plastic folders with brads and pockets
3 large boxes Kleenex tissues
BOYS — 1 box baby wipes
1 nap mat
1 16-count box large-size Crayola crayons
6 large glue sticks (clear or white)
1 8-county standard-size Crayola crayons
2 24-count standard-sized Crayola crayons
1 small plastic school box
1 wide-ruled spiral notebook
GIRLS — 4 Expo dry erase markers (low odor/chisel tip)
Change of clothes to leave at school
Please label everything, including each crayon and marker

Kindergarten

1 backpack (no rollers) with side pockets
1 spiral notebook
3 jumbo Elmer's glue sticks
1 large pink eraser
1 3-ring hard-back notebook (1 inch)
1 set Crayola watercol-

ors
1 kindergarten nap mat
2 Expo dry erase markers
1 7.6-ounce bottle Elmer's white glue
2 boxes Kleenex tissues (not travel size)
1 10-count box Crayola Classic markers
4 24-count boxes Crayola crayons
1 pair Fiskars 5-inch scissors
1 small plastic school box
1 package colored copy paper for Xerox
Change of clothes to leave at school
Please label everything, including initialing crayons individually

First grade

1 4-ounce bottle Elmer's glue
2 boxes Crayola crayons (16 -or-24-count)
3 boxes Kleenex tissues (not travel size)
2 large pink erasers
2 boxes plastic zippered bags (girls bring sandwich size, boys bring gallon size)
2 plastic pocket folders with brads
2 dry erase markers
1 set Crayola watercol-

4 large glue sticks
2 sets Crayola Classic markers (broad line)
2 dozen No. 2 pencils (plain wood only)
1 pair sharp 5-inch scissors
GIRLS — colored copy paper for Xerox
BOYS — colored card stock for Xerox
Please label everything except pencils

Second grade

4 red pens
3 dozen No. 2 pencils
2 pink erasers
6 glue sticks
1 4-ounce bottle Elmer's glue
1 pair sharp 5-inch scissors
2 24-count boxes Crayola crayons
2 boxes Kleenex tissues
1 backpack (no wheels)
1 8-count box washable markers
3 wide-ruled spiral notebooks
3 folders with pockets and brads
1 zippered pencil bag (average size)
1 small pencil sharpener
1 8-count set watercol-ors
3 dry erase markers (low odor, bullet point)

1 package wide-ruled notebook paper
GIRLS — 1 package neon card stock
BOYS — 1 package colored paper

Third grade

1 large pencil bag
3 boxes Kleenex tissues
1 backpack that will fit in lockers (10x10x25)
2 24-count boxes Crayola crayons
2 plastic folders with pockets and brads
1 yellow thin Sharpie highlighter
3 Expo dry erase markers (low odor/chiseled tip)
4 pink erasers
2 packages wide-ruled notebook paper
6 Bic red pens
3 dozen No. 2 pencils
1 set 12-count colored map pencils
1 pair sharp 5-inch scissors
6 glue sticks
2 Norcom composition books
4 packages Avery Big Tab insertable dividers (with 5 tabs)
2 1-inch binders and 1-pocket folder with brades (green for Newton's homeroom, red for Jones' homeroom and blue for Kelso's homeroom)
No trapper keepers, binders, sports bags or mechanical pencils

Fourth grade

1 pair sharp 5-inch scissors
1 fabric supply pouch
1 24-count box Crayola crayons
4 glue sticks
2 dozen yellow pencils
2 boxes Kleenex tissues
2 12-count sets map colors
1 bottle Elmer's glue
1 set of 8-tab dividers

(write-on)
4 black and white composition notebooks
1 4-count set dry erase markers (low-odor)
4 plastic folders with pockets and brads (1 green, 2 blue, 1 red)
1 set fine-tip Crayola markers
2 black Sharpie markers (ultrafine point)
2 packages wide-ruled notebook paper
1 1.5-inch Clear View 3-ring binder (any color)
1 package bright color copy paper
1 package 4-color highlighters
No zipper binders or notebooks or oversized backpacks that won't fit in lockers

Fifth grade

1 3-ring zipper binder (for example, Mead Five Star)
2 sets 8-tab dividers (write-on)
1 1.5 black hardback vinyl binder
1 24-count set colored pencils
1 10-count set thin markers
1 dozen No. 2 pencils
1 package glue sticks
1 pencil bag (no boxes)
3 packages wide-ruled notebook paper
1 pair 8.5-inch scissors
1 roll paper towels
1 box Kleenex tissues
2 composition books
1 handheld pencil sharpener
No oversized backpacks that won't fit in lockers

Sixth grade

General supplies needed in numerous classes:
Pencils, Wooden No. 2
Black or blue pens
Red pens
1 2-inch 3-ring note-

book/binder to carry to all classes
Notebook paper (wide-ruled)
1 zippered/holed pencil bag
Specific requests per teacher (in addition to the above supplies):
Reading: 1 highlighter, 2 red pens (for this class only), 1 box colored pencils
Math: 4-inch 3-ring binder, 5 plastic dividers with pockets, clear protractor, ruler with centimeters and inches, scissors and glue stick
Science: 1 composition notebook
English: 3-ring 1.5-inch notebook with pockets, 5 dividers, 1 zippered/holed pencil bag (for this class only), mechanical pencils, 100-sheet composition notebook

Seventh grade

General supplies needed in numerous classes:
Pencils
Black or blue pens
Red pens
1 zippered or closable binder (to carry general supplies to all classes)
Notebook paper (wide-ruled)
1 zippered/holed pencil bag
1 ruler (12-inch metric with millimeters)
Specific requests per teacher (in addition to the above supplies):
Reading: notebook with 3 dividers, 2 red pens, spiral notebook, notebook paper, highlighter (not yellow)
Math: 3-ring 1.5-inch notebook, 5 dividers, compass, calculator with square root
Science: 1 box colored map pencils, 3-ring 1-inch notebook, 1 composition notebook, 1 highlighter, red pens, folder with pockets, 3 glue sticks
History: 3-subject spiral notebook
English: 3-ring 1.5-inch notebook with pockets, 5 dividers, 1 zippered/holed pencil bag (for this class only), mechanical pencils, red pens, 1 package 3x5 white notecards, 1 plastic folder with brads for research paper, 100 sheet composition notebook

Eighth grade

General supplies needed in numerous classes:
Pencils
Black or blue pens
Red pens
1 zippered or closable binder (to carry general supplies to all classes)
Notebook paper (wide-ruled)
1 zippered/holed pencil bag
1 box colored pencils
Specific requests per teacher (in addition to the above supplies):
Reading: 1 three-subject spiral notebook, 1 folder with pockets and brads, 3x5 note cards, red pen
Math: 1 three-subject spiral notebook, graph paper, AAA batteries, protractor, compass, 3-ring 1.5-inch notebook
Science: 3-ring 1-inch binder, 1 composition notebook, yellow highlighter, 3 glue sticks, red pens, box of colored pencils, folder with pockets
English: 3-ring 1.5-inch notebook, dividers, 1 three-subject spiral notebook, 1 highlighter, 1 zipper/holed pencil bag (for this class only), 2 red pens (for this class only), 1 box colored pencils (for this class only)

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\$500K Bail set for ex-Patriot Aaron Hernandez's associate

ATTLEBORO, Mass. (AP) — Bail was set Friday at \$500,000 cash for a so-called right-hand man of Aaron Hernandez who prosecutors say with the former New England Patriots star on the night his friend was shot to death.

Ernest Wallace appeared in Attleboro District Court on a charge of being an accessory after the fact to murder in Odin Lloyd's killing. Defense attorney David Meier had sought bail of \$10,000, arguing Wallace wasn't a flight risk and wanted to return to his family in Florida.

But Assistant District Attorney William McCauley asked for \$1 million bail, saying Wallace was at risk of fleeing. He said Wallace had a long criminal history that included drug convictions and that he had used aliases and impersonated others. Meier wouldn't com-

ment after court, including about whether his client expected to make bail. Wallace, who had previously pleaded not guilty, was taken back into custody following the hearing. Wallace, 41, did not speak during the proceeding, but mouthed "I love you" and "I miss you" to a woman watching in the courtroom.

Prosecutors were pleased with the bail, said Gregg Miliote, a spokesman for Bristol County District Attorney Samuel Sutter.

Hernandez, 23, has pleaded not guilty to murder in the death of Lloyd, a 27-year-old Boston semi-professional football player whose body was found June 17 in an industrial park about a mile from Hernandez's home. The two men were friends and Lloyd was dating the sister of Hernandez's girlfriend.

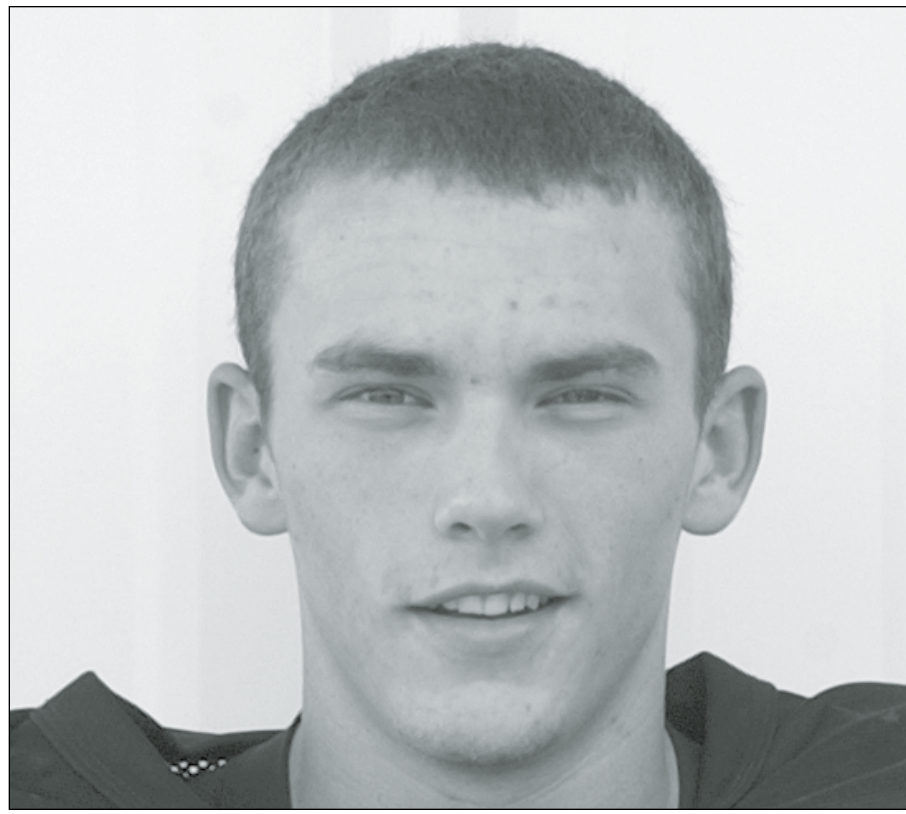
Prosecutors say Hernandez orchestrated Lloyd's

killing because he was upset at him for talking to people Hernandez had problems with at a nightclub days earlier. They say Hernandez, Wallace and a third man, Carlos Ortiz, drove with Lloyd to the industrial park. Authorities have not said who fired the shots, but according to documents filed in Florida, Ortiz told police that Wallace said it was Hernandez.

In court Friday, McCauley painted Wallace as having no fixed address and no job and said Hernandez appeared to be his "sole support." He said Wallace has been described as Hernandez's right-hand man, and that he had been spending more time at Hernandez's house in the months before the killing, using a car Hernandez rented for him.

McCauley also said See **BAIL**, Page 8A

Forsan's Burchett receives honorable mention by TSWA



HERALD photo/Brian McCormack

Forsan grad Trevor Burchett received an honorable mention for his work on the baseball diamond by the Texas Sports Writers Association. Burchett was named among the state's best at the short stop position. Burchett also played football and participated in track.



AP photo

Texas' Ian Kinsler hits a two-RBI double during the eighth inning of Friday's 11-8 extra inning loss to the Cleveland Indians.

Rangers rally, then lose in 11 to Indians

CLEVELAND (AP) — The moment Jason Frasor's pitch left his hand he knew Ryan Raburn would devour it.

"It was a cookie right down the middle," Frasor said. "I put it on a tee for him."

Raburn, who twice faked bunting during his at-bat, connected for a three-run homer in the 11th inning, giving the Cleveland Indians a wild and sloppy 11-8 win over the Texas Rangers on Friday night.

The Rangers rallied from a 7-1 deficit and put the go-ahead run on third in the 11th but wound up losing for the 10th time in 13 games. Texas fell to 1-7 in extra-inning games.

"We grind and we battle," manager Ron Washington said. "We put ourselves in a position (to win) but they had the last say-so."

After Asdrubal Cabrera and Carlos Santana singled off Frasor (0-2), Raburn squared to bunt on two pitches and possibly drop a sacrifice before pulling a 2-1 pitch onto the home-run porch in left to rescue the Indians, who nearly lost to a Texas team that committed three errors and had three wild pitches.

Washington wasn't happy about the errors, but he did like the fight his team showed.

"We could have very easily given up, but we didn't," he said.

Still, the Rangers haven't played like a contender for a while. They fell to 2-6 since the All-Star break and are just 8-13 in July. They came in with just 28 runs in their past 12 games, so there was some progress — just not enough for a win.

"It always makes you feel better when you score runs," catcher A.J. Pierzynski said. "It creates energy and gets guys excited. Obviously we wanted to win, which is the biggest thing. We had a chance

See **RALLY**, Page 8A

Ladies golf news

By **BRIAN MCCORMACK**
Sports Editor

Connie Fowler won low gross, while Mary Gilbreath won low net at the Comanche Trail Ladies Golf Association's Monday playday. Joan Daniel took the fewest putts during the round.

In Thursday's couples play, Sherrill and Betty Farmer, Gus Leonardi and Deanna Foresyth claimed first place with a score of two-over-par. The second place team declined to be named, citing fear of

increased surveillance by President Barack Obama and the NSA. Anonymous sources, however, have confirmed the real reason the foursome wishes to remain incognito has more to do with their dismal score than government paranoia.

Sherill Farmer landed closest to the pin on Hole No. 3.

There was no clear winner for the women on Hole No. 6, therefore a pie eating contest was held instead. Again, all women tied.

Astros battered by Blue Jays

TORONTO (AP) — Houston Astros manager Bo Porter says his bullpen is in "a complete funk" right now.

That's putting it mildly.

Edwin Encarnacion hit two home runs in one inning, including his sixth career grand slam, Jose Reyes, Adam Lind and Brett Lawrie all went deep and the Toronto Blue Jays beat the Astros 12-6 on Friday night.

The Astros are 14-58 this season when their relievers allow at least one run. On Friday, they gave up eight.

"It's not good," Porter said. "At this stage of a season you would think that guys would get better. That has not happened and we are in a complete funk as far as the bullpen goes."

Local briefs

BSHS Volleyball Camp set to begin Monday

Big Spring Athletics will hold a summer volleyball camp Monday through Thursday for grades 3-9 at the junior high gymnasium. Grades 3-6 will be instructed from 8:30 a.m. until 10 a.m., while the 7-9 camp will be from 10:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Grades 9-12 will be instructed at the high school from 4 p.m. until 6 p.m., at a cost of \$30.

Registration is \$25 per child with T-shirts available for \$10 apiece.

Big Spring athletic camps are open to children enrolled in other schools.

through Thursday at the athletic training center. All students playing football are to report to the ATC on one of those dates between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. to receive their gear.

Youth Football Association sign-ups being held now

Crossroads Youth Football Association is holding sign-ups for players and cheer squads at the Big Spring Mall each Saturday from 2 p.m. until 6 p.m. Registration is open until Aug. 17.

BSHS season tickets on sale now at ATC

Steer football fans can pick up their season tickets at the Athletic Train-

ing Center. The ticket books — which can be purchased Monday through Thursday, from 7:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. until Aug. 23 — cost \$20 apiece and includes admission to all four home games, rapid access to the stadium and guaranteed seating in Section C. Call the athletic office at 264-3662 for more information.

Comanche Trail holding City Championship golf tourney

Howard County resident holding a membership to the Big Spring Country Club or Comanche Trail Golf Course is invited to play in the 36-hole individual play City Championship tournament Aug. 3-4.

There will be three divisions: Men's, Senior Men's and Women. Tee times

can be made for Saturday at player convenience, while Sunday will be flighted according to Saturday's scores.

Entry fee is \$40 per person. For more information, contact the pro shop at 264-2366.

Sports physicals due by Aug. 5, the start of two-a-day practices

If your son or daughter is in grade 7, 9 or 11 and plans to participate in a fall sport, completed physical examination records must be turned in by Aug 5.

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to win the game and it didn't work out, but if we play with that effort we'll be fine."

It was the seventh walk-off win this season for the Indians, who began a crucial stretch of 14 of 17 games at home.

Bryan Shaw (1-2), Cleveland's fifth reliever, stranded the go-ahead run at third in the 11th, and the Indians stayed within three games of first-place Detroit in the AL Central.

The Indians were in control, lost it and then needed Raburn's dramatic homer to avoid a haunting loss.

Ian Kinsler had four RBIs and Nelson Cruz homered for the Rangers, who began the weekend three games behind first-place Oakland in the AL West.

Michael Bourn drove in three runs for Cleveland, which just returned from a disappointing trip to Minnesota and Seattle.

Down 7-1 in the fourth, the Rangers kept chipping away and caught the Indians in the eighth.

Texas scored one run in the fifth, two in the sixth and seventh and the Rangers tied it on Kinsler's two-out,

two-run single off Joe Smith.

David Murphy singled leading off, and one out later, Smith hit Elvis Andrus on the leg.

Leonys Martin sacrificed and Kinsler fell behind 0-2 in the count before pushing a single through the right side to score Murphy and Andrus.

Texas' comeback cost Indians starter Corey Kluber what appeared to be a routine win. He allowed four runs and seven hits in six innings, leaving with an 8-4 lead.

The Baseball Hall of Fame won't be asking for any artifacts from this game. The teams combined for five errors and four wild pitches.

The Indians led 7-1 in the fourth, but even then the lead didn't look safe against the Rangers, who got a lead-off homer from Cruz in the sixth and then pulled within 8-6 in the seventh off reliever Cody Allen, who gave up two runs, four hits and a walk.

The Indians scored four runs in the fourth to open a 7-1 lead and chase 22-year-old starter Martin Perez. Drew Stubbs and Bourn hit two-run singles in the outburst as Cleveland capitalized on two Texas errors in the inning.

A sudden surge of wildness by Perez helped the Indians open a 3-0 lead in the second.

BAIL

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Hernandez's aunt provided financial assistance to Wallace after Lloyd's death as he made his way south to Miramar, Fla., where his parents live. Wallace later turned himself in to police in Miramar.

Friday's hearing followed the release of court documents a day earlier that included photos of Hernandez in his home, holding what authorities have said was a gun, both before and minutes after Lloyd's homicide. The

photos came from Hernandez's home video surveillance system and are among evidence authorities have obtained with search warrants.

Authorities believe Lloyd was killed with a .45-caliber Glock, which they have said hasn't been recovered. Prosecutors have said that a gun Hernandez is seen holding in the home surveillance appears to be a Glock.

Authorities recovered an ammunition clip for .45-caliber bullets in Hernandez's Hummer as well as ammunition of the same caliber inside a condo he rented

in Franklin, Mass.

Prosecutors this week won a delay, to Aug. 22, for a probable cause hearing for Hernandez, saying they needed more time to present evidence to a grand jury. Hernandez will continue to be held without bail.

In the course of investigating Lloyd's death, authorities found a vehicle at the home of Hernandez's uncle in Bristol, Conn., Hernandez's hometown, that was wanted in a 2012 double killing in Boston, according to the Florida records. It had been rented in Hernandez's name.

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Pack more grab-and-go lunch options. Set aside bins in your fridge and pantry to keep all of your lunch items. The kids won't wonder what's for lunch and you won't find yourself out of everything minutes before the school bus arrives. As you unload groceries, have the kids help pack up individual portions in small storage bags to make mornings easier.

Check out these fun, easy ideas to banish brown bag boredom. Find recipes for more entrees, side dishes and desserts kids will love to have in their lunchboxes, visit www.culinary.net.

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Yogurt Parfaits

One of the quickest snacks to make is a fruity yogurt parfait. Before bedtime, layer flavored yogurt and bite-sized fruit chunks into a small container then freeze overnight. Put the frozen yogurt in your child's lunchbox the next morning and it will be cold and creamy by lunchtime. Pack a zip top storage bag with crunchy granola for sprinkling on top.



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S'mores

S'mores are a classic summer treat that can easily be adapted into a quick dessert all year around. Top one graham cracker square with a thick layer of chocolate hazelnut spread or a chocolate bar, then spread marshmallow crème on another. Sandwich the two squares together for a lunchbox version of everyone's favorite campfire treat.



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Alana Jakas of Brighton, N.Y. and Wolfgang Robinson of Big Spring, Texas will exchange wedding vows Sept. 28, 2013, in Cape Cod, Mass. Alana is a 2004 graduate of Brighton High School and a 2008 graduate of the University of Massachusetts.

She is a food scientist at Mondelez International.

Wolfgang is the son of Michael and Monica Robinson.

He is a 2003 graduate of Big Spring High School, a 2009 graduate of Portland State University and a 2012 graduate of Seton Hall University's School of Law.

He is a judicial clerk to the Hon. Jose L. Fuentes, P.J.A.D.



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Kagen is the son of Tiffany Boubek and Kurt Boubek II of Big Spring.

His maternal grandparents

are Russell Strong and Ana Saucedo.

His paternal grandparents are the late Kurt F. Boubek and Angela Maker.

Kagen was welcomed home by his parents and a brother and sister.

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## Prince George filling coffers

(AP — It's not even been a week and I'm already royally tired about hearing about the royal baby. The official royal delivery watch started a week early on the Today show. NBC flew Natalie Morales, a seasoned journalist, to stalk the royal couple at St. Mary's Hospital and wait, along with the world's other put-upon seasoned journalists, for the royal birth.

Must be nice. If only this getting-paid-to-wait idea could somehow trickle down from the corporate structure to me when I'm in a tortuously long line at the amusement park, outside Target on Black Friday, outside Best Buy for the next iPhone release or at the next grand opening of a new Chick-fil-A.

Prince George is but 4 days old and he's already causing waves in the economy.

Not only has he cost NBC and other news outlets millions of dollars in television production costs, but he's also moving the economy in

other ways.

He may not be aware of it, but the retail industry sure is.

They know everything he touches will turn into gold. Just like his mom, who caused the crash of British designer Jenny Packham's website after wearing her cornflower blue, polka-dot dress outside the hospital,

Prince George himself will cause some ruckus in the retail world.

The bird-print swaddle by Aden + Anais that enrobed him as he made his debut caused a run on the product.

The company since has sold out of the blanket.

The white christening shawl he wore while exiting the hospital? Expect that to be gone, too.

The small Nottingham-based, family-owned company that provided the shawl, GH Hurt & Son Ltd., said the phone won't stop ringing, and the online orders are coming in faster than they can handle.

And then there's the car seat? Fuhgettaboutit.

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# Texas site of cotton producer information exchange Aug. 5

MEMPHIS — Nine cotton producers from Arizona and California will see cotton and other agriculture-related operations in Texas on August 5-8 as part of the 2013 National Cotton Council's Producer Information Exchange (P.I.E.).

Sponsored by Bayer CropScience through a grant to The Cotton Foundation, the P.I.E. program is in its 25th year of helping its U.S. producer participants improve yields and fiber quality. The program aims to help cotton producers boost their overall operation's efficiency by: 1) gaining new perspectives in such fundamental practices as land preparation, planting, fertilization, pest control, irrigation and harvesting and 2) observing the unique ways in which their innovative peers are using current technology.

Upon completion of this final of the four 2013 tours, the P.I.E. will have exposed more than 1,050 U.S. cotton producers to innovative production practices in regions different than their own since the program was initiated 25 years ago.

The Southwest tour participants are: Arizona — Don England, Jr., and Jonathan Cockrill, both from Casa Grande; Phillip Garcia, Eloy; and Kelci Morrow, Coolidge;



California — Jake and Aric Barcellos, both from Los Banos; Tim Gomes, Gustine; Adam Mendes, Fresno; and Matthew Watte, Tulare.

The Southwest tour will begin on August 5 in Lubbock at the Plains Cotton Growers office for updates on Texas cotton production, Texas A&M University's Texas Cotton Improvement Program and Bayer CropScience's research/development. The group will visit PYCO Industries and tour Varde-man Farms in nearby Slaton before concluding the day with a visit to the Caprock Winery.

The next day in Lubbock the group will

tour Farmers Cooperative Compress and then get a presentation on electronic marketing at Plains Cotton Cooperative Association before touring the Lubbock Feedlot and the Back to Earth Resources for a look at turning gin trash into a value-added product.

The next two days, the group will be in the state's Coastal Bend area. On the 7th while in Corpus Christi, they will visit Stover Equipment Company, the Gulf Compress, the Port of Corpus Christi and Gatefront, LLC. They also will visit Edcot Gin Coop in Odem, the Gregory Gin in Gregory

and then participate in individual farm tours in the Coastal Bend area. The tour concludes on August 8th with a visit to Kingsville for a tour of the King Ranch and Farms and a look at algae biodiesel and gossypol free shrimp feeding projects conducted by Texas AgriLife Extension at the AgriLife Mariculture Laboratory in Corpus Christi.

This season, Mid-South producers observed operations in Georgia on June 23-28; Southeast producers traveled to Louisiana and Mississippi on July 7-12; and Southwest producers visited California on July 21-25.

# Energy Watch



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The housing market has been recovering nicely over the past couple of years as mortgage interest rates hit historic lows. Sales of existing single family homes moved up from an annual rate of just over 3 million units in mid-2010 to the more recent pace of 4.6 million. This compares to an annual pace of more than 6 million at the height of the housing sales heyday in mid-2005.

When, if ever, will we get back to those lofty levels of the last decade? That is anyone's guess but right now the question is what will higher interest rates and prices do to the housing recovery? Mortgage rates are now at their highest levels in more than two years, making a gigantic move up since Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke suggested in May that the U.S. central bank may soon begin to reduce the size of its current quantitative easing (QE) program.

We have seen a surge in existing home prices but volume, until just the last couple of months, has been slow to follow. With inventories at multi-decade lows in many parts of the country it appears to be a story of basic supply and demand. Low supply and higher demand driven by rates and a better labor market has pushed pricing up quickly. The spring selling season typically features rising prices before demand eases along with prices in the fall months. Who knows how good this home sales season would have been if there was more inventory on the market.

But another factor may be at work here. Potential home buyers, even prior to the last two months, were starting to worry that interest rates would be moving up in the near future. Most knew that home prices were starting to inch higher and, given the lack of inventory, any reasonably priced homes where they were looking to buy would probably sell quickly. Some buyers decided to move immediately rather than risk higher prices and higher mortgage rates.

True, the combination of higher prices and higher mortgage rates has reduced affordability for many, especially first time home buyers. This has had some effect as mortgage applications have been down nearly every week since rates began to spike in May. But we expect interest rates to stabilize and the housing recovery to continue well into 2014.

A better housing market has benefitted consumer confidence which in turn has helped push the stock market to record levels. Higher mortgage rates are at least a moderate headwind for housing. As stock investors, we clearly want the housing market to be doing well. Happy home owners do a meaningful amount of discretionary spending. And consumer spending is what drives the U.S. economy.

Will potential homebuyers step away due to higher mortgage rates? Some most certainly will. Or will the fear factor kick in and push more people to jump in and buy a house because they are concerned interest rates and prices are going to move even higher? We do not know the answer to that question but stock investors need to pay attention because the health of the housing market and the health of the stock market are closely tied.

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# Public invited to LWG meeting

Special to the Herald

The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in Howard County and the Howard Soil and Water Conservation District invite the public to attend their 2013 Local Working Group (LWG) meeting Aug. 19 from 4:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Big Spring USDA office.

The purpose of this annual LWG meeting is to set local conserva-

tion priorities and bring conservation stakeholders together to discuss conservation topics and issues relevant to helping Howard County farmers and ranchers better conserve on-farm natural resources.

The agenda of the meeting is to update attendees on recent conservation efforts and to collect public input to help guide future conservation activities.

Through regular identification of conservation opportunities, ef-

fective Farm Bill investment can continue to benefit Howard County. Farmers, ranchers, conservationists, and others interested in obtaining Federal technical and financial assistance to improve private land in Howard County are invited to participate.

For more information, contact Eddy Spurgin, district conservationist, at 432-267-1871 Ext. 3. For more information, visit the NRCS Web site at <http://www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov/>.

# Consumer confidence hits six-year high

WASHINGTON (AP) — Americans are more confident about the economy than at any time since July 2007, a survey found, suggesting consumers will spend more and accelerate growth in the months ahead.

The University of Michigan said Friday

that its final reading of consumer sentiment in July was 85.1. That's up one point from June but nearly 13 points higher than a year ago.

Rising home prices and steady job gains are boosting household wealth and income. The proportion of Americans who expect their infla-

tion-adjusted incomes to rise in coming year is greater than at any time since late 2007, the survey found. And the percentage of Americans who say their home values have risen is also at a six-year high.

Consumer confidence is closely watched because their spending ac-

counts for 70 percent of growth.

The University of Michigan polls roughly 500 people throughout the month and issues two readings. Americans' expectations for future growth dipped, while their assessment of current conditions improved.

# Chamber will 'take you' to Tuscany in March

The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce invites members of the chamber and the community to experience the true Tuscan Culture March 20, 2014. Tuscany



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is the place where movies are filmed and fantasies run wild. Perhaps it's the cities of Florence, Pisa, or Sienna that invoke feelings of culture, art, or arouse the senses as do the smells and taste of the Chianti region. The fact is that Tuscany is home to some of the most famous tourist attractions in all of Italy. It is here that budding artists come to learn from the masters, and the world of

fashion takes it cues.

Tuscany is where romantics rekindle the flame and celebrate their love.

Emerging as a real business centre, Tuscany is home to thriving businesses in the furniture, leather, fashion, and manufacturing industries. These businesses keep the region in the 21st century while the people and culture keep one foot in the past. If romance, tradition, and

culture are your idea of an ideal vacation, then Tuscany is for you. On the other hand, if shopping and the fast pace of a thriving city are your style then you will also find it in the Tuscany region of Italy.

This is truly an amazing opportunity to discover all that Tuscany has to offer. Tuscany is what many people around the world envision as a true represen-

tation of Italy. We will take it all in as the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce brings the dream of traveling to Tuscany to life.

For more information, contact the Chamber at 432-263-7641.

*Debbye ValVerde, IOM, is executive director of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, located at 215 W. Third in Big Spring.*

# Public Records

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 Calvin Williams, 1313 Mulberry, Big Spring  
 Frances Elena Yanez, 1610 Cardinal, Big Spring  
 James Edward Young, 3313 Auburn, Big Spring  
 Dennis Anthony Zaragoza, 4534 Sinclair, Big Spring

Judgment and Sentence: Ronald Stanley Haselby, criminal trespass, \$500 fine, \$282 court costs, 30 days in jail.  
 Judgment and Sentence: Robert R. Sanchez, public intoxication with three prior convictions, \$500 fine, \$342 court costs and 90 days in jail.

**District Court Filings:**  
 Dillon Walker vs. Shelby Walker, divorce.  
 Amanda Brook Allen vs. Christopher Wallace, divorce.  
 Amanda Jo Lancaster vs. Jerry Lee Butts, name change.  
 Ex parte Reuben Michael Campos, expunction.  
 In Re Alaihya Marie Cruz, family.  
 Dana Hudgins vs. Shannon Hudgins, divorce.  
 Highway 176 Water Station vs. Jim Coker, civil.  
 James D. Rider vs. Donna K. Rider, divorce.  
 Robert Doring vs. Stephen Foster, civil.  
 Jose Saucedo vs. Walmart Stores Inc., injury or damages involving a motor vehicle.  
 Michael Eugene O'Neill vs. Joan Howes O'Neill, divorce.  
 James Lewis McComb vs. Lisa Marie McComb, divorce.

**Marriage Licenses:**  
 Michael Andrew Smith, 27, and Katherine Anita Sims, 20, both of Big Spring.  
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 Steven Duane Strickland, 37, and Ramona Jean Foster, 42, both of Big Spring.  
 Joe Andrade, 41, of Midland and Jacqueline Joanne Andrade, 45, of Oregon.  
 Robert Rocky Coates, 34, and Kimberly Rachelle Clark, 32, both of Big Spring.  
 Kenneth Mikel McPherson, 22, and Cassi Shaylyn Massingill, 23, both of Big Spring.

**Warranty Deeds:**  
 Grantor: Partee Enterprises  
 Grantee: Derek Osburn  
 Construction Company  
 Property: Lot 5, Block 2, Caroline Court Subdivision  
 Date: June 5, 2013  
 Grantor: Gary Grant  
 Grantee: Triple L. Rentals  
 Property: Lot 25, Block 10, Edwards Heights  
 Date: June 4, 2013

Grantor: Phillip E. Riddle Jr. and Sue Riddle Revocable Trust  
 Grantee: Phillip E. Riddle Jr. and Sue Riddle  
 Property: Lot 21, Block 3, Highland South No. 2  
 Date: June 3, 2013

**Warranty Deeds with Vendor's Lien:**  
 Grantor: Donna Ferrell  
 Grantee: Tamera Soltero  
 Property: The N/28 feet of Lot 11 and the S/32 feet of Lot 12, Block 10, Washington Place  
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Grantor: Taylor Parrish and Channel Parrish  
 Grantee: Justin Sanders  
 Property: Lot 14, Block 5, Stanford Park Addition  
 Date: June 4, 2013

Grantor: Lance W. Curb and Kara Curb  
 Grantee: Lisa Campbell  
 Property: Lot 3, Block 4, Seton Place Addition  
 Date: June 3, 2013

**County Court Decisions:**  
 Probated Judgment: Ronald Terry Parham Jr., possession of marijuana - two ounces or less, \$500 fine, \$342 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).  
 Judgment and Sentence: Calvin Jacob Lawson, resisting arrest, search or transportation, \$500 fine, \$282 court costs, 90 days in jail.  
 Probated Judgment: Joseph Justin Larocque, possession of a controlled substance, \$750 fine, \$342 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 24 months probation).  
 Probated Judgment: Elizabeth Ann Lockhart, resisting arrest, search or transportation, \$100 fine, \$282 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).

## Sudoku Answer on Page 2B

# sudoku

Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9 with no repeats. That means no number is repeated in any row, column or box.

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 ♥ 8 4  
 ♦ K Q J 10 6 5  
 ♣ K J 10 7  
**WEST**  
 ♠ 10 8 2  
 ♥ J 10 9 6 2  
 ♦ 9 3  
 ♣ 8 4 2  
**EAST**  
 ♠ A K Q 5 4  
 ♥ Q 7 3  
 ♦ 8 4 2  
 ♣ Q 5  
**SOUTH**  
 ♠ J 9 7 3  
 ♥ A K 5  
 ♦ A 7  
 ♣ A 9 6 3

The bidding:  
 North East South West  
 1♦ 1♠ 2♣ Pass  
 3♣ Pass 3NT

Opening lead — two of spades.  
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queen and returned a low spade at trick two.  
 This play presented declarer with a difficult guess. Unfortunately, he guessed wrong by playing the nine instead of the jack. As a result, he went down one, making only eight tricks rather than the 12 he could have made by playing the jack. Declarer's play of the nine was certainly reasonable and would have succeeded if East had held, say, the A-K-10-5-4 instead of the A-K-Q-5-4.

The contract at the second table was also three notrump, and again the opening lead was the spade deuce. But here East took the first trick with the queen before returning a low spade at trick two. Declarer stewed for a long time before finally deciding to put up the jack, and as a result he finished with 12 tricks.

Regardless of what you might think of South's play at trick two at the first table, or East's play at trick one at the second table, the fact remains that the final contract at both tables was decidedly inferior. Five diamonds and five clubs would both have been better contracts than three notrump, and a slam in either minor could have been made by guessing the location of the queen of clubs.

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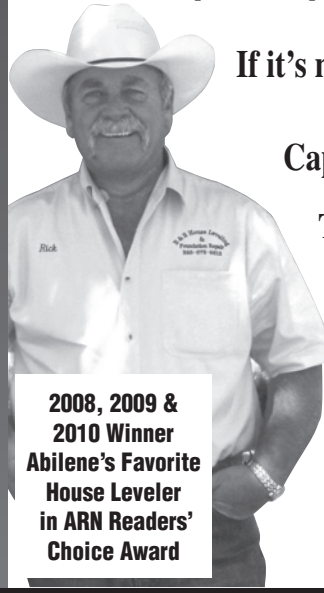
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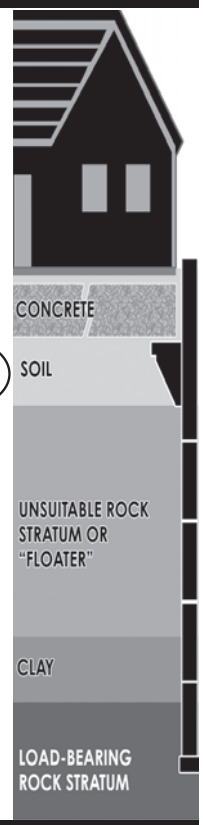
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**NOTICE OF SHERIFF SALE (PERSONAL PROPERTY)**

BY VIRTUE OF A Writ of Execution issued out of the 70th District Court of Ector County, State of Texas, in a certain cause numbered: #A134758, where in Cintas Corp. the Plaintiff, and Canyon Drilling Company is the Defendant, in favor of said Plaintiff, for the sum of liquidated damages of \$307,904.64, plus damages for all damages and unreturned garments and the buy back of non-standard uniforms of \$163,589.77, plus damages for unpaid invoices of \$29,756.16 plus pre judgments interest of \$2,506.25, plus attorney's fees of \$5,000.00 with interest thereon from March 18, 2013 at the rate of 5% per annum, the amount of judgment recovered by the said Plaintiff, on the on March 18, 2013. I on the 23rd day of May 2013 have levied upon, and will, on the 30th of July, 2013 at 10:00 am. at 2903 North Birdwell Lane in Big Spring, Texas with in legal hours, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder, at the right, title and interest of Cintas Corp. in and to the following described property, levied upon as the property of the defendant, to wit:

**INVENTORY**

**Canyon Drilling Company**  
Mounted Rig Blue 1 ton white truck DOT 768748 ok lic.  
1/2 ton Chev 2500 90437Y ok Power generate house green  
Black truck Trailer West wind brand ok 3313GW  
Black truck Trailer ok trailer brand 4155FM  
Blue mud pits house  
Fuel tank Blue rig 9th  
Fuel tank Blue rig 9th  
White part mud house  
Scrape pile of junk bin  
Pony sub slab  
Junk bin  
Generate house blue rig 6  
Bunk white and yellow house  
Mud pump blue and a 2 blue pump rig 8  
White pumps  
Mud pits sections 3 parts orange, blue Yellow tans  
Top dog house white  
Change house lockers  
Black Fluid tank  
Rotator table red  
Drill collars  
Collar swivel  
Pipe Rack  
All misc. oil field equip.

The above property is levied on 5% interest in the following real property of Canyon Drilling Company.

The above sale to be made by me to satisfy the above described judgment for \$516,469.91 Dollars in favor of Cintas Corp. together with costs of said suite, and the proceeds applied to the satisfaction thereof.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND on this 11th of July, 2013.

Stan Parker  
Sheriff  
Howard County, Texas  
By Chief Deputy Dean Restelli  
432-264-2231  
#7878 July 21 & 28, 2013

**Legals**

**NOTICE:**  
THE FOLLOWING VEHICLES, PLUS OTHERS NOT LISTED, HAVE BEEN UNCLAIMED AND ARE AT 5715 WEST I-20:  
BLUE SATURN  
VIN#1G8ZH1270WZ101778  
#7886 July 28, 2013

**Legals**

**CITY OF BIG SPRING  
310 Nolan Street  
Big Spring, Tx 79720-2657  
432-264-2513**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BIG SPRING, TEXAS AMENDING THE BIG SPRING CITY CODE BY AMENDING CHAPTER 11 ENTITLED "GARBAGE AND OTHER REFUSE;" ARTICLE 2 ENTITLED "CHARGES FOR CITY COLLECTION OF MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE AND BALEFILL;" BY RENAMING ARTICLE 2; AMENDING SECTION 11-6 ENTITLED "COLLECTION BY CITY GENERALLY; PRIVATE COLLECTION OF BRUSH, ETC." TO REQUIRE DISPOSAL AT THE LANDFILL; AMENDING SECTION 11-8(1) ENTITLED "COLLECTION CHARGES FOR MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE;" BY RENAMING IT AND BY AMENDING SUBSECTIONS (F) THROUGH (H) IN ORDER TO PROVIDE FOR NEW LANDFILL CHARGES FOR THE CITY LANDFILL; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A MAXIMUM PENALTY OF \$1,000; REPEALING ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.  
TAMIL L. DAVIS  
ASSISTANT CITY SECRETARY  
#7887 July 26 & 28, 2013

**Legals**

Colleen Barton  
312 Scurry  
Big Spring, Tx 79720  
THE STATE OF TEXAS  
NOTICE OF DEFENDANT: "You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 a.m. on Monday next following the expiration of 42 days after this citation was issued, a default judgment may be taken against you."  
To: Jerry Lee Butts,  
Defendant, Greeting:  
You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's Petition at or before 10:00 o'clock A.M. on the Monday next after the expiration of 42 days after the date of issuance of this citation the same being Monday August 26, 2013, before the Honorable 118th District Court of Howard County, at 312 Scurry Street in said County in Big Spring, Texas. Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed in said court on the 07/19/2013 in the entitled cause IN RE: JOSEPH TYLER BUTTS  
A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to wit: Name Change as is more fully shown by the Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.  
Issued and given under my hand seal of said court at office this 19th day of July, 2013.  
COLLEEN BARTON  
District Clerk of  
Howard County, Texas  
By: Brooke Bayes  
#7880 July 22, 28 and August 4 & 28, 2013

**Legals**

**CITY OF BIG SPRING  
NOTICE TO BIDDERS**

Pursuant to the authority granted by the City Council of the City of Big Spring, Texas, the City of Big Spring will receive sealed bids on the following date/time for the purchase of the items/services listed below:

Date/Time: Tuesday, August 27, 2013, at 2:00 p.m., for the following  
**13-013**

**City of Big Spring  
Comprehensive Plan  
13-014**

**Sanitation and Landfill  
Evaluation and Proposed  
Improvement Study**

Bids are to be opened and read aloud in the City Council Chambers at 307 East 4th Street, Big Spring, Texas 79720, with award to be made at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Big Spring City Council. Bid information and specifications may be obtained from the Office of the Purchasing Agent, 1380 Airpark Drive East, Bldg. #19, Big Spring, Texas 79720. All bids must be marked with the date of the bid and a general description of the bid item(s).

The City of Big Spring reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any or all formalities.  
#7891 July 28 & August 4, 2013

**Legals**

J&K Storage, at 3609 W. Hwy. 180, Snyder, TX is selling the following property to satisfy a landlord's Lien according to Chapter 59. The following tenant's property will be sold:

- #100 Dennis Reynolds
  - #107 Chadrick Collins
  - #124 Timothy Medina
  - #154 Jeremy Autrey
  - #16 Courtney Jones
  - #170 Eric Brazil
  - #21 Rebecca Medrano
  - #214 Jenny Jaramillo
  - #29 Mark Hernandez
  - #33 Justin Green
  - #42 Houston Flores
  - #65 Cheri Martin
  - #91 Matthew Flowers
- The sale will be held at 609 25th Snyder, TX on August 3, 2013 at 10AM. Any and all units can be withdrawn at the sole discretion of J&K Storage.  
#7881 July 21 & 28, 2013

**Legals**

**CITY OF BIG SPRING  
PUBLIC NOTICE**

THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF BIG SPRING WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING AT 12:00 P.M., MONDAY, AUGUST 12, 2013 IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 307 EAST 4TH, BIG SPRING, TEXAS TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING:

To consider amending Article 2, "Definitions" and Article 7, "Special Applications" of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Big Spring as they apply to the use of "Intermodal Shipping Containers," (also known as Sea Containers) as living quarters; assigning zoning districts and establishing development standards; establishing restrictions and conditions on such use.  
#7892 July 28, 2013

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**Legals**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE**

Pursuant to Chapter 59, Texas Property Code, AAA Mini Storage which is located at 3301 E. FM 700 Big Spring, TX 79720 will hold a public auction of property being sold to satisfy a landlord's lien. Sale will be at 11:00 o'clock A.M. on August 3rd, 2013, at AAA Mini Storage, 3301 East FM 700, Big Spring, TX 79720. Property being sold includes contents in spaces of following tenants.

- #15 Cody DePauw
- #21 Kendra Contreras
- #49 Natividad Robles
- #59 Marilyn Wiggins
- #77 Ashli Seals
- #78 Sarah O'Conner
- #80 Randy Sparks (Holly Humble)
- #92 Frances McKiski
- #132 Christi Meyer
- #197 Guy Talamantez
- #210 Mercie Saxton
- #274 Jeremy Kelcy
- #317 Stephanie Grenier
- #370 Tricia Cooper
- #7877 July 21 & 28, 2013

**Legals**

Colleen Barton  
312 Scurry  
Big Spring, Texas 79720  
Joshua Hamby  
P.O. Box 2199  
Big Spring, Texas 79721  
THE STATE OF TEXAS  
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To: **Katrice M. Klaus, Cinda L. Mince and Jimme R. Mince**  
Defendant, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's Petition at or before 10:00 o'clock A.M. on the Monday next after the expiration of 42 days after the date of issuance of this citation the same being Monday **September 2nd, 2013**, before the Honorable 118th District Court of Howard County, at 312 Scurry Street in said County in Big Spring, Texas. Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed in said court on the **07/18/2013** in the entitled cause number **49260**.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to wit: **Priscilla Silva v. Katrice M. Klaus, Cinda L. Mince and Jimme R. Mince**, as is more fully shown by the Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.  
Issued and given under my hand seal of said court at office this 18th day of July, 2013.

COLLEEN BARTON  
District Clerk of  
Howard County, Texas  
By: Jury Padron  
#7882 July 22 & 28 and August 4 & 11, 2013

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#7884 July 28, 2013

**Legals**

No. 401  
ESTATE OF BERRY STEPHEN COX, DECEASED IN THE COUNTY COURT OF GLASSCOCK COUNTY, TEXAS

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Berry Stephen Cox, Deceased, were issued on July 22, 2013, in Docket No. 401, pending in the County Court of Glasscock County, Texas, to: Cheryl Linda Cox, Independent Executor.

Claims may be presented in care of James A. Boyd, Jr., the attorney for the Independent Executor at the following address:

Carter, Boyd, Lissos & Hohensee  
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Proposal packets are available and may be examined at the District's office at 400 E. 24th Street, Big Spring, Texas 79720 or by calling the General Manager at 432-267-6341.

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# Adopt-A-Hydrant Coming To A Close

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The last day of locations accepted for Adopt-A-Hydrant is noon Friday, Aug. 2.

But there's still time for anyone who wishes to adopt a hydrant.

There are two basic rules to follow: Do not use oil-based paint and the bonnet/cap must remain the same color.

Red, yellow, green, blue or silver bonnet/cap signifies the amount of water pressure released by the individual hydrant.

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If needed or if the painter so desires, the bonnet/cap can be repainted, but only if it's the same color as the original.

For example: A red cap/bon-

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The color of the bonnet/cap not only signifies what type of pressure the hydrant holds, but also tells the firefighters which hose to attach to the hydrant when it is being used

to extinguish a fire.

It is, therefore, very important that the cap/bonnet remain true to its original



color. It is acceptable for a participant to paint a hydrant but not be part of the contest. To participate in the contest, notify any fire station

employee.

To be considered for a place in the contest painters will be asked to supply his or her



name, location or locations of the hydrants and a phone number. Cash prizes to be awarded are \$300 for first place, \$200 for second, \$100 for third and

a \$50 prize will be awarded to the winner age 10 or younger.

The youth prize is being provided by the Concerned Citizens Council.

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Everyone is encouraged to show community pride and grab some paint and express their creativity.

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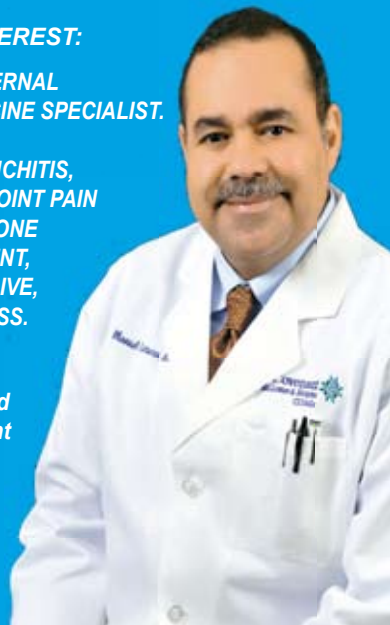
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Mankind continues to put great energy into developing newer, better and faster communication tools, but ironically dreads communicating face-to-face. Skill in this regard makes a person stand out as highly valued. Use the boldness of the Aries moon to tackle that most fearsome kind of communication — the kind that happens in person.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). Many are sharing. You won't agree with it all, and you're in just the mood to speak up, too. Don't give an interesting opinion; give an opinion in an interesting way.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). Don't just exceed expectations; explode them. Your unique twist will make

all the difference. Give what's unexpected, and you'll create more than results; you'll create memories.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). Slow down and build rapport with the people around you. True, you don't have any time to waste. However, stopping to talk won't be a waste at all. A shared moment will enrich the passage of time.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). The feelings exchanged in an interaction are more important than any other thing being exchanged. Place the utmost consideration on the tone and mood of your interactions, and the rest will work itself out in the next three days.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). This simple truth will

be represented in today's events: The friendlier and easier to get along with a person is the more likely it is that this person will be attractive to others and chosen as a friend or sweetheart.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You will give your love and support, and that is better than gold. Anyone who thinks gold would be better is too young or emotionally undeveloped to be blamed for his or her wrongheadedness.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You'll notice that certain friends want you to themselves and are quite upset when you show favoritism or even just attention to others. This is an immature response, and yet it has real repercussions and must be dealt with carefully.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Are Facebook invitations as good as paper invitations? Is it enough to send a "thank you" via text? Just know that you will be judged for the way you answer such technological etiquette questions.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Usually you are highly motivated, but even when you're not, you'll push on through. That's what sets you apart from the people who don't succeed nearly as well.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). What a partner sometimes fails to

understand is that you don't always want your problem solved immediately. You want to be listened to and understood. And if this leads to solutions, you've won on all counts.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You may feel like making an extra effort to bring a certain person into your world. Be careful not to set an expectation you won't want to continue, though. Stick with people who like you for you, not for what you do.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). Ralph Waldo Emerson said, "Tis the good reader who makes the good book." Similarly, what happens today occurs because of the mental energy you bring to your surroundings and the people in them.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (July 28). Your popularity has perks in August. Environmental changes will balance relationships, and formerly feuding loved ones find a mutually pleasing manner of coexistence. In September, be professionally strategic. Use the resources around you to escape, surprise or conquer the opponent (and/or your own fear). Cancer and Sagittarius people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 39, 5, 44 and 15.

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# Youth sports stocked

The Big Spring Steers and the Howard College Hawks aren't the only sports programs in town.

Youth programs, namely baseball, football, basketball, softball and soccer, are also wildly popular in the Crossroads area.

According to Robert Smith, four-year president of Big Spring Little League, the organization is the largest Little League outfit per capita in the entire nation, with over 800 kids involved.

"Youth sports keeps kids active," Smith said. "It gives them something to do besides get in trouble. Kids involved in extracurricular activities do better in school."

With five fields at the Roy Anderson Sports Complex dedicated to softball, young lady athletes can compete in the United Girls' Softball Association, which boasts a full schedule akin to Little League as well as traveling teams and all-star squads.

Soccer is the fastest growing sport in the region, according to Bryan Kligora, who is in his third year as president of

the Youth Soccer League. About 600 students are active in the soccer program, broken up into eight age divisions.

"It's a sport with less physical contact," Kligora said. "Parents are comfortable with it. It's a big football town, but not everybody wants to play football. It's also good for conditioning. There is a lot of athleticism in soccer. They play for 45 minutes straight."

The YMCA hosts youth basketball — among other activities — for young athletes to get involved with, including swimming, gymnastics and volleyball. The Y also offers classes for all ages and fitness levels. YMCA Director Dathan Jones and his staff currently instruct classes in Zumba, Yoga, Spinning, Tae Bo, Cardio Mix and more.

YMCA hours are Monday-Thursday, 5:30 a.m. until 10 p.m.; Saturday from 5:30 a.m. until 7 p.m. and Sunday from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m.

For information on YMCA sports leagues, call 267-8234.

# Rodeo, rodeo

Every year — 80 to be exact — the Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo (CRR) has thrilled event goers by drawing the top names from the rodeo world to compete for the cash.

Held each June, the three-night event takes place in the historic Big Spring Rodeo Bowl.

### Howard College

Howard College has garnered numerous accolades for its performances over the years.

Gaining in popularity is its rodeo in April which boasts some of the best collegiate cowboys and cowgirls in the nation.

The school's production at the Big Spring Rodeo Bowl has been named Rodeo of the Year for three of the last five years.

### Kindergarten Rodeo

Last, but not least, the neighboring town of Coahoma has hosted its one-of-a-kind Kindergarten Rodeo. Filling the ranks are hard-nosed kindergartners who ride everything from stick horses to stick bulls and even rope stationary calves.

Going on its 36<sup>th</sup> year, the Kindergarten Rodeo has been kept alive by the dedication of the kindergarten teachers of Coahoma Elementary.

"Everybody praises me," said Quail Dobbs, hall of fame rodeo clown, who began the rodeo. "But, it's the teachers who have kept it up and they do an excellent job. They really do all the work."

# Greetings!

Welcome to the 2013 *Big Spring Herald* Community Guide.

Compiled by the *Herald* staff, this guide is a handbook, of sorts, on getting to know Big Spring. Here, you can find information on city and county government, schools, medical facilities, parks and recreation, museums, libraries and more.

It is not meant to be a complete accounting of available services, but we hope you find it useful and beneficial as you live, work, play and shop in Big Spring, whether you're new to How-

ard County or a long time resident.

### Weather

They say if you don't like the weather just give it five minutes and it will change.

Often times, this is true, but for the most part in the Crossroads area the weather forecast will include wind and more wind.

Temperatures in the summer months are usually in the high 80s to low 100s. In the past couple of years, due to the extreme drought situation, temperatures have

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If so, there are a few rules and regulations you must follow, so here are some guidelines to help you along.

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Second, take that inspection receipt, your current registration papers and proof of automobile liability insurance to the County Tax Assessor's Office on the east side of the downtown square. There, you will get your vehicle properly registered in Texas.

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The 2010 census placed the population of Big Spring at 27,546, an increase of 264 since the 2010 tally.

Big Spring has a 2 percent sales tax along with 6.25 percent levied by the state for a total of 8.25 percent.

The city sports a 2012-2013 tax rate of 94.95-cent per \$100 valuation.

The city council is made up of Mayor Larry McLellan, Councilman Marcus Fernandez, District 1; Councilwoman Carmen Harbour, District 2; Councilman Glenn Carrigan, District 3; Councilman Bobby McDonald, District 4; Councilman Raul Benavides, District 5; and Councilman Marvin Boyd, District 6.

Regular meetings of the city council are held each

second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 5:30 p.m. in the council chambers, 307 E. Fourth St.

Todd Darden is the city manager and supervises all municipal employees, either directly or through department heads. The city manager's office can be reached at 432-264-2401. Peggy Walker serves as the assistant city manager and director of public works, and can be reached at 432-264-2501.

Other city department heads and contacts include: City Attorney Linda Sjogren, 432-264-2404.

Airport Director Col. Jim Little, 432-264-2361. City Finance Director and Secretary Peggy Walker, 432-264-2514.

Conventions and Visitors Bureau Coordinator Debbie Wegman, 432-264-2516.



Water Office Supervisor Suzanne Allensworth, 432-264-2540.

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Retired Senior Volunteer Program Interim Director Becky Lentz, 432-264-1220.

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Parks and Streets Manager Jesse Baker, 432-264-2376 (parks) and 432-264-2377 (streets).

Golf Course Supervisor Kyle Morrison, 432-264-2366.

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Code Enforcement Director Thomas Hodges, 432-264-2505.

In addition to providing citizens with necessary services such as water and wastewater

treatment, street upkeep and a landfill, the city also maintains a number of recreational facilities.

These include Moss Creek Lake east of the city, Comanche Trail Park — which includes the Russ McEwen Family Aquatics Center, Dora Roberts Community Center, a small lake, amphitheater and golf course — as well as other smaller parks in the community and softball and baseball fields.

The city recently added a sports facility, converting the Roy Anderson Softball Fields to the Roy Anderson Sports Complex, which provides fields and services for a number of different sports, including soccer.

For additional information about services provided by the city of Big Spring, call 432-264-2401.

# We enjoy our holidays

## Christmas

While Christmas may only come one day a year, in the Crossroads area the festivities leading up to the Dec. 25 holiday last nearly all month.

And what better way to get into the Christmas spirit each year than with a parade?

The annual Big Spring Herald Community Christmas Parade — normally held the first week of December — kicks the holiday season into gear in Big Spring, as businesses, local agencies and civic groups dress up their floats to compete for top prize in the event's competition.

The parade, which features many lighted entries and often extends for two dozen or more blocks, lasts more than an hour and a half and is viewed by thousands lining the streets. Marching bands, antique vehicles and intricately construct-

ed floats join promenading horses, kids on roller skates and bikers on Harley-Davidsons. Floats often bear written messages such as "Peace on Earth" and celebrate causes, advertise businesses, clubs and churches.

The Festival of Lights is a huge lighted display in Comanche Trail Park that can be viewed via a driving or walking tour. Built by volunteers, the display features more than a million lights hung on trees and over holiday-themed frames. Other highlights stress the true reason for the season, such as the Living Christmas Tree, put on by the First United Methodist Church and a live, drive-through nativity, held by the Church of the Nazarene.

And we cannot forget the community caroling; special events at the Heritage Museum and frequent musical performances put on by a variety of sponsors, including the

Downtown Revitalization Association and the Big Spring Symphony.

## Independence Day

The Crossroads area is proud of its patriotic roots and that fact couldn't be more obvious than it is each Independence Day, as everyone shows off their red, white and blue.

Always at the heart of the celebration is the Pops in the Park celebration, the annual concert of patriotic music by the Big Spring Symphony and Chorus accompanied by a fireworks show at the Comanche Trail Park Amphitheater.

Slated for each July 3, the celebration is the result of the hard work put in by the Fourth of July Foundation Committee, which plans the event each year.

People also line up along both sides of U.S. Highway 87 to watch the night sky light up in a dazzling array of colors that enchants both newcomers and old residents alike.

Independence Day in the Crossroads area also includes a festival atmosphere, as the Downtown Revitalization Association presents the Funtastic Fourth Festival.

Featuring musical acts from varying genres and nearly 100 vendors selling everything from clothing to food, the day-long festival has become a Independence Day holiday mainstay.

Coahoma stages its Freedom Parade, dedicated to veterans, and residents of the Highland South neighborhood in Big Spring show their Independence Day spirit when they hold a parade for their youngsters and others in the community.

## And...

Veterans Day, Memorial Day, Easter and more are all recognized with respect and pride.

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# Coahoma, Forsan fill out county

### City of Coahoma

After the 1881 arrival of the Texas and Pacific Railway in the area, Coahoma grew into a retail trade center and shipping point. Its residents built their first school in 1891, and Gertrude McIntyre was the first teacher.

By the time its second school was built in 1904, the town had a post office.

Machinery and oilfield supplies became the most important goods distributed from Coahoma after the major oil strike of 1926.

In 1928, the town had 600 residents and its school district served 205 pupils.

Between 1936 and 1956 the community's population rose from 620 to 802 and the number of commercially rated businesses went from 18 to 23. In 1960 the population was reported as 1,239, and in 1970 it was 2,000.

The City of Coahoma's population is currently approximately 1,000 (approximately 440 families).

The city council is made up of Mayor Warren Wallace and five council members elected to at-large seats — Jay Holt, Zachary Johnson, Linda Luce, Ronnie Dodson and Paulette Lindsey.

The city's ad valorem tax rate is 45.1 cents per \$100 valuation.

Texas outlaw Rube Boyce is buried in the Coahoma Cemetery.

For more information about the city of Coahoma and the services it provides, call Coahoma City Hall at 432-394-4287.

### City of Forsan

The City of Forsan's population is approximately 220 — with more than 100 families calling it home.

Forsan was established in 1929, after Clayton Stewart, the first settler in the area, gave land for the townsite in 1928.

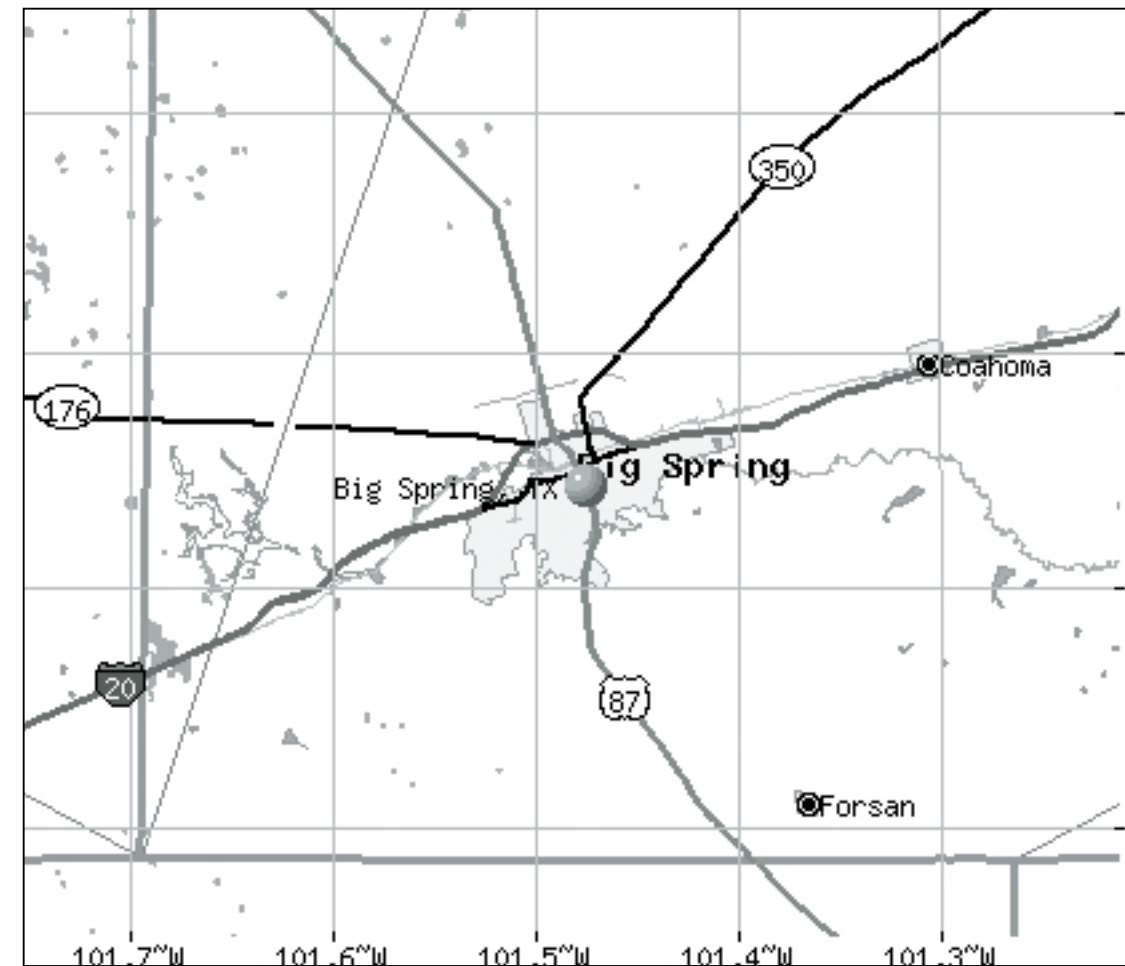
The community was named for the four oil sands believed to be located nearby.

Drillers later discovered they had underestimated, and there were actually at least five sands.

Forsan experienced boomtown growth and by 1931 reported a population of 350, a post office, and 25 commercially rated businesses.

In 1936 it had 400 residents. This figure remained constant through 1956, but the number of businesses dropped from 18 to 12.

Between 1960 and 1966 the town



became incorporated. By 1980 its population had fallen to 239, but Forsan retained its post office, several businesses, and its incorporated status.

The city council is made up of Mayor Roger Hudgins and five council members elected to at-large

seats — Ramon Holguin, Dianna Walker, Todd Schaffer, Mary Gressett and Fred Holguin.

The city's ad valorem tax rate is 32.5 cents per \$100 valuation.

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# County named for U.S. Congressman

Named for Volney E. Howard, a U.S. Congressman from Texas, Howard County is made up of 904 square miles. As of the 2010 Census, there were 35,012 people, 11,500 households, providing a population density of 38.8 people per square mile.

The census also reported 13,862 housing units. The racial makeup of the county at that time was 74.1 percent White — which includes 37.9 percent Hispanic or Latino — 6.2 percent Black or African American, 0.9 percent Native American, 0.8 percent Asian, 0.01 percent Pacific Islander and 2.10 percent from two or more races.

According to the most recent reports published by the Census Bureau, the median income for a household in the county was \$36,929. The per capita income for the county was \$18,083. About 18.7 percent of the population were below the poverty line.

The 2012-2013 tax rate adopted by the Howard County commissioners is 33 cents per \$100 valuation, considerably lower than the previous year's

rate of 43.6720 cents per \$100 valuation, due mostly to mineral valuations. Big Spring is the county seat. The cities of Forsan and Coahoma are also located within Howard County's borders. Other communities located within the county include Elbow, Knott, Lomax, Luther, Sand Springs, Vealmoor and Vincent.

Howard County is bordered on the north by Borden County, the north-west by Dawson County, on the west by Martin County, to the south by Glasscock County, on the southeast by Sterling County and to the east by Mitchell County. It lies at the eastern tip of the Permian Basin and at the foot of the escarpment marking the beginning of the Edwards Plateau, which extends 200 miles to the south.

## County officials

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### Moss Creek Lake

In addition, the Colorado River Municipal Water District controls the water level at Moss Creek Lake, though the park is owned and operated by the city of Big Spring. Moss Creek Lake is located east of Big Spring and can be accessed on Moss Creek Lake Road off Interstate 20.

Entry to Moss Creek is \$3 per vehicle plus 50 cents per person, not to exceed \$5. Children 12 and younger and adults 65 and older are exempt from the 50-cent fee. There are additional fees for camping, RV hookups and boating permits. An annual permit for immediate family is available for \$100 and includes entry, camping and boat permits.

Moss Creek is also home to a motorcycle course. Permits are \$5 per motorcycle, in addition to entry permits for riders and non-riders. The course is open from 7 a.m. until dusk, Monday through Sunday. No riding of ATV, motocross or Enduro style vehicles is allowed outside of the designated course at any time.

For more information, contact facility caretaker Steve Salinas at 432-393-5246.

## Country club is an all-around golfing experience

The Big Spring Country Club is a unique golf experience.

Its expertly groomed greens, some of which seem to be putting distance from wind turbines looming over the 18-hole course, provide a challenge to novice and experienced golfers alike.

More than just a golf resort, the country club has a swimming pool, a full service bar, a restaurant, elegant party rooms and a pro shop on the premises.

The venue also hosts member and corporate held special events such as banquets and parties, as well as provides a diverse selection of services

to ensure that each experience is a memorable one.

Assistance available with affair planning can include, but is not limited to, menu preparation, flower arrangements and other décor, constructing themed events, valet parking, linen service, ice carvings and more.

The exclusive club requires a membership to enjoy all the day-to-day amenities, however guests of members and those sponsored by members are typically welcome.

"We are private, but we try to be as flexible as we can," Larry Bryan, club pro for 15 years said.

The approximately

300-member club holds more than a dozen tournaments per year, according to Bryan. Once a month, a tourney is held for its constituents. Corporate events are also regularly held and the annual Big Spring High School squad's district golf tournament takes place on the links.

The junior athletes use the course to practice on as well.

"I take a lot of pride in it," Bryan said. "The young golfers are our future."

The high school squad earned the top spot in district play this year as well as a first place finish in

the regional tournament, earning a trip to the Class AAA championship in Austin where the young team finished third overall.

"Success breeds new bodies," Bryan said. "With what they have accomplished this year, I look forward to seeing what they can do in the future."

The longevity of the club is a testament to its roots in the community. In operation since 1926, the Big Spring Country Club is likely to have something for everyone.

For more information, contact the club house at 432-267-5354.

## Municipal 18-hole course features rolling hills

Comanche Trail Park has several attractions for local lovers of the great outdoors, including two disc golf courses, tennis courts, playgrounds, picnic areas, modern swimming facilities and the popular Comanche Trail Golf Course — an 18-hole municipal set of links that hosts numerous events throughout the year.

Located near U.S. Highway 87 and juxtaposed against the hills on the south end of Big Spring,

the course features 6,576 yards of greens for a reasonable rate.

Owned and operated by the city and maintained by its own staff, the course is open seven days a week from about 7:30 a.m. until dark. Tee times are not required during the week, but a reservation may be helpful on weekends and holidays, according to Linda Summersell, pro shop manager.

Area organizations such as the Ladies Golf Association,

the Chicano Golf Association and area school districts hold events at Comanche Trail, which is billed as the only rolling hills golf destination in West Texas.

Each year, Comanche Trail holds a city tournament and the long-running Best of the Rest tournament, which the public is invited to participate in.

Private businesses and organizations are welcome to schedule events

at the course. Fees vary depending on age and day. The current cost to play at Comanche Trail is \$18 per adult, \$16 per senior citizen and \$13 for junior golfers. Rates are slightly higher during the weekend at \$22 for everyone. Cart rentals are available for an additional fee and private carts are welcome.

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# PD, Sheriff's Office working together

## Police Department

The Big Spring Police Department employs approximately 55 individuals, including many civilians and support staff.

The PD saw a reduction in its workforce between 2011 and 2012, as nearly 10 dispatchers made the move from the police department to the local sheriff's department, part of an ongoing cooperative effort to combine services between the two law enforcement agencies.

Since that time, both agencies have moved into the Troy Hogue Law Enforcement Center, part of an unprecedented cooperative effort between the two agencies.

The administrative section of the police department is comprised of Interim Chief Chad Williams, who recently took over for Lonnie Smith, who retired after more than 30 years of service. Also employed by the police department is administrative secretary Ann Reid, who has been with the department since 1995.

Directly under the chief are four section lieutenants: Lt. Drew Bavin, employed with the department since 1983; Interim Lt. Brian Gordon, employed with the department for more than 17 years; Lt. Robert Fitzgibbons, employed with the department since 1984; and Lt. Lance Telchik, employed with the department since 1993. These lieutenants oversee the major components of the local police department, including administration, support services, training and patrol.

Approximately five years ago, the Big Spring City Council agreed to fund a five-officer narcotics task force, paid for with an increase in the city's tax rate. The task force was later expanded to include six personnel, however, the department currently employs three officers and one sergeant with one vacant position.

The task force has logged hun-

dreds of arrests and numerous seizures since its inception.

An inter-local agreement between the BSPD and the Howard County Sheriff's Office in 2009 expanded the scope of the task force's investigations beyond the city limits, to include the outlying areas of the county under the supervision of the HCSO.

The Big Spring Police Department also has two detectives assigned to its Youth Street Crimes Division. According to police department officials, these detectives concentrate on gang and juvenile crimes and are associated with the Texas Gang Investigators Association.

The BSPD oversees the local Animal Control Division, which consists of four animal control wardens and one kennel worker and one supervisor. The animal control officers handle more than 100 animals monthly, with an officer on duty seven days a week from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

During those hours, the officers maintain the Animal Control Facility, located at 3506 E. 11th Place, in addition to handling complaints from the general public and issuing citations for ordinance violations.

Visit the BSPD online at [www.big-springpd.net](http://www.big-springpd.net)

## Sheriff's Office

The Howard County Sheriff's Office is made up of 16 certified peace officers sworn to protect more than 900 square miles of territory.

Lead by Sheriff Stan Parker, the HCSO includes 11 patrol deputies and two investigators, as well as clerks and administrators for a total staff — not including dispatchers — of 18 employees.

The sheriff's office operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week, providing law enforcement services to Howard County citizens

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# Detention Center combines jails, offices

The Howard County Detention Center is a fairly new addition to the Crossroads skyline, with construction of the \$11.57 million bond-financed facility completed approximately three-and-a-half years ago on the west side of Big Spring.

Howard County voters approved the bond in November 2007, giving the project the nod after county officials struggled for several years with the Texas Commission on Jail Standards, which failed to approve the former jail several times because it failed to meet minimal standards.

Construction of the 96 bed facility began in 2008 and was completed in April 2009 with Southwest Architects in charge of the project. The Texas Jail Commission performed its first physical walk-through

of the jail in mid-April, giving the detention center a passing grade, the first such passing grade Howard County had received in several years.

The Howard County Detention Center employees approximately 25 people, including detention officers, bonding staff, supervisors and communications officers. Many of the communications officers were former employees of the Big Spring Police Department who were transferred to the detention center when the two law enforcement agencies decided to combine services.

The facility operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The staff coordinates with the 118th District Court and Howard County offices.

The detention center is responsible for transporting inmates to and from court appointments with both county

and district offices.

The Howard County Detention Center also holds contracts to house inmates with Martin, Glasscock, Andrews, Sterling, Mitchell and Dawson counties.

According to jail officials, the facility houses between seven to 10 out-of-county inmates at a time.

The detention center is integrated with the Troy M. Hogue Joint Law Enforcement Center, which is located adjacent to the facility.

The new joint facility houses both the Big Spring Police Department and the Howard County Sheriff's Office.

Mike Dawson serves as administrative director for the facility, while Mike Averette is the detention center's chief jailer. For more information, call 432-264-2244.

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both outside the Big Spring city limits and with the municipal boundaries, working in conjunction with the Big Spring Police Department and other state and federal law enforcement agencies.

In recent years, the HCSO joined forces with the BSPD, developing a plan for joint law enforcement in the Crossroads area that has the agencies unifying a number of services.

The two agencies have unified their communications departments, with the HCSO taking over dispatching duties for both agencies.

Also, both are housed under the same roof, as the Troy M. Hogue Joint Law Enforcement Center — adjacent to the county detention center — opened in 2012.

The HCSO also carries the peace officer's commission for the bailiff's position at the 118th District Courthouse.

# Local residents, visitors enjoy parks and lakes



## Comanche Trail Park

Comanche Trail Park is one of the best places in Howard County to get in — or out of — the heat.

For starters, there's the Russ McEwen Family Aquatic Center, an oasis that features slides, inner tubes, a rope "bridge" and various other activities for kids of all ages.

The center is open Tuesday through Saturday from noon until 8 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. until 8 p.m. Admission is \$5 for ages 3 years and up. For more information, call 432-264-2484.

But the Big Spring Aquatic Center is just one of the features of the park, which sits off U.S. Highway 87 in the southern part of the city. The 136-acre park provides family-oriented recreation and plays home to numerous annual events, including the Pops in the Park Fourth of July celebration and the Festival of Lights Christmas display.

Kid's Zone playground — first erected in 1996 with the help of about 200 volunteers — was renovated in May 2009 to offer more challenges, and thrills, to growing youngsters. Much of rebuilding project was made possible through donations and fund-raising efforts in and around the city.

Also situated within Comanche Trail Park are the historic spring from which the city derives its name and the Comanche Trail Amphitheater.

Part of the sprawling park grounds include an 18-hole municipal golf course that has undergone a \$2 million renovation in recent years, including the construction of a new clubhouse. A disc golf course is also located in the park.

Comanche Trail Park is also where the Figure 7 Tennis Center is located, as well as the Dora Roberts Community Center and several pavilions which annually provide shelter for dozens of family reunions and other outings. Picnic tables and a small lake — adequate for fishing — are other features located in the park.

For more on city parks and recreation, contact Jesse Baker 432-264-2376.

## Big Spring State Park

Big Spring also boasts a 382-acre state park facility, located around and atop Scenic Mountain. Dramatic views off the 200-foot bluff and from the spiraling road is one of the



featured attractions. Early in the morning or at sunset, joggers, walkers and cyclists circle the loop, enjoying these views as they exercise.

Facilities include restrooms with no showers; a lighted, open, group picnic pavilion which can accommodate up to 50 persons for group outings and may be reserved; and playground facilities. The combined scenic drive and walking route — paved road surface — measures 2.4 miles. There is also a 2/3-mile nature trail, a .65-mile round-trip hike. A seasonal interpretive center displays area Indian artifacts and fossils. The rustic pavilion is ideal for weddings or church, company or graduation picnics.

Threatened by the state legislature's cutting block, the city and county have helped to supplement funding of the park, which was built in 1936 by the Civilian Conservation Corps.

Big Spring State Park is located in an area where three ecological regions merge. To the north and east are the western Rolling Plains;

to the south is the Edwards Plateau; and to the west are the southern High Plains (also known as the Llano Estacado or the Staked Plains). The mixing of ecological regions results in a variety of plant and animal life since representatives from each region are often found overlapping in a relatively small area.

Domestic livestock have not grazed the park land since the 1920s, and, as a consequence, vegetation typical for the semiarid region blankets the park. Large woody plant species include mesquite, shin oak, skunkbush sumac and redberry juniper. Prickly pear and other cacti are common on the rocky slopes of the park.


Common wildlife such as cottontails, jackrabbits, ground squirrels, foxes and roadrunners can often be seen, particularly early or late in the day. Many of the area's numerous and varied bird species can also be observed.

Hours are 8 a.m. until sunset. Admission is free but donations are accepted. No campsites are available. To help fund the park, several activities are held each year, including a Master the Mountain run which draws serious competitors as well as walkers, a four-night series of midnight runs, a stargazing event, hay rides and more.

Ron Alton is the park director. For more information, call 432-263-4931.

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# Salvation Army meets many needs

Founded in Howard County in the 1930s, the Big Spring Salvation Army is one of the oldest charities in the Crossroads area, providing both necessities and comfort in times of crisis and need.

Led by newly appointed lieutenants Jeremiah and Missy Romack, the local Salvation Army is located at 811 W. Fifth Street and is open Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. with an hour break for lunch at noon.

The local charity offers an array of services designed to help local low-income residents get their lives back on the right paths.

The Salvation Army assists people with rent and utilities and has a food pantry available for the hungry.

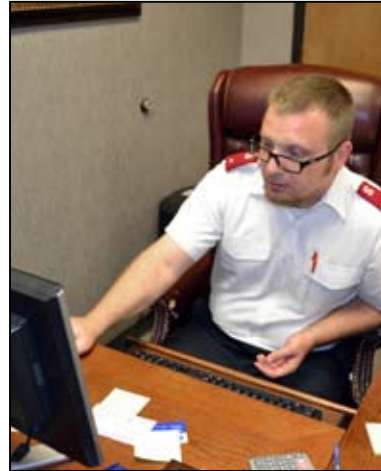
Next door is the Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club, where they serve the area youth from ages 5 years to 18 years. The Boys and Girls Club has an after-school program, as well as a summer program which helps area parents with daycare-type

services during the summer vacation. "We also have an emergency shelter lodge. That's where we help men, women and families," said Jeremiah.

The Salvation Army offers a number of seasonal programs as well, including the annual heater and fan drives, coat drives, assistance for parents needing materials for students heading back to school at the end of the summer vacation and the annual Angel Tree Program, which provides Christmas gifts for area children and seniors who might not otherwise receive a holiday gift.

One of the Salvation Army's biggest programs each year, however, is its Thanksgiving dinner, which offers a hot holiday meal for all area residents, including delivery for those who are homebound.

With so many programs going on each year, it might be easy to forget the Salvation Army's main program, accord-



ing to Romack. "We're also a church," Romack said with a smile. "A pastor by the name of William Booth ... saw there was a need in the lower east end of London. There was a lot of poverty and alcoholism and he didn't see the churches at that time reaching out to those people. He had a base principle, which was 'soup, soap and salvation.' It's kind of hard to preach the gospel to someone or share the gospel with someone if they are hungry or haven't bathed in a couple of days." For more information on the Salvation Army and the services it provides, call 432-267-8239.

# A Scouting we will go

## Boy Scouts

Big Spring is home to the oldest Boy Scout Troop west of the Mississippi River — Troop 1.

The local troop is part of the Lone Star District of the Buffalo Trail Council, which serves more than 6,500 youth in 18 West Texas counties.

Currently, there are more than 150 Howard County youth active in Scouting. The Cub Scout Committee of the Buffalo Trail Council is excited to announce and launch a brand new recognition program for council Cub Scouts. Boys can earn a variety of exciting new patch segments by participating in a variety of activities sponsored by a Pack. Everything from ranks earned to fire safety and from horseback riding to popcorn sales, there is an award to be earned. These segments can be sewn around a center patch so boys can be proud to show their accomplishments.

There are several scout troops which meet weekly (with certain exceptions) in Howard County.

Nationally, the BSA teaches millions of youth — not just boys — valuable life lessons in an educational and fun way.

District chair is Marcus Fernandez. He can be reached at 432-816-3923. District executive is Brian Sweeney. He can be

reached at 432-212-3577.

## Girl Scouts

The Girl Scouts' mission is to "build girls of courage, confidence and character, who make the world a better place." The organization was created for girls ages 5 to 17, or kindergarten through high school.

There are several troops available to girls in Howard County interested in developing qualities they will carry through their life — like strong values, social conscience and conviction about their own potential and self-worth.

All of the troops in Big Spring are part of the Girl Scouts of the Desert Southwest, which covers the area from Deming, N.M., all the way to Ozona. Membership fees for the entire year are \$12.

There are six different levels in Girl Scouts which are based off grade levels. Kindergarten and first graders are Girl Scout Daisies; grades 2-3 are Girl Scout Brownies; Girl Scout Juniors are fourth and fifth graders; grades 6-8 are Girl Scout Cadettes; Girl Scout Seniors are ninth and tenth graders; and juniors and seniors are Girl Scout Ambassadors.

For more information, visit [www.gsds.org](http://www.gsds.org) or call 432-570-9188.

# Big Spring firefighters keep close eye on their community

The Big Spring Fire Department was first a volunteer department in the early 1900s. Big Spring was the first city in Texas to receive a motorized fire truck in 1909. In the early 1930s, when Big Spring constructed its city hall, it established a part paid, part volunteer fire department.

A few years later, it was a fully paid, professional fire department. A major milestone came in 1983 when Civil Service was voted in by the citizens of Big Spring. Today, the Big Spring Fire Department serves a population of more than 30,000.

The Big Spring Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services maintains five stations throughout the community, including:

- Station No. 1 — 1401 Apron Dr.
- Station No. 2 — 18<sup>th</sup> Street and Main Street
- Station No. 3 — 11<sup>th</sup> Place and Birdwell Lane
- Station No. 4 — N.E. Eighth Street and N. Main Street
- Station No. 5 — 1701 Wasson Dr.

The Big Spring Fire Department is a dedicated team of professionals who provide a response to any situation that involves life safety and preservation of property, in a safe and timely manner, until the conclusion of the situation. The department also provides effective educational programs and inspection services.

The Fire Department provides fire prevention and suppression services necessary for the protection of lives and property within the city.



# Drought keeps vols deep in the brush

The Howard County Volunteer Fire Department consists of 62 firefighters from all walks of life, funded by the Howard County commissioners court and by donations from the community.

The VFD consists of 10 fire stations located throughout the Crossroads area and includes 23 firefighting vehicles.

The organization is represented by 10 officers: VFD Chief Tommy Sullivan; Assistant Chiefs Jerry Crawford, Kem Hooper and Pepper Sullivan; and Battalion Chiefs Mitchell Hooper, Terry Rumpff, Zach Johnson, Josh Sullivan, Chris Olson and Billy Waid.

HCVFD responds to an average of three calls per day during the summer season.

Craig Ferguson serves as the BSFD chief with several deputy chiefs under his command. The city is also served by Big Spring Fire Marshal Carl Condray, who maintains an office at Fire Station No. 1.

In all, the fire department employs approximately 46 people and responds to an average of 1,720 calls within the city limits each year. The fire department also responds to non-city emergency an average of 224 times each year.

Emergency Medical Services currently employs 18 people, including clerks, making an average of 4,328 in-city runs each year and 487 non-city responses annually. Emergency Medical Services also makes an average of 452 long-distance transfers each year.

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# EDC attracts business, industry

The Big Spring Economic Development Corporation, formed in 1990, was originally named Moore Development, after Wayne Moore, the late chief executive officer for economic and community development for the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce.

BSEDC has two employees, Executive Director Terry Wegman and Executive Assistant Teresa Darden. The BSEDC office is located at 215 W. Third St. Hours of operation are 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Big Spring is proud of its industrial community. Many factors contribute to the continued success of industrial activity in Big Spring. First is the entrepreneurial spirit found in



city. To help further develop that spirit, the board of directors added a program to assist local entrepreneurs — Leading EDG,

formerly Entrepreneur Alliance. The program was started at the beginning of 2011, with Matty McLain, business development facil-

itator from Amarillo. Currently, his associate, Monty Gillespie, is in the Big Spring office four times a month to offer assistance to those wanting to start a business or who are looking for ideas to improve their family-owned business.

For organizations to compete effectively in their sectors on a global scale, the community must provide the highest quality workforce attainable in our area. To this end, local government units such as Howard College and the Big

Spring Independent School District work closely together in implementing a spirit of continuous quality im-

provement among our existing and future civilian labor force. BSEDC has partnered with and supports the workforce training program at Howard College. Anticipating tomorrow's industrial needs today, that is the prevailing sentiment in Big Spring and of the Big Spring Economic Development Corporation.

BSEDC is governed by a five-person board of directors. BSEDC president is Jim DePauw, vice president is Justin Myers and secretary/treasurer is Scott MacKenzie. Other board members are Dr. Keith Ledford and Frances Hobbs.

For more information, call the BSEDC at 432-264-6032. Also, visit the website at [www.bigspringtx.com](http://www.bigspringtx.com) or find them on Facebook.

# Building a better tomorrow through the United Way

United Way for Big Spring and Howard County benefits thousands of area individuals through 15 local agencies.

Those agencies are the American Red Cross of Southwest Texas, Buffalo Trail Council Boy Scouts of America, CASA of West Texas, Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, Girl Scouts of the Desert Southwest, Howard County Council on Aging Mobile Meals, Howard County Humane Society, Isaiah 58, Northside Community Center, Rape Crisis/Victim Services of Big Spring, The Salvation Army, Westside Community Day

Care Center, YMCA of Big Spring, Big Spring Chaplains Association and Spring of Siloam.

Each year, dozens of volunteers help raise funds so these agencies can help those in need.

Their services provide rehabilitation of mind and body, meals, clothing, shelter, education, child advocacy, emergency needs, day care, emotional support, financial assistance and much more.

To find out more about the United Way and how to get involved, contact Sandy Stewart, executive director, at 267-5201.



## Service clubs

If you'd like to help your community, your friends or even perfect strangers who could use the aid, one of the avenues available for you is joining one of Howard County's several service clubs.

These service organizations hold regular meetings in this area. The listing includes:

• Big Spring Downtown Lions Club — Meets every Wednesday at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room. Contact Secretary Sandra Waggoner at 267-8058.

• Coahoma Lions Club — Meets the second and fourth Monday of each month in the Coahoma Community Center. Contact Jim Lemarr at 394-4424.

• Sand Springs Lions Club — Meets the first and third Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Lions Clubhouse. Contact Philip Reid at 393-5545.

• AMBUCS — meets at noon Friday at Cowboys Restaurant.

• Keep Big Spring Beautiful meets at noon the first Monday of the month at the Howard College Cactus Room. Contact Jan Hansen at 263-2616.

• Fraternal Order of Eagles meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third.

• Kiwanis Club meets at noon Thursday in the Howard College Cactus Room. Contact Club Secretary Bill Schaffner at 267-7886.

• Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon Tuesday at the Howard College Cactus Room. Contact Secretary/Treasurer Shirley Lee at 264-5011.

• Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon Friday at the Howard College Cactus Room. Contact Debbye ValVerde at 263-7641.

# Relay is major fundraiser

Celebration, hope and remembrance are the three focuses of the Howard/Glasscock County Relay For Life.

The annual event has been taking place in Howard County for 18 years.

A trip to Takoma, Wash., and an excitement gave birth to the Howard/Glasscock County Relay For Life event.

In 1994, Lisa Brooks — at the time local chapter of the American Cancer Society president — was offered a trip to see an event started by the ACS in hopes of bringing it to Texas.

Canyon, Texas was one of the first to host a Relay in the state with Big Spring being one of the next communities to follow. The first Relay event was held in 1995 with one underwriter who donated \$500. That year brought roughly 30 survivors and 11 teams, and the desire to make a difference in Howard and Glasscock counties.

Participants walked for a full 24 hours and raised \$17,000. The next year \$20,000 was raised and each year following, for the next several years, that total was raised by about \$20,000 until a total of \$200,000 was reached a few years back.

As people left the field the next day after the first Relay in 1995, there were comments made that the event just "fit" in Big Spring.

Relay For Life 2013 was held April 20 and 21 with next year's Relay also looking to be an April date.

Twenty-one teams and 296 participants have raised \$150,473.38.

For more information, contact Relay For Life Chair Manny Negrón at 432-816-9464. To create a team, contact Howard Stewart at 935-0582.

More information can also be found on Facebook and Twitter, search [rflbigspringtx](http://rflbigspringtx). Email can be sent to [rflbigspringtx@gmail.com](mailto:rflbigspringtx@gmail.com).

## Local attractions

### ACTIVITIES:

- Golf at Big Spring Country Club and the Municipal Golf Course
- Playgrounds, hiking, picnicking at various Parks and Moss Creek Lake
- Water sports, swimming at the Family Aquatic Center
- Shopping at Big Spring Mall and other locations
- Drama, comedy at the Cinema
- Looking for special items and collectible at antique stores
- Children's and adult activities at the YMCA
- Various ongoing at the Boys & Girls Club
- Arts and entertainment with the Big Spring Symphony
- Disc golf at two courses
- Bowling
- Putt-putt golf

### POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Big Spring State Park
- Comanche Trail Park and Amphitheater
- Heritage Museum
- Hangar 25 Air Museum
- Howard County Library
- Potton House
- McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark
- Big Spring Memorial Auditorium
- Hotel Settles

### EDUCATION

- Big Spring Independent School District
- Maranatha Baptist Academy (private)
- New Hope Christian School (private)
- Howard College
- SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf

### HEALTHCARE

- Scenic Mountain Medical Center
- Family Medical Center
- Big Spring Veterans Administration Hospital
- Big Spring State Hospital
- Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center
- Numerous private offices and centers for dental care, eye care, chiropractic health, physical therapy and the like.

### OTHER ACTIVITIES

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# Day care centers are available

There are a wide variety of daycare centers available in the Big Spring area.

- The Big Spring Family YMCA, located at 801 Owens, offers a summer program for ages 3 to 12 years old, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday and an after-school program for ages 2 to 12 years old, 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. For those participating in the after-school program, a pick-up service from area schools is available. For

more information, call 267-8234.

- Hillcrest Child Development, 2000 W. FM 700, offers child care for children 18 months to 12 years old, from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. Call 267-8449 to find out more information.

- Jack and Jill School and Child Care Center, 1708 Nolan, provides child care from 5 a.m. to midnight seven days a week for ages 0 to 12 years old. For more infor-

mation, call 267-8411. providing a preschool based environment, such as Rainbow Christian Preschool, at 409 Goliad. Child care is provided Monday through Friday, from 7:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. for ages 2 years old and up. For more information, call 267-4515.

- Howard Cottage, 1001 Birdwell, is offered as part of the Howard College child development program and provides child care services during the college school year from 7:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and in the summer from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays. Call 264-5185 for more information.

- Little Learners Christian Daycare, 105 Spring Creek Drive, provides care for children 18 months through school age. It is open 7 a.m. through 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. To find out more, call 432-393-5214.

- Irene's Little Angels, 1200 Runnels, has a capacity of 30 children, infants and older. It is a licensed child care provider and can be contacted by calling 714-4618.

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## Humane Society has no-kill facility here

The Howard County Humane Society is looking for good homes for the numerous cats and dogs it has taken in.

The humane society houses 150 dogs and about 63 cats on any given day. The non-profit organization serves as a no-kill shelter, which means any animal that arrives at the humane society will stay there until a home is found.

Funding for daily operations is received through the United Way of Big Spring, private donations, memorials and many people with love and compassion for animals.

Those wanting to adopt a pet may visit the humane society, located at 5710 IH-20 West of Big Spring. Adoptions can be made Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

All animals are spayed/neutered before adoption and receive shots and rabies tag. Dog adoptions are \$65 and cat adoptions are \$40.

Jo Stone is the coordinator of the Humane Society and is in charge of a five person full-time staff.

To adopt a pet or find out more information, contact the Humane Society at 432-267-7832. Also find more information on their website at hch-stx.org.

# Chamber helps promote business

Located at the corner of Gregg and Third and housed with the Convention and Visitors Bureau and Big Spring Economic Development Corporation, the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce is a one-stop location for promoting Big Spring.

Everything Big Spring is located here — maps, brochures, a calendar of events, as well as information on population, jobs, industry, income and more.

The Chamber of Commerce has been focused on building the Big Spring community since it was established in 1919. Through the years, things have changed, as has the economy, but the main goal is still the same — promoting Big Spring and Howard County.

The three-member staff — Executive Director

Debbie ValVerde, Executive Assistant Nancy Davenport and Receptionist Vickie Stewart — has more than 30 years experience.

Between monthly board meetings, business promotions, free inclusion on the Chamber website and quarterly mailers, Chamber members are thrown into the community eye.

But the advantages don't stop there. There are Business Before and After Hours, Leadership Big Spring, an annual health fair, ribbon cuttings, an annual banquet recogniz-



ing Man and Woman of the Year and other social activities. The Chamber also sponsors an annual luncheon for area farmers and ranchers.

The organization's mission states: "The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce's mission is to advance the civic, economic, cultural and social betterment and interests of its members and the people of How-

ard County."

To find out more information, call 432-263-7641 or stop by the office at 215 W. Third St. between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

# CVB sponsors events, activities

The Convention and Visitors Bureau is bringing visitors to Big Spring and making sure they see all there is to see.

The CVB has always been a part of the community, but became a self-managed organization in 2003. It is still classified as a division of the city and is completely funded by the Hotel/Motel Tax. The funds received are designated to promoting the Big Spring community.

Each month, a seven-member board meets to determine how funds will be distributed. The CVB is the driving force behind the Comanche Trail Warrior Triathlon and well-known for that; however, its merits don't stop there. Financially, it assists a number of events, including the Fantastic Fourth Celebration, Big Spring Kennel Dog Show, the annual Pow Wow and sports tournaments at the Roy Anderson Complex, and lends other types of support to almost every other major activity in Big Spring. These would include Pops in the

Park and the hang gliding championships — any activity that will encourage people to come and spend the night in one of Big Spring's hotels or motels, dine at its restaurants and shop at its shops.

The CVB will be funding some major renovations at

the Municipal Auditorium, including a complete sound system, over the next fiscal year.

The CVB also operates the Dora Roberts Community Center at 100 Whipkey Drive in Comanche Trail Park.

The multi-roomed center is perfect for weddings,

meetings, conferences, dances and receptions.

There is a kitchen fully equipped for catering or family cooking. Tablelinens, chair covers and dishes are available for rent.

A two-person staff — Coordinator Debbie Wegman and Assistant Hayley Lewis

— manages the CVB.

CVB is located in the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce building at 215 W. Third St.

The phone number is 432-263-8235 and you can find the visitors bureau online at <http://www.visitbigspring.com/>.



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## Everything looking up at city airpark

One of the most identifiable landmarks in the Big Spring area, the McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark and Big Spring Airport represents more than 80 years of aviation history in the Crossroads area.

Once the Big Spring Bombardier School, the facility became Webb Air Force Base in 1952. After nearly 25 years of service, the AFB was deactivated by the federal government in 1977 and the facility was turned over to the city of Big Spring, which has since used it for both aviation and industrial uses.

The airport has two runways — 17/35 which is 100 feet wide and 8,802 feet in length and 6/24 which is 75 feet wide and 4,601 feet in length.

Air Evac Lifeteam maintains a base adjacent to the airport, providing emergency air evacuation services throughout the Crossroads area.

A spur of Union Pacific Railroad provides rail access to the East Side of the airpark. Funds are set aside each year for the maintenance of the spur. There are numerous sites available along the spur and elsewhere throughout the airpark for future development. The airpark is located in the southwest portion of the city and just south of Interstate 20.

The airport terminal, more than 4,000 square feet in size, includes a conference room, pilots' lounge, passenger waiting area and office.

New runway lighting has been installed and other improvements made. In 2009 a multi-million-dollar project to upgrade the airport's major runway to an 11-inch thickness was completed, allowing larger planes to land.

The airport is an ideal location for hang gliding and paragliding and has hosted several major competitions, including the 2007 World Hang Gliding Championships. The sport continues this year with the Big Spring U.S. Nationals Aug. 4-10.

Director of the airport and airpark is Col. Jim Little, U.S. Air Force retired. He can be reached at 264-2362.

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## West Texas VA serves thousands of veterans

The West Texas VA Health Care System (WTVAHCS) serves U.S. military veterans in 33 counties across 53,000 square miles of rural geography in West Texas and eastern New Mexico.

The George H. O'Brien, Jr. VA Medical Center is located in Big Spring and the six community based outpatient clinics (CBOCs) that comprise the remainder of the health care system are located in Abilene, Stamford, San Angelo, Odessa, Fort Stockton and Hobbs, N.M.. Two vet centers also provide services and are located in Abilene and Midland. Approximately 17,000 (30 percent) of the 55,876 veterans who reside within the service area receive care from the WTVAHCS.

The Big Spring VA Hospital opened its doors and admitted the first patient, James A. Waters a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corp, on July 15, 1950. The hospital cost \$6 million to complete and would hold 250 beds. The first director, Dr. L.B. Andrew, held a statewide drive to find employees for the following positions; 15 doctors, 52 nurses and a handful of medical technicians and clerk stenographers. The annual salaries ranged from \$2,650 to \$10,000.

Though the medical center currently maintains a 20-bed inpatient unit, no patients have been admitted since February 2012. The average daily census, however, for the 40-bed Community Living Center and the 40-bed domiciliary

is currently 80 percent and 85 percent, respectively.

On average, the health care system supports more than 155,000 outpatient visits annually.

Because of the extreme rural geography of its catchment area, the WTVAHCS employs creative methods by which to serve its veterans. These methods include: a Home-Based Primary Care Program, a rapidly expanding Telehealth Program, Non-Institutional Care Programs, a tertiary referral system and use of Non VA Coordinated Care.

Gradually, the expertise and mission of the WTVAHCS has shifted from that of an inpatient hospital to an outpatient leader in rural health care and telehealth services.

Providing continuity, access, and appropriate services to the veterans within the WTVAHCS service area will require both capital and non-capital solutions. Establishing and expanding partnerships with academic affiliates, other federal health care facilities, non federal health care facilities and even nearby VA medical centers in the southwest United States will be crucial to future delivery of health care services to rural veterans in West Texas and eastern New Mexico, officials say.

The local medical center's hours of operations are from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Andrew "Andy" Welch is interim director of the medical center.



The Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez Texas State Veterans Home opened in 2001 and provides first-class, long-term care for up to 160 residents, including up to 60 Alzheimer's residents in a separate, secured unit. Created and operated exclusively for Texas veterans, their spouses and Gold Star parents, the Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez home offers superior care that is Medicare and Medicaid certified. Commissioner David Dewhurst dedicated the home on February 19, 2001. For more information, contact Cilla Hammer, LNFA, director, at 512-463-5383 or (800.252.VETS (8387)); or Kim Clark, VLB on-site representative, 1809 North Highway 87, Big Spring, Texas 79720-0793, 432-268-1163.

## Big Spring has retirement lodging for dependent and the independent

Big Spring has been designated a certified retirement community by the State of Texas and has a variety of retirement facilities and nursing homes located throughout the city.

Marcy House, located at 2301 Wasson, is a 44-bed, assisted living facility. Louise Ramirez is the program director. For more information, call 268-9041.

Parkplace Retirement Living, located at 501 W. 17<sup>th</sup>, classifies itself as an independent living community for active senior adults. Residents enjoy the comfort of their own apartment with no worry of utilities. For more information, visit their website at parkplacereirementliving.com or call 267-1353.

St. Mary's Episcopal Retirement

Homes, Inc. owns and operates Canterbury North and South, which are two apartment-type complexes, providing independent living for senior citizens. Shannon Neighbors is the facility director and can be reached at either Canterbury North, located at 401 W. 17th, 263-1238 or Canterbury South, located at 1700 Lancaster. Both provide a walking track, on-site convenience store and numerous social activities throughout the year. There are 120 apartments which include 35 efficiency apartments, 81 one bedroom units and four two-bedroom apartments. Of these apartments, 11 have accessibility features. Canterbury North, built in 1985, is a five-story high rise. It consists of 59 apartments in-

cluding 14 efficiency units and 45 one bedroom units.

All apartments come equipped with carpeting, drapes, electric range, refrigerator, garbage disposal, individually controlled heating and air conditioning, smoke detectors and emergency call system.

Rent includes all utilities except cable and telephone. Residents complete this apartment with their own furnishings.

Activities such as bingo, dominoes, Bible study, dances, holiday celebrations, pot-luck luncheons, card games and socialization provide a quality of life that allows for a stress-free living. Parking, a self-serve laundry, a small convenience store, library and individual mail boxes are all available for \$10 a month. For a

small fee a hot meal is provided for lunch, Monday through Friday. Transportation is provided for medical appointments, shopping and other needs. The van is equipped with wheelchair accessibility. Parkview Nursing, located at 3200 Parkway, is licensed for 109 beds. It is the largest family owned retirement home in Howard County and provides both short and long-term care. Kristi Beauchamp is the facility's administrator. For more information, call 263-4041.

For veterans, Big Spring is home to the Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez Texas State Veterans Home. The facility is community-minded, holding, among other activities, a huge East egg hunt for the area's children each year.

# Special care for special patients

Big Spring State Hospital is a 200-bed psychiatric hospital managed by the Department of State Health Services for the care of people with psychiatric illnesses in West Texas and the Texas South Plains.

More than 2.1 million people live in this geographic region, which includes the major metropolitan areas of Big Spring, Lubbock, Abilene, Midland, Odessa, San Angelo and El Paso.

of their illness or their specific needs.

The hospital was founded in 1938 and employs more than 615 employees with an annual payroll of \$20,155,056, making it Big Spring's second largest employer behind the Big Spring Independent School District.

BSSH has been a viable workforce since the 45th Texas Legislature authorized its construction in 1937 to serve the people of the West Texas area, opening 18 months later in June 1939. Within six months, the hospital treated 402 patients, most of who were transferred from other state facilities.

The hospital cares for people with mental illness ranging in age from 18 years old and upward. Local mental health community centers prescreen and refer people for admission. Physicians, psychologists, psychiatrists, nurses, direct care workers, social workers and nutritionists care for the patients when they are referred to the hospital for extensive psychiatric care. Patients are cared



for in various hospital units, depending on the severity

The hospital's staff also has grown since 1939. More than 100 employees originally tended to the needs of more than 400 patients. At the height of the hospital's population, more than 1,100 patients were cared for at the psychiatric hospital. During World War II, the hospital census fell to 211 patients.

The development of active treatment programs, drug treatment, the addition of treatment modalities and the use of community-based outreach clinics shortened hospitalization stays.

Presently the emphasis is placed on quality treatment to rehabilitate, and to return the patient to the community as quickly as possible. In order to do this, treatment modalities have expanded to include a full range of rehabilitation therapies, education, individual and group psychotherapy, and family intervention as an adjunct to medication.

The hospital's mission is to promote recovery from mental illness and a rapid return to communi-

ty life by providing treatment, education and hope in a safe and supportive environment. Comprehensive treatment teams comprised of the patient's overseers personally look after each patient and prepare them for life in the community.

BSSH officials believe patients can achieve their optimum level of wellness by being cared for in the least restrictive environment possible. Most people stay at the hospital less than a month before moving home.

The hospital offers families visiting loved ones the use of the Don and Marilyn Newsom Family Lodge. This is especially useful to families who must travel far distances to visit with relatives.

Many stable employment opportunities exist at BSSH, which may include stipends for nursing students and short-term housing. The hospital recently introduced car pools using state vehicles for employees living in outlying areas such as Colorado City and Midland.

Big Spring State Hospital also is a certified De-

partment of State Health Services Mother-Friendly Worksite, which proactively supports employees who choose to breastfeed their infants.

BSSH has the largest corps of volunteers in Big Spring. The Volunteer Services Council raises money for patients and provides many of the small extras which the state cannot provide. Volunteers operate The Chalet Resale shop, make gifts and bake cookies and cakes for the patients on their birthdays, and raise money for Christmas presents and a summertime party through various fund-raisers held during the year.

The hospital contracts with the Veterans Administration VISN 18 of West Texas, New Mexico and Arizona to provide psychiatric hospitalization for veterans. Veterans from these areas may be admitted to BSSH by a formal referral from one of the seven VA Hospitals in VISN 18.

BSSH is accredited by the Joint Commission—an independent, not-for-profit organization—which sets standards and evaluates health care organizations in accordance with those standards. To earn and maintain accreditation, an organization must undergo an on-site survey by a survey team at least every three years.

The hospital also is certified to provide care for Medicare and Medicaid patients, who are funded through the Health and Human Services and the State of Texas.

## WTC an advocate for mental health

West Texas Centers provides care for people with mental retardation and mental illness and their families in 23 counties in West Texas. Counties served by West Texas Centers are Andrews, Borden, Crane, Dawson, Fisher, Gaines, Garza, Glasscock, Howard, Kent, Loving, Martin, Mitchell, Nolan, Reeves, Runnels, Scurry, Terrell, Terry, Upton, Ward, Winkler and Yoakum.

The center began operations on March 1, 1997 and continues to serve as the designated local authority for mental health and mental retardation through a contractual relationship with the Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation.

Care is provided at approximately 35 sites across the service area and employs approximately 350 staff. Although administrative offices are located at 319 Runnels, Big Spring, local offices are established throughout most of the catchment area.

West Texas Centers also operates a 24-hour Mental Health Crisis line for mental health emergencies. The number is 1-800-375-4357

In addition to services for people with mental illness and mental retardation, the center hosts an Early Childhood Intervention program that is known as Little Lives ECI Program. This program, which is based in Sweetwater, serves children ages 0-3 years of age living in a 23-county area. Call 1-800-852-2193 for more information.

Administrative offices, including that of Chief Executive Officer Shelley Smith, LMSW, are located at 319 Runnels, Big Spring. Local offices are established throughout most of the catchment area. For more information, call 432-263-0007.

### Adventist

Seventh Day Adventist, 4319 Parkway, 267-5381

### Assembly of God

First Assembly of God, Fourth and Lancaster, 267-7971  
Templo Belen Assembly of God, 2205 Goliad, 267-2111

### Baptist

Baptist Temple, 400 11<sup>th</sup> Place, 267-8287  
Berea Baptist, 4204 Wasson, 267-8438  
Birdwell Lane Baptist, 1512 Birdwell Lane, 267-7157  
Calvary Baptist, 1200 W.

Fourth, 263-4242

College Baptist, 1105 Birdwell Lane, 267-7429  
Gateway Baptist, Gatesville Street, 263-4883

East Fourth Baptist, 401 E. Fourth, 267-2291

East Side Baptist, 1108 E. Sixth, 267-1915

First Baptist, 705 W. FM 700, 267-8223  
First Baptist, Knott, (432) 353-4410

First Baptist, 201 South Ave., Coahoma (432) 394-4990  
First Baptist, Sand Springs, 8517 N Service Rd, 393-5565

First Mexican, 701 Nw 5th St., (432) 263-1139  
Forsan Baptist Church, 201 W. Main, 457-2342

Hillcrest Baptist, 2000 W. FM 700, 267-1639  
Iglesia Bautista Central, 2105 Lancaster, 267-3396

Iglesia Bautista La Fe, 408 State, 267-7512  
Luthern Bethel Baptist, Gail Rt.

Midway Baptist, E. I-20, 263-6274  
Morning Star Baptist, 403 Trades

Mt. Bethel Baptist, 630 Sgt. Paredez, 263-4069  
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399-4310  
Primera Bautista Mission, 701 NW Fifth, 263-1139  
Primitive Baptist, 201 E. 24th Salem Baptist, Old Colo. City Hwy.-Salem Rd.  
Spring Creek Fellowship, 714-4584

Trinity Baptist, 1701 E. FM 700, 267-6344

### Catholic

Holy Trinity Catholic Parish, 1007 Hearn St., 263-0648

### Christian

First Christian, 911 Goliad, 517-4821  
Anderson Street Church of Christ, Green and Anderson, 263-2075

Birdwell Lane Church of Christ, 11<sup>th</sup> Place, 267-2132

Church of Christ, 14<sup>th</sup> and Main, 263-1303  
Coahoma Church of Christ, 311 N. Second

Church of Christ Cedar Ridge, 2110 Birdwell Lane, 263-7200  
Sand Springs Church of Christ, Thomas Road

West Highway 80 Church of Christ, 3900 W. Hwy. 80, 267-6483

Church of God of Prophecy, 15<sup>th</sup> and Dixie  
First Church of God, 2009 Main, 267-6607

Church of God in Christ Shiloh House of Hope, 301 E. Second, 264-7959

Holy Mission, 302 E. 11 Place, 270-1566

### Church of God in Christ

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McGee Memorial Church of God in Christ, 1000 NW Third, 267-6605  
New Life, 204 NW 10<sup>th</sup>, 264-0771  
Powerhouse of God in Christ, 1311 Goliad

### Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 1803 Wasson, 263-4411

# Houses of worship

**Episcopal**  
St. Mary's Episcopal, 1001 Goliad, 267-8201

**Gospel**  
Spring Tabernacle, 1209 Wright St., 267-5321

**Jehovah Witness**  
Kingdom Hall Jehovah's Witness, 1500

Wasson Rd., 264-0616

### Lutheran

Alive in Christ Lutheran Church, LCMS, 2805 Lynn, 267-2594  
St. Paul Lutheran, 810 Scurry, 267-7163

### Messianic Congregation

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1905 Scurry, 935-0341

### Methodist

Baker's Chapel AME Methodist  
911 N. Lancaster, 267-7158  
Coahoma United Methodist, Main and Central  
First United Methodist, 400 Scurry, 267-6394

North Birdwell Lane United Methodist, 2702 N. Birdwell, 263-2536  
Big Spring Methodist, 407 S. Gregg, 263-1259

### Nazarene

First Church of the Nazarene, 1400 Lancaster, 267-7015

### Non-Denominational

Christ Community Fellowship, 1008 Birdwell Lane, 263-5683

Circuit Rider Cowboy Church, 500 N. Birdwell  
Cornerstone/Covenant, 706 E. 12<sup>th</sup>, 264-0015

Family Faith Victory Center Int., 800 E. 11<sup>th</sup> Place, 267-6001  
Lighthouse Restoration Center, 604 E. 13<sup>th</sup>, 264-0043

Life Church, 102 E. 10th, 263-7714  
Spring of Life Church, 400 E. 21<sup>st</sup>, 267-8658

Iglesia de Cristo, Anderson and Green  
Chapel of Faith, 401, E. 14th  
Spring Creek Fellowship, 501 Birdwell

### Pentecostal

The Pentecostals of Big Spring Jesus Name UPC, 1004 Locust, 263-0050

### Presbyterian

First Presbyterian, 701 Runnels, 263-4211  
First Presbyterian, 205 N. First, Coahoma

### Other

The Salvation Army, 811 W. Fifth, 267-8239  
Tollett All Faith Chapel, Big Spring State Hospital  
Friends of Unity, 303 E. Fifth  
Templo Centro De Alabanza, 900 Magnolia  
Grace Fellowship, 603 Tulane, 267-8593  
Isaiah 58, 107 Runnels, 263-4758

# Oil, wind major West Texas industries

Location, location, location.

If the oil industry is your game, then the Howard County area is the right location. Deep in the heart of West Texas, the oil field industry and wind energy are thriving.

Not only does Big Spring contain two iconic industries, but promotes and offers a workforce training program — focused on welding, mechanic, wind energy and more — through the local junior college, Howard College. The program is supported by the Big Spring Economic Development Corporation.

Chief among the area's manufacturers and solid corporate citizens are Alon USA, Weatherford - A&M Composites, Delta Lightning Arrestors, Fibercom, Freecom, Sid Richardson Carbon & Energy Co., Western Container Corp., Blue Bell Creameries, Robinson Drilling, Co-Ex Pipe Co., Phillips Fabrication, PCCA and Amerimex.

Those industries produce everything from fuels and carbon black to limestone for construction projects, paints and pipe coatings, lightning arrestors, sucker rods for the oil industry and soft drink bottles. Not surprisingly, most of them have to do with petrochemicals in some form or another.

Probably the best known of the community's industries is the Big Spring Refinery.

Originally constructed in 1928 by owner Joshua Cosden, the Big Spring Refinery expanded significantly during World War II. The chemicals complex was constructed in the '50s and '60s and was purchased by Fina in 1963. It was then restructured in the '80s and '90s to become an efficient stable refinery. Fina sold the Big Spring Refinery to Alon USA in 2000.

Alon USA primarily produces regular, mid and premium grades of gasoline, and low sulfur diesel fuel. In addition, jet fuel, kerosene, ben-



zene, propane, propylene and aromatic solvents are produced. Various grades of asphalt are produced. Sulfur is a by-product.

The Big Spring Refinery employs 180-plus company workers and 10 to 300 contract personnel depending on construction and maintenance requirements.

The oil boom in the Howard County area continues to grow, as the discovery of the Cline Shale formation beneath the county and many neighboring counties has propelled the industry into 2013. According to city and county officials, the shale formation — similar to a smaller shale formation discovered in the Eagle Ford area — is expected to be the center of attention in the

coming years, as oil companies begin the process of fracking the underground formation for crude oil.

Western Container Corp. was established in 1979 by a group of Coca-Cola bottlers who saw a long-term need for a central distribution point and a reliable source of high quality, low-cost plastic bottles.

The company established its initial site in Big Spring in July of 1980 and the plant continues to be Western Container's central distribution point. The facility is located in an enterprise zone at McMahan-Wrinkle Airpark.

School districts also make up a good portion of the employment base with three school districts — Big Spring Independent School District, Forsan ISD and Coahoma ISD — and two junior colleges — Howard College and SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf — being located within the Howard County area. Big Spring ISD alone employs more than 600 people.

The wind industry has also brought employment numbers up with several wind related companies bringing jobs to the community. The industrial air park has

also expanded with several businesses on the air park adding onto their facilities, including CeRam-Kote, Desert Tanks and John Crane.

A truck-reliever route is also in the works, which will help detract tractor trailer traffic from going through the center of town and take them around Big Spring.

Other top employers (numbers rounded) include Big Spring State Hospital, West Texas VA Health Care System, GEO Group, Robinson Drilling, Wal-Mart, Scenic Mountain Medical Center, city of Big Spring, Federal Bureau of Prisons and Price Construction.

## Community Health Center



The Howard County Community Health Center opened its doors in the fall of 2012. Its purpose? To serve the less fortunate of Howard County.

According to its website, the mission of South Plains Rural Health Services Inc. is to provide comprehensive community-oriented primary health care to the residents of the western South Plains, in a manner that is linguistically, culturally, and financially accessible.

Primary health care, eye care and mental health services are provided, based on income. The clinic accepts Chips, Medicaid, Blue Cross Blue Shield, Medicare and more.

The health center also has pharmacy services and the newly opened William B. Crooker Dental Clinic. The dental clinic

provides exams, oral cancer screenings, preventative services, restorative and endodontic procedures, dental prosthetics and oral surgery.

"We do everything but implants," explained Suzanne Salgado, dental hygienist. Fillings and crowns are provided if necessary.

The only thing the clinic needs is patients. "It's not being used enough," said Salgado. "I don't think anybody knows we're here."

The South Plains Rural Health Services Inc., also has locations in Lamesa and Levelland. For more information on SPRHS, go to [www.sprhs.org](http://www.sprhs.org)

To schedule an appointment, call 432-517-4557. A valid ID, a pay stub for the past two months and a utility bill are required.

The health center is located at 1300 South Gregg.

## SMMC

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All elevators received an update, and visitors, patients and staff now have wireless internet connectivity throughout the facility.

In 2012, SMMC implemented electronic medical records, consolidated its Women's Services area in the Malone & Hogan clinic and updated exterior hospital signage. The technology used in the hospital's Scenic Mountain Sleep Center is being upgraded and Dr. Archana Rao, board certified in neurology and sleep

medicine, will be reading the sleep studies and reporting the results to local physicians as they work to detect and correct sleep difficulties.

The installation of digital mammography equipment ensures that the women of Howard County have all of the advantages of this technology without leaving town. Offering noninvasive arterial testing may provide for early detection of peripheral artery disease (PAD). Cardiolite stress testing aids physicians in detecting cardiac disease.

A Level IV Trauma Center designation certifies the emergency department at

SMMC provides the equipment and resources to care for patients with traumatic injuries and illness.

Other services include a 30-Minutes-or Less Emergency Room Service Pledge. This means that when patients enter the ED, the time of their arrival will be noted, and a clinical professional will work to initially see them within 30 minutes of their arrival.

In April 2012, Concord Medical Group began providing physicians for the SMMC emergency department.

February 2013 marked Larry Rodgers' third anniversary as chief executive

officer of SMMC. During his tenure, the team has renewed its commitment to its mission: to provide compassionate, high-quality and safe patient care.

Board-certified orthopedic surgeon Dr. Roland Cheng joined the medical staff in September 2012.

Also in September, SMMC began working with Apogee Physicians to provide hospitalists to care for patients on the medical-surgical and intensive care units.

In addition to the facility's role as a provider of health care, SMMC serves the community with an array of health education resources and free childbirth educa-

tion classes. The Senior Circle chapter and Healthy Woman Program support healthy and active lifestyles and good health care decision-making.

Learn more about education seminars, health fairs and free clinics provided — as well as research hundreds of health topics — by visiting the Health Resources link on the hospital website: [www.SMMCCares.com](http://www.SMMCCares.com).

For more about Scenic Mountain Medical Center, visit its website at [www.SMMCCares.com](http://www.SMMCCares.com) or call 432-263-1211 to schedule a tour.

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## SCHOOLS

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School resumes Aug. 26.

The Internet address for Coahoma ISD is [www.coahomaisd.com](http://www.coahomaisd.com).

### Forsan ISD

Forsan Independent School District is composed of a Class 1A high school/junior high and an elementary school and serves more than 670 students.

The district administration officers includes Superintendent Randy Johnson and Business Manager Dianna Walker.

School board trustees are Board President Tom Bill Kuykendall, Vice President Tim Ballard, Secretary/Treasurer Beckie Wash and members Lewis Boeker, Glenn Graves, Chris Evans and Chris Olson.

School addresses and phone numbers are:

- Administrative office can be reached by dialing 457-2223, ext. 222.

- Forsan High School-Junior High, 411 W. Sixth, 457-2223, ext. 321. The principal is Terry McDonald and assistant principal is Kenny Lowery.

- Elbow Elementary, Nichols Road, 398-5444. The principal is Randy Gartman.

School begins Aug. 26.

The Internet address for Forsan ISD is [www.forsan.esc18.net](http://www.forsan.esc18.net).

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Big Spring is also home to two private Christian schools — Maranatha Baptist Academy and New Hope Christian School.

- **Maranatha**, at 903 Johnson, 263-7696. The school is headed by Dr. Lillian Bohannon, serving students kindergarten through 12th grade since 1980. The school provides tutoring services through college and assists with home school programs. Maranatha is an Accelerated Christian Education accredited school.

Parents wishing to register their child need to bring copies of the student's transcripts, attendance records and immunization records.

- **New Hope Christian School**, 118 Cedar, 263-0203, serving children ages newborn through 12. Vicki Parnell is director of the school.



## Scenic Mountain MC meets health care needs of Crossroads

Scenic Mountain Medical Center, located on Martin Luther King Boulevard, admits 3,000 patients to the 150-bed hospital each year, while the emergency department serves 16,000 people annually.

The hospital hosts a staff of approximately 325 employees, delivers an annual payroll of more than \$20 million and is involved in several community non-profit efforts. Notably, in 2013 the SMMC team raised more than \$15,000 to contribute to the American Cancer Society Relay for

Life and hospital staff pledged more than \$30,000 to support the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County.

SMMC is continually investing in updated equipment and improved facilities to better meet the healthcare needs of Big Spring and the surrounding communities. In 2011, the hospital implemented electronic charting in the Emergency Department and upgraded technology in the Cardiac Catheterization Lab.

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# Big Spring remains a farming community

Howard County was established from the Bexar County Territory in 1876. Big Spring was chosen as the county seat but the county is made up of several towns and communities.

Coahoma, Elbow, Forsan, Knott, Lomax, Luther, Sand Springs, Vealmoor and Vincent are the smaller "towns" that make up the 903 square miles of Howard County. With an agriculture base, the largest percentage of the local GDP comes from agriculture related production. Cotton is the major cash crop for the area with several thousand head of cattle grazing the rangelands.

Of the approximate 576,000 acres in Howard County, about 122,000 are normally utilized for growing cotton, according to the Farm Service Agency. This varies, of course, on the amount of rainfall received.

There is some limited truck farming of fruits and vegetables in the area, and several pecan orchards. Some of that produce finds its way to the Big Spring Farmers Market from its opening in early July through its close at the end of October each year.

Interestingly, corn was the most important early crop in the area; the county's farmers produced 102,740 bushels in 1910. But increasingly af-

ter the turn of the century cotton took center stage. In 1900, Howard County farmers produced 2,848 bales of cotton; by 1916 production had grown to 4,647 bales; and by 1926 the figure reached 28,014, making the county one of the region's leaders in cotton culture.

The 1920s also saw impressive gains in agriculture. The amount of farmland under cultivation grew rapidly during the decade, and the number of the farms nearly tripled, from 422 to 1,194. But with the rapid rise in farming also came a dramatic growth in the number of tenant farmers. Already by 1920

more than one in every three farmers in the county (167 of 422) were tenants; and by 1930 three out every four (808 of 1,194) were working someone else's land. During the Great Depression of the 1930s, these tenant farmers were hit particularly hard. Falling prices, droughts, and boll weevil infestations combined to drive down cotton production. With banks unwilling or unable to extend credit, many tenants were forced off the land. Between 1930

and 1940 the number of tenants in Howard County fell from 808 to 395.

Today, farmers continue to battle the elements — harvesting a record amount of cotton one year, and suffering through a devastating drought the next.

### Agriculture in Howard County

Industry associated with farming in Howard County has changed over the last several years. In 1987, there were four tractor houses/implement dealers, a grain elevator, and 11 cotton gins. In year 2011, there were four cotton gins, one tractor house/implement dealer, and no grain elevator.

A contributing factor to the decline in agricultural businesses is advancements in technology. Introduction of cotton modules and module trucks allow farmers to utilize any gin within a reasonable driving distance — somewhat like rural schools disappearing with the advent of school buses.

Today, there are two farm supply/chemical dealers in Howard County, a cotton warehouse and two feed dealers. At peak operation, a cotton gin will employ around 20 people. Each full-time farmer will have at least one employee and hire seasonal workers. Only the large ranches will have

full-time employees. Most ranchers will hire contractors for activities such as fence building and clearing brush. The livestock auction employs approximately 20 people. Farmers and ranchers buy vehicles, groceries, clothes, houses and automobiles. Agricultural land accounts for a high percentage of the property taxes paid in the county.

The dimensions of Howard County are 30 miles by 30 miles. This equates to 900 square miles. Each square mile consists of approximately 640 acres. Consequently, the total number of acres in Howard County is around 576,000. Of that, 250,000 are cropland and 326,000 is rangeland. The balance is devoted to roads, townships, lakes, streams etc.

Key telephone numbers include:  
USDA Ag Research Service 432-263-0293

Farm Service Agency 432-267-2557  
Natural Resources Conservation Service 432-267-2557

Howard County AgriLife Extension Service 432-264-2236

— Information taken from the Farm Service Agency, Texas State Historical Association and the Howard County AgriLife Extension Service.

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# Touch the past in Big Spring's museums

The Big Spring Heritage Museum — a window to the communities history.

Since the doors opened to this non-profit organization in 1971, it has been providing different opportunities for the community to explore and delve into its past.

The building that houses the community's history also has a place in history itself. The museum was originally Dora Roberts' townhouse and was expanded in 1991. The museum uses its 13,000 square feet of space to display exhibits and store and research artifacts. The museum also has the Gerald-Marie Wallace Pavilion and an outdoor patio for different events it hosts during the year.

Also under the direction of the Heritage Museum since the early 1980s is the historical Potton House, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and located five blocks to the north of the museum at 200 Gregg St.

The Heritage Museum is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. Admission is \$3 for adults and \$2 for



children and seniors. The museum is located at 510 Scurry. The admission fee also admits visitors into the Potton House.

Of course, all the history couldn't be maintained and displayed for the public if it wasn't for the museum director Nancy Raney and curator Tammy Schrecengost. The long time due — 15 years of partnership — bring different exhibits to the museum several times a year offering the residents and those passing through a unique way of learning about Big Spring's history.

Those interested in taking a tour of the museum are sure to find a wide array of history including the Texas Longhorn exhibit,

the Texas and Pacific Railway Company exhibit, an exhibit on the history of the Big Spring Refinery, a doll exhibit (originally part of the Doll Museum formerly located on the corner of Gregg and Third Street), an exhibit featuring lady bullfighter Patricia McCormick, a phonograph exhibit and Native American artifacts from the area.

The entrance to the museum serves as an ever changing display of history. Different exhibits have made their way through the lobby, including the First Ladies of Big Spring and Then and Now, a pictorial look at Big Spring. Each year the museum continues the time honored traditions of Leg-

ends and Legacies and Old Settlers Reunion, which both are held in conjunction with the Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo.

The museum has a gift shop — which has been expanded in recent years — that features local artists and authors as well as regional books and cookbooks. It also boasts a children's section with hard-to-find items.

In the past, the gift shop

hosted book signings for Tumbleweed Smith and Marj Carpenter.

The gift shop can be accessed online along with the museum's calendar of events and quarterly newspaper.

For more information, the museum can be reached at (432) 267-8255 or by e-mail at heritagemus@gmail.com. The Heritage Museum website is at www.bigspring-museum.com.

## Hangar 25 takes you to the skies

Aviation history dates back to World War II in Howard County, The Big Spring AAF Bombardier School was activated May 15, 1942 to train aviation cadets in high altitude bombing. The first class of 118 men arrived in mid September and graduated after three months. The last class graduated Sept. 26, 1945.

On the site, Big Spring



Air Force Base was activated Oct. 1, 1951. It was renamed Web Air Force Base

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# Howard County offers excellent learning choices

Howard County is home to three public school districts which educate more than 5,000 students.

## Big Spring ISD

Big Spring Independent School District is composed of a pre-kindergarten center, four elementaries, one junior high, and one Class 3A high school.

Serving more than 4,000 students, BSISD is the largest school districts in Howard County and is under the direction of Superintendent Steven Saldivar, in his fifth year at the helm of the district.

Saldivar's administrative staff includes Assistant Superintendent for Administrative/Student Services Danny Ferrell, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction Ann McClarty, Chief Financial Officer Debra Green, Director of Business Services Susan Bryan, Director of School Safety Darrell Ryan, Director of Technology Corey Wood, Director of Transportation and Maintenance and Building Program Manager Wayland Pierce, Special Education Director Carol Walston, Director of Curriculum and Instruction Angela Woolly, Director of Administrative/Student Services Chris Wigington, Director of Assessment and Accountability Becky Saldivar, PEIMS Coordinator Magali Ditto, Director of Auxiliary Services Dennis Witt, Director of Federal Programs David Aldrin and Director of Food Service Judi Rodriguez.



Serving on the board of trustees are President Irene Galan Rodriguez, Vice President Chad Wash, Secretary Tony Kennedy and board members Jeff Brorman, Ken McIntosh, Pat DeAnda and Phil Furqueron.

School addresses and phone numbers are:

- Administrative office,

708 11th Place, 264-3600.

- Big Spring High School, 707 E. 11th Place, 264-3641. Principal is Mike Ritchey and the associate principal is Jay Kennedy. Assistant principal/Career of Technology Coordinator is Tanya Cartwright, Tim Tannehill is another assistant principal, while Charles Thomas

is principal of the Career Academy. Athletic Director is Phillip Ritchey.

• Big Spring Junior High School, 624 E. Sixth, 264-4135. Principal is Dalia Benavidez; associate principal is Jim Wommack and Becky Otto Dana Rodriguez are assistant principals.

• Kentwood Pre-Kindergarten Center, 2500 Merrily, 264-4130. Principal Kelli Wigington.

• Marcy Elementary, 2101 Wasson, 264-4144. Principal is Rita Faulkner.

• Moss Elementary, 3200 Fordham, 264-4148. Principal is Rosie Lain.

• Washington Elementary, 1201 S. Birdwell Lane, 264-4126. Principal is Charlie Crisp.

• Goliad Elementary, 1800 Goliad, 264-4111. Principal is Michelle Schriener.

Schools begin Aug. 26.

The Internet address for Big Spring ISD is www.bsisd.net.

## Coahoma ISD

Coahoma Independent School District consists of

a Class 2A high school, a junior high and an elementary school and serves approximately 825 students.

The school district is under the leadership of Superintendent Amy Jacobs. Assistant superintendent is Andy Reddock.

Serving on the school board are President Brian Moore, Vice President Jody Reid, Secretary Michael Brooks and board members Lori Martinez, Patric Robinson, Alan Wright and Craig Ferguson.

School addresses and phone numbers are:

- Administrative office, 600 North Main, 394-5000, ext. 4.
- Coahoma High School, 700 North Main, 394-5000, ext. 1. Secondary principal is Jennifer Jones.
- Robert Ethridge Junior High, 411 High School Drive, 394-500, ext. 3. The principal is Carrie Conley.
- Coahoma Elementary School, 400 Ramsey Ave., 394-4323. The principal is Charlotte Stovaall.

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# Howard College has proud tradition

New buildings just seem to be attracted to Howard College.

A year after completion of more than \$20 in renovations at the Big Spring campus, new projects keep springing up at HC, including a new agriculture complex at Big Spring and the impending construction of two buildings in San Angelo.

The agriculture complex, financed by a donation from the G.C. Broughton Foundation, consists of a pavillion, show barn and classroom of office space on the west end of the campus.

At San Angelo, college officials approved the construction of two buildings, totaling 45,000 square feet, which would accommodate the growth at that campus. The new buildings would house classrooms and student service offices and are expected to be ready for use by August 2014.

At Big Spring, the college's educational mission remains unchanged, de-

spite the infrastructure upgrades.

Among the specialty courses offered by the college include the dental hygiene clinic, ADN nursing program, LVN nursing program, cosmetology, criminal justice and agriculture.

Degreed programs include biology, business, chemistry, communications, drama/theater, education, intergenerational studies, economics, English, foreign language, general business, government, art, history, mathematics, music, office administration, psychology, sociology and speech.

Technological fields include kinesiology, computer information, emergency medical, data entry and more.

Student organizations are important at Howard College. They include the Mexican-American Student Organization, Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, Howard College Diplomats and Baptist Student Ministries.



Howard College also has campuses in San Angelo and Lamesa. The San Angelo campus, along with Angelo State University and San Angelo Independent School

District, have come together in the West Texas Training Center.

President of Howard College is Dr. Cheryl Sparks. Other senior officials include Dr. Amy Burchett, vice president for academic and student affairs; Brenda Claxton, chief financial officer; Jason Mims, district director of financial services; Kinzey Hansen, executive dean of the Big Spring campus; LeAnne Byrd, provost of the San Angelo Campus; and Danny Campbell and Nancy Bonura, executive deans of SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf.

The board of trustees is chaired by Dr. John Freeman. Other members are Maxwell Barr, vice chairman; Marie Ethridge, secretary; Michael Flores, Dr. Charles Warren, Murray Murphy and Adrian Calvio.

For more information, contact the college at 264-5000. Its web site is [www.howardcollege.edu](http://www.howardcollege.edu)

# Listen to the music!

One of the interesting facts about Big Spring that few people outside the West Texas community know is it boasts a symphony, and has for more than three decades.

"We Like the Big Symphony" is the theme for the 2013-2014 season, which opens Sept. 21.

The symphony, which varies between 50 and 60 players and includes a chorus depending on the program, offers four subscription concerts each year, as well as performing during the Pops in the Park patriotic music and fireworks extravaganza on July 3 at the Comanche Trail Park Amphitheater.

Dr. Keith Graumann is artistic director and conductor for the symphony.

Often, the concerts feature top talent from around the nation. This year is no exception. On opening night, Sept. 21, of the most popular metropolitan opera stars, Susan Graham, will be previewing her performance with the Houston Grand Opera.

December 14, the symphony will perform "The Nutcracker Ballet," featuring the Midland Festival Ballet and dance prin-

cipals from major U.S. ballet companies.

On Feb. 14, famed conductor John Giordano will lead the orchestra as it performs with Beatrice Rana, silver medalist in the 2013 Van Cliburn Competition.

March 29, The Big Spring Symphony Chorus will join the Big Spring High School Meistersingers and Jeans n' Classics to perform music of the rock band Queen.

Concert tickets are \$18 for adults, \$13 for seniors and \$8 for students. Season tickets are also available. For tickets or other information, call 432-264-7223.

The Symphony Guild is a fund-raising organization which supports the symphony. The group also participates in activities such as decorating and special arts and entertainment for symphony concerts.

Guild membership is voluntary. Meetings are held the second Saturday of each month at 10:30 a.m., either at the Symphony Association Office, 808 Scurry, members' homes or other locations.



## SWCID dedicated to deaf, hard of hearing

SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf, located at 3200 Ave. C in Big Spring, is the largest self-contained community college dedicated to deaf and hard of hearing students in the world.

Funded almost entirely through state appropriations, SWCID was created as part of the Howard County Junior College District in 1980. The first classes at SWCID were offered in 1980; and on May 14, 1981, the governor of Texas signed into law the bill which established SWCID as a state-supported institution within the Howard County Junior College District.

SWCID provides educational programs that serve the deaf and hard of hearing as well as providing education for paraprofessionals for the deaf and hearing impaired.

SWCID offers a variety of academic and workforce-training courses. Danny Campbell and Nancy Bonura are executive deans of the institution.

Among the programs having seen the most growth are graphic arts technology, dental laboratory technology and construction and building technology.

The interpreter training program and paraprofessional for the deaf

and hard of hearing programs remain popular with those individuals who choose to work within the deaf community.

SWCID has been established on approximately 57 acres at the site of the former Webb Air Force Base. This property contains buildings and improvements including the 66,000-square-foot administration/classroom complex, dormitories for men and women, a student union building, an activity center with gymnasium, racquetball court and weight room and a residential maintenance building.

The Burke-Mehan Residence com-

plex can house 92 students in a dormitory setting and 18 students in apartments.

At the Diagnostic Center, a full-time audiologist as well as rehabilitation counselors for deaf and hard of hearing students will pave the way for securing diagnostic services and educational assistance.

The Maddux Student Center has a cafeteria, game room, auditorium, student mail boxes, and meeting rooms for student events and activities.

For registration information, call 432-264-3700.

## HANGAR 25

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on May 18, 1952, to memorialize Big Spring native Lt. James L. Webb, who died when his P-51 crashed off the Japanese coast in 1949.

Webb AFB was active until Sept. 30, 1977.

For many years after, the hangar lay in a dilapidated state. In the mid-90s a group of concerned citizens joined together in an effort to not only save the building, but restore the facility. In the end the mission was accomplished and a piece of history was brought back to life.

Primary movers behind the development of the museum were Tom Decell, Nelda Reagan and Bobby McDonald. The group obtained a \$453,000

grant helped refurbish the hangar allowing the museum to open with in three years, in 1999.

Displays include a once top-secret Norden Bomb Sight and an array of planes, including a Northrop T-38A "Talon," a Lockheed T-33A "Shooting Star," a Beech AT-11 "Kansan," a North America T-28 "Trojan," a Cessna T-37B "Tweet" and a McDonnell Douglass AV-8 "Harrier." Other attractions include a stained glass window from the air base's former church, a pilot "briefing room," used for programs, coffees and the like, and a well-stocked gift shop.

The museum hosts several special events through the year, including the Silver Wings Ball, the museum's annual fundraiser in November, Young Eagles airplane rides, Webb Air Force Base Reunion and the Kid's Club workshop.

In addition, the museum recognizes a Veteran of the Month and holds a reception in that individual's honor.

Annual membership fees range from \$30 to \$1,000 and entitle persons to a 10 percent discount in the museum gift shop, a subscription to the museum's newsletter and an invitation to the annual members' dinner.

Museum Administrator is Genevieve Stockburger.

Hours of operation are 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. The hangar is located at 1911 Apron Drive, on the industrial park. Admission is free, but donations — which are used as a daily operation fund — are accepted and appreciated. For more information, call 432264-1999. More information can also be found online at [www.hangar25airmuseum.com](http://www.hangar25airmuseum.com).

# Seniors have a place to share

The Big Spring Senior Center, operated by the city, is located at 1901 Simler Dr. on the McMahan-Wrinkle Airpark.

Senior Center coordinator Mary Jo Toomire serves as the facility's director.

Meals are served Monday through Friday at noon. There is no charge for the meal to seniors over the age of 60, although a \$3.50 donation is suggested. There is a \$6 charge to those under age 60.

The center is open from 7 a.m. until 3 p.m. each week-day.

Many daily and weekly recreational, educational and wellness opportunities are available for seniors.

The center is a place where seniors can meet friends for coffee, attend educational lectures or participate in classes and games such as Bible study (held in the fall), bingo and checkers.

Also, AARP provides the '55 Alive' driving course on a regular basis and we have the AARP Tax Aides during tax season.

The Senior Center offers darts, dominoes and board games — ranging from chess and checkers to backgammon — as well as jigsaw puzzles.

Bingo is held every Tuesday and Thursday.

For area seniors that like a little nightlife in their weekly plans, the center hosts a country and western dance from 7:30 p.m. until 10 p.m. each Friday for a \$8 fee per person.

The facility also houses RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Program), coordinated by Becky Letz.



Big Spring RSVP is a volunteer organization sponsored by the City of Big Spring.

Volunteers over the age of 55 are required and are placed with organizations that use volunteers to meet the ever increasing needs of the community.

Currently there are more

than 300 senior volunteers in 40 organizations throughout Big Spring and Howard County.

Volunteers are placed and trained in specific jobs that meet the interests of each individual senior volunteer. Supplemental insurance is provided for the volunteer as well as an annual ban-

quet, ice cream socials and newsletters.

RSVP maintains a relationship with the volunteer and the volunteer stations to make sure the volunteer has a quality experience while addressing community needs.

Volunteer opportunities include:

Reading to children at the Howard County Library

Delivering meals to homebound elderly

Volunteering at Scenic Mountain Medical Center, the Big Spring State Hospital and the Veteran's Hospital

For more information, call 267-1628.

## Make your escape at the county library

Looking for information? Researching family history? Want to know how to build a deck, stitch a dress or use a computer?

Howard County Library can be a source of knowledge, creativity or just a cool place to get away from it all. Whether looking for recipes, repairing a bicycle or escaping to other times and lands, the library can provide what you need.

What does the library have? Books, of course. Books on history, books on cooking, books on repair, non-fiction books, fiction, biographies and a whole lot more. The library also has movies (VHS and DVD), books on tape, access to Wi-fi and a computer area for internet access.

All you have to do is fill out a library card. Once that is accomplished, books, as well as books on tape or compact disc, can be checked out for up to three weeks; inter-library loan items according to the lending institution; and DVDs for one week. Checkout for DVDs is limited to two. A 15-item checkout limit applies to all resources in the library.

The items can be checked out for an extended period of time over the phone or by stopping in at the library. However, if the item is on a waiting list or a DVD, it must be returned in order to allow everyone to take advantage of the resources.

The library also offers a summer reading program including magic acts, visits from native dancers and other interesting aspects of the community and history.

There are also two meeting rooms available for non-profit organizations, as long as there is no items or services being sold. There can be no religious gatherings or social gatherings. Any event, besides training sessions, must be accessible to the public.

Hollis McCright is the library director. The library is open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Stop by 500 S. Main and enjoy an adventure. Call 432-264-2260 to learn more.



## Memorial honors veterans

The Big Spring Vietnam Memorial, like many others similar to it throughout the country, was constructed as a labor of love to ensure those who made sacrifices during the Vietnam War — those who didn't return from Southeast Asia, as well as those who survived yet still carry scars seen and unseen — will never be forgotten.

Very much a work in progress, the memorial's grounds have changed a great deal since its inception.

The most recent additions to the memorial site — a six-sided granite "All Services and All Veterans" Monument and a multi-generational "Fallen Soldier" Monument — were unveiled during 2008 Memorial Day ceremonies May 26.

Indeed, from fairly humble plans at the outset, the memorial is now an absolute "must see" attraction

for visitors to Big Spring.

And for some visitors, particularly Vietnam veterans, it's something they find themselves visiting over and over again.

What many don't understand is the men and women serving in the military "go where they're told to go and fight who they're told to fight."

The current Vietnam Memorial Committee traces

its beginnings back to 1987 when the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce formed a committee of local residents to plan and organize for the arrival of the Moving Wall — a replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C.

A group formed, comprised of veterans and others from the committee who organized the Wall's visit, and from those who'd spent days at the Moving Wall.

By February of the next year, the Vietnam Memori-

al Committee of Big Spring had been incorporated as a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation.

In 1996, a UH-1 "Huey" helicopter was acquired from the Army and committee members and volunteers spent hundreds of hours cosmetically restoring the chopper and painting it like Vietnam era medi-evac helicopters.

An F-4 Phantom II jet was acquired from the U.S. Air Force in December 1997. Later, an M-60 tank would be added. A few years later, an AH-1 "Cobra" helicopter was acquired, refurbished and mounted.

The memorial also continued to expand with addition of the Gold Star Mothers Chapel, honoring fallen soldiers from all wars.

For more information on the memorial, contact the VMC at [info@thethebig-springvietnammemorial.org](mailto:info@thethebig-springvietnammemorial.org)



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test. The center's new executive director, Linda Sepulveda, with the help of Receptionist Virginia Natividad, also helps students transition to their next grade.

While the center can take as many as 12 students, the closure of Bauer Elementary and subsequent busing of students has made attendance difficult. "Some of the kids don't get home until 4 or 4:15 p.m., so there's no point in them coming since we close at 5," Sepulveda explained.

Nevertheless, the summer and after school programs will continue with the hopes participation will pick up with the relocation of Lakeview Headstart to the former Bauer locale.

There is no charge for the summer or after-school programs, but the children must have transportation.

Although the program is geared toward learning the basics, Sepulveda believes playing is as important and incorporates a

variety of activities for the children. "Some days I'll declare a movie day, or an outside play day," Sepulveda said, enlisting the help of area Boy Scout leader Bryan Sweeny, who will take the students on field trips.

The Center is solely funded by private donations, a fact Sepulveda sees as a positive. "...it's a good thing because since it's not run by the state we can talk about God and the Bible if it's brought up by the kids."

Parents Empowering Parents support group continues to meet several times a month and is designed to assist parents' work with CPS in retaining or regaining custody of their children. A divorce counseling class is also offered.

Assistance is also provided for rent, utilities, medicine, gasoline to get to job interviews or doctor's appointments, food, educational advancement and numerous other areas.

The two-person staff is focused on a common goal — providing assistance to those focusing on education and employment.

Although enrollment is slow at

present, the potential for increased need is likely with the coming school year and Sepulveda is asking for help. "We need volunteers," she explained, "With the school year starting soon it would be from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday."

While the boys have the Boy Scouts to provide their activities, girls' (there are two) activities are piecemeal. "I asked the girls what kind of activity they would like and they said, almost in sync, 'art lessons,' so it would be nice if we

could get someone to volunteer a couple of hours a day to give the girls art lessons," Sepulveda said.

Volunteers are required to submit to a background check and can apply either at the center at 110 N.E. Eighth Street or at the Texas Workforce Commission at 1001 Birdwell Lane, 263-8373.

For more information, call the community center from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 9 a.m. to noon Friday at 263-2673.

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