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Lorie Dunnam, shown here during the hospital's recent Recovery Rally, will assume the Big Spring State Hospital superintendent's position Sunday. She has served as the hospital's assistant superintendent the past four years and has worked at Big Spring State Hospital for 14 years.

New manager

Dunnam named BSSH superintendent

Special to the Herald

Texas Department of State Health Services Commissioner Dr. David Lakey named Lorie Dunnam the superintendent of Big Spring State Hospital, effective Sunday.

Dunnam currently is the hospital's assistant superintendent and oversees administration of the 200-bed facility, Big Spring's largest employer.

Dunnam assisted long-time Superintendent Ed Moughon in managing more than 625 employees and a \$29 million a year operating budget.

Moughon retired July 31 after serving as Big Spring State Hospital superintendent for 17 years.

Director of Facilities Marilyn Clark has been serving as interim superintendent.

"I believe Commissioner Lakey has made a good decision to appoint Lorie Dunnam

to this position," Moughon said. "She has the experience and vision to keep the hospital on a successful track."

Dunnam has 14 years of executive-level experience managing employees, human resources and therapeutic services.

"Lorie has an excellent clinical background in mental health treatment and demonstrated the ability to

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PIGSKIN PREVIEW

GET READY FOR THE 2013 SEASON!



Rod Run photo

The 42nd annual Rod Run and Sonic Cruise begins at the FM 700 Sonic Drive-In Friday and continues through Saturday.

Rod Run roars into town Friday

By **STEVE REAGAN**

Staff Writer

Let's go cruisin'. The Big Spring Cruisers car, motorcycle and truck club will hold its 42nd annual Rod Run and Sonic Cruise beginning Friday evening and up to 100 of the finest vintage two-and-four-wheel vehicles from around West Texas and

southeast New Mexico — along with their owners, of course — are expected to participate.

Billed as the oldest consecutive rod run in Texas, the annual event begins with the Sonic Cruise Friday evening. Participants will gather

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Neal Marchbanks visits with Willia Ledford, center, and Gladys Thompson at a "Meet and Greet" held for the U.S. congressional candidate Wednesday. Marchbanks, a Democrat, began his campaign to unseat Republican Randy Neugebauer in Big Spring and is next scheduled to appear at the Yoakum County Round Up in Plains, Texas, Saturday.

Leadership spots still available

Herald Staff Report

Employers who have a valued employee with a real interest in Big Spring and Howard County may want to consider enrolling them in the Big Spring Leadership program.

"The program is designed to increase leadership skills and learn more about the community," said Debbye ValVerde, executive director of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, which sponsors

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Obituaries

Cliffa Jean Slate



Cliffa Jean Slate, 87, of Big Spring, died Tuesday, Aug. 27, 2013, in a local hospital. Grave-side funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 31, 2013, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park with Terry McDaniel officiating. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 30, 2013, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. She was born Dec. 25, 1925, in Sweetwater, Texas and married Walter L. Slate

May 5, 1945, in Big Spring, Texas. She was a Christian. Survivors include her husband, Walter L. Slate of Big Spring; a daughter, Kay McDaniel and husband, Terry, of Big Spring; a son, Mark Slate and wife, Deborah, of Big Spring; a sister, T. J. Grantham, of Big Spring; four grandchildren; and a niece and nephew. The family suggests memorials be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105. Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at: www.npwelch.com

Eloisa Arriola

Eloisa Arriola, 85, of Big Spring, died Thursday, Aug. 29, 2013, at her residence. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

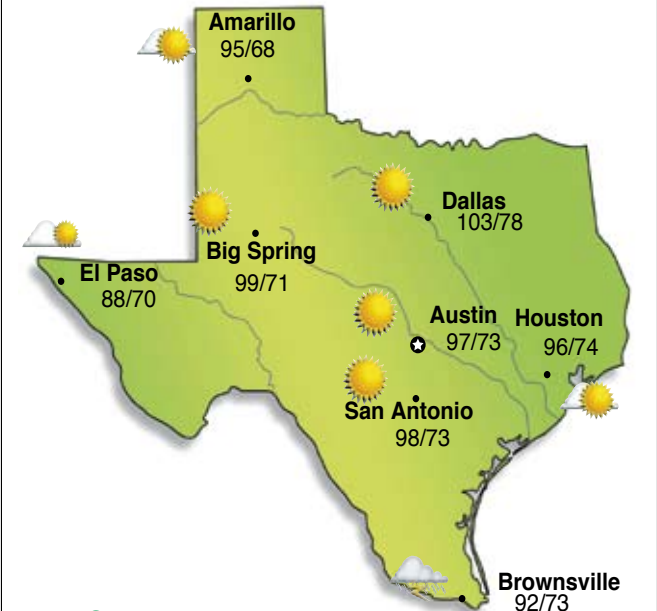
Today's Weather

Local 3-Day Forecast

Fri 8/30	Sat 8/31	Sun 9/1
99/71	100/73	102/74
A mainly sunny sky. Near record high temperatures. High 99F. Winds S at 10 to 15 mph.	Sunshine. Highs 98 to 102F and lows in the low 70s.	Sunny. Highs 100 to 104F and lows in the mid 70s.
Sunrise: 7:19 AM Sunset: 8:14 PM	Sunrise: 7:20 AM Sunset: 8:12 PM	Sunrise: 7:21 AM Sunset: 8:11 PM



Texas At A Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	98	74	sunny	Kingsville	97	73	mst sunny
Amarillo	95	68	mst sunny	Livingston	98	71	sunny
Austin	97	73	sunny	Longview	101	73	mst sunny
Beaumont	95	73	sunny	Lubbock	95	68	sunny
Brownsville	92	73	t-storm	Lufkin	98	72	sunny
Brownwood	100	74	sunny	Midland	98	72	sunny
Corpus Christi	94	76	mst sunny	Raymondville	94	72	sunny
Corsicana	102	76	sunny	Rosenberg	96	73	mst sunny
Dallas	103	78	sunny	San Antonio	98	73	sunny
Del Rio	98	77	sunny	San Marcos	98	73	sunny
El Paso	88	70	pt sunny	Sulphur Springs	103	76	mst sunny
Fort Stockton	95	68	sunny	Sweetwater	97	71	sunny
Gainesville	101	75	sunny	Tyler	101	74	mst sunny
Greenville	102	74	mst sunny	Weatherford	102	76	sunny
Houston	96	74	mst sunny	Wichita Falls	101	73	sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	91	72	sunny	Minneapolis	91	72	t-storm
Boston	73	60	pt sunny	New York	79	68	mst sunny
Chicago	88	70	pt sunny	Phoenix	91	80	t-storm
Dallas	103	78	sunny	San Francisco	69	60	pt sunny
Denver	91	64	mst sunny	Seattle	71	64	rain
Houston	96	74	mst sunny	St. Louis	97	77	sunny
Los Angeles	90	69	mst sunny	Washington, DC	86	70	pt sunny
Miami	91	77	t-storm				

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Police/Sheriff

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 7 a.m. Wednesday and 7 a.m. today:

- MALORY MARIE LUNA, 22, of 4201 West Highway 80 apartment 13, was arrested Wednesday on charges of hindering officers discharging official duties, no drivers license when unlicensed – two counts, failed to yield right of way while changing lanes and failure to appear – four counts.
- FRANK HERNANDEZ, 43, of 311 North Aylesford, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of public intoxication.
- CODY KYLE WITT, 27, of 1605 South Johnson, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of public intoxication and a warrant from another agency.
- SAMANTHA JURADO GONZALES, 35, of 1019 North Main, Midland, Texas, was arrested Wednesday on charges of driving while intoxicated and driving on the wrong side of the road.
- LEONARD SHANE SLATON, 47, of 205 West 15th Street, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of theft greater than \$1,500 but less than \$20,000.
- INTOXICATED SUBJECT was reported at the 400 block of East 8th Street.
- ASSAULT was reported at the 1100 block of South Gregg.

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the

following activity:

- Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 86 inmates at the time of this report.
- LEONARD SHANE SLATON was booked by the HCSO on charges of theft of property greater than or equal to \$1,500 but less than \$20,000.
- MALORIE MARIE LUNA was booked by the BSPD on charges of hindering a police officer, no driver's license – two counts, failure to yield right of way while changing lanes, violate promise to appear, failure to appear – three counts.
- JASON KYLE WOODS was booked by the municipal court on charges of theft, failure to appear and driving while license invalid with previous conviction.
- TYRONE DANE BROWN was booked into the Howard County Law Enforcement Center on charges of deadly conduct – discharge firearm.
- SAMANTHA JURADO GONZALES was booked by the BSPD on charges of driving while intoxicated and driving on the wrong side of the road.
- CODY K. WITT was booked by the BSPD on charges of theft of property greater than or equal to \$20 but less than \$500 by check and public intoxication.
- FRANK HERNANDEZ was booked by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

Take note

• The Chalet is accepting donations of magazines. They should be brought to the Community Relations office. For more information, call Jamey Stegall at 268-7535 or james.stegall@dshs.state.tx.us

• Howard College Foundation Speaker Series and Scenic Mountain Medical Center's Healthy Woman program present "The Love Chromosome" featuring Derrick Tennant as the Fall Speaker Series on Sept. 5 at 7 p.m. in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Tickets are free, but a ticket is required for admittance. Tennant is a motivational speaker and comedian. He will be speaking about the challenges in his own life and how people can turn their own obstacles into building blocks instead of road blocks. For more information or to reserve a free ticket, call 432-268-4699 or Jan Foresyth at 432-264-5051.

• Mitchell County Senior Citizen Dance, Colorado City Civic Center, 157 East 2nd Street, Colorado City, Texas, the fourth Thursday of each month from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., \$5 per person. Bring snacks to share.

• Howard County Fair Association is seeking volunteers to help with the Howard County Fair which will be held Sept. 26-28. To find out more information or to volunteer, contact Jamey Stegall at 214-717-9210 or jamey.stegall@gmail.com. The fair association is also accepting applications for exhibitors at the fair. All booths rent for \$100. Contact Stegall for more information.

• Big Spring and surrounding counties are in need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected. For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children's Protective Services office at 263-9669.

• Crossroads Hospice is in need of volunteers. Volunteers are the backbone of the hospice team, by bringing light and love into people's lives. For more

information on joining, contact Eva Robison at 432-263-5300 or come by 421 S. Main.

• You don't have to be a senior citizen to enjoy country-western dancing. The Big Spring Senior Center hosts a dance every Friday from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. A different band will be featured every night. Dancing is a fun way to exercise, so come enjoy the fun and meet new friends. Cost is \$8 per person. For more information, call 267-1628.

• Spring Tabernacle Ministries, 1209 Wright St., has a brief, inspirational message before giving away food and clothing on Thursday mornings. It's a great way to work off community service and get help, too. Be there at 9 a.m.-11 a.m. and get two for one plus a rehab meeting.

• Home Hospice is seeking volunteers. Volunteers are needed for in office duties as well as sitters, deliveries and crafts. To find out more information or to volunteer contact Manny Negron at Home Hospice by calling 264-7599.

• The Salvation Army is holding its annual fan drive and is in need of fans. Community members can donate new or used fans. Monetary donations are also welcomed. Donations can be made at the main office, located at 811 W. Fifth St., Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

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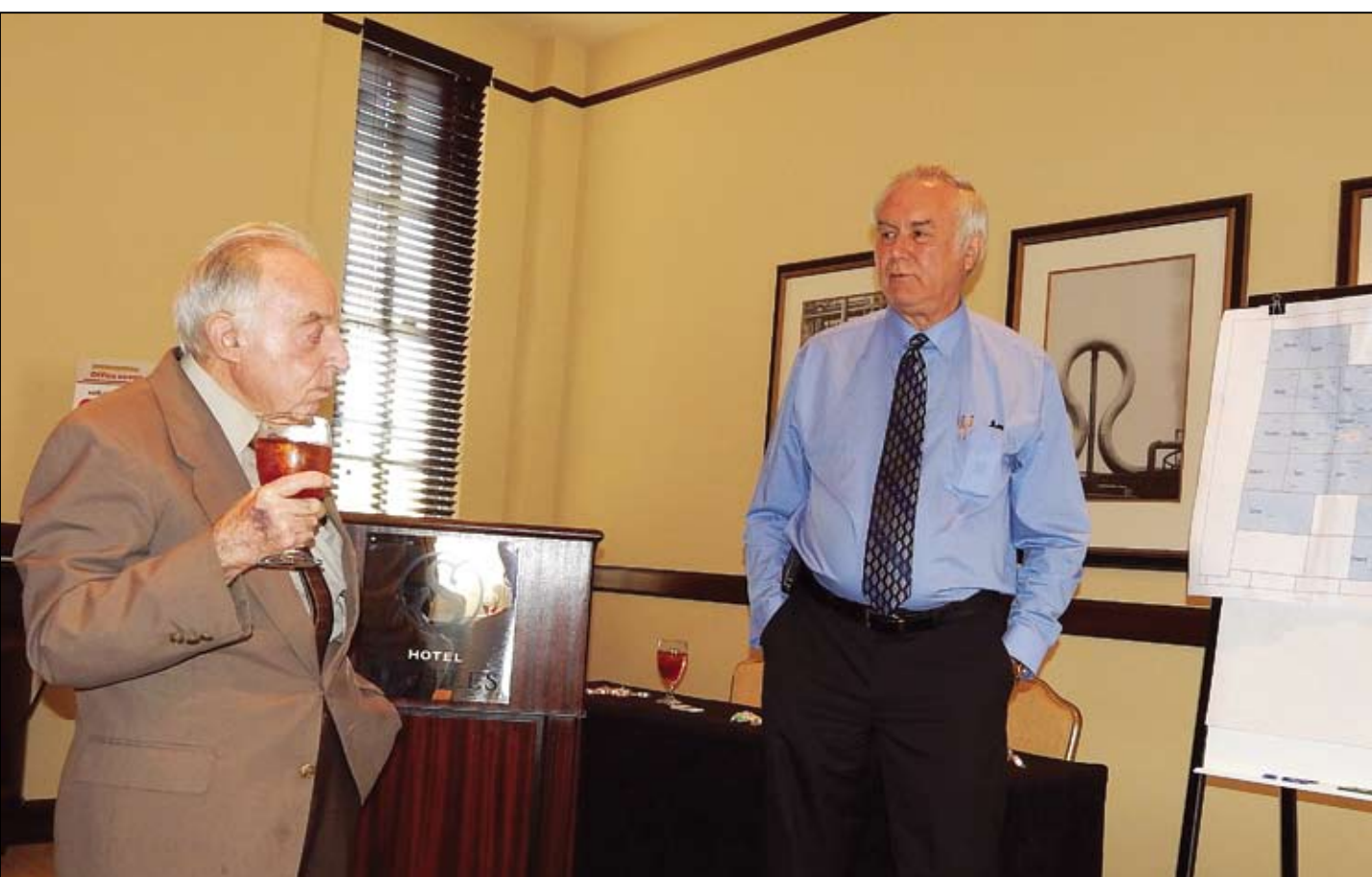
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MAKING A VISIT

U.S. Representative candidate Neal Marchbanks visits with local attorney John T. Ferguson during a "Meet and Greet" at the Hotel Settles for Marchbanks Wednesday. Marchbanks will be seeking the Democratic nomination and eventually hopes to unseat Republican U.S. Rep. Randy Neugebauer, the incumbent.

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at the Sonic Drive-In at 601 E. FM 700 at 6 p.m. Registration is \$10 per vehicle and prizes will be awarded to the top 10 cruisers.

The club's annual car show will be held at the Old Settlers Pavilion at Comanche Trail Park Saturday morning.

Registration for the show is \$25 per entry.

Judging will be done in the following categories: muscle cars (pre-1985), street cars

(pre-1949), motorcycles, classic cars (1955-1984), tuner, Volkswagen; restoration in progress, pickups (pre-1960), Covevette, late model (post-1985, tractor, custom, pickup (post-1980), original (pre-1985), new muscle car (post-2000) and tri-5 Chevy.

There will be a Best in Show award, as well as trophies for the top three finishers in each class.

All proceeds from the show go to the First Baptist Church's Mission Center and the public is invited to attend. Food and drink will be avail-

able. For more information, contact Trevor Partlow at 432-250-1756 or Matt Alexander at 432-213-5647.

Contact Steve Reagan at 263-7331 ext. 235 or by e-mail at reporter@bigspringherald.com

DUNNAM

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manage the administrative areas of the hospital in her role as assistant superintendent these past four years," Moughon said. "The blend of psychiatric, clinical and hospital management are the elements needed for a successful state hospital

superintendent." She holds a bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of Houston and a masters in clinical psychology from the University of Texas of the Permian Basin.

"I am so pleased for the patients and employees of Big Spring State Hospital to have Lorie Dunnam take over the superintendent's position," Moughon said. "She has a passion for promoting psychiatric recovery."

Big Spring State Hospital has served people with psychiatric illnesses since 1938, covering a vast area of nearly 60 counties that include Plainview, Abilene, San Angelo and El Paso.

Big Spring State Hospital works in concert with seven mental health authorities, including West Texas Centers to help provide the least restrictive treatment options for people with mental illness.

"We had a great relationship with Mr. Moughon and we know that relationship will continue with the naming of Lorie Dunnam as the new superintendent," West Texas Centers CEO Shelley Smith

said. "She has worked with West Texas Centers for 14 years and is sensitive to the patients and the needs of the hospital's employees and the needs of the mental health centers.

"Her job is a very complex one and I know she will continue to hold the hospital to a high standard of care. I am very excited to continue

working with her." The appointment was made public during the hospital's recent governing body meeting by Peggy Perry, director of the Department of State Health Services Hospital Section.

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the program. Participants are familiarized with the workings of Howard County — including, but not limited to, county and city government, education, economic development, key industries and the arts.

"This not only benefits the participants, but also the businesses that sponsors them. That employee will be promoting your business and will get involved in the different organizations in the coming year. They will keep your business informed as to what is going on in the com-

munity and how a business can get involved," ValVerde explained.

Applicants must be willing to commit to one full day a month. In this case, it is the second Tuesday of each month. The program begins Sept. 12 and will run for nine months. Tuition is \$400 for Chamber members in good standing and \$600 for non-members and includes trans-

portation for tours, meals, leadership skills and information.

Applications are available at the Chamber Office, and can be faxed (432-264-9111) or e-mailed (debbye@bigspringchamber.com) to those who are interested. Deadline for applications is 3 p.m. Sept. 5. The program is limited to 25 participants.

"Those persons who

have demonstrated management and/or leadership ability, have shown an interest in community affairs, and have time and talent to offer the community, are invited to apply,"

said ValVerde. "We are certain someone in your organization or in your acquaintance will be able to profit from this excellent opportunity."

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The Howard County Commissioners' Court will conduct a public hearing on the proposed 2013-14 budget at 10:30 a.m. on September 9, 2013. Citizens will have an opportunity to comment. For more information contact Jackie Olson, County Auditor, 432-264-2210, 300 Main Street, Courthouse 2nd floor, Big Spring, Tx. Signed: Jackie Olson, County Auditor #7941 August 29, 2013

Legals

Forsan Independent School District will be accepting proposals for two manufactured homes with delivery and installation in Forsan, TX. Sealed proposals will be accepted until 11:00a.m. on September 6, 2013. Proposals must be clearly marked on the envelope: SEALED PROPOSAL - MANUFACTURED HOMES. Please mail or deliver your proposal to:
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Forsan ISD reserves the right to reject any or all proposals. Requests for specifications and any additional information shall be made no later than September 4, 2013 at 3:00p.m. by contacting Randy Johnson, Superintendent at (432)457-2223, ext. 2. #7954 August 29, 2013

Legals

Public Hearing
The District Judge will conduct a public hearing on the salaries of the Auditor, Assistant Auditors, and Court Reporter. Citizens are invited to attend and comment. The hearing will be held at 9:00 am on September 10th at the 118th District Court Building, 312 Scurry Street, Big Spring, TX. Signed: Jackie Olson County Auditor #7942 August 29, 2013

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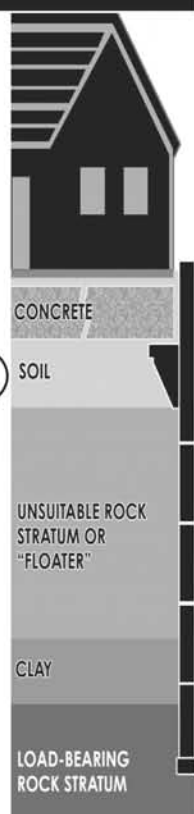
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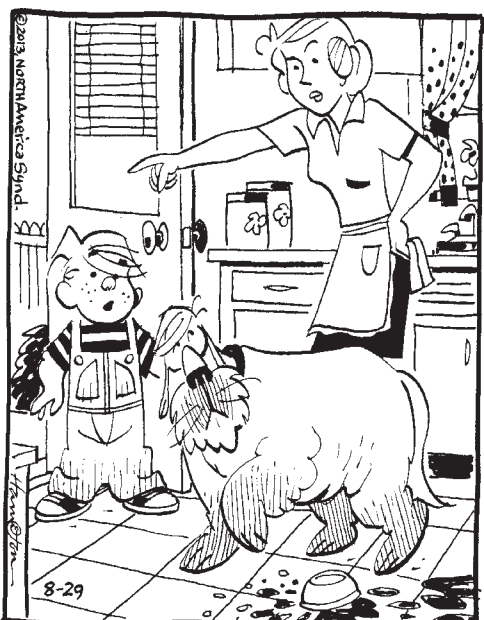
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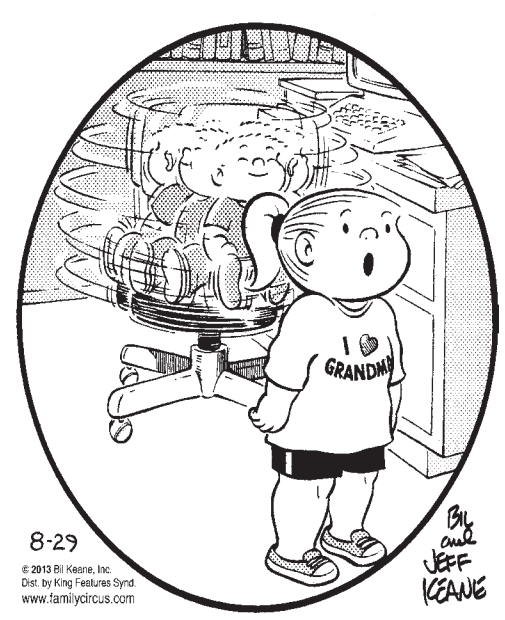
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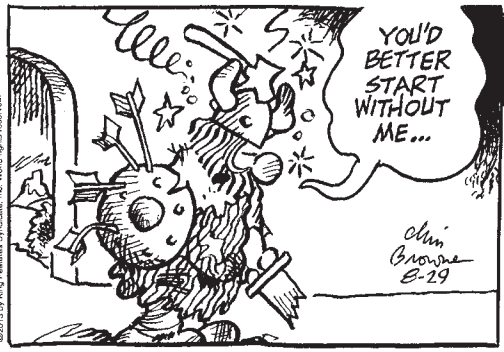


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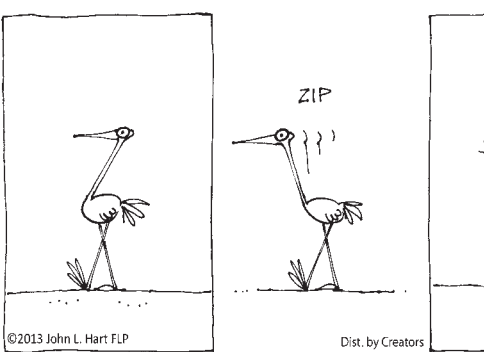
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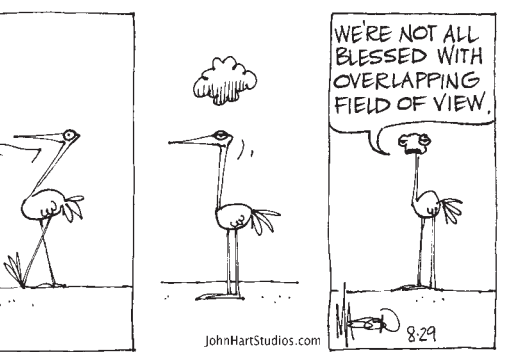
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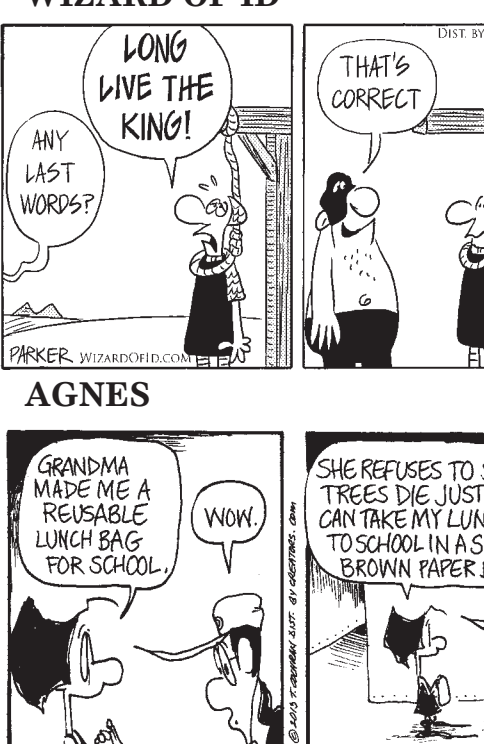
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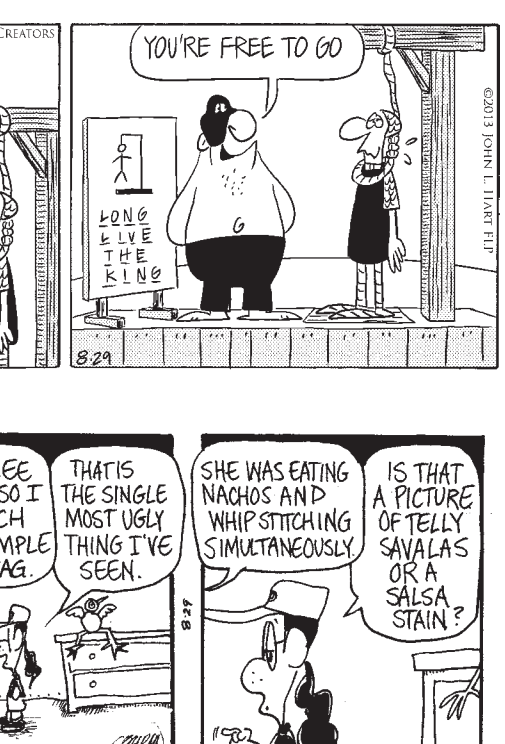
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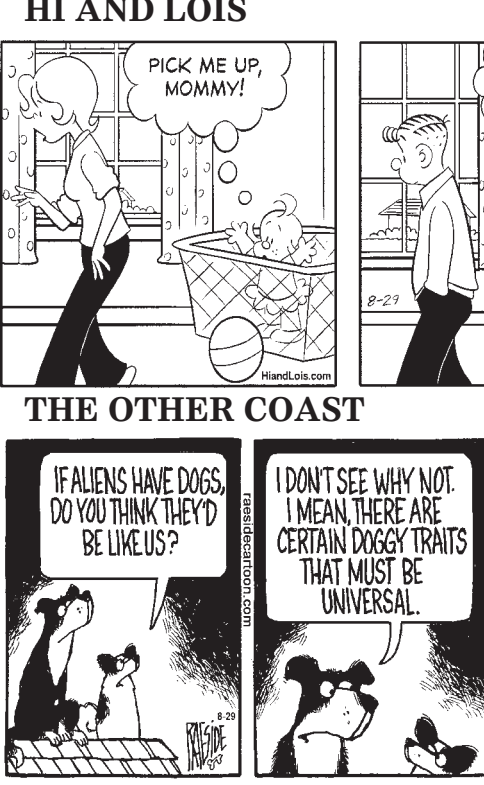
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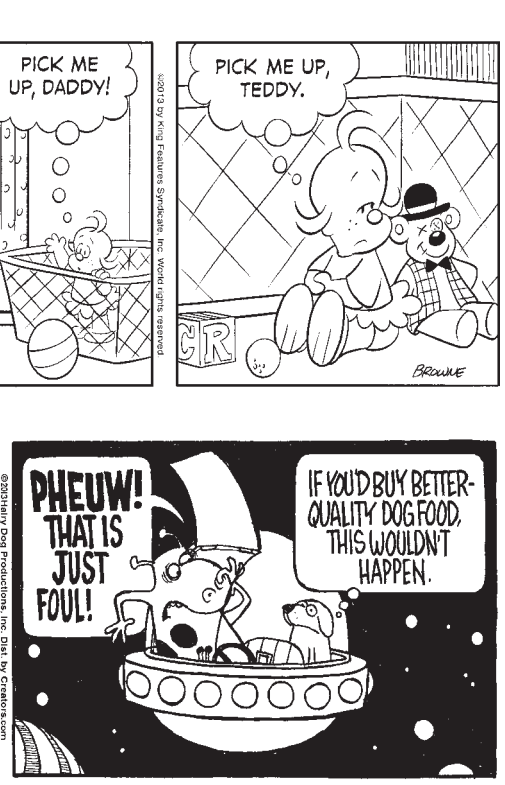
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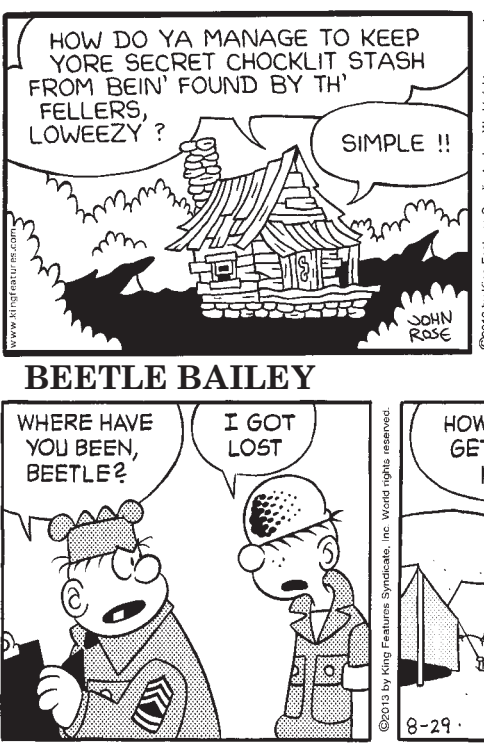
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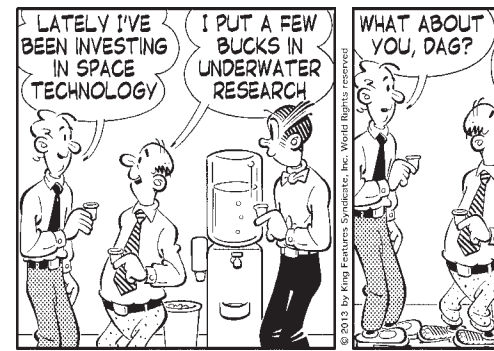
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This Date In History

Today is Thursday, Aug. 29, the 241st day of 2013. There are 124 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On August 29, 1943, responding to a clampdown by Nazi occupiers during World War II, Denmark managed to scuttle most of its naval ships.

On this date:

In 1533, the last Incan King of Peru, Atahualpa (ah-tuh-WAHL'-puh), was executed on orders of Spanish conqueror Francisco Pizarro.

In 1862, the Bureau of Engraving and Printing began operations at the United States Treasury.

In 1877, the second president of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Brigham Young, died in Salt Lake City at age 76.

In 1944, 15,000 American troops marched down the Champs Elysees (shahms ay-lee-ZAY) in Paris as the French capital continued to celebrate

its liberation from the Nazis.

In 1952, 4'33" ("Four Minutes, Thirty-three Seconds"), a composition by avant-garde composer John Cage, had its premiere in Woodstock, N.Y., as pianist David Tudor sat at a piano and, for a total of four minutes and 33 seconds, played... nothing.

In 1953, an early version of the animated cartoon character Speedy Gonzales made his debut in the Warner Bros. cartoon "Cat-Tails for Two."

In 1957, the Senate gave final congressional approval to a Civil Rights Act after South Carolina Sen. Strom Thurmond, then a Democrat, ended a filibuster that had lasted 24 hours.

In 1958, pop superstar Michael Jackson was born in Gary, Ind.

In 1972, swimmer Mark Spitz of the United States won the third of his seven gold medals at the Munich Olympics, finishing first in the 200-meter freestyle.

In 1982, Academy Award-winning actress Ingrid Bergman died in London on her 67th birthday.

In 1987, Academy Award-winning actor Lee Marvin died

in Tucson, Ariz., at age 63.

In 2005, Hurricane Katrina hit the Gulf Coast near Buras, La., bringing floods that devastated New Orleans. More than 1,800 people in the region died.

Today's Birthdays: Actor-director Lord Richard Attenborough is 90. Actress Betty Lynn (TV: "The Andy Griffith Show") is 87. Movie director William Friedkin is 78. Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., is 77. Actor Elliott Gould is 75. Movie director Joel Schumacher is 74. Former White House Press Secretary James Brady is 73. TV personality Robin Leach is 72. Actor Ray Wise is 66. Actress Deborah Van Valkenburgh is 61. Secretary of the Treasury Jacob Lew is 58.

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Newsday Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Sage saying
 - 6 Science-course parts
 - 10 "Vamoose!"
 - 14 Walled city of Spain
 - 15 Fort __, Ontario
 - 16 Handed-down tales
 - 17 Air-circulation aid
 - 19 In the thick of
 - 20 Service animal
 - 21 Part of SASE
 - 23 Ping-Pong surface
 - 28 Abysmal
 - 29 2001-2009 cabinet member
 - 30 Relatively new
 - 33 Commandments recipient
 - 34 Some sodas
 - 35 "That's gross!"
 - 38 Face, slangily
 - 39 Recurring theme
 - 40 Small band
 - 41 "To a" poem
 - 42 Artificial bait
 - 43 Literature Nobelist Neruda
 - 44 Tower of London neighbor
 - 46 Hood greeting
 - 47 Rosebush pest
 - 49 Adolescent
 - 51 Happens by
 - 54 Well-rehearsed
 - 55 Prettify
 - 56 Clog-clearing company
 - 62 Luxury hotel chain
- DOWN**
- 1 Lunchtime
 - 2 Street sign abbr.
 - 3 Highest sundial numeral
 - 4 Poorly
 - 5 Racehorses yet to win
 - 6 "Get yer hands off!"
 - 7 Comics bark
 - 8 Favoritism
 - 9 On its way
 - 10 Hit hard, as brakes
 - 11 Software flaw
 - 12 Zodiac beast
 - 13 Boudoir attire
 - 18 Acknowledge
 - 22 Stein fillers
 - 23 Pianist's pace
 - 24 For all to hear
 - 25 Good pooch for kids
 - 26 Polygraph detections
 - 27 Put up a fuss
 - 31 The Clintons, circa 1971
 - 32 Half-__ (coffee mix)
 - 34 Most essential
 - 36 Dorian Gray creator
 - 37 Tried to win over
 - 39 Tight-lipped
 - 40 "Hooray for me!"
 - 42 Little chaps
 - 43 Seaplane part
 - 45 '60s nonconformist
 - 46 Wine bottle datum
 - 47 Something extra
 - 48 Teaser ad
 - 50 Strong adhesive
 - 52 Exasperates
 - 53 Taboo thing
 - 57 Recycler's unit
 - 58 Undivided
 - 59 Luggage-inspecting agcy.
 - 60 Suffix for ballad
 - 61 Legal guarantees: Abbr.

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Answer to previous puzzle

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SALSAS	DAUNT	
	THUNDERBIRDS	
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ACHE	SHAFT	SEMI
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LIGHTNINGBUG		
	HOLED	ENABLE
CAB	ATALL	TIRED
HOOKS	HAIL	TAXI
ANNIE	OCEAN	CUT
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Painted Ladies were in abundance at the park Saturday. The Painted Lady butterfly is well known throughout the world and is often confused with the Monarch butterfly.

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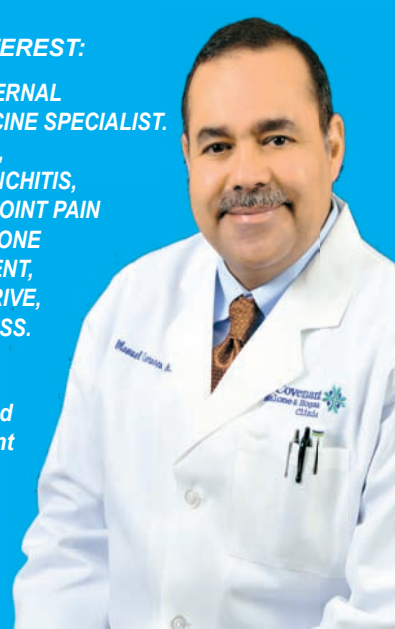
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FISD trustees OK deficit budget

By **LYNDEL MOODY**

Staff Writer

FORSAN — Forsan Independent School District trustees approved an \$11.6 million budget which includes a \$452,000 deficit and a 34 cent tax increase during their Tuesday night board meeting.

The tax rate was set at \$1.389 per \$100 property valuation, an increase of about 34 cents from the previous budget. The hike was not unexpected. When district voters approved a \$23 million construction bond earlier this year, they also voted themselves a tax increase to pay for the improvements.

That increase is still lower than the 37 cent hike proposed to voters before the bond election. All of the revenue gained from the increase will go toward serving the debt from the construction bond.

In unwelcome news, the dis-

trict saw a 27 percent drop in mineral valuation from last year. That loss of potential corresponding tax revenue negatively affected the budget, but an increase in student enrollment has helped to lessen the red ink.

"We have done some more cutting expenditures but the big difference is the number of student attendance," said FISD Superintendent Randy Johnson. "We base the original budget on 664 students and this budget is based on 685. That increase in students makes a difference in how much funding we will get to keep under the Robin Hood system."

FISD is considered a Chapter 41 school district under the current state financing system which means it's considered a "property rich" district. Chapter 41 school districts are required to send some of its property tax revenue to help boister poorer districts.

Forsan schools saw an increase of 40 students enrolled on the

first day of school this year compared to May. First day numbers were 704 compared to 664 when the school ended classes. That is also an increase of 17 students if compared to first day enrollment from the beginning of classes last year.

Officials had originally budgeted a deficit of between \$500,000 and \$700,000 but with strong growth in student enrollment, Johnson felt secure enough to bring lower deficit numbers to trustees.

"We are still going to be very conservative throughout the school year," Johnson added.

The budget also includes a \$2,000 across-the-board pay raises for all employees. Teachers also will receive their normal "step" raises. Forsan ISD joins both the county and city which are budgeting raises to boister employee retention in response to the latest oil boom and skyrocketing rent increase throughout the area.

Support groups

MONDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, noon-1 p.m., 615 Settles.

• PEP — Parent Education Program for CPS participating and non-participating parents, single parent, grandparents, adoptive or fostering parents. Every first and fourth Monday of the month from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Northside Community Center. Classes are free. For information, call 263-2673.

• VA Alcoholics Anonymous support group, 7-8 p.m., Veterans Healing Center.

• Take Pounds Off Sensibly (TOPS) TX 0021 meets at First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad, in the dining hall on the east side of the building. Weigh-in starts at 5 p.m. and meeting starts at 5:30 p.m. We have a

different program each week. For more information, please call 517-4922 or 935-6306.

• Circle of Hope, a Celebrate Recovery group, meets at 6:30-8 p.m. at Spring Creek Fellowship, located in the College Park Shopping Center. Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered recovery program dealing with life's hang-ups, hurts and habits, covering many areas. Circle of Hope group is a ministry of Spring Creek Fellowship. For further information, contact Dale at 432-270-8462.

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

• Stepping Stone Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets at Baptist Temple Church Fellowship Hall, 400 E. 11th Place. Open meeting at 7 p.m.

TUESDAY

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

• Special Parents for Special Children support group meets the first Tuesday of each month, 6:30 p.m. at Elbow Elementary. Contact Kerri Rosenbaum at 432-816-3320.

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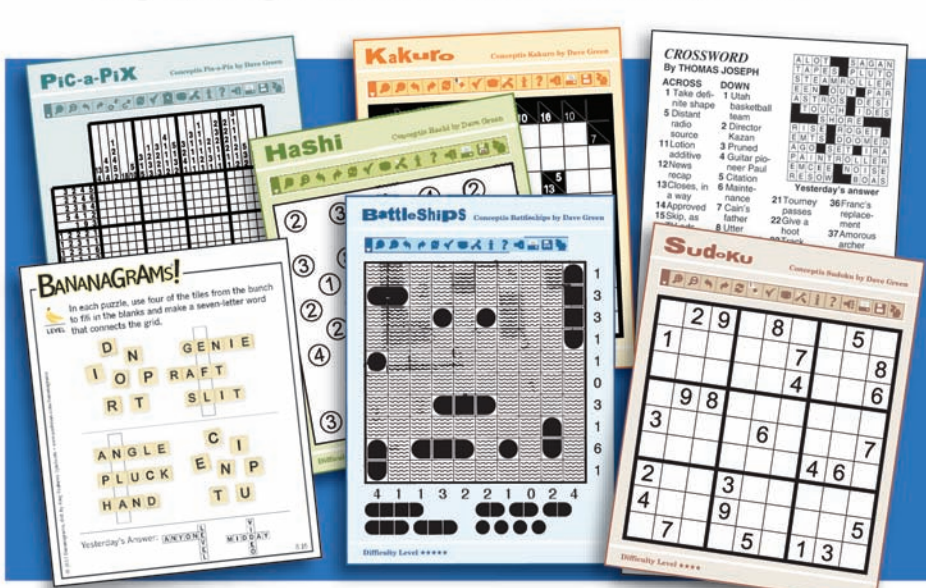
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Bufs, 'Dogs to kickoff Texas football

By BRIAN MCCORMACK
Sports Editor

When Coahoma and Forsan have played in the past, neither team's stadium was big enough to hold the crowd which turned out. It was standing room only. The Howard County rivals now play in a much bigger venue — Grande Communications Stadium in Midland — which will host the two squads for the third straight year today at 4 p.m. in what is quickly becoming a West Texas tradition.

The first time the Bufs and the Bulldogs butted heads at Grande was 2011. Coahoma edged Forsan by a point. Last year, it was Forsan who earned the bragging rights with a narrow, 30-27 victory after halting a late Coahoma rally.

Both teams are struggling at this point.

The Bulldogs are young and inexperienced. Coahoma Head Coach Trey Gardner is hoping to exploit

opponents' weaknesses and use brains to overcome brawn.

The Buffaloes are quite experienced, but lack the depth Coahoma has. Exacerbating the problem is the bitten bug, which seems to have injured Forsan, the offensive line in particular.

Despite whatever shortcomings they may have, both Gardner and Forsan Head Coach Jason Phillips will both tell you it all goes out the window when the two teams go head-to-head.

"As a general rule, when Forsan and Coahoma play, you're going to get the best out of all of them," said Gardner, who experienced an injury-plagued season himself last year, leading to a 2-8 record. "In the past two years, the two games have been decided by four points. Both teams are going to show up and give you a good outing because these kids know each other. They hang out with each other. They go to the movies with each other, they go running down Gregg Street — neither one of them wants to live with the

other having won it for a year. You're going to get maximum performance out of both crews, I think."

Phillips agreed with Gardner's assessment.

"It's a big rivalry, obviously," he said. "It's a friendly rivalry. We get along great with their coaching staff. The kids have played football together, Little League together, they go to church together. It's a fun time going to Midland and it's a good opportunity for the kids to see a different venue. It's real exciting. We're ready to play in the first game on Thursday. It's not hard to get the kids pumped up for this one."

Gardner's approach to the game is simple. Find a weakness and try to run the ball as much as possible. Phillips wants to stop the run while trying to create openings for his backfield with a knicked-up O-line.

"We've definitely had to stop the run," Phillips said. "Reagan County runs the same offense. We hopefully learned a bit about it. The kids just

have to get out there and perform. It doesn't matter how many injuries we have."

One additional factor which could potentially effect both teams is the oppressive heat. It's an early game in late August. Last season, it was estimated to be about 115 degrees on the field. Players from both factions were definitely feeling the effects of the relentless summer sun.

This year may not be so bad, with slightly cooler temperatures expected, but hydration is still important when playing in West Texas on artificial turf in full pads.

"The heat will be a factor," Phillips added. "We've really been pushing the hydration issue this week. We'll have to be smart on substitutions and try to keep them as fresh as we can."

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Both Forsan (top left) and Coahoma (top right) have been practicing hard preparation for their game today at Grande Communication Stadium in Midland. The two local teams will be the first to collide in the state of Texas when they kickoff at 4 p.m. Last year, the Buffaloes edged the Bulldogs 30-27.

Steers to battle new and improved Fort Stockton



By BRIAN MCCORMACK
Sports Editor

Last year, Big Spring traveled to Fort Stockton for the season opener. Not only did the Steers snap a 12-game losing streak going back to 2011, they did it in dramatic fashion, routing the Panthers 49-0.

It was the beginning of a new era at BSHS. The Steers hit some rough waters during district play, but this year, not only does Head Coach Phillip Ritchey have a roster filled with talented players, they have the experience to overcome the types of things which caused an abrupt downturn in 2012.

The veteran lineup will again have its first test against Fort Stockton as the Steers host the Panthers in the home opener at Memorial Stadium on Friday at 7:30 p.m.

This year, Ritchey warns, the competition may be a bit stiffer.

"They've got a better football team than they did last year," he explained. "They've gone to more of a spread offense from the shotgun. By alignment, it hurts you, you have to cover the whole field.

They've changed their defensive scheme as well. They get after it pretty hard."

Ritchey believes the Steers can defeat the improved Panthers, but says it will require focus and a fundamentally sound outing.

"Any team can beat you on any given night," he said. "We certainly expect them to play hard, it's going to be a good football team out there. I'm not going to make any big predictions, we just need to worry about ourselves. The goal is to get better and better week in and week out and be a strong team for district. If we play hard and execute and play a physical game, good things usually happen."

Big Spring has managed to remain healthy during the preseason. Ritchey described his expected starters as "100 percent".

The Steers turned in two solid performances in scrimmages against Lubbock High and Lubbock Estacado, with multiple scores per outing coming by way of rushing and passing.

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A Steer defender returns an interception during Big Spring's scrimmage against Lubbock Estacado last week. The Steers will open their season Friday at home against Fort Stockton at 7:30 p.m.

Sports
Calendar

TODAY

Football

• Coahoma vs. For-
san, Grande Com-
munication Stadium,
Midland, 4 p.m.

FRIDAY

Football

• Fort Stockton at
Big Spring, Memo-
rial Stadium, 7 p.m.

Volleyball

• Big Spring vs.
Canyon, Fres-
hip Tournament
(through Saturday),
2 p.m.

Tennis

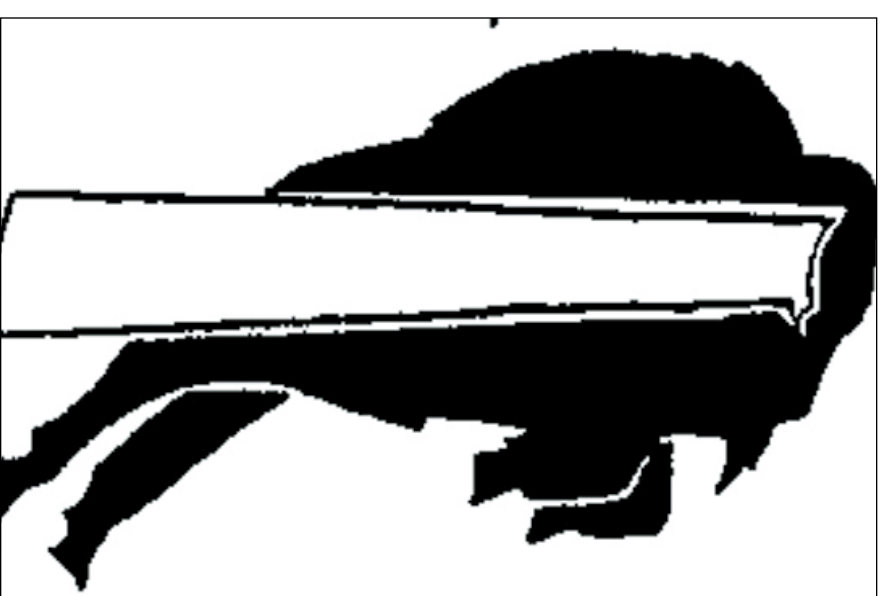
• Odessa High at
Big Spring.

SATURDAY

Cross Country

• Big Spring at Tall
City Invitational,
Midland.
• Forsan at Tall City
Invitational, Midland.

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2013 NFL PREVIEW



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WEEK 1

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5
Baltimore at Denver (NBC)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8
New England at Buffalo (CBS)
Tennessee at Pittsburgh (CBS)
Atlanta at New Orleans (Fox)
Tampa Bay at N.Y. Jets (Fox)
Kansas City at Jacksonville (CBS)
Seattle at Carolina (Fox)
Cincinnati at Chicago (CBS)
Miami at Cleveland (CBS)
Minnesota at Detroit (Fox)
Oakland at Indianapolis (CBS)
Green Bay at San Francisco (Fox)
Arizona at St. Louis (Fox)
N.Y. Giants at Dallas (NBC)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9
Philadelphia at Washington (ESPN)
Houston at San Diego (ESPN)

WEEK 2

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12
N.Y. Jets at New England (NFLN)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15
St. Louis at Atlanta (Fox)
San Diego at Philadelphia (CBS)

Dallas at Kansas City (Fox)
Miami at Indianapolis (CBS)
Tennessee at Houston (CBS)
Washington at Green Bay (Fox)
Cleveland at Baltimore (CBS)
Carolina at Buffalo (Fox)
Minnesota at Chicago (Fox)
New Orleans at Tampa Bay (Fox)
Detroit at Arizona (Fox)
Jacksonville at Oakland (CBS)
Denver at N.Y. Giants (CBS)
San Francisco at Seattle (NBC)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16
Pittsburgh at Cincinnati (ESPN)

WEEK 3

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19
Kansas City at Philadelphia (NFLN)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22
Houston at Baltimore (CBS)
N.Y. Giants at Carolina (Fox)
Detroit at Washington (Fox)
San Diego at Tennessee (CBS)
Arizona at New Orleans (Fox)
Tampa Bay at New England (Fox)
Green Bay at Cincinnati (Fox)
St. Louis at Dallas (Fox)
Cleveland at Minnesota (CBS)
Atlanta at Miami (Fox)
Buffalo at N.Y. Jets (CBS)
Indianapolis at San Francisco (CBS)
Jacksonville at Seattle (CBS)
Chicago at Pittsburgh (NBC)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23
Oakland at Denver (ESPN)

WEEK 4

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26
San Francisco at St. Louis (NFLN)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29
Baltimore at Buffalo (CBS)
Arizona at Tampa Bay (Fox)
Pittsburgh at Minnesota (CBS)
N.Y. Giants at Kansas City (Fox)
Indianapolis at Jacksonville (CBS)
Seattle at Houston (Fox)
Cincinnati at Cleveland (CBS)
Chicago at Detroit (Fox)
N.Y. Jets at Tennessee (CBS)
Washington at Oakland (Fox)
Philadelphia at Denver (Fox)
Dallas at San Diego (Fox)
New England at Atlanta (NBC)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30
Miami at New Orleans (ESPN)

WEEK 5

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3
Buffalo at Cleveland (NFLN)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6
New England at Cincinnati (CBS)
Detroit at Green Bay (Fox)
Seattle at Indianapolis (Fox)
Baltimore at Miami (CBS)
New Orleans at Chicago (Fox)
Philadelphia at N.Y. Giants (Fox)
Kansas City at Tennessee (CBS)
Jacksonville at St. Louis (CBS)
Carolina at Arizona (Fox)
Denver at Dallas (CBS)
San Diego at Oakland (CBS)
Houston at San Francisco (NBC)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 7
N.Y. Jets at Atlanta (ESPN)

WEEK 6

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10
N.Y. Giants at Chicago (NFLN)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13
Green Bay at Baltimore (Fox)
Cincinnati at Buffalo (CBS)
Detroit at Cleveland (Fox)
St. Louis at Houston (Fox)
Carolina at Minnesota (Fox)
Oakland at Kansas City (CBS)
Pittsburgh at N.Y. Jets (CBS)
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MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18
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WEEK 12

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21
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MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25
San Francisco at Washington (ESPN)

WEEK 13

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28
Green Bay at Detroit (Fox)
Oakland at Dallas (CBS)
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MONDAY, DECEMBER 16
Baltimore at Detroit (ESPN)

WEEK 16

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MONDAY, DECEMBER 23
Atlanta at San Francisco (ESPN, 8:40 p.m.)

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Football season is here

Big Spring, Coahoma and Forsan have something to prove

Greetings, football fans. Another year has passed and the local football players have been suiting up for grueling practices in triple-digit weather in order to grow stronger before the start of the 2013 season.

It's not uncommon to see an offensive linman throwing up on the sideline of the practice fields after working it hard our for three hours straight, or to see a wide receiver teased by teammates as he drops passes through his sweaty hands. It's not easy playing varsity football in these parts.

Why do they do it? In West Texas, that requires a multifaceted answer. There's the personal

glory, the team camaraderie, the experience of being a working cog in a well-oiled machine, the self-discovery and discipline which inevitably comes after a season filled with ups and downs, trials and tribulations.

Beyond that, it's about pride. Pride in one's school and pride in one's community. Cities and towns and hamlets across the region all identify with whichever local team takes to the field under the Friday night lights for at least 10 weeks of the year.

And for the seniors, it's a culmination. Years of hard work and preparation combine to make one final run at bringing their alma mat-

er a coveted district or even state title.

Champions or not, just about every kid in pads puts it all on the line for the cause — precisely what the coaches want more than anything, including winning.

This season, Herald readers will find expanded coverage of the three Howard County football teams: Big Spring, Coahoma and Forsan. A new section can be found each week as a supplement to the sports page, detailing the current goings on with each team.

You can expect more editorial content and photos highlighting local football news throughout the week.

Big Spring Steer fans are

gearing up for what could be their most successful season since 2009, Coahoma fans are waiting with baited breath to see how the young Bulldogs will fare and the Forsan faithful are hoping for a fourth straight playoff appearance.

After spending time with all three coaches and watching practices and scrimmages, it's hard to count any of the Howard County teams out.

The Steers will rely on an explosive offense and experienced defense. The Bulldogs have fearless young players coming off a 9-1 junior varsity season and a veteran quarterback and Forsan has several returners on each side of the ball

and if they can stay healthy, have a shot at a postseason berth. But none of the three teams have an easy road ahead. Big Spring must contend with a tradition-rich district which includes the likes of the perennially strong Abilene Wylie and Monahans. Coahoma has to deal with Sonora and Alpine and Crane and Forsan will go head-to-head with two teams which finished in the Top Four in the state in 2012, Stamford and Anson. Predictions are meaningless, especially this time of year. Only one thing is certain: mettle will be tested and pride will be on the line.



Big Spring Steers — Counting on experience

Big Spring has taken its lumps in the past few years on the gridiron, but with a talented cast of returning starters on both offense and defense, this could be the season Steer fans have been anticipating. BSHS Head Coach and Athletic Director Phillip Ritchey sure is.

Spectators will again see the versatile Tobby Tannehill at the quarterback position. Last year, Tannehill accounted for 21 touchdowns using a balanced formula of passing and running.

All the weapons are in place for Tannehill, a junior, to prove even more effective than he did in 2012. Also returning is Devin Roberson, an All-State selection at punter, safety and receiver. Oh yeah, he can run the ball, too. In fact, there doesn't appear to be a position Roberson, a three-sport athlete, can't play. Newcomers such as Hunter Hill and Preston Alexander seem poised to make a splash. Alexander has impressed in the scrimmages, scoring at least once against Lubbock High and Lubbock Estacado. Tyler Wigington, Shaiem Menefield, Jahari Vanover — the list of potentially explosive offensive stars goes on.

The Steer defense is also stacked with experience. Some marquee names returning include Aric Rutledge, Ronnie Bell and Austin Cantu. Coach Ritchey expects a lot from his veteran defenders, which by player-for-player has more upper classmen than the offense.

"That's our biggest strength, experience. Finally," said Ritchey. "It seems like the past few years,

we've been telling everybody how young we were, now it's time. These guys have been playing for two years or one year and we've got a veteran team. We don't have to say we're young anymore. But with that comes higher expectations. With experience, you expect them to play better. They've seen it, they've done it, they should be a



better football team."

The Big Spring faithful were treated to a major turnaround after 2011's uncharacteristic 0-10 season when the Steers came out guns a blazin,' toppling five straight opponents, proving that a new day had dawned for Steer Nation.

Then, the proverbial wheels came off. A tough District 4-3A opener against Abilene Wylie marked Big Spring's first loss, but not after a hard-fought game in which the Steers outplayed the Bulldogs by all accounts after a disastrous first quarter. Ritchey cites the following week's road trip in Snyder as the knockout blow to the Steers' promising season.

Tannehill injured his groin, limiting his option play and shrink-wrapping Big Spring's running

game. Inexperience started to show as a bad quarter would spiral into a bad finish. When the dust settled, the Steers went 0-5 in district play — a disappointing end to a season which started as if they were fired out of a cannon.

"It doesn't really matter how well you do in pre-district, as we found out. If it did, we would have been world champions," Ritchey joked. "Nobody did any better than we did in pre-district. We got into district, started off with the best team and played a really good game. We lost the next one to Snyder and it was a killer. We made some critical mistakes that gave them three easy scores. We faced some adversity, maybe for the first time all year and we didn't handle it well. That really deflated our spirits. We felt pretty good coming out of the Wylie game because we played well, but coming out of the Snyder game — even though yardage-wise it looked like we played well — we just gave the game away and in my opinion never recovered from that.

"That's one of the keys this year, we have to finish. We have to finish games, we have to finish our season, we just have to finish. We have to know it's not all going to be good and we have to handle the bad better than we did last year. We can look back to last year now and see what happens to a team. And that teaches us not to get too high just because you win five games in a row. Because you can certainly lose five games in a row. We have

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proof of that. Our kids would be crazy to think that couldn't happen again. We have to play and win games in district to make the playoffs."

But that's Texas high school football. Fortunes can change in minutes.

Now, Ritchey has the crew he's been looking for in previous years. He not only has the talent, but the experience. He has the offense and the defense. If the Steers can stay healthy — if a few things can bounce their way — the playoff drought going back to 2009 could very well be over.

"We have seven starters returning on defense."

Ritchey said. "We have probably nine seniors starting on defense — again that "young" word is out the window. We expect big things from nine seniors on the defense. It's the same with our offense, we're very experienced. Our defense is older than our offense, we still have quite a few juniors playing on offense. We expect big thing from our defense. We're only going to be as good as they are."

As Ritchey would attest, however, it's all easier said than done. Especially when you are smack dab in the center of one of the most tradition-rich districts in the region.

The Sweetwater Mustangs, the Snyder Tigers, the Greenwood Rangers, the Monahans Lobos and of course, the Wylie Bulldogs may have something to say about the Steers' return to prominence.

With the crew in place to make the elusive playoff run, Ritchey is training his team to do what he knows to work. That means error-free execution, a powerful running game and a dash of Tannehill's accurate arm.

"We have to run the ball, No. 1," Ritchey explained. "But we want to throw the ball equally well and do both. We want to try to be pretty balanced. A lot of our pass plays, he ends up running even though there may be a pass play called. It goes on the stat sheet as a run and we may look a little unbalanced, but we strive to be balanced. Sometimes, it doesn't work. You get in a game and you go with what's most effective and you're going to stick with that. We certainly have the personnel to be balanced, which puts the bind on the defense to cover both the run and the pass."

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 - Oct. 18 — ** Snyder (home), 7:30 p.m.
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Coahoma Bulldogs — Rebuilding for the future

Coahoma was hit hard by graduation. Head Coach Trey Gardner knew — even a couple of years ago — this season would be one marked by rebuilding the Bulldogs.

Though young and inexperienced at most positions, there is one common denominator when speaking of Coahoma's strengths year-in and year-out — determination.

"I hope our biggest strength is heart," said Gardner, who took the 'Dogs to the playoffs in 2010 and 2011. "That's what it's going to take for us. Defensively, we've been talking to our guys about just running and throwing their bodies around, getting to the ball and just trying to be more physical. That's really it, from day one we told our guys that's how we are going to win, we're going to have to outwork them."

Hard work, grinding it out when facing adversity, playing through an injury — all commonplace traits of a typical Bulldog squad and Gardner believes his current roster is similar to those in the past.

A self-proclaimed "slave driver" during practice, Gardner and his assistants are definitely fond of instilling a work ethic during the week, hoping it translates to success on game night.

Another strategy Gardner

is enacting to compensate for a lack of experience is to outthink opponents. Finding and exploiting weaknesses may be the key to scoring for the untested Bulldogs.

"One of the things we have to figure out now, is what we do well and stick to that," Gardner explained. "With as many young guys as we've got, we had to kind of pare down our offense and defense. So what can we do well? We have to hang our hat on those things. We don't want to be a scratch-where-it-itches kind of team. We need to have a base of things we do and we have to be smart enough to see what teams are going to allow us to do and try to use that to give us an advantage. If we can get in a certain formation that gives us an advantage one way or another, we'll do it."

"Last year, before the injuries, we'd look at film and it seemed we could line up and push other teams off the ball if we had to. We don't know if we can do that this year. Our kids are going to have to mentally absorb some stuff. We want to do some formation things, some motions — try to find

an advantage by alignment — to where maybe we don't have to be as physical to move somebody. We can line them up to give us a head start.

"We have a few guys back who are doing a good job leading," he said. "Of course, Braxton (Iden) is



real solid at quarterback, Caige Miller has really stepped up and tried to turn this crew around. Joe Melendez — if there is anyone who personifies the selflessness, it's him. Two years ago, he was our backup fullback, last year he was our starting fullback and then this year, we've moved him to guard. He's our best offensive lineman. It's about heart and unselfishness."

There may be an inordinate amount of uncertainty heading into the regular season, but there are always silver linings and Gardner has his share of them. Iden, a junior, will lead the team on the field at QB. He was

solid for much of 2012, despite being thrown into the mix after a slew of injuries decimated the team. With a year of varsity experience under his belt, Iden could help offset the heavy rookie presence.

Also boding well, the junior varsity team recorded a 9-1 record last year. So the ones breaking into varsity have proven to be talented. Such as Gardner's overhauled backfield, which is comprised almost exclusively of newcomers to varsity.

"We'll have two sophomores in the backfield," Gardner said. "Paul Cortez and Kyler Franks. We're hoping for big things out of them. On the defensive side, Brandon Coker and Christian Van Wey we hope will come along. They're both starting linebackers and started for us on JV. We need those guys to step up. Shanen Warneke (who started last season) probably doesn't get as much airtime as he should. Zak Walton has done a pretty good job at center, Brayden Thompson has come along well at the guard spot. So far, Kyler has looked real good. He's sort of leading the younger ones right now. He's starting to realize what the possibilities may be. We hope a few more start to think like that and they

come around."

Gardner runs a Wing-T offense, with a heavy emphasis on the running game. He's said he will pass as much as possible, but his go-to gameplan will rely on running over opponents. That's just fine with Iden, though he said he is open to the aerial assault as well.

"Obviously, we're going to run the ball a lot," Iden said. "But we have some pass plays we will throw in there. I think we'll be successful overall. Our line is getting there. I've been running the ball since eighth grade. Most of the guys here are used to running it."

Coahoma fans watched as injuries dismantled the Bulldogs in 2012. What started as a promising season ended with a 2-8 record, though the record doesn't reflect the tight games and gritty performances the team put in. It's too early to tell whether the young Bulldogs can overcome the inexperience and string together a winning season, but whatever happens this year, there is plenty to look forward to in the future.

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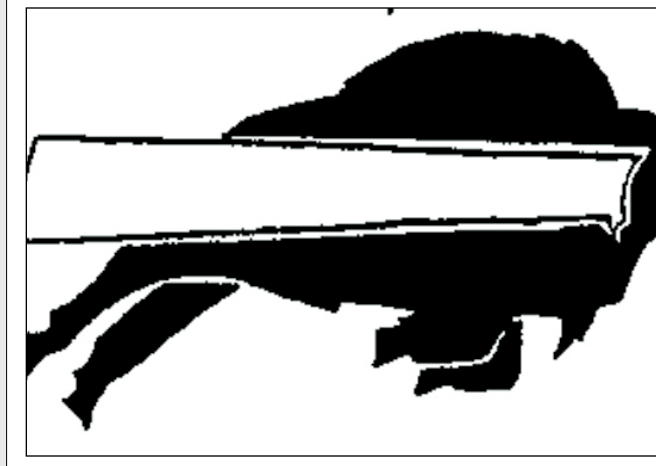
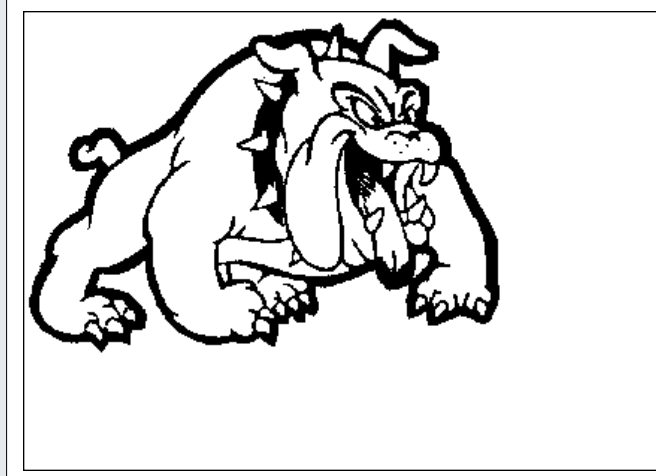
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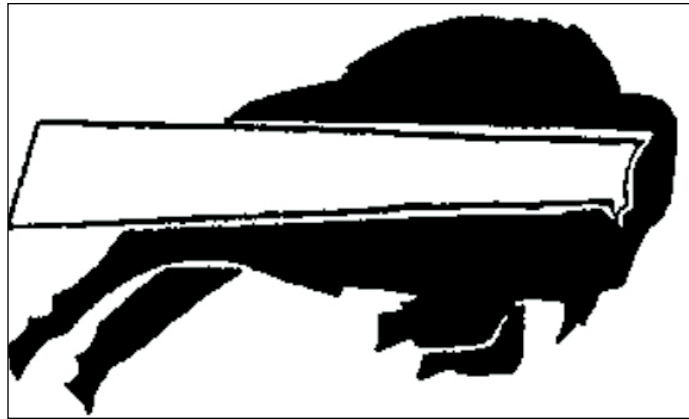
FHS Head Football Coach and Athletic Director Jason Phillips asks a lot of his athletes. They have to be versatile and humble. Even square pegs are asked to fit in round holes at times — a necessity when you are coaching at a Class A school and your personnel is limited relative to schools with higher enrollment numbers.

Despite the challenges, Phillips usually ends up with the caliber of athletes required to command a successful program in such a challenging atmosphere.

When asked what he thought his primary strength is headed into the season, Phillips said it was experience.

"Experience," Phillips explained. "We're experienced at a lot of key positions, especially on

the defensive side of the football. We returned a lot of guys who saw a bunch of playing time last year. After seeing these first few weeks, when we can get them all healthy at the same time, our defense is going to be pretty solid, I believe."



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District 4-1A is loaded with a wide array of talent. You have Stamford to contend with. The bulldogs are returning state champions and are picked by Dave Campbell's Texas Football to win the division once again.

As if that weren't enough, The Anson Tigers came on strong last season, finishing with a Top

10 designation among the state's best 1A squads. The Winters Blizzards, who Phillips cites as an up-and-coming team and the Haskell Indians round out the the Buffs' district foes.

Phillips indicated that he is striving for a more balanced offense, going to the pass more often than he did last season and hoping to exploit defenses with some tight end play.

"We're going to try to mix in the pass a little bit more," said Phillips, who has guided his team to the playoffs for three straight years. "We think that with the quarterback crew we have, any of those guys will be able to throw the ball some. One offensive change we're making is we're running a two-tight offense quite a bit. Not exclusively, but we'll mix it in with the four-wide doubles look that we've had in the past with just a two-tight look. We'll have one back in the backfield, still in the gun, but we have a lot of kids that can play tight end and we think that will be a good asset for us."

Spurring the change is simply size. The Forsan offensive line averages about 240 pounds — a departure from recent years in which the Buffs had to rely on quickness to get the job done.

"Our offensive line is a lot

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Garden City, Grady, Sands and Stanton

Outside of Howard County, but still within a country drive's distance away, are Garden City, Grady, Sands and Stanton.

Last season, Grady went further than any other team in the Crossroads area, making it to the regional semifinal before being stopped by an equally capable Petersburg squad who topped the Wildcats 70-60 in a down-to-the-wire affair.

Grady finished with an 11-1 record.

Grady has four starters on each side of the ball who returned and is picked by Dave Campbell's Texas Football to finish second in District 5-6M D-I behind Borden County.

Back-to-back state champs in 2009 and 2010, Garden City snuck into the playoffs last year after posting a 3-7 record, but were clocked by a more experienced Water Valley lineup. With veterans coming back such as quarterback Austin Odom, the Bearkats could again earn a postseason berth and this time, find their way past the first round.

Predicted to finish second by DCTF behind Rankin and ahead of Marfa,

the Bearkats are returning three starters on defense and five on offense

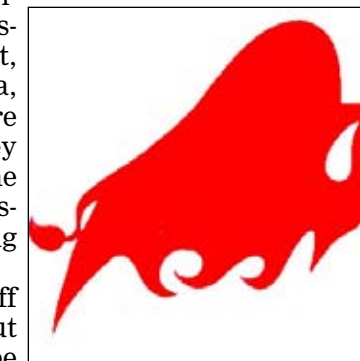
Sands was picked to win its district, but had a disappointing second half of the season, marring its playoff hopes.

With Wayne Henderson vacating the head coach position, new coach Stephen Keith is waiting to see how well the Mustangs can do this season in a District 5-6M D-II, which also boasts Dawson, Loop and Wellman-Union.

Last, but not least, the Stanton Buffaloes had an up-and-down season in 2012. John Peterson will be looking for more consistency and he may get it.

The Buffs are returning eight offensive starters and six on defense. District 3-2A is not for the faint of heart, however, as teams such as Sonora, Alpine and Crane will try to ensure that Stanton remains a footnote. They are predicted by DCTF to finish in the middle of the pack, ahead of the physical Reagan County and the young Coahoma Bulldogs.

All aforementioned teams have stiff competition among their ranks, but have also proven to be forces to be reckoned with in the past, as well.



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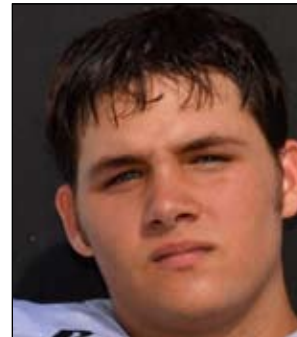
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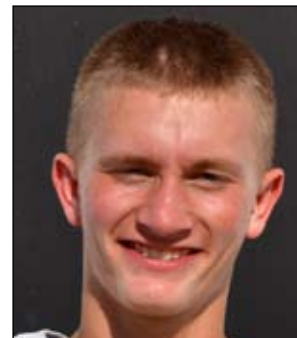
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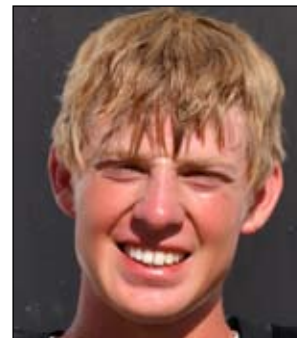
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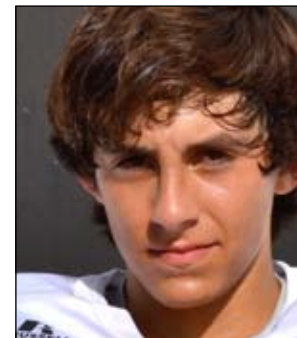
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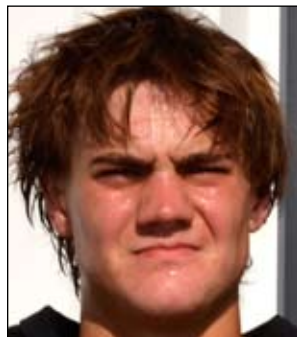
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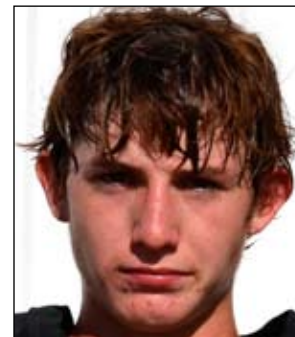
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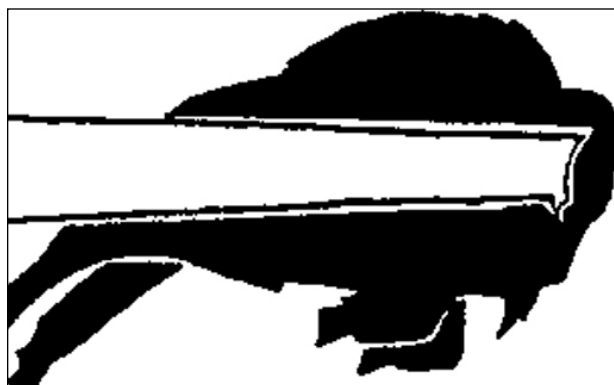
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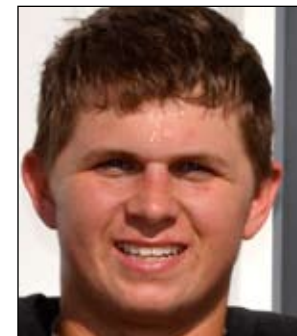
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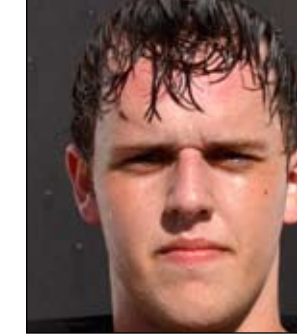
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bigger," Phillips said. "We're a little dinged up right now. It seems like every injury we have is to an offensive lineman. Hopefully, we will get those guys healthy and get them back. We have about four kids who average about 6'2", 185-190 at the tight end position, so we hope that will be an asset not in the running game as well as the passing game."

Still unsure who the starting quarterback will be, Phillips has been impressed by all three candidates: Zane Sanders, Covan Davidson and Garrett Kligora have engaged in some healthy competition for the coveted slot for the duration of the preseason.

Neck-and-neck just a few days before their showdown with rival Coahoma, Phillips conceded that he will probably use a combination of players at the position — a decision that seems just fine among the close-knit Buffaloes.

And there will likely be no sour grapes from those vying for QB, either. By all accounts, this Forsan team is dedicated to becoming a cohesive

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unit, with group goals transcending individual glory.

"The other coaches and I have talked about that," Phillips remarked. "At the beginning of two-a-days, we noticed we didn't have to fight many of the attitude problems. We never have a serious problem with attitudes from our kids, but these guys are committed. They all like each other and have each other's backs, so when it gets crunch time — when it's fourth quarter, late in the game — I think these guys are gonna stick together and play hard together. Most of our skill kids don't just have an offensive position or a defensive position; most of them have two offensive positions and two or three defensive positions. And they like it. I tell them, the more positions you know, the more you'll get to play. They're all for it."

Echoing their coach are seniors Kade Fannin and Kolby Self, both hard workers who aren't afraid to play wherever they are needed. Fannin and Slef also believe they are a part of an even stronger team than last year.

"Honestly, I think we'll be better," Self said. "Our mentality has strengthened throughout the year. Everyone on this team has a good friendship with each other. I think that will help

Special thanks to Phillip

us in the long run. I think our size has gotten better and it will help us get to where we need to be."

"We have to keep our heads up and just keep trying," Fannin said. "Last year we just stopped. A lot of guys lost heart and didn't want to keep going. This year, we don't plan on stopping. We have a lot of returners on defense and we're not fighting with as many injuries as we were last year. That's going to be very helpful. We have returning players on offense, too, but I think it's the defense that will keep us up until we get our offense the way we want. We're going to control the line of scrimmage and get what we need to try to keep the ball in our hands."

The goal is always to make the playoffs — something Phillips has had no problems with. This year, he hopes to make it past the bi-district affair and see how deep his Buffaloes can go.

"The key for us, just like any year, is to stay healthy," Phillips added. "If we can stay healthy, I think we'll be right in the mix of district and have a really good shot of making the playoffs."

Only time will tell if the changes to the Forsan gameplan will pay off, but with the determination the Buffaloes have shown so far, it's awful tough to count them out.

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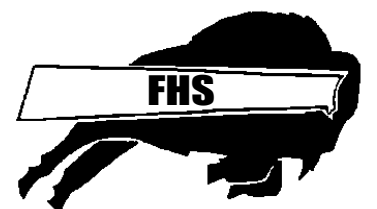
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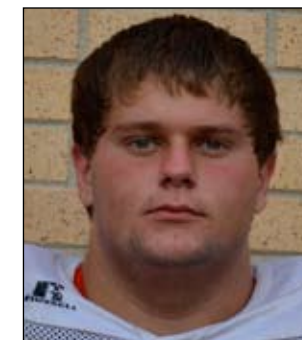
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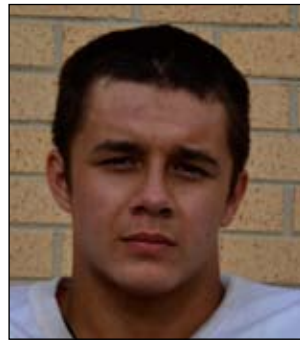
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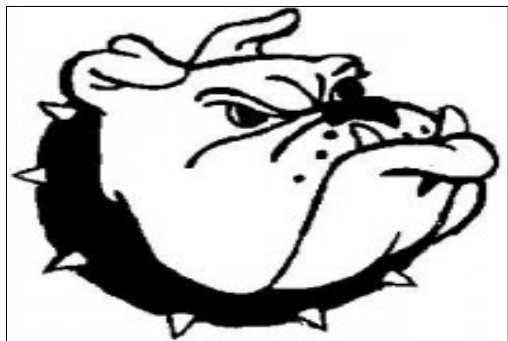
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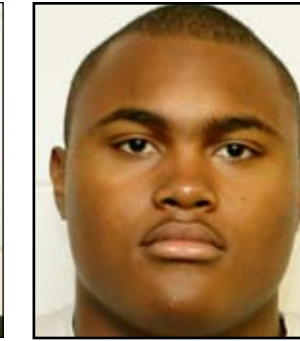
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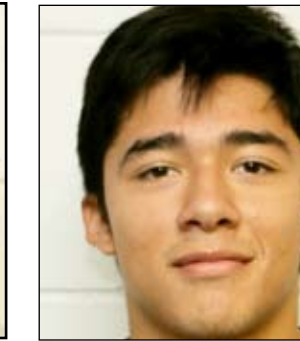
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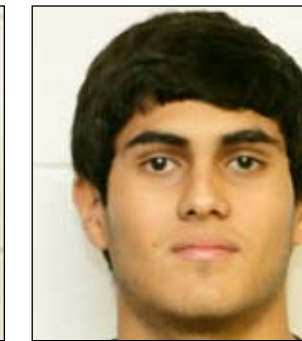
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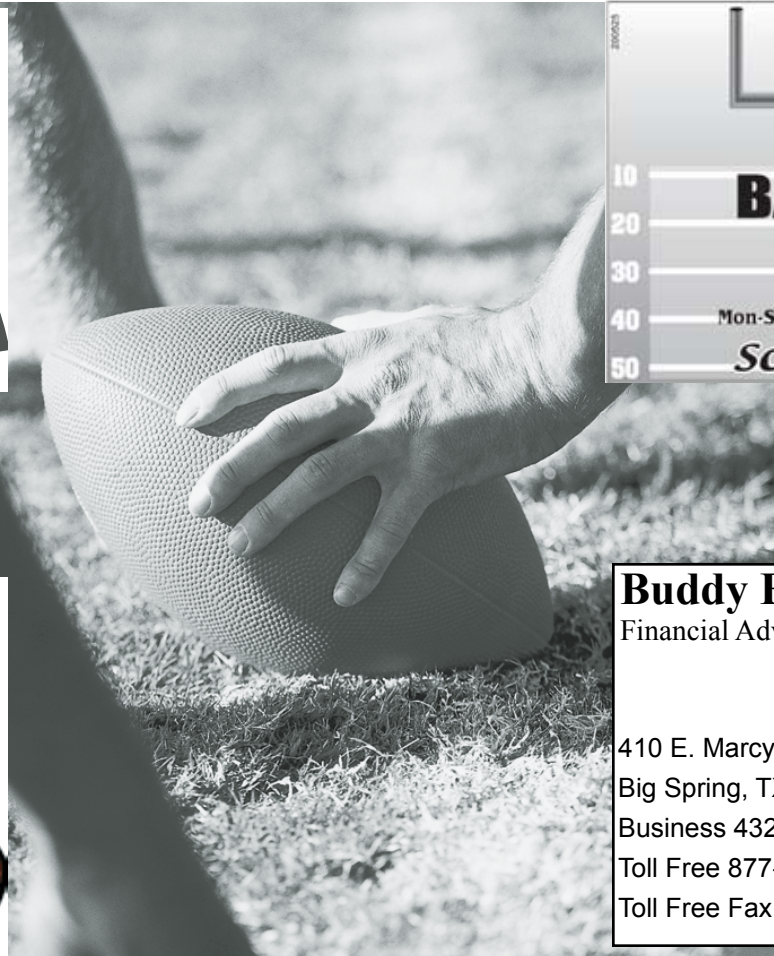
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