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City master plan draws little interest

By **STEVE REAGAN**
 Staff Writer

Fewer than 200 people took up the city of Big Spring's invitation to help craft its master plan for the next 25 years. A crowd estimated at 150 attended a public meeting of the Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum to provide their input as to how they'd like the city to evolve in the coming years. The recent oil boom has definitely impacted Big Spring in the here and now, but it has also caused city officials to re-write the community's master plan, a sort of blueprint for the next city's 25 years.

With that in mind, a special committee, consisting of representatives from almost all sectors of the community and officials with the engineering firm of Freese and Nichols, was formed and tasked with writing a new blueprint. Tuesday was the first opportunity for residents to have their input into the plan. "This plan will be a roadmap for our future," Big Spring Mayor Larry McLellan said. "This isn't a crystal ball, but something that will hopefully help us answer some of the questions we'll face over the next 25 years."

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HERALD photo/Steve Reagan
Terri Telchik, left, talks with Don Weeks, center, and Allen McGee during a public meeting of the city of Big Spring's Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum Tuesday.

Dance concert sets 2-day run at Hall Center

Herald Staff Report

Howard College Department of Dance will hold its annual Spring Concert at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday at the Hall Center for the Arts. This year's show is titled, "The World in Our Own Back Yard" and features some historic ethnic dances from around the world and contemporary dances which show the influence of America's immigrated cultures. "We hope you will join us for this celebration of culture through dance," said Eulaine McIntosh, dance troupe director. Tickets are \$5 general admission and \$3 for Howard College students, faculty and staff. Tickets can be purchased at the door or reserved by calling 432-264-5161.



Courtesy photo
Longtime Big Spring resident Mamie Lee Dodds received the Distinguished Alumni Award from the Methodist Children's Home Alumni Association Saturday in Waco. Dan Moore, president of the alumni association, presents the plaque to Mamie.

Balloon release to highlight child abuse awareness

Herald Staff Reporter

Scenic Mountain Medical Center will be recognizing Child Abuse Prevention Month with a balloon release at 10 a.m. Wednesday on the front lawn. Representatives from Child Protective Services, CASA and local law enforcement agencies will be on hand for the event. Mayor Larry McLellan will read a proclamation before the balloons are released. "The youth of the community are the leaders of tomorrow and we feel that it is important to bring awareness to their safety in any way that we can," hospital CEO Larry Rodgers said. "April is a time to celebrate the important role communities play in protecting children and SMMC is excited to be a part of that." April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month.

What: Balloon release to recognize Child Abuse Prevention Month.
Where: Scenic Mountain Medical Center front lawn.
When: 10 a.m. Wednesday.

This month and throughout the year, SMMC encourages all individuals and organizations to play a role in making Big Spring and Howard County a better place for our children and families. Research shows that when a parent possesses six protective factors, the risk for neglect and abuse diminish and optimal outcomes for children, youth and families are promoted. The six protective factors, according to ChildWelfare.gov, are: nurturing and attachment.

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Job Fair slated tonight for employers, prospective employees

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
 Staff Writer

Time to dust off the resume but don't take too long as the Job Fair is set for today. "We have a range of prospective employers who will be participating in our job fair," said Debbye ValVerde, Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce

executive director. The Job Fair will be held from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. today at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum East Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane. The fair is sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, Howard College, KBST, KBYG and Workforce Solutions Permian Basin. ValVerde said business representa-

tives from health care, hospitality, prison, construction and manufacturing industries will be on hand to meet prospective employees. The recent oil boom has left many area businesses with job openings. "Remember, dress for success," ValVerde said. "You just might get an interview right then."

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Take Note

• On Wednesday, May 7th, during the evening service beginning at 7 p.m., Family Faith Center will observe its fifth annual Blessing of Nurses Hands. Parish Nurses and others who provide health care will receive a blessing upon their hands for another year of service to mankind. Pastors Sam and Christina invite nurses and healers from the community at large to attend the ceremony in the sanctuary of Family Faith Center location; 810 East 11th Place, just south of Big Spring High School.

• The Big Spring High School honor band will perform at the St. Mary's Eastertide offering concert. The concert will be held at 12:05 p.m. Thursday, May 1, and will last 30 minutes. Following the concert, a light lunch will be provided by St. Mary's. There is no admission charge but donations will be accepted. St. Mary's is located at 10th St. and Go-liad.

• A fund has been set up at BBVA Compas Bank to help Melinda Garcia with medical expenses while recovering from surgery. Account number is 673000597.

• A medical fund has been established for Kath-ran O'Brien Grant who is recovering from a recent accident. The account is set up at Western Bank No. 1012020. Contact Donnie Baker at 432-556-2186 for more information.

• A medical fund has been set up benefitting Kath-ran O'Brien Grant at Wells Fargo.

• Holy Trinity Catholic Parish is raising funds to benefit the Diane Herrera family, which lost three members in a recent traffic accident. Send checks to the parish, P.O. Box 951, Big Spring, TX 79721 and write "for Diane Herrera family) on the check. For more information, contact Richard Light, parish administrator, at 432-466-9703.

• Funds have been set up at Howard County Feed and Supply and at Highland Animal Hospital for Wildlife Rehabilitator Melanie Gambrell. To contact Melanie, email her at R4thepets@aol.com

• A fund has been set up to help the Renteria family who lost their house from a fire. Donations can be made at State National Bank, Renteria Fire Fund, No. 9012478.

• The Big Spring Senior Center dance is open to all ages. No alcohol or smoking. Our parking lot is now well lit, and we are handicapped accessible. The cost is \$8 per person. April 4 Mike & Friend; April 11 Prowlers; April 18 Prowlers; April 25 Mid-night Express.

• Howard County Fair Association is in need of volunteers to cross stitch squares for the Howard County Fair quilt to be raffled at the fair. Theme this year is "Humming-birds." Patterns are from easy to more difficult, so you do not have to be an expert. Squares may be picked up at the Heritage Museum front desk Tuesday through

BALLOONS

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knowledge of parenting and of child and youth development, parental resilience, social connections, concrete support for parents, and social and emotional developmental well-being.

"We would like to see everyone wearing blue in recognition of Child Abuse Prevention," Amanda Duforat, SMMC marketing coordinator, said. "It may be a small gesture, but sometimes it only takes one small step to make a huge difference."

The community is welcomed to join in this event. Balloons will be provided for those wanting to take part in the release. Scenic Mountain Medical Center is located at 1601 W. Eleventh Place.

PLAN

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Almost every aspect of Big Spring — from streets and water lines to schools to economic development to quality of life issues — will be addressed in the master plan, said Freese and Nichols representative Don Sepko.

"It's like getting a jigsaw puzzle at Christmas," Sepko said of the master plan. "One of the first things you do



Courtesy photo

Kyndra Jones was a great host Friday, announcing the names of the 23 hospital patients who completed the Big Spring State Hospital Fitness Challenge. The challenge kicked off Feb. 10 and tracked the minutes exercised. A total of 8,644 minutes were recorded. Hospital workers congratulated the patients and staff who assisted them and served as good role models for a healthy lifestyle. Prizes and gifts were awarded to those patients who completed the challenge from 149 minutes and below to 1,950 plus.

Saturday. For more information, call Suzanne Markwell at 214-256-1674.

• Scenic Mountain Medical Center's Yellow Rose Café has been temporarily closed to the public for routine repairs and maintenance. The café will remain closed until repairs are complete. A completion date for the project has not been set. Patient meals will continue without interruption throughout the process. The hospital will issue an announcement release once the Yellow Rose Café is ready to reopen. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. For more information, contact Amanda Duforat, marketing coordinator, at 268-4699.

• The Powwow Committee of Big Spring has been restructured and is seeking new members, according to committee secretary Greg Bodin. "Please accept our invitation to attend a meeting,". For more information, including meeting times and dates, contact Vice President Randy McKinney at 432-267-4843 or President Richard Lesser at 432-935-0125.

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

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• 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.

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is look at the picture on the box to see how everything should look. We're trying to create a picture for Big Spring so your elected officials can put the pieces together as they move forward."

Crafting the master plan will be done in three stages. After receiving recommendations from committee members and the general public, the CPAC will then spend the next few months crafting the document before present-

ing it to the city council early in 2015.

Tuesday, residents were asked to give their input in six areas — Big Spring's future, demographic information, what kind of development trends they'd like to see, quality of life (what kind of amenities they'd like the city to attract), transportation and downtown development.

The crowd, while not as large of officials had hoped, nevertheless gave plenty of input to

the committee, officials said.

"Based on the turnout, we got a lot of comments and input," City Manager Todd Darden said. "Now, the committee will go through all that information and work to incorporate it into the plan. It is a community plan, and the more people we get to provide input, the better."

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

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Margaret Easter, 92, died Friday. Funeral Services will be 2 p.m. today at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial following at Trinity Memorial Park.

Terry W. Turner, 91, died Friday. The family will receive friends from 6 until 7:30 p.m. today at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel.

Gerardo "Oaxaca" Rodriguez, 57, died Monday. Vigil services will be at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral services will be at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Graveside services will be at 4 p.m. Wednesday at the Ackerly Cemetery.

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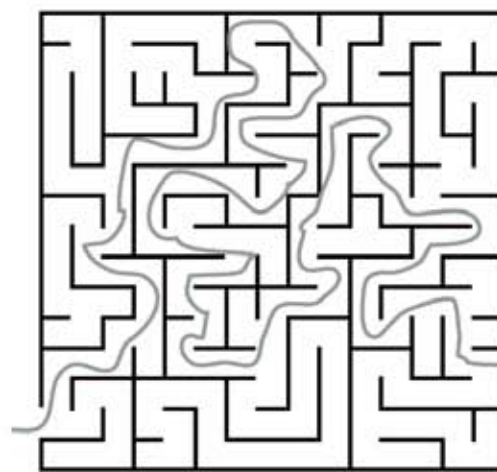
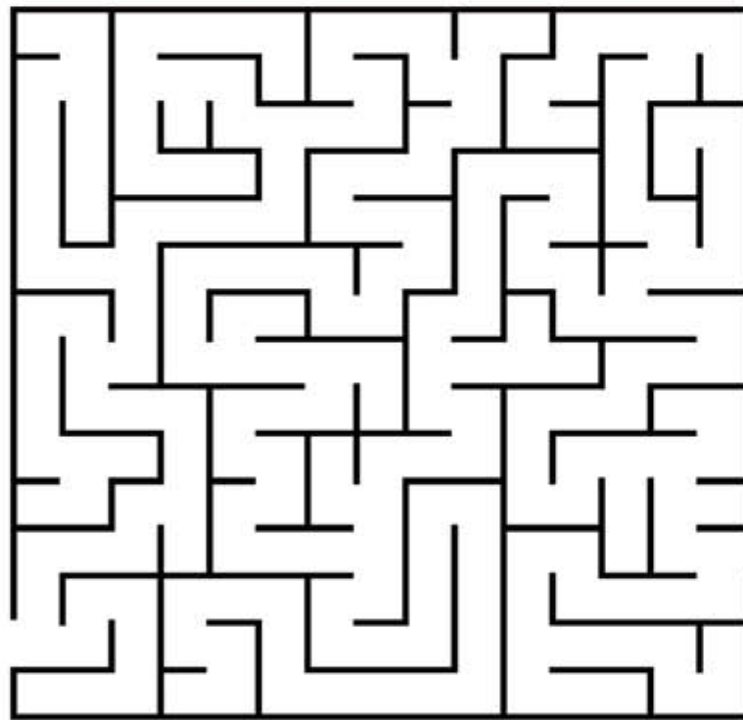
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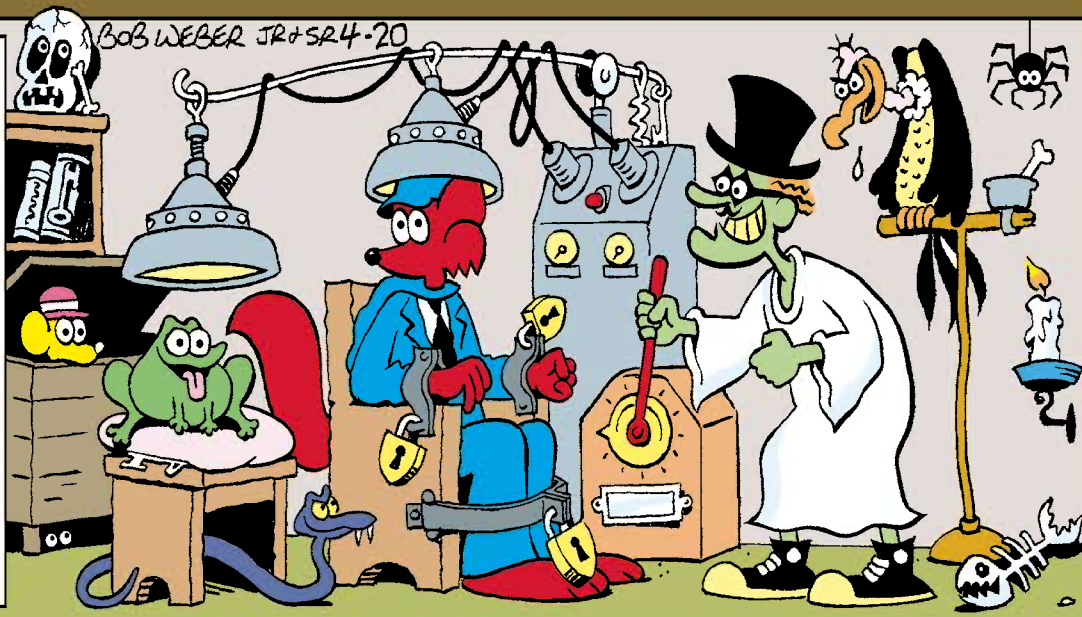
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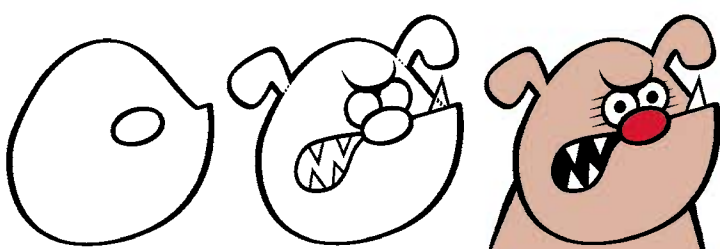
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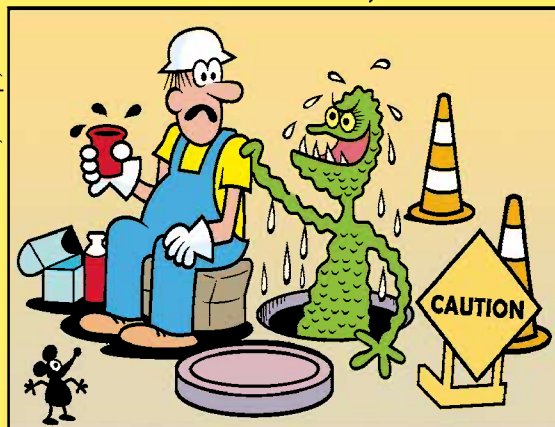
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Bird Poop

'Round and 'round it goes

During the first week of April, our chance to observe it through the binoculars disappeared as the bird flew over the north fence. As if following an invisible road of air, its body seemed to go up and down the hills with ease. Its movements had been so quick its white rump seemed to be chasing the golden hue on the back of its neck.



BEBE McCASLAND

Only seconds had elapsed since Art had called, "Female golden!" At least we had been privileged to watch its undulating flight through the mesquites in our side yard.

For the next several days we continued to search for this visitor. If our luck held, the bird would appear when least expected.

To see it again might be when it finally selects the tallest, largest, and most erect of all our mesquites.

Midway up the tree, it will probably begin an aerial ascent. Slowly easing upward and around the massive trunk while searching under curling bark, the golden-fronted woodpecker will then be occupied for a minute or two in search of insects or their larvae.

Having time to observe the bird will

make us more appreciative of our previous few glimpses.

Binoculars could amplify the golden coloration above the bill. A small patch of red on the top of the head would assure us it was a male. Without that cap, the bird seen would be a female.

Both sexes have distinctive black and white barring on their backs and wings. The soft gray of under parts offers a contrast that continues upward through the face. Over the belly is a hint of yellow.

In flight, or hanging on the side of a tree, the black tail amplifies the white of its rump. With pointed tail feathers used as a prop, the woodpecker can remain vertical as its curved nails cling to bark.

The bird we hoped would return, unfortunately, reminded us of our receiving this specie over the years because of numerous injuries inflicted by window strikes, spring storms, cats and cars. One specimen had even been found in a lady's chimney.

Often, the birds were disoriented. In their confusion, behaviors not associated with avian life were common.

Perhaps the most memorable golden-fronted woodpecker came from east of Big Spring. "Colo-Ray-Dah City," said a caller. She had found it on the southeast side of the lake. "It can't fly! Keeps going around in



Courtesy photo

A golden-fronted woodpecker desperately hangs on to the edge of a water basin. Better suited to perching vertically rather than horizontally made it difficult to drink from the thin copper bowl. Persistence and determination, however, gained it the drink it desired.

circles!" she continued.

When asked where she had found the bird, the woman said it had been on the path leading to the water. "There it was, in the dirt, going 'round like a merry go-round."

In addition to telling her it could be anything from poisoning to head trauma, an offer was made to take it to the sanctuary in Midland if she could bring it to Big Spring. She was more than willing.

An hour and a half later, she pulled into our driveway. Inside a large box, a female golden-fronted woodpecker rested comfortably on soft towels. The woman had adequately described its dazed con-

dition. The bird's eyes were open but unseeing.

Finding no noticeable damage, we were relieved that the woodpecker was not as active as previously described. Hoping that Midge Erskine had the expertise to diagnose what had happened to the bird and could solve its dilemma, we still opted to head west.

Knowing that time and patience can do wonders, Midge had prepared an area for the bird.

By the time we arrived, the woodpecker was able to stand but made no attempt at discovering its new surroundings. It did not seem uncomfortable

with our presence.

Later in the day, Midge called. Placed in an area equipped with rough vertical and horizontal limbs, the bird could utilize them as it hopefully recovered. Mealworms and crickets were offered to help duplicate an insect diet. Yaupon berries and acorns could supplement other cravings.

Knowing that sometimes birds recover by themselves if given enough time, and only need a safe haven in which to do it, Midge had left it alone for hours.

When she finally went to check on the woodpecker, a noisy protest preceded its half-jumping, half-flying about its

enclosure.

Because some of the insects had been consumed, she felt it was on its way to a full recovery.

Since the golden-fronted woodpeckers range from the Panhandle down through the central part of Texas and into Mexico, we are fortunate that our part of the state offers vast mesquite forests.

Hopefully this year will be one when the woodpeckers are seen only in the trees, and leave it to humans to go around in circles.

Bebe McCasland is author of The Scoop from Bird Poop. She is federally and state licensed to rehabilitate wild birds.

Parent's corner: Find a job that fits your passion

Iwas talking to a friend recently who commented that he was ready to retire because he just didn't like his job anymore. His comment made me think of something I read about jobs. Many years ago Confucius proclaimed, "Choose a job you love and you will never have to work a day in your life."



DARRELL RYAN

In essence he was saying that chasing one's passion will give you career happiness.

One of the big blessings of living in a democracy is the ability to pursue one's own path, and the idea that anyone can pick himself up by the bootstraps and achieve great things.

Of course, survival and success are inescapably connected to work, but we have the luxury of deciding our day-to-day work.

Sometimes that comes as a tradeoff for pay, but spending half your waking hours doing something you love is often well worth it. I'm convinced that the people who are best at what they do tend to be the ones that love it the most.

I've heard it said: If you don't build your own dreams, someone else will hire you to build theirs.

It's also been said that it is never too late to be what you might have been.

However, if it's not possible for a person to choose the job they love, what's the next best thing?

Job satisfaction really lies in the joy of achievement, in the thrill of creative effort and success is the peace of mind which is a direct result of self-satisfaction in knowing you did your best to become the best you are capable of becoming.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

once said, "What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us."

Considering his remark, I believe that there is a lot more to life than finding our passion.

I think we must learn to develop a passion for what we do and how we do it.

We perform work that makes full use of our skills and challenges us to develop new ones.

Our work not only interests us, it gives us a sense of meaning. We enjoy opportunities for learning and development.

We are confident that our skills and compe-

tencies make us valuable and marketable and that we can access opportunities through our network.

So therefore, we shouldn't set out to discover passion. Instead, we should set out to develop it.

We develop our passion through the cultivation of rare and valuable skills.

People who end up loving their work often follow a pattern of creating these sought-after skills, and then using them to better leverage their career trajectories.

Continuous learning and growth is the key to staying happy and fulfilled in our career

over time.

Mark Twain once said: The two most important days in our life are the day we were born and the day we find out why!"

We know the day we were born but finding the why is extremely elusive. That may be when we analyze our talent and skills to see how we can put those things to work for us.

There is an old Chinese Proverb that says: The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago. The second best time is now.

Darrell Ryan is director of school safety for Big Spring Independent School District.

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Breyman, Stevenson advance to state meet

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor
J.T. Breyman and J.P. Stevenson made sure their tennis seasons didn't come to a premature end this past weekend. The Forsan standouts punched their ticket to the Class A state tennis tournament by pounding out

an impressive outing at the Region I-1A Tennis Championships on Thursday at South Plains College. By winning the regional title, Breyman and Stevenson earned a berth in the state tennis tournament, which will be held April 28-29 at Texas A&M University

College Station. The Forsan doubles team had little trouble claiming the regional title. They opened the meet with an easy 6-4, 6-2 victory over a squad from Miles in the semi-final round. They followed that win up with a 6-2, 6-4 victory over a team from Fort

Hancock to win the regional doubles' title. Breyman and Stevenson weren't the only FHS netters to do well at the Region I-1A Tennis Championships. Chandler Freeman and Rachel Haggard earned a bronze medal with a third-place finish in the girls' doubles division.

Freeman and Haggard defeated teammates Erin Bagnall and Falon Newton in the third-place matchup. The Lady Buffaloes also picked up stellar outings from Elizabeth Rhodes and Alex Salazar. Both advanced to the regional quarterfinal round in girls' sin-

gles play. With their berths in the state tennis tournament, Breyman and Stevenson join Big Spring's qualifiers. Roberson will participate in the Class 3A state golf tournament on April 28-29 at Hyatt Lost Pines Golf Resort in Austin.



Howard College's Sarah Stinnett and Bailey Wipf signed letters to continue their basketball careers at 4-year programs on Monday afternoon. Stinnett signed with Eastern New Mexico University, while Wipf inked a deal with Tarleton State University.

Tony Claxton photos (www.claxtonphotography.com)

Lady Hawks' Stinnett, Wipf sign with 4-year programs

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor
On the court, the Howard College Lady Hawks were one of the youngest teams in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference this past season, and it showed as the team struggled to find ways to win games. Despite their youthfulness, the one thing no one ever questioned was the Lady Hawks' athletic ability. The Lady Hawks proved just how talented they were earlier this week when four-year programs came calling with a pair of scholarships for two of the Lady Hawks' top players. Sarah Stinnett and Bailey Wipf both signed collegiate deals with larger programs during a special signing ceremony held on Monday at the college.

"I am ecstatic that they

are getting this opportunity," said HC head coach Earl Diddle. "They are both excellent students and high character individuals that played extremely well for us. I think it is great that they are going to receive basketball scholarships and get the opportunity to play at the next level." The lone sophomore on the Lady Hawks' roster this season, Stinnett was the team's unofficial MVP this past season. Despite playing several different positions during the season, she was among the team's top defenders, leading the squad in assists and steals, and averaging 10.8 points per night. "She was without question our most valuable player this year," said Diddle. "She did everything we asked of her so I'm thrilled to see her

get a chance to go back to New Mexico to play." Stinnett, who originally began her career as a volleyball player at Odessa College, agreed to join the Eastern New Mexico University program this coming season. A 5-foot-6 guard from Fort Sumner, N.M. Stinnett will be joining an ENMU squad that went 6-20 a year ago. Wipf, the Lady Hawks' top scorer this past year as a freshman, will be joining Tarleton State University this fall. "She earned the opportunity to go to a place she really likes (TSU) and I agreed with her that she should take advantage of the chance to play there," said Diddle. As a freshman, Wipf provided the bulk of the Lady Hawks' offensive spark during the 2013-14 season. The

5-foot-6 standout from Lubbock finished her rookie campaign averaging 13.7 points per contest. With Stinnett and Wipf leading the way, the freshman-laden Lady Hawks finished the season at 14-16 overall, and with a 4-10 mark in WJCAC action. At TSU, Wipf will be joining a TexAnns squad that went 22-9 last year. She is among new TSU head coach Misty Nelson's first signees. Nelson is replacing longtime TexAnns head coach Ronnie Hearne at the helm of the TSU women's basketball program. Ironically, Stinnett and Wipf may not be through seeing each other on the basketball court. Both ENMU and Tarleton State are members of the Lone Star Conference and face each other several times during the season.

I-3A meet to start on Fri.

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor
The members of the Big Spring High School boys' and girls' track and field teams will begin their attempts at qualifying for the state track meet on Friday morning when the 2014 Region I-3A Track and Field Championships get under way.

The meet will be held on April 25-26 at Texas Tech University in Lubbock. Events will begin at 9 a.m. on Friday. Big Spring senior Tate Kennedy will be among the first to make a bid for a state berth. He will be competing in the boys' high jump competition starting at 9 a.m.

Only the top two participants in each event will qualify for the state track meet, which will be held on May 9-10 in Austin. Kennedy placed second at the area meet last Thursday.

Fellow BSHS seniors Charles Green and Ryan Lopez will also be in action on Friday. Green will compete in the 110-meter hurdles prelims beginning at 3 p.m., while Lopez will run in the 400-meter dash prelims starting at 4:15 p.m. Green and Lopez both won the area championships last week in their respective events in Pecos.

Ian Gonzales will also be running in the 400. He finished second to

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Grizzlies beats Thunder in OT

KLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Kevin Durant's four-point play was magnificent, even by his lofty standards. With his Oklahoma City Thunder trailing by five with 13.8 seconds remaining in regulation, the scoring champion hit a difficult 3-pointer from the corner as he was being pushed out of bounds by Marc Gasol. Durant converted the free throw to make it a one-point game.

The magic ran out for the Thunder, though. Zach Randolph scored 25 points to help Memphis defeat Oklahoma City 111-105 in overtime on Monday night and tie their first-round playoff series at one game

apiece. The final result took nothing from perhaps the most spectacular play of his season. "He's a great player and made a great play," Memphis coach Dave Joergers said. "It was tough to take that hit and go into overtime." When asked if it was the best shot of his career, a sullen Durant said he wasn't worried about it. "I don't know, man," he said. "We lost, so it really don't matter." Mike Conley added 19 points and 12 assists for the Grizzlies, who executed their game plan perfectly and put themselves in position to take control of the series in Game 3.



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Finishing strong ...

Howard College's Elizabeth Torres catches a pitch while playing catcher for the Lady Hawks. Howard College will close out its regular season this week with a two games against Clarendon on Friday and two against Frank Phillips on Saturday. Games will start at 1 p.m. on each day at Foundation Field.

Steers to face Wylie tonight

The Big Spring High School Steers baseball team will close out its 2014 regular season this evening with a game against the state-ranked Wylie Bulldogs. The contest is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. in Abilene. Coming off a 3-2 loss to Monahans in extra innings on Friday, the Steers enter the game as the second-place team in the District 4-3A standings with a 6-3 record. Wylie leads the district race at 8-1.

Big Spring, 15-10 overall and winners of seven of their last eight outings, will advance to the Class 3A state playoffs' regardless of tonight's final outcome.

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