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## Welcome Coahoma and Forsan exes!



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Forsan's homecoming nominees from the senior class are Kelia Smoot, daughter of Jennifer Smoot and granddaughter of Janet Smoot; Jennie Steel, daughter of Richard and Pam Steel; Carlee Daniel, daughter of David and Christi Daniel; and Yanci Yeater, daughter of Tommy and Zane Yeater. The homecoming queen will be crowned during halftime of the game between the Forsan Buffaloes and the Reagan County Owls tonight.



Courtesy Photo/Coahoma ISD

It's Homecoming week in Coahoma. The 2014 homecoming court is Bailee Barber-Grant, Alex Gibbs, Rylie Jacobs, Kelli Schaedel and Kaeli Yager. One of these young ladies will be crowned homecoming queen at half-time during the Coahoma Bulldogs-Miles Bulldogs football game tonight in Coahoma.

## St. Lawrence Festival right around corner

**Herald Staff Report**

ST. LAWRENCE — Sausage anyone?  
 The 58th Annual St. Lawrence Fall Festival will be held Sunday, Oct. 5 in the Parish Hall and on the Parish grounds.  
 Mass will be celebrated at 9 a.m. in the church.  
 Lunch will be served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. only. The

menu features barbecue brisket, homemade German sausage and all of the trimmings, including homemade desserts (as well as diabetic desserts) tea, coffee or water. Plates to go will also be available from 11 until 2.  
 Sausage sandwiches and other food concessions will be available for purchase after 4 p.m.  
 Noon meal tickets can be purchased from 10:45 a.m. until 1:45 p.m. Adult tickets are \$12 each.  
 Tickets for children 12 and under are \$10.  
 Uncooked, homemade German sausage will be sold for

\$7 per pound in the Sausage Haus with a minimum of five pounds.  
 St. Lawrence Church is located 10 miles south of Garden City on Highway 33, then five miles west on Highway 2401.  
 Organizers have planned numerous activities including game booths featuring Grab Bag, Coke Ring Toss, Jumpy Houses, Duck Pond and many others which will be open from 11 a.m. through 4 p.m.  
 The Kountry Kitch will be stocked with local handcrafts and baked and canned goods while the Religious Booth

will feature a wide variety of religious items for purchase. That booth will open at 10:30 a.m.  
 Balloon artist Harlin Rhodes will once again be showing his talent at the festival.  
 Booth tickets are 50 cents each and will be available from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.  
 A concession stand will be available throughout the day. T-shirts and other items will also be for sale.  
 Other events will include Bingo from noon until 4, a silent auction from 10:30 until 2 and a live auction beginning at 2 p.m.  
 The festival will feature

limited handicap parking near the front entrance of the Parish Hall and reserved meal seating for guests who need extra assistance, including senior citizens.  
 "In the tradition of celebrating our community and heritage, we would like to extend a sincere invitation to all to join us in the farmlands of St. Lawrence for our annual Fall Festival," said Martha Schwartz, event publicity chairman.  
 "Please come see us as you enjoy a relaxing day with family and friends while experiencing the local cuisine and hospitality."



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### City crews work to repair manhole here

By ANDREIA MEDLIN  
 Staff Writer

A public service announcement was released Thursday describing the damaged man hole discovered on the west side of Big Spring.  
 Late Wednesday evening, Sept. 17, city of Big Spring received notification of a large hole in the street in the 1100 block of W. Sixth St. A city crew was immediately dispatched and discovered a broken manhole.  
 In an attempt to hold back the flow of water, a dam was built around the hole. City crews continued to work to



HERALD photo/Andreia Medlin

City crews continued to work Thursday to repair a damaged manhole located on the 1100 block of W. Sixth Street. Recent rains contributed to the damage to the manhole when the area was flooded.

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## Obituaries

### Debra Lynn Knott

On Sept. 18, 2014, God called another angel, Debra Lynn Knott, home. A memorial service will be at 2:30 p.m. Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel with Pastor Kevin Knudson, of Life Church officiating.

She was preceded in death by her father, Vernon Corwin, brother Johnny and grandparents. She leaves behind her mother, Lavada (Earl) Weston, of Big Spring, Texas, daughter, Dedra Knott and spouse, Christopher Machart, of Sheridan, Texas, son Daylon (Alexandrea) Knott, of Giddings, Texas, three grandchildren, four sisters, four brothers, life-partner, Bobby, several nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins, friends and family that will miss her dearly.

Debbie, we will miss your sparkling personality, bright smile, quick witted humor; your selfless way of showing love and care for others. Debbie had an infectious way about her and never met a stranger. She had a zest for life and lived it to the fullest. She was an amazing cook and loved to have fun no matter what she was doing. Deb, "we love you more!"

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at [www.myersandsmith.com](http://www.myersandsmith.com).

*Paid obituary*

### Ben F. Johnson Jr

Ben F. Johnson Jr., 97, formerly of Big Spring, Texas, passed away Monday, Sept. 8, 2014, in Tempe, Ariz., following complications from a severe fall.

Mr. Johnson was born Feb. 15, 1917, in Commerce, Texas, and was a World War II army veteran. In 1953, he and his wife, Geraldine, moved to Big Spring where he began his employment at Howard County Junior College, serving as academic dean for 26 years. He was widely known around the community simply as "Dean Johnson." He retired in 1979 and continued to live in Big Spring until moving to Tempe in 2000.

He was a past president of the Big Spring Rotary Club and active in the Buffalo Trail Council of the Boy Scouts. He also served in the leadership of the Texas Junior College Association. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Big Spring and was an adult men's Sunday school teacher for many years.

He is survived by Geraldine S. Johnson, his wife of 67 years, of Tempe; two sons, Ben III (Sherrel) of El Dorado, Ark., and Van of Tempe.

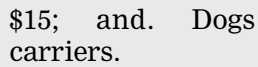
Jerry and Ben spent many summer months in their mountaintop home in Cloudcroft, N.M., where they stayed active in civic projects, the Rails to Trails program, and the United Methodist Church.

The family suggests memorials be donated to the Howard College Foundation, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, Texas 79720 or Cloudcroft United Methodist Church, 50 Chipmunk Avenue, Cloudcroft, New Mexico 88317.

### Vaccine Clinic at the Humane Society

The Howard County Humane Society and Sierra Animal Clinic will host a vaccine clinic Oct. 4, from 8 a.m. to noon as a fund-raiser for the United Way. The clinic will be held at the Humane Society, 5710 IH 20 West. Prices are as follows, dogs

shots for Parvo, Distemper are a \$10 donation; Rabies, \$5; for cats, Rabies, \$5; for indoor cats, fvrpcp, \$10, and for outdoor cats, felv/fvrpcp \$15; and. Dogs must be on leashes and cats in carriers.



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## Support Groups

### FRIDAY

• 7 p.m. — The Stepping Stone Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets at Spring Town Plaza (inside the mall, across from the movie box office, next to Sears).

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

### SATURDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m. Covered dish supper at 7 p.m.

### SUNDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous closed meeting from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 7 p.m. until 8 p.m.

### MONDAY

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

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being taken



The Big Spring High School homecoming parade is set for 4:30 p.m. Oct. 3. If you would like to enter a float, call the BSHS main office at 432-264-3641. Parade entries are due Wednesday.

### Local 5-Day Forecast

Fri 9/19	Sat 9/20	Sun 9/21	Mon 9/22	Tue 9/23
 <b>80/69</b> Scattered thunderstorms in the morning, then mainly cloudy during the after.	 <b>82/69</b> Scattered thunderstorms. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the upper 60s.	 <b>77/68</b> Thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the upper 60s.	 <b>75/65</b> Thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 70s and lows in the mid 60s.	 <b>78/64</b> Scattered thunderstorms possible.
<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:32 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 7:46 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:32 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 7:45 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:33 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 7:43 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:34 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 7:42 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:34 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 7:41 PM



### Texas At A Glance



## Police/Sheriff reports

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

• **DERRICK TODD DRAKE**, 28, of 1515 Stadium, was arrested Thursday on a charge of tampering/fabricating physical evidence.

• **EDWARD LOPEZ**, 25, of 411 N. Scurry, was arrested Thursday on a warrant for terroristic threat placing person in fear of serious bodily injury.

• **MICHAEL STEVEN MARQUEZ**, 32, of 1002 Main no. 6, was arrested Thursday on a warrant from another agency.

• **ROBERT RUBEN SANCHEZ**, 50, of 1023 Stadium, was arrested Thursday on a charge of public intoxication with 3 prior convictions.

• **ANDRES GARCIA JR.**, 37, of 700 W. Interstate Highway 20, was arrested Thursday on a charge of public intoxication.

• **TONY LEON JETTON**, 38, of 406 Vikki Rd., was arrested Thursday on a charge of public intoxication.

• **STOLEN VEHICLE** was reported at the 5700 block of Cedar Rd.

• **THEFT** was reported at the 1100 block of 14<sup>th</sup> St., the 200 block of W. FM 700.

• **UNWANTED SUBJECT** was reported at the 1300 block of Tucson.

• **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported at the 2400 block of S. Gregg, mile marker 174

• **SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY** was reported at the 1500 block of W. FM 700, the 800 block of W. Third St. and the 700 block of Interstate Highway 20.

• **TRAFFIC PARKING VIOLATION** was reported in the alley behind Goliad.

• **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** reported at the 1500 block of Kentucky Way.

• **DISTURBANCE** reported at the 5600 block of S. Service Rd. of Interstate Highway 20.

The Howard County Sheriffs Office reported the following activity:

Note: Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 85 at the time of this report.

• **DERRICK TODD DRAKE** was booked by BSPD on a charge of

tampering/fabricating physical evidence with the intent to impair.

• **JOE ALBERT DEANDA JR.** was booked by HCSO on a warrant for credit card or debit card abuse.

• **GILBERT GONZALES** was booked by HCSO for sentencing on a warrant for delivery of a controlled substance.

• **MICHAEL STEVEN MARQUEZ** was booked by BSPD on a parole violation.

• **EDWARD LOPEZ** was booked by BSPD on a warrant for terroristic threat causing fear of imminent serious bodily injury.

• **TONY LEON JETTON** was booked by HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.

• **ROBERT RUBIN SANCHEZ** was booked by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication with 3 prior convictions.

• **JASON DEWAYNE ROBERTS** was booked by DPS on a charge of driving while license invalid with previous conviction/suspension without final resolution.

• **CHRISTOVAL**

**MOREN CORRALEZ** was booked by HCSO on a warrant for burglary of a building and display expired registration.

• **ANDRES GARCIA JR.** was booked by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.



**Sept. 19-20**  
**16th of September Festival:**  
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American Legion Post 506 Fish Fry will be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, at 3203 W. Highway 80. Plates are \$10 each and carry outs are available. Delivery will be open from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, call 263-2084.

A ceremony to recognize National POW/MIA Day will be held 5:30 p.m. Friday, at the Vietnam Memorial Wall. The community is welcomed to participate as the national honors military members who were once or are prisoners of war and for those who went missing in action.

The Howard County Humane Society and Sierra Animal Clinic will host a vaccine clinic Oct. 4, from 8 a.m. to noon as a fund-raiser for the United Way. The clinic will be held at the Humane Society, 5710 IH 20 West. Prices are as follows, dogs shots for Parvo, Distemper are a \$10 donation; Rabies, \$5; for cats, Rabies, \$5; for indoor cats, fvrpcp, \$10, and for outdoor cats, felv/fvrpcp \$15; and. Dogs must be on leashes and cats in carriers.

The annual Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Chapter 47 Forget-Me-Not Drive will be held Oct. 10-11, at Wal-Mart. Money contributed to the annual fund-raiser stays in the area to help local military veterans.

The Big Spring High School homecoming parade is set for 4:30 p.m. Oct. 3. If you would like to enter a float, call the BSHS main office at 432-264-3641. Parade entries are due Sept. 24.

Order of the Eastern Star Big Spring Chapter 67 meets the third Thursday each month at 219 Main St. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. Lodge meet-



**Forsan's homecoming duchesses pictured from left, Jillian Jones, daughter of Rodney and Sheila Jones, represents the freshman class; Kendall Phillips, daughter of Jason and Lauri Phillips is the sophomore class duchess; and Anne-Marie Lugo, daughter of Josh and Cindy Lugo, is the junior class duchess.**

Courtesy photo/Forsan ISD

ing begins at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. For more information contact Jimmy Ruth at 270-7263.

Howard County 4-H will have a kick off event from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 20 at the G.C. Broughton Ag Complex on the Howard College campus. There will be food, fun and games. Come see what we are all about. Any questions, call 432-264-2236.

The Settles Grill is the site for this week's United Way Dine Out Days event. Each restaurant which participates in Dine Out Days makes a contribution to the United Way.

Signal Mountain Quilters and Crafters Guild will give away an all inclusive cancer quilt on Oct. 28 at 1 p.m. The quilt measures 9 feet, 7 inches long and 9 feet, 5 inches wide. The event will be hosted by the Heritage Museum and tickets are \$1. All proceeds from tickets sold will go to "Gift of Hope." The quilt will be on display at the museum Oct. 1-28. Cancer squares

are being accepted to make into comfort/lap quilts, quilts you make, crochet and knitted afghans. The blankets and quilts will be placed under the Guild Christmas Tree at the Heritage Museum during the Tree of Lights. The quilts and afghans will be donated to the chemotherapy patients at the Allison Cancer Center. For more information, call Jeanne at 556-6403.

The Howard County Fair Quilt is on display at State National Bank. Tickets are available for \$1 each or 6 tickets for \$5. Tickets can be purchased at Compass Bank, Prosperity Bank, State National, and Wells Fargo Bank.

The Howard County Association board invites all elementary school children, pre-kindergarten through fifth grade, to attend the Howard County Fair without charge Thursday, Sept. 25 and Fri-

day, Sept. 26, between the hours of 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. These hours are available only for this age-level student and are not during the regular hours of the fair. To schedule a time for your class to visit, contact Gale Pittman or Sandy Stewart at 432-267-5201, 432-935-1604 or uway@bigspringtx.com.

Friends of the Library of Howard County requests donations of books in good condition for the book sale to be held Oct.17-19. If you have books you wish to donate to this worthwhile cause, take them to the Howard County Library, Monday through Friday during regular library hours. Please, no National Geographic magazines, other magazines, or condensed books.

The Cross Roads Young Marines are taking applications for another boot camp. For more information, call

432-517-4791. Young Marines welcomes boys and girls ages 8 to 18 who are still attending school.

A bank account has been set up to help defray funeral expenses for the family of Shelly Lopez. To make a donation to the Shelly Lopez Memorial fund contact the Big Spring Educational Employee Federal Credit Union at 263-8393 located at 1110 Benton.

Crossroads Hospice is looking for volunteers. Come and be part of our team. Contact Eva at 432-263-5300.

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.

The Powwow Committee of Big Spring has

been restructured and is seeking new members, according to committee secretary Greg Bodin. For more information, 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 intervention or accompaniment to the hospital and law enforcement agencies as needed. If you can commit to 30-hour training, an interview process background check and attend training. We need you. For more information, call Linda Calvio at 432-263-3312.

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repair the area of the street Thursday.

The city asks for patience while they work to restore services and apologizes for any in-

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Odder Johnson, 91, died Tuesday. Services are pending.  
Nadine Sparks Geddes, 49, died Tuesday. Services are pending.  
Reta Faught, 82, died Wednesday. Services are pending.  
Debra Knott, 52, died Thursday. Memorial Service will be at 2:30 p.m. Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel.

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The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has published the Final EA and FONSI for Midland International Air and Space Port, City of Midland, Midland County, Texas. The Final EA evaluates potential environmental impacts of the City of Midland's proposal to operate a commercial space launch site at the Midland International Airport in Midland County, Texas and offer the site to XCOR Aerospace, Inc. for the operation of the Lynx horizontal take-off and horizontal landing reusable launch vehicle and engine testing. To operate a commercial space launch site, the City of Midland must obtain a launch site operator license from the FAA. The FAA finds that the Proposed Action would not significantly affect the quality of the human environment; therefore, the FAA has determined that preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement is not required. The Final EA and FONSI are available for review at the following website: [http://www.faa.gov/about/office\\_org/headquarters\\_offices/ast/environmental/nepa\\_docs/review/operator/](http://www.faa.gov/about/office_org/headquarters_offices/ast/environmental/nepa_docs/review/operator/).

In addition, a printed copy of the Final FA and FONSI is available at the following locations:

- Midland County Library - 301 West Missouri Avenue, Midland, Texas 79701
- Ector County Library - 321 W. 5th Street, Odessa, Texas 79761
- Reagan County Library - 300 Courthouse Square Big Lake, Texas 76932

To request a copy of the Final EA and FONSI, please contact Mr. Daniel Czelusniak, Office of Commercial Space Transportation, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, SW, Suite 325, Washington, DC 20591; email Daniel.Czelusniak@faa.gov; or phone (202) 267-5924.

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*“Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.”*

—FIRST AMENDMENT

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# Commander in Chief wishy washy

**I**f we take the proper steps, we can save lives, but we have to act fast,” President Obama said on Tuesday. “We can’t dawdle on this one. We have to move with force and make sure that we are catching this as best we can given that this has broken out in ways we have not seen before.”

The president was in Atlanta announcing an expanded military effort to aid African countries fighting Ebola, but he also might have been talking about the necessity of stopping the oil-fueled terrorism and hate of ISIL.

Obama did not set about to be a foreign policy president. He was going to be the health care president, the guy who focused on jobs and equality and the environment and education.

But with two years left in his term, the president can’t do much of anything about any of those things, other than issue executive orders and (if Democrats hold onto the Senate) appoint people. If Democrats lose the Senate, so much for the appointments piece. For better or worse, like it or not, the domestic agenda — whether right or left — is caught in gridlock. For better or worse, like it or not, Obama must face the challenges of a world in crisis.

Amidst the horror being

wreaked by these extremists is an opportunity for this president to rise above the pettiness of American politics and act as the commander in chief. The extremists have created a coalition that would not otherwise exist, and, equally improbably, they have silenced the partisan attacks from Speaker Boehner and his crowd. Now the president must take the next step — away from politics.

Leave it to the Senate Democrats to fight their fights in the battleground states where the president’s presence doesn’t help anyway. Enough with the endless fundraising for negative ads and back-and-forth blame games.

Enlist Bill Clinton to do the domestic rallies. Send Joe Biden to collect checks from the big donors. The best thing Obama can do is to confront the world, speaking for a united country, facing danger with determination and boldness.

This is not our president’s natural inclination. His critics, and even his friends, have complained that “not doing something stupid” is not a strategy or a worldview.

Even now, with the country, and especially his opponents, ready to give him more authority than he is asking for, the concern — and it is a real one — is that the president is asking for too little and not too much, that it may take special forces “advisers” to stop ISIL and not just air strikes, that no boots on the ground might more accurately mean no boots on the ground in

frontline combat.

We have had too many presidents who have found it too easy to send young men and women into harm’s way. Not making mistakes is not a strategy, but it remains a good idea. The president should not be reckless, but neither should he be timid.

The I usually start to laugh when politicians start invoking “the American people,” as if we are a monolith who speaks in one voice directly into the ear that is not hooked up to a television camera. But this is one of those occasions where it seems almost true that the country wants to be united, wants to be strong, wants to fight back and, most importantly, wants a president we can trust and rely on in the battle.

Easy? Of course not. But the president is not the newbie he was six years ago.

The best thing he can do for his party, his country and his legacy, let alone the people who are in harm’s way, is to focus not only on the belated battle against Ebola, but also on the belated and necessary world effort to deal with the threat of extremism that knows no limits. He might just be the national security president yet. And by the way, the Democrats might even hold the Senate.

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# The first thanksgiving in the U.S.

**W**hen you get to San Elizario, Texas, in a part of the country that bears little resemblance to Plymouth, Massachusetts, you learn that you are in “a proud and picturesque community, which is gaining fame as the home of the ‘First Thanksgiving.’”

At least that’s what the welcoming signs tell you: “The expedition of Spanish explorer Don Juan de Onate held a Thanksgiving feast in 1598 near what is now San Elizario, twenty-three years before the Thanksgiving at Plymouth Colony.”

If you Google “first Thanksgiving,” you are likely to get many more references to the 1621 feast of the Pilgrims than to the 1598 Spanish Thanksgiving. But that’s only because most historians still start counting American history with the landing of the Mayflower.

Yet a plaque in San Elizario’s main plaza notes that the Onate expedition celebrated “the first Thanksgiving in what is now the United States of America” on April 30, 1598,” and that Onate shaped the growth and development of the great Southwest for generations with “historic events (that) preceded the English colonies on the Atlantic seaboard, the French colonization of Canada, and the Dutch settlements in the Hudson River area by several years.”

But while exposing a huge part of our hidden Hispanic heritage, the plaque hides another part. It totally ignores the Spanish exploration of the Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico shorelines in the early 1500s and the Spanish settlements in Pensacola in 1559 and S Indeed, the Texas Thanksgiving precedes Massachusetts’ by 23 years, but it came 33 years after the thanksgiving Mass and feast celebrated by Pedro Menendez de Aviles and the Timucua natives in St. Augustine on Sept. 8, 1565 — 56 years before the Pilgrims.

Florida historians speculate they ate salted pork, garbanzo beans and biscuits, and there are several artistic renditions of that feast, including a mural on the wall inside the Cathedral Basilica of St. Augustine, the oldest church in the country.

Yet the story of the Texas Thanksgiving is indeed very valuable because it marks the beginning of a fascinating and

often ignored part of American history.

At San Elizario, you learn the Onate expedition left Santa Barbara, in present-day Mexico, in November 1597, headed for what is now New Mexico. “Four hundred men led the way, 130 of whom had wives and children,” the plaque explains. “There were several priests, 83 wagons and carts, plus 7,000 head of stock, they were planning to stay.”

After trekking north across the barren Chihuahua desert for months, including the last four days without water, the expedition finally reached el Rio del Norte (now the Rio Grande), near present-day San Elizario, on April 26, 1598.

“Grateful for the completion of a perilous part of their journey, the abundance of water, and plenty of wild game along the river, the expedition set about preparations for a great celebration,” the San Elizario plaque explains.

Although some of their horses died from drinking too much water, the poet-chronicler of the expedition, Gaspar Perez de Villagra, described it as a “happy and joyous occasion.”

No doubt, they had plenty of cause for giving thanks. But saying they were the “first” Europeans to give thanks on American soil is a bit disingenuous. After all, the Spanish explorers held religious thanksgiving ceremonies every time they stepped ashore or explored new territory on what is now the United States — starting with the Juan Ponce de Leon expedition from Puerto Rico to Florida in 1513.

Indeed, even before the Onate expedition established “El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro,” the Royal Road of the Interior, which still leads to northern New Mexico, two other Spanish expeditions, in 1581 and 1582, already had followed the same path across the river through El Paso del Norte, the Pass to the North.

And guided by Franciscan priests, surely they, too, gave thanks for having survived their treacherous journeys. But surely, they, too, came after Menendez had established St. Augustine.

According to another plaque in San Elizario’s main plaza, the trail that leads through this town and on to El Paso and northern New Mexico was really first traveled by Fray Agustin Rodriguez, who led two other Franciscan

priests, nine soldiers and 15 Indians and “spent the remainder of 1581 exploring the vast region from present western New Mexico to the Texas panhandle.”

However, when natives killed one of the priests and the soldiers returned to Mexico to report it to Spanish authorities, Rodriguez and another priest stayed behind. In 1582, Fray Bernardino Beltran led another expedition to find the missionaries, only to find that they also had been killed by natives.

Nevertheless, one of the many commemorative plaques in San Elizario notes that these expeditions “marked the beginning of the Spanish influence in the area. Their exploration opened the region, now the American Southwest, to later colonization.”

And along the way, they had many reasons and opportunities to be thankful.

Yet amazingly, on the Internet, you find people still trying to rationalize calling Plymouth Rock the “first Thanksgiving” by arguing that it was the first holiday celebration instead of the first religious service. Yet even under that contrived definition, St. Augustine came first.

The renowned Florida history professor Michael Gannon described it as the “first community act of Thanksgiving in a permanently established European settlement.” You can’t argue with that!

But frankly, I welcome the debate over which Thanksgiving came first, not because I want to diminish the one we cherish and traditionally commemorate every November but because our pre-Mayflower Thanksgivings help us expose our hidden Hispanic heritage and the pre-British history of the United States.

Next week, my Great Hispanic American History tour follows Onate’s path to El Paso, Texas, where the man called “the great colonizer” doesn’t even have his name on a huge statue the city built for him. You’ll find no bigger example of hidden Hispanic heritage!

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## DAILY PRAYER

Help us Dear Lord to tell those we love most “Thank you for being you.”

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# ► Church News

## Spring Creek Fellowship

"Women of Faith: From Survival to Revival" Simulcast on Friday, Nov. 7 from 6 to 8 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 8 from 8 to 3:30. Tickets are \$15 and it includes lunch on Saturday. Contact Linda White or the office for more info or tickets.

Adults meet for Bible study at the church on Wednesday nights at 6 pm. Children and youth will meet for activities. Home Groups will also be meeting.

Current Connection Groups will continue throughout the next few months with the addition of one group learning about marriage called "What Did You Expect?" This class would be a blessing for those of you who are newly married, those married a long time, those planning to get married soon or anyone who plans to get married sometime in the future.

Big Spring Classical Academy classes include Junior K through Junior High this coming year. Applications are now being taken for the 2014-2015 school year. Visit our website at <http://bigspringclassical.org> for more information or contact Donna Sue Looney.

The Big Spring Christian Academy has started a Preschool! To start, it will be a two day a week preschool and eventually move into a full-time preschool for ages 3 months through 4 years old. Times are 8-3:30 on Tuesdays and Thursdays. For more information, go to [www.bsccpreschool.org](http://www.bsccpreschool.org).

You can listen to the sermon from the previous Sunday at 9 every Sunday morning on KBYG 106.3 FM and 1400 AM.

We have Sunday school/Connection Groups at 9:15 a.m. Sunday and worship service at 10:45. Bible study and other activities are held at 6 p.m. each Wednesday.

If you would like any further information regarding any of our ministries or events, please contact the church office or visit our website.

Spring Creek Fellowship meets at the College Park Shopping Center at 501 Birdwell Lane in Big Spring, Texas. Contact us at 432-714-4584 or visit our website at [www.springcreekfellowship.org](http://www.springcreekfellowship.org)

## First Christian Church

In 1964, Barbara Streisand found her signature song from the Broadway musical "Funny Girl." She sang "People, people who need people, are the luckiest people in the world." This Sunday our pastor, Dr. Ken McIntosh, will offer a hopeful word for those who are lonely and feel unwanted in churches. At first, only Jewish Christians were welcomed into the church but Peter reached out to Gentiles, and soon Jewish Christians opened their doors, too. Once again, Dr. McIntosh will speak from scripture (Acts 10: 34-43), as well as from John Steinbeck's "The Grapes of Wrath" (1939). Dr. McIntosh's sermon will focus on what it means for people to be a Christian influence in their lives. Throughout the month of September, Dr. McIntosh is using scripture and Steinbeck's great moral novel to explore issues of faith, relationships and moral actions in his sermon messages.

This Sunday, Paul Smith and Dr. McIntosh will co-lead a book study in the parlor of First Christian Church for anyone who wants to turn around declining membership in their congregation. The Sunday evening series will be based on Thom S. Rainer's newest book, "Autopsy of a Deceased Church: 12 Ways to Keep Yours Alive" (2014). The program will start at 6:30 p.m. and will run for approximately four weeks. Copies of the book are available to participants.

## First Presbyterian Church, Big Spring

The Lectionary Bible study, led by the Rev. Craig Holstedt and Tom Koger, meets at 5:17 p.m. Wednesday. The Chancel Choir rehearsal is at 6 p.m. Wednesdays, and Children's Music Program begins at 4:15.

The Youth Group will meet at 6 p.m. with a meal before the program and bell choir on Sunday evening.

The students from Howard College who have joined our Chancel Choir are Trai Currie, Matthew Mier and Ashley Pike. They provided a welcome addition to our music last Sunday. We inadvertently gave Matthew (as well as the other men) a resounding surprise when the back bench in the choir loft broke down and left the men sitting on the floor. We hope to provide less dramatic evidence of our welcome in the coming season.

The Presbyterian Church USA has designated Sunday as the day to recognize the work of our 10 seminaries and two theological institutions, which provide the educational foundation church leaders need to be able to preach, teach, pray and lead. We will be led in worship this Sunday by Matthew Aldus, a second-year student at Austin Theological Seminary, where he is completing the requirements for a Master of Divinity degree.

# TESTIMONY OF GOD'S GRACE

## Wife of slain pastor forgives accused gunman

A woman with an amazing testimony of what God's grace is all about will be in Big Spring this weekend.

Cindy Winters, whose husband was fatally shot in March 2009 while delivering his Sunday morning service at the church he had pastored for 22 years, will be the featured speaker at Grace Fellowship Church Sunday morning.

Pastor Eddy Prince said, "She is an incredible example of how God can be trusted for restoration and healing in times of sudden and unthinkable tragedy. Her life is a true inspiration and anyone will be encouraged and strengthened by her testimony."

The wife of pastor Fred Winters said she forgives the accused gunman, who killed her husband and wishes that he will find peace with God.

The alleged gunman, Terry Sedlacek, walked into the First Baptist Church in Maryville, Illinois, and opened fire randomly, killing Pastor Fred Winters and injuring two others before he was captured.

In an interview with CBS Early Show co-anchor Julie Chen, Winters told her that she has no negative feelings



Cindy Winters will speak at the 11 a.m. service at Grace Fellowship Church this Sunday. The public is invited to hear her testimony.

towards the alleged gunman.

She told Julie Chen, "I do not have any hatred, or even hard feelings towards him... We have been praying for him. One of the first things that my daughter said to me after this happened was, 'You know, I hope that he comes to learn to love Jesus through all of this.'"

She said she and her family are not at all angry with him

for what he did.

"We are not angry at all, and we really firmly believe that he can find hope and forgiveness and peace through this, by coming to know Jesus. And we hope that that happens for him."

And when Chen asked what kind of punishment she expects for Sedlacek, Winters is not too concerned about the type of punishment the state will impose; she rather wants him to find peace with God.

"I don't have any speculation or any idea about that. But I do hope that he finds peace with God. I hope that he comes to understand that God loves him in spite of his sins and that he can have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ."

She has authored a book entitled "Reflections from the Pit" which will be available during her visit.

The service begins at 10:30 and everyone is welcome.

Grace Fellowship Church is located in College Park at 603 Tulane Ave. For more information, contact Pastor Eddy Prince at 432-312-5006 or by email at [pastorprince@msn.com](mailto:pastorprince@msn.com).

Claudie Patterson is in charge of Take Ten for Sunday. Anyone who is interested in providing refreshments for Take Ten is asked to contact Paula Farquar.

The lectionary for the Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost is Exodus 16:2-15; Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45; Philippians 1:21-30; Matthew 20:1-16. The choir will present "With a Voice of Singing" by Martin Shaw as the offertory anthem.

Our worship service begins at 10:50 a.m. for announcements and parish concerns before our radio broadcast starts at 11.

If you cannot attend worship, listen in on KBST 1490 AM., beginning at 11 a.m. If you wish to have a printed bulletin for Sunday services, call the

church office at 263-4211. You may also see what's happening at the church by visiting our website: [www.fpcbs.org](http://www.fpcbs.org). There, you can find a link that will enable you to listen to several recent sermons by the Rev. Holstedt.

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us, call 264-7818, or e-mail us at [aliveinchristtx@gmail.com](mailto:aliveinchristtx@gmail.com).

Sunday service begins at 9 a.m. with Bible study and Sunday school at 10:15 a.m. This Sunday is National Back to Church Sunday. If you are new to the area or haven't been to church before or in a while, please accept this as an invitation to join us this Sunday. The adult class has begun a 6 week study titled "Death, Salvation & the End Times." The youth are studying "120 Bible Stories."

Richard Knocke will present the scripture readings this week. Pastor Andrew Bartholomew will preach on Acts 2:42-47.

Our Wednesday night Bible study began Sept. 17. Everyone is invited. A meal is served from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Classes begin at 6:30 p.m.

Tune in to KBYG every morning for a devotional sponsored in part by the Lutheran Hour. Tune in to 106.3 FM or 1400 AM between 6:45 and 6:50 each morning for "Morning Meditation Thoughts."

**First United Methodist Church**

First United Methodist Church is located at the corner of Fourth and Scurry in downtown Big Spring. Services are held each Sunday morning at 8:30 and 10:50. The 10:50 service is broadcast live each week on radio station KXCS-105.5 FM.

During the 10:50 service, children gather for their own worship time as well. Kids first come together for a time of large group worship and then separate into two smaller age appropriate groups for the weekly Bible Lesson.

This Sunday, Pastor Bill Ivins is launching a new message series titled "Under the Hood." Cars today are far more complicated than ever before. But when all the moving parts work together, it's like grace in motion.

That's true for the church as well! People might be amazed to discover what makes our church go. Powered by the Holy Spirit and energized by the faithful and diligent efforts of gifted individuals, our church is moving down the road, influencing people to find and follow Jesus. This Sunday, we'll begin to take a careful look at what's under the hood.

Worship music will include "Jesus, Messiah" by Chris Tomlin, "Holy Ground Medley" and "The Church's One Foundation."

Wednesday nights are filled with a full complement of activities for all ages. Supper is served at 5:30 p.m. in Garrett Hall. Next Wednesday, the menu includes Chicken spaghetti, salad, and garlic bread.

Classes and ministry activities for all ages begin at 6 p.m. This fall, adult electives include "The Five Love Languages" led by Joan Pierce, Class 101 of the "Discipleship Pathway" led by Ann McClarty and Jim Anderson.

Later in the fall, "Financial Peace University" and "Non-Intimidating Ways to Share Your Faith" will be added to the adult elective lineup.

Pastor Ivins also leads a prayer meeting at 6 p.m. Wednesdays in the church parlor.

Adult Choir rehearsal meets from 7 to 8:30 each Wednesday night in the Music Suite upstairs. The adult Celebration Choir is under the direction of Gershom Garcia.

As we look ahead to October, the congregation

is encouraged to remember two important dates. This year, the Lord's Acre is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 15. That is a correction to the previously announced date. People are encouraged to begin bringing items for the silent auction as well as the live auction to the church in preparation for the Lord's Acre.

The other date to remember is Trunks for Treats on Friday, Oct. 31. Members are encouraged to make plans to participate that night. For those unable to get out that night, consider donating candy.

For more information on any activity, visit our website at [www.fumcbs.com](http://www.fumcbs.com) or phone the church office at 267-6394.

**Blessed Hands Deaf Church**

We invite you to worship with us Sunday at either 10:50 a.m. or 2 p.m.

Pastor Jim Walterhouse will bring the sermon focusing on being an excellent manager of your resources for God's glory; I Peter 4:10 says "As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God." Join us Wednesday evening at 6 for Bible Study and for a fellowship meal served from 5-6 in First Baptist Church Family Life Center. For more information about Blessed Hands Deaf Church, contact Pastor Jim at [jwalterhouse@gmail.com](mailto:jwalterhouse@gmail.com). BHDC meets inside First Baptist Church at 705 W. FM 700.

**Forsan Baptist Church**

This Sunday morning we will continue our series, "Miracles of Jesus in the Gospel of John." Our message is titled "Trigger Happy," and comes from John 13:1-5 and 21-27. We will also observe the Lord's Supper during morning worship.

Next Sunday, Sept. 28, Brandon Gartman will be preaching during morning worship.

On Wednesday evenings we are studying the Book of Genesis. On Sunday evenings we have begun an Inquiry Study based upon open questions about the Bible. Anyone who wishes to ask a question about the Bible or Christianity is welcome to chime in. These questions will be addressed through Scrip-

ture and can be emailed, called in, asked in person or sent via Facebook message from our church page. You can even text them to the number at the bottom of this article.

Our church is located at 201 Main in Forsan. Sunday school begins at 9:50, with worship services at 10:50 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday services begin at 6 p.m. Rides for all youth activities are available if arranged ahead of time. Call the church at 432-457-2342 or Pastor Darren Weaver at 432-213-2348.

**Holy Trinity Catholic Parish**

Holy Trinity Catholic Parish is hosting an "inquirer's" class for those interested in knowing more about the Catholic Church. The sessions are each Monday at 6:30 p.m. in the East Room of the office building, located between the church and the Our Lady of Guadalupe Family Center. The topic for the next session is "The Meaning of the Mass." There is no obligation to become Catholic and all are welcome to come with their questions. Holy Trinity is located at 1009 Hearn St.

The Fall Festival is coming up on Oct. 24-25. There are many wonderful prizes this year. Tickets are presently on sale. Call the church office at 714-4930 for ticket booklets. Watch for more details as we get closer to time for the festival.

**First Baptist Church, Big Spring**

It's not too late to participate in the Ladies' Bible Study Group(s). Beth Moore's study "Children of the Day" focuses on I & II Thessalonians and is offered Mondays at 9:30 or Wednesdays at 5:30. Call 267-8223 for additional information.

Join us Sunday at 10:50 for morning worship service as Pastor Mark Lindsey brings the message titled "The Call to Remember," drawn from I Corinthians 11:23-25.

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# Did you ever wonder? A son for Abram

God had pointedly promised that Abram would have multitudes of descendants. Sarai thought perhaps she was the infertile one, thus preventing Abram from receiving the son that God promised. She suggested that Abram marry her Egyptian maid, Hagar. (Men were permitted to have multiple wives at that time.) Sarai planned to raise the child from that union as her



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adopted son. Do you notice the 'birds of prey' here? Sarai needed to wait for God's timing.

Hagar was a daughter of Pharaoh. He had given her to Abram and Sarai because he experienced the power of the God that Abram served. Hagar was an Egyptian princess and she conceived immediately after her marriage to Abram. She began to feel superior to Sarai, who actually was still her master, and there was strife between Hagar and Sarai. Eventually Ishmael was born and Abram loved him. At this time Abram was 86 years old.

When Abram was 99 years old, Sarai was 89 and Ishmael was 13, God added to His

covenant with Abram. God promised to make Abram the father of a multitude of nations. Again God promised to reward him with the whole land of Canaan as an everlasting possession, and God would be God to Abram's descendants.

At this time God changed Abram's name to Abraham. In the Hebrew language, the name God calls himself begins with an "H". Because Abram was God's friend, He put part of His own name into Abram's.

Now it was time for Abraham to complete his part of the covenant. To show that Abraham believed in God and wanted to serve Him, Abraham was to circumcise

himself and every male in his family... offspring, servants and sojourners alike.

Gen 17:12 specifies that at the age of 8 days a male baby shall be circumcised. People have wondered at this stipulation of 8 days. Doctors and scientists have recently discovered that on the eighth day a special enzyme is released into the child's bloodstream that hastens healing. Isn't God good?

Now God also changed Sarai's name. God also put the first letter of his name into her name, changing it to Sarah. He said, "I will bless her; indeed, I will give you a son through her. And she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples will rise from her."

On that very day, Abraham, Ishmael and all the males of Abraham's household were circumcised. Abraham was 99 years old and Ishmael was 13 years old.

Abraham's love for God was such that he obeyed immediately, without saying, "God, this is hard! Couldn't you find another way? Could I have a few days to think about it?"

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## CHURCH NEWS

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passage calls to mind Christ's sacrificial offering of Himself as procurement of our salvation and acceptance with God, establishing the New Covenant of grace which is confirmed by His blood. You are invited to commemorate Jesus' victory over sin and death, as we partake of this holy celebration of new life in Christ.

At 9:30, Sunday school classes are available for all age groups with children gathering in the Good News Garage on the first floor, and youth and adults meeting on the second floor.

Evening worship begins at 6, and Pastor Lindsey continues our exploration of the Old Testament with the message "Father Abraham Had Many Sins," from Genesis 12-13.

Also at 6, youth gather in the second floor youth department led by Youth Pastor Jonathan Raffini. All area teens are invited to be part of this group.

AWANA meets at 5:30, and area children grades K-6 are welcome to participate in this fun time of games, songs, Bible stories, and Bible verse memory.

Wednesday, Sept. 24, is the annual "See You at the Pole" day where students gather at their campus flagpole before the school day begins to pray for their schools, classmates, etc. Wednesday evening, FBC will host the "Saw You at the Pole" Rally. All area teens are invited to gather in the gym for free pizza at 6, followed by the rally at 7. Rick Arndt, youth pastor from First Baptist Stanton, will speak and the worship band from Big Spring's First Church of the Nazarene will provide the music. Come, bring a friend and be a part of the "Jesus Gang!"

Wednesday evenings begin with a meal served from 5-6 in the Family Life Center followed by activities that include children's mission groups, adult choir practice, prayer time and Bible study. Go to [fbcbigspring.org](http://fbcbigspring.org) for more information.

Join us for Parmesan Chicken Sept. 24.

Have you been meaning to start going to church or get back into church? We'd love for you to come and check us out this Sunday. Our desire is to lift up the name of Jesus and declare the good news of the gospel throughout Big Spring and the surrounding area, our state, our nation and the entire world. FBC is located at 705 W. FM 700. There is always a place for

you at First Baptist Church.

### Living Waters

"Back to Church Sunday," part of a national movement of churches across America, will be held at Living Waters in Big Spring at 11 a.m. Sunday. Everyone is welcome to attend.

National Back to Church Sunday ([www.backtochurch.com](http://www.backtochurch.com)) is an initiative that is "Inviting America Back to Church." It seeks to reach the "unchurched" and "de-churched" people who have never attended church, or who once attended church but don't

any more — and invite them to return on a special Sunday. In 2013, a Gallup survey stated that 87 percent of people believe in God. Yet only 27 percent of those surveyed individuals attended church in the last 7 days. In addition, 82 percent of people who don't attend church say they would attend if invited by a friend, yet only 2 percent of Christians ever invite someone to church.

For Back to Church Sunday, Living Waters will have a special service that features contemporary worship, casual atmosphere and a relevant message.

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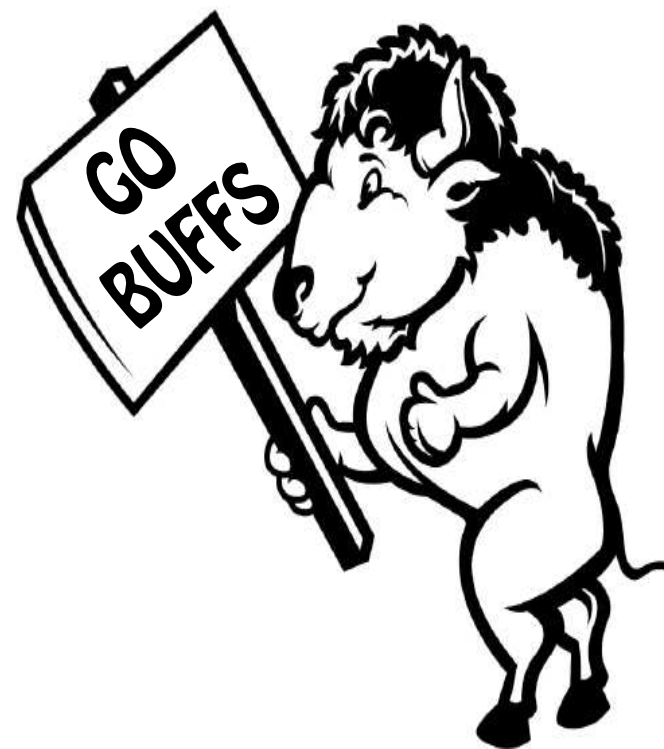
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# Steers look to change luck against Hereford

By **TOMMY WELLS**  
Sports Editor

When the Big Spring High School Steers step onto the artificial turf tonight at Memorial Stadium to face off against the Hereford Whitefaces, the No. 1 one thing on their mind will be securing a win over their former district rival. In so doing, Big Spring can go achieve two historic levels.

First, a win would go a long way in ending a BSHS slump that has lasted longer than the recent drought in West Texas.

A win over Hereford would give the Steers just their second win over the Whitefaces in their last nine meetings dating back to 2005.

Secondly, and even more importantly for the Steer Nation, a win would give Big Spring its 440th football victory in the school's 105-year history.

Big Spring, to be sure, has had its problems with Hereford in the past. The Whitefaces have won nine of the 15 previous meetings with the Steers, including a string of five in a

row from 2005-2007 that included a pair of playoff wins.

In their last meeting with Hereford five seasons ago, the Whitefaces claimed a 14-7 decision.

The Steers' last in their history with Hereford came in 2008 when Big Spring notched the only shutout in the series – which dates back to 1986 – with a 31-0 whitewashing.

Regardless of the past, both teams come into tonight's non-district showdown with one thing – offensive firepower.

Hereford, 1-2 thus far this season, has rolled up 71 points in their three games using a spread style offensive attack. A week ago, the Whitefaces upended Pampa, 35-7.

Like Hereford, Big Spring can move the ball almost at will. Quarterback Tobyn Tannehill and running backs Hunter Hill and Preston Alexander give the Steers a potent pass-run balance. Through their first two outings, Big Spring has averaged more than 400 yards and 40 points per game.

## Cooper stuns Stephenville on national TV

Lubbock Cooper outscored Stephenville by a 29-18 clip in the second half on Thursday and claimed a stunning 50-39 win over the state's top-ranked Class 4A program.

The game was broadcast nationally on ESPN.

## Romo OK with reduced QB role

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Tony Romo just had to get out of the way for the Dallas Cowboys to win for the first time this season.

His three interceptions played a big role in a season-opening loss to San Francisco, and the difference a week later at Tennessee was the rushing attack led by DeMarco Murray.

Romo has been called a lot of things in eight years as the starting quarterback in Dallas. Game manager isn't one of them.

Now that he's coming off back surgery and has the league's leading rusher through two weeks behind him, a "complementary" role — coach Jason Garrett's word after beating the Titans — seems more realistic than ever heading into Sunday's game at St. Louis (1-1).

"I'm all for going out and having games like we just had and playing the way Seattle has the last few years and just having those style of games," said Romo, who threw for 176 yards and a touchdown without an interception in the 26-10 win over the Titans last weekend. "It makes everyone's job easier."

Owner Jerry Jones, who gave Romo the franchise's first \$100 million contract last year, is fine with it, too.

"I'm probably the one that's standing right behind Tony and saying, 'Yes, we like seeing that,'" Jones said on his radio show. "All of it works together. So the way we played Romo the other day fits me."

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## SWCID falls to SW Adventist

By **TOMMY WELLS**  
Sports Editor

The SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf Lady Rattlers suffered a tough 3-0 loss to Southwest Adventist University on Thursday in junior college volleyball action.

Despite the loss, SWCID head coach Derrick Jackson said the Lady Rattlers picked up solid outings from several players, including Judy Lopez, Britney Breedlove and Marti Lail.

SWCID, 0-6 overall, will be playing in the Western Texas College tournament today. The team faces Colby (kan.) College at 11 a.m. and Vernon College at 5 p.m. They play Laredo Community College and Western Texas on Saturday, starting at 11 a.m. and 5 p.m., respectively.



Herald photo/Tommy Wells

Big Spring's Isaac Murilo scrambled for a big gain during the Steers' junior high game on Thursday afternoon at Memorial Stadium. Big Spring went 2-1-1 in their season-opener against Midland Greenwood.

# BSJHS teams open '14 season with two wins over Greenwood

By **TOMMY WELLS**  
Sports Editor

The Big Spring Junior High School Steers made sure the 2014 football season got off to a solid start on Thursday afternoon in front of a large crowd at Memorial Stadium.

A real good start.

Big Spring won two of their four junior high games and battled to a scoreless tie in another en route to going 2-1-1 against the Midland Greenwood Rangers.

The Big Spring eighth grade A team posted the most impressive win against the Rangers, pounding out a victory.

Big Spring drew first blood in the matchup midway through the first quarter by turning a broken play into a big-time effort. After taking over the ball deep in their own end, bad luck looked as if it would catch the Steers. Big Spring fumbled a snap from center at its 19.

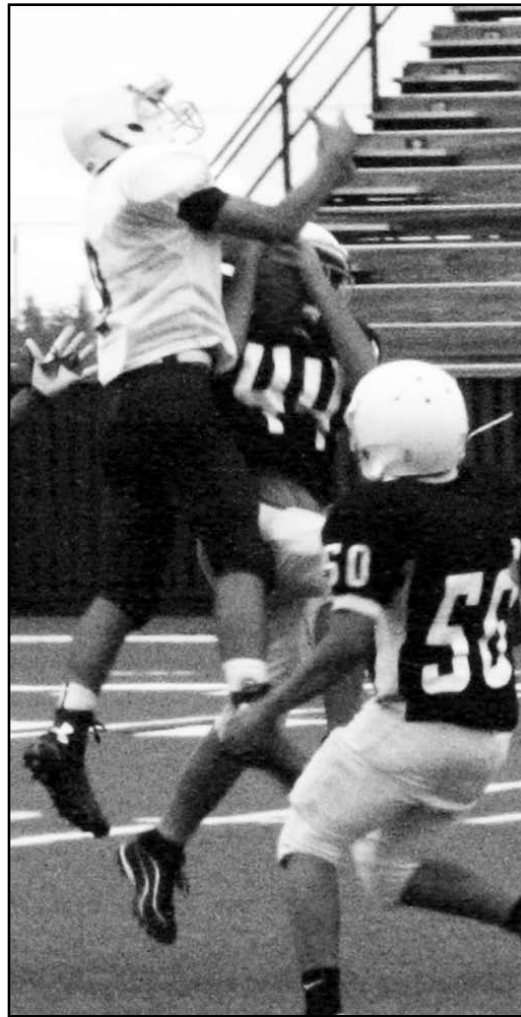
The BSJHS running back turned tragedy into triumph, however. The speedyback scooped up the ball off the turf and sprinted to his right, and then raced 81 yards for the Steers' first touchdown of the year – and a 6-0 advantage with 3:15 left in the opening stanza.

Greenwood rallied back later in the first, scoring on a 12-yard run to tie the game at 6-6.

That turned out to be the Rangers' biggest highlight. Big Spring all but salted the win away in the second by reeling off three unanswered TDs en route to a commanding 26-6 halftime cushion.

The Steers' notched their first two TDs of the second quarter on runs of 7 and 30 yards. The big blow came on the final play of the half when BSJHS quarterback 11 hooked up with 5 on a 49-yard touchdown pass.

The Steers never looked back from



Herald photo/Tommy Wells

Big Spring linebacker John Prado (44) fights with a Greenwood receiver for an interception during the seventh grade B team's game on Thursday.

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The BSJHS eighth grade B team also emerged victorious on Thursday, claiming a tough 14-6 win over Greenwood.

The Steers reeled off a pair of first-half touchdowns and then held off a late push by the Rangers to net their season-opening win.

Big Spring ignited the Steers' offensive effort in the first quarter. They jumped out to a 6-0 lead with 3:33 left

in the first quarter of play when the BSJHS quarterback took a snap from center and scrambling 28 yards around the left side for a touchdown.

The Steers added to their lead early in the second quarter on a 6-yard scoring run. Big Spring tacked on the two-point conversion and held a 14-0 lead at the half.

Greenwood got its offense untracked in the third. The Rangers scored their lone TD on a 25-yard run off a quarterback keeper.

The Big Spring seventh grade A team picked up a solid performance from quarterback Jeremiah Marquez and running back Isaac Murilo in a 24-6 setback to Greenwood.

Greenwood took the up hand in the matchup in the first half. The Rangers outscored Big Spring by a 10-0 clip in the first two quarters.

The Rangers stretched their lead to 18-0 by returning the opening kickoff for the second half 63 yards for a touchdown.

Gene Rodriguez got the BSJHS offense going in the fourth quarter. He hauled in a long pass from Marquez along the visitor's sideline and then outran two defenders to the end zone.

Rodriguez's reception highlighted a 73-yard scoring play by the Steers.

Greenwood answered right back, however. The Rangers returned the ensuing kickoff 65 yards for a TD.

Marquez finished the game with more than 150 total yards, including 85 through the air to Rodriguez.

The Big Spring eighth grade B team also turned in a gutsy effort. The Steers battled Greenwood to a 0-0 tie.

Big Spring will return to action next Thursday when they host Monahans at Memorial Stadium. The BSJHS seventh grade teams will kick off at 4:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m., while the eighth grade teams will start at 6:45 p.m. and 7:45 p.m.



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Dear Annie: I am a proud father of two young children, who both mind and respect me. I know that kids get in trouble. We were all kids once. The problem is, I am the disciplinarian at home, and I wish my wife and her mother did a little more. They can't seem to handle any of it.

My mother-in-law babysits a lot, and I get calls at work for things like, "Your son won't eat his lunch," and "Tell your son not to do this," or "Your daughter pushed her brother." Yet at the same time, my mother-in-law will say, "You're not

Gilbert and the Leo Moon

If this Leo moon were a poem, it would be this one by beloved British dramatist and poet W.S. Gilbert (half of the comic opera team Gilbert and Sullivan). "If you wish in this world to advance, your merits you're bound to enhance. You must stir it and stump it, and blow your own trumpet, or trust me, you haven't a chance."

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Dreaming takes effort. And while you're asleep, your body upholds one side of the deal, keeping you going while repairs are being made. So don't discount relaxation as a waste of time. It's important.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). To perform well, you have to be physically comfortable. By all means, take the time to get the shoes, clothing and temperature-related issues right.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Those who tolerate uncertainty well will have a better (and luckier) sense of timing than those who can't stand not knowing and rush to bad choices, premature action or faulty conclusions.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). There are some stories best reserved for your diary, and even then you should write in a secret code, password protect it and lock it away in a drawer. It's still good to get things out.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Discovering something new is a great pleasure, which is why spoiler alerts aren't just for movie and book reviews. Sometimes you need a spoiler alert on life! Tell the ones who already know that you'd rather find out for yourself.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You will disagree with your counterpart. Bonds are not broken because of disagreement as long as it is accompanied by respect and a genuine effort to

going to spank him!" when she has spanked him herself.

My mother-in-law and I get along fine. But when it comes to my kids, she seems to want me to fix everything, but restricts me at the same time. I work six days a week, and I don't get a lot of positive bonding time with the kids. Is it damaging that I'm the one who is the "mean" parent? -- Just Wondering in Indianapolis

Dear Wondering: Let's first go on the record as being opposed to corporal punishment. Children do not need to be spanked or hit in order to be appropriately disciplined. Nonetheless, in most families, one parent tends to be the disciplinarian. As long as you also spend time doing positive things with your children, we wouldn't worry about that. But your wife and mother-in-law should not be disturbing you at work for minor infractions, and your mother-in-law should not be undermining you.

Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: Every now and then someone writes in lamenting that they have no social life. I have yet to read the suggestion of splitting the cost of a date. Anyone who wants to know someone better should ask that person whether they'd like to see a movie or go to a restaurant and split the expense. Then the man doesn't have to worry about paying, and the woman doesn't fear she has to somehow repay him.

If this "date" doesn't generate another outing, there are no hard feelings. -- Louisville, Ky.

Dear Louisville: Generally, the person who issues the invitation is the one who pays, but this can be daunting for those on a limited income or for women who think the man always has to do the asking. Understanding in advance that you will be splitting the cost allows you to get to know someone without worrying about the expense or any future

obligation. It's also a good way to get together with a friend, no romance intended.

Dear Annie: This is for "Concerned Friend," who thinks her friend is showing signs of dementia.

A few years ago, I noticed that my husband was no longer the active, energetic man I had known for 50 years. I was afraid he was rapidly succumbing to Alzheimer's. I mentioned this to his doctor, who attributed it to "old age." My husband was only 72. I didn't like the doctor's response and had my husband see my physician, who submitted him to some tests. At the second visit, he was diagnosed with a brain tumor that was removed two months later.

More recently, I was in constant need of a nap, my hands were shaky and I couldn't hold anything without dropping it. This time, I was sure I had Parkinson's. I went to see the doctor with my self-diagnosis, but I didn't

need to wait for test results. That evening, when I looked at my nightly medication, I noticed that I had been taking twice the recommended dose.

I'm happy to say I now have the husband I had before, and I can read the mail without picking it up off the floor three times. "Concerned Friend" might discuss her worries with her friend's relatives and others who spend time with her to see what else may be going on. -- Been There

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

try to understand the other person's point of view.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). There are those you fell in love with immediately and forever. They can do no wrong in your eyes. They may not be around you all that much these days, but you still feel the world is better just knowing they are in it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Being well educated in one area does not make a person smart across the board. Beware of the expert giving advice outside of his realm of expertise.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). When trouble calls you from the curb, don't go out to greet it. It's only a threat if it knocks on your door. If you ignore today's ruckus, the odds are good that it will go away.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You can stave off disappointment -- yours or anyone else's -- by managing expectations. There's an art to deciding what to expect and how much. It has a lot to do with heeding your intuition.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The right goal

ignites your passion and motivates you. If you're lukewarm on a goal, go back to the drawing board. You might not come up with anything today, but it's better than starting something you don't totally care about.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Your sign mate Michelangelo insisted that he never created his magnificent statues; he simply revealed them by chiseling away at any part of rock that didn't belong. That sums up your work today.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Sept. 19). Your life fills with love and more love. You'll make a favorable impression on a great mind in October and take that to the bank in 2015. Market yourself and keep your skills sharp because there's a dream job or project on the table in December. Your family will thrive in part because of your January contribution. Aries and Scorpio people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 30, 1, 22, 38 and 40.

WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST: ARIES: You value humor and will go out of your way to spend time with the one who laughs with you and can keep up with your wit. TAURUS: Because you

love someone you're willing to take the good with the bad. It's what gives the relationship flavor. GEMINI: You want to give everything to a love, but this won't benefit either of you. It's healthier to leave room for need and room to reach out. CANCER: Praise your love, and the qualities you acknowledge out loud will blossom. LEO: There's much that you want in a relationship, but think about what you already have, too. Gratitude is couples therapy. VIRGO: When you're being carried along by the muse of love, it's a good idea not to drag your feet. LIBRA: Making time for people is a simple way to show your love. SCORPIO: Experience is more valuable than money. Don't worry about how much an outing will cost you; just find a way to go. SAGITTARIUS: Someone younger will make you feel younger, too. CAPRICORN: When your heart is happy, you are happy. Making your heart happy takes effort, and that's why you refuse to get lazy about love.

AQUARIUS: It's easy to take a familiar person for granted, which is why it's a good idea to make yourself unfamiliar sometimes. PISCES: You'll fall in love over and over again.

COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND: Leo and Virgo are compatible zodiac neighbors -- the type who offer to mow each other's lawns and have Sunday barbecues together. The question is: Does all this chummy camaraderie bode well for a romantic relationship? This weekend, while the moon and lucky Jupiter are in Leo and the sun and romantic Venus are in Virgo, these two see each other in a more amorous light.

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Sudoku Answer On Page 10

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

Sudoku grid with numbers in some cells and empty cells for the solver to fill in.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Bidding Quiz

You deal and open One Spade with this hand: ♠KQ983 ♥KJ62 ♦AJ7 ♣10 What would you bid next if partner responds: 1. One notrump. 2. Two clubs. 3. Two diamonds. 4. Two hearts. 5. Three diamonds. 6. Four spades.

1. Two hearts. Partner's weak response makes it unlikely that there is a game in the combined hands, so the only question is whether to pass one notrump or to bid again. In the long run, it will work out better to show your second suit than to pass. Partner could easily have four or more hearts that he could not show initially because he did not have enough points to respond on the two-level. Of course, if partner has equal length in both of your suits, he will return you to spades. 2. Two hearts. Here also you should search for a heart fit. It would be wrong to bypass hearts by bidding two notrump. You might eventually wind up in notrump, but you shouldn't aim for it at this stage.

3. Two hearts. Again you look for a heart fit. You plan to support diamonds later on and in that way pinpoint your shortness in clubs. 4. Four hearts. You have the extra values necessary for a jump-raise to game. Alternatively, if you play splinter bids, you could jump to four clubs to show support for hearts, extra values and a singleton club. 5. Four diamonds. Partner is suggesting a slam by jump-shifting in diamonds, and you should cooperate very happily. Four diamonds does not really show your full values, but it is best not to cramp the bidding by jump-raising partner to five diamonds. You could bid three hearts over three diamonds, but it is better to indicate your excellent diamond support as soon as possible. 6. Pass. Partner's four-spade bid is based primarily on a big spade fit with limited high-card values. It is a pre-emptive bid pure and simple; with greater values, he would have made whatever response is forcing to game in your partnership methods. Partner might have something like: ♠AJ742 ♥95 ♦10 ♣Q9763 in which case four spades might well be your limit.

Tomorrow: For better or worse.

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"A volcano is just a mountain that throws up."

### THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane

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"I only like my soda pop on the rocks."

### HAGAR

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IS IT POSSIBLE FOR A PERSON TO BE BOTH VERY GOOD AND VERY BAD?

OF COURSE!

I'M VERY GOOD...

...AT BEING VERY BAD!

### BLONDIE

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I SLAVED FOR TWO WEEKS ON THE 'BOONDOGGLE REPORT' AND THE BOSS WROTE ROFL ON IT...

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### This Date In History

Today is Friday, September 19, the 262nd day of 2014. There are 103 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On September 19, 1777, the first Battle of Saratoga was fought during the Revolutionary War; although British forces succeeded in driving out the American troops, the Americans prevailed in a second battle the following month.

On this date: In 1796, President George Washington's farewell address was published.

In 1881, the 20th president of the United States, James A. Garfield, died 2-Ω months after being shot by Charles Guiteau; Chester Alan Arthur became president.

In 1934, Bruno Hauptmann was arrested in New York and charged with the kidnap-murder of Charles A. Lindbergh Jr.

In 1945, Nazi radio propagandist William Joyce, known as "Lord Haw-Haw," was convicted of treason and sentenced to death by a British court.

In 1957, the United States conducted its first contained underground nuclear test, code-named "Rainier," in the Nevada desert.

In 1959, Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev, visiting Los Angeles, reacted angrily upon being told that, for security reasons, he wouldn't get to visit Disneyland.

In 1964, the family TV show "Flipper," about a dolphin adopted by a Florida family, premiered on NBC.

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### HI AND LOIS

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ACROSS

1 Encourages

6 Mall conveniences

10 Minor run-in

14 Ancient Asia Minor region

15 Bad-mouth

16 Whom Venice's airport is named for

17 Blackbeard's fuel-economy concern

20 Phoebe on *Charmed*

21 Capital of Niger

22 Dynamic starter

24 Lose one's cool

25 Prepares for walking, à la Kidd

29 Alfabetic trio

32 Star Wars sage

33 Occupy, as a desk

34 "Good" cholesterol

35 Doc Brown in *Back to the Future*

37 Ask Me Another ailer

38 Legally responsible

40 Edwards \_\_, CA

41 Optimistic

44 BILLY Bookcase seller

45 Avant-garde prefix

46 Jack Sparrow's favorite dinner

48 Henry VIII's sixth

49 Airline with no Saturday flights

50 End of an FDR quote

53 Book after James

57 \_\_ Day (September 19th celebration)

61 Niagara River source

62 Aerial descendant

63 Healthful, in product names

64 War-room fixtures

65 Urban rec center

66 Alacrity

9 Retro group at Woodstock

10 Cartoon sound effect

11 Rhythmic writing

12 Natural soother

13 Fashionable

18 Professional helpers, for short

19 Connect with amenity

23 Wedding

24 Mad scramble

25 Folk-rock pioneer

26 Husband of Pocahontas

27 Spanish marinade

28 Place for some pins

29 Capital of Bangladesh

30 Periphery

31 Pet parasites

36 *Tender Mercies* Oscar winner

39 Pump order

42 Breach of faith

43 Hex-sign flower

47 Short putts

48 Diminutive dogs

50 Piece of gossip

51 Twelve Oaks neighbor

52 Yacht spot

54 Art museum in Westminster

55 Being, to Baudelaire

56 Green Hornet's surname

58 Kipling novel

59 PC key near F1

60 Melodramatic cry

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**ROMO**

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just fine and fits him just fine. It's called winning, and that's what we're here for."

But there is one potentially unsettling question for Jones and the Cowboys (1-1) — whether a reduced role will be required to help Romo deal with a back that needed surgery to repair a herniated disk. Eight months earlier, he had a cyst removed from his back.

The 34-year-old Romo has said that he's 100 percent, that he's throwing the ball better than ever, that he feels his best years are ahead of him.

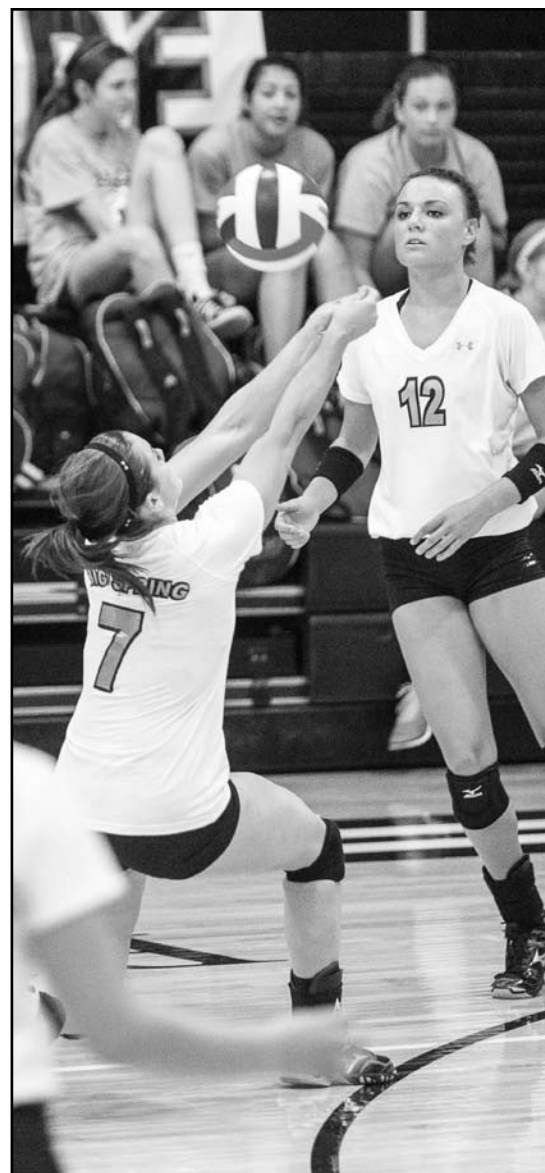
Really, he says just about anything he can think of to reassure the masses that he's the same quarterback who already has the franchise record for touchdown passes and should pass Troy Aikman in career yards this year.

His teammates do the same thing. Safety Barry Church said on a radio show this week that Romo's back was so good that he could "hit him with a chair and he'd be fine."

But here's the reality. He took frequent days off during training camp, and finally sat out a regular-season practice for the first time Wednesday with what Garrett said was stiffness. Romo just called it a routine day off, like the ones in California.

"I'm sure it'll happen throughout the rest of the season," said Romo, who returned to practice Thursday. "It's just obviously more talked about because of having surgery on the back. I'll be fine."

Romo stumbled out of the pocket on one play early against the Titans, and threw a wobbly pass into the ground. But he also had a strong throw on the run to Dez Bryant to convert a third-and-15 on a third-quarter touchdown drive that answered Tennessee's best challenge.



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**Game time ...**

Emilie Smith bumps a ball into the air during the Lady Steers' game against San Angelo Central on Tuesday. The BSHS spikers will return to play this afternoon against Permian, starting at 4:30 p.m. in Odessa.

**Wallace/Ware to hold SECC golf tournament**

The TDCJ Wallace/Ware complex employees will hold their 12th Annual State Employee Charitable Campaign golf tournament on Friday, Oct. 10, at Wolf Creek Golf Course. Proceeds from the tournament will benefit Christmas in Action and the Correctional Peace Officer Foundation.

Registration begins at

8 a.m., with a shotgun start planned for 9 a.m. The format is a four-man team scramble.

Cost is \$60 per person, which includes green fee, cart, lunch and two Mulligans. Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places.

For more information, contact Kristina Guerra at 325-728-2162 or Amy Rodriguez at 325-242-1321.

**JH spikers to play in Snyder**

The Big Spring Junior High School volleyball teams will be competing in duals play on Sept. 22 in Snyder.

All seventh grade games will be played at

the Snyder Elementary gym. All eighth grade games will be played at the Snyder High gym.

Matches for both teams will start at 4:30 p.m.



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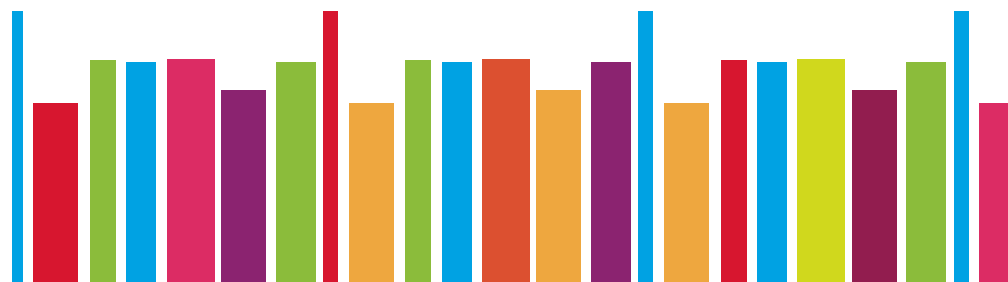


**4-H Kick Off**

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# Falcons romp to 56-14 win over hapless Buccaneers

ATLANTA (AP) — Devin Hester high-stepped into the NFL record book. Matt Ryan had as many touchdown passes as incompletions. Julio Jones made a spectacular over-the-shoulder catch tumbling into the end zone.

The result: One of the biggest wins in Atlanta Falcons history.

Hester set an NFL record with his 20th return for a touchdown, Ryan threw for 286 yards and three TDs, and Jones hauled in nine passes for 161 yards and a couple of scores to lead the Falcons past the hapless Tampa Bay Buccaneers, 56-14 on Thursday.

The Falcons (2-1) led 35-0 before the Buccaneers (0-3)

picked up a first down. Ryan and the other offensive starters left after Steven Jackson's 3-yard touchdown run made it 49-0 before the midway point of the third quarter.

Atlanta had a stunning 56-0 lead heading to the fourth quarter. Tampa Bay scored two meaningless touchdowns to avoid the worst loss in fran-

chise history.

It was the second-largest win in the Falcons' 48-year history, eclipsed only by 62-7 rout of New Orleans in 1973. It was only the fifth time Atlanta has won by as many as 40 points.

Hester and Jones provided the signature moments.

With the Falcons already

ahead 28-0, Hester took a punt at his own 44, found a seam up the middle of the field and easily zipped around the last man with a chance to tackle him, punter Michael Koenen.

The 56-yard play was Hester's 20th career return for a touchdown, breaking the mark he shared with former Falcons star Deion Sanders.

## Scoreboard

**BASEBALL**  
**American League**

**East Division**

W	L	Pct	GB	
x-Baltimore	92	60	.605	—
New York	78	74	.513	14
Toronto	77	75	.507	15
Tampa Bay	74	79	.484	18½
Boston	66	87	.431	26½

**Central Division**

W	L	Pct	GB	
Detroit	84	68	.553	—
Kansas City	83	68	.550	½
Cleveland	79	73	.520	5
Chicago	69	83	.454	15
Minnesota	65	87	.428	19

**West Division**

W	L	Pct	GB	
x-Los Angeles	95	58	.621	—
Oakland	83	69	.546	11½
Seattle	82	70	.539	12½
Houston	67	86	.438	28
Texas	60	92	.395	34½

**Thursday's Games**

Texas 7, Oakland 2  
Pittsburgh 3, Boston 2  
N.Y. Yankees 3, Toronto 1  
Cleveland 2, Houston 1, 13  
innings  
Seattle 3, L.A. Angels 1

**Friday's Games**

Boston (Webster 4-3) at  
Baltimore (Gausman 7-7), 7:05  
p.m.  
Toronto (Buehrle 12-9) at N.Y.  
Yankees (Kuroda 10-9), 7:05  
p.m.  
Chicago White Sox (Quintana  
8-10) at Tampa Bay (Hellickson  
1-3), 7:10 p.m.  
Cleveland (Bauer 5-8) at  
Minnesota (P.Hughes 15-10),  
8:10 p.m.  
Detroit (Verlander 13-12) at

Kansas City (J.Vargas 11-9),  
8:10 p.m.  
Seattle (T.Walker 1-2) at  
Houston (Peacock 4-8), 8:10  
p.m.  
Philadelphia (D.Buchanan  
6-7) at Oakland (Lester 15-10),  
9:35 p.m.  
Texas (Bonilla 1-0) at L.A.  
Angels (H.Santiago 5-8), 10:05  
p.m.

**AL Wild Card Race**

W	L	Pct	GB	
Kansas City	83	68	.550	—
Oakland	83	69	.546	—
Seattle	82	70	.539	1
Cleveland	79	73	.520	4

**National League**

**East Division**

W	L	Pct	GB	
x-Washington	88	64	.579	—
Atlanta	76	76	.500	12
Miami	74	78	.487	14
New York	73	80	.477	15½
Philadelphia	70	83	.458	18½

**Central Division**

W	L	Pct	GB	
St. Louis	85	68	.556	—
Pittsburgh	82	70	.539	2½
Milwaukee	79	74	.516	6
Cincinnati	71	82	.464	14
Chicago	68	85	.444	17

**West Division**

W	L	Pct	GB	
Los Angeles	87	66	.569	—
San Francisco	84	68	.553	2½
San Diego	71	81	.467	15½
Arizona	62	91	.405	25
Colorado	62	91	.405	25

**Thursday's Games**

Pittsburgh 3, Boston 2  
Washington 6, Miami 2

L.A. Dodgers 8, Chicago Cubs  
4  
St. Louis 3, Milwaukee 2, 13  
innings  
Colorado 7, Arizona 6  
San Diego 7, Philadelphia 3

**Friday's Games**

L.A. Dodgers (Kershaw 19-3)  
at Chicago Cubs (E.Jackson  
6-14), 2:20 p.m.  
Milwaukee (Gallardo 8-10)  
at Pittsburgh (Locke 7-5), 7:05  
p.m.  
Washington (Fister 14-6) at  
Miami (Koehler 9-9), 7:10 p.m.  
N.Y. Mets (Za.Wheeler 10-10)  
at Atlanta (Teheran 13-12), 7:35  
p.m.  
Arizona (C.Anderson 9-6) at  
Colorado (Lyles 6-3), 8:10 p.m.  
Cincinnati (Holmberg 1-1)  
at St. Louis (Lackey 2-2), 8:15  
p.m.  
Philadelphia (D.Buchanan  
6-7) at Oakland (Lester 15-10),  
9:35 p.m.  
San Francisco (T.Hudson  
9-11) at San Diego (Despaigne  
3-7), 10:10 p.m.

**NL Wild Card Race**

W	L	Pct	GB	
San Fran.	84	68	.553	—
Pittsburgh	82	70	.539	—
Milwaukee	79	74	.516	3½

**FOOTBALL**  
**National Football League**  
**American Conference**

**East**

W	L	Pct	PF	PA	
Buffalo	2	0	1,000	52	30
Miami	1	1	.500	43	49
N.Y. Jets	1	1	.500	43	45
New England	1	1	.500	50	40

**South**

W	L	Pct	PF	PA	
Houston	2	0	1,000	47	20
Tennessee	1	1	.500	36	36
Jacksonville	0	2	.000	27	75
Indianapolis	0	2	.000	51	61

**North**

W	L	Pct	PF	PA	
Cincinnati	2	0	1,000	47	26
Baltimore	1	1	.500	42	29
Pittsburgh	1	1	.500	36	53
Cleveland	1	1	.500	53	54

**West**

W	L	Pct	PF	PA	
Denver	2	0	1,000	55	41
San Diego	1	1	.500	47	39
Oakland	0	2	.000	28	49
Kansas City	0	2	.000	27	50

**National Conference**

**East**

W	L	Pct	PF	PA	
Philadelphia	2	0	1,000	64	44
Washington	1	1	.500	47	27
Dallas	1	1	.500	43	38
N.Y. Giants	0	2	.000	28	60

**South**

W	L	Pct	PF	PA	
Carolina	2	0	1,000	44	21
Atlanta	1	1	.500	47	58
New Orleans	0	2	.000	58	63
Tampa Bay	0	2	.000	31	39

**North**

W	L	Pct	PF	PA	
Chicago	1	1	.500	48	43
Minnesota	1	1	.500	41	36
Detroit	1	1	.500	42	38
Green Bay	1	1	.500	47	60

**West**

W	L	Pct	PF	PA	
Arizona	2	0	1,000	43	31
Seattle	1	1	.500	57	46
San Fran.	1	1	.500	48	45
St. Louis	1	1	.500	25	51

**Thursday's Game**  
Tampa Bay at Atlanta, 8:25

p.m.  
**Sunday, Sep. 21**  
Dallas at St. Louis, 1 p.m.  
Minnesota at New Orleans,  
1 p.m.  
San Diego at Buffalo, 1 p.m.  
Washington at Philadelphia, 1  
p.m.  
Houston at N.Y. Giants, 1  
p.m.  
Tennessee at Cincinnati, 1  
p.m.  
Baltimore at Cleveland, 1 p.m.  
Green Bay at Detroit, 1 p.m.  
Indianapolis at Jacksonville,  
1 p.m.  
Oakland at New England, 1  
p.m.  
San Francisco at Arizona, 4:05  
p.m.  
Denver at Seattle, 4:25 p.m.  
Kansas City at Miami, 4:25  
p.m.  
Pittsburgh at Carolina, 8:30  
p.m.

**Monday, Sep. 22**  
Chicago at N.Y. Jets, 8:30  
p.m.

**TRANSACTIONS**  
**American League**  
HOUSTONASTROS—Signed  
a two-year player development  
contract with Fresno (PCL)  
through the 2016 season.  
OAKLAND ATHLETICS  
— Signed a four-year player  
development contract with  
Nashville (PCL) through the  
2018 season.  
**National League**  
CHICAGO CUBS — Signed  
a four-year player development

contract with South Bend (MWL)  
through the 2018 season.  
MILWAUKEE BREWERS  
— Signed a two-year player  
development contract with  
Colorado Springs (PCL) through  
the 2016 season.  
SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS  
— Signed a two-year player  
development contract with  
Sacramento (PCL).  
WASHINGTON NATIONALS  
— Claimed INF Pedro Florimon  
off waivers from Minnesota.  
Designated OF Eury Perez for  
assignment.  
**BASKETBALL**  
**National Basketball**  
**Association**  
CHICAGO BULLS — Signed  
G E'Twaun Moore.  
**FOOTBALL**  
**National Football League**  
ARIZONA CARDINALS —  
Re-signed RB Jalen Parmele.  
Placed RB Jonathan Dwyer on  
the reserve/non-football illness  
list.  
CHICAGO BEARS — Signed  
CB Demontre Hurst.  
MINNESOTA VIKINGS —  
Released WR Jerome Simpson.  
**HOCKEY**  
**National Hockey League**  
MINNEAPOLIS WILD —  
Signed G Darcy Kuemper to a  
two-year contract.  
NASHVILLE PREDATORS  
— Added D Brian Lee, D Mike  
Little, F Matthew Campagna and  
F Jon Puskar to the training  
camp roster.

**LIVE ENTERTAINMENT NIGHTLY**  
**CARNIVAL** **KOUNTRY KIDS CONTEST**  
**FAIR QUEEN CONTEST** **PETTING ZOO**  
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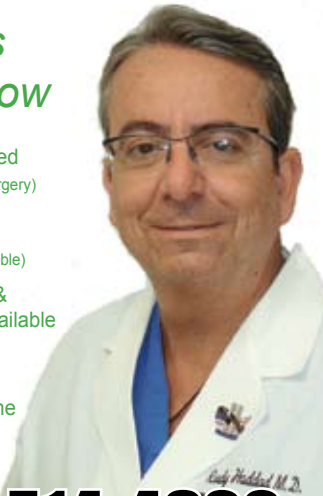
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