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Doing it all. It's a concept that's meaning truly comes home during a visit to the Northside Community Center and a few moments' visit with the center's director, Max Webb. "We do lots of things," Webb said when asked what the center provides its clients. "We pretty much offer whatever help someone who comes in the door needs."

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UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY

Travis Callaway, a Big Spring High School freshman, has been chosen to participate in the People to People Student Ambassador Program.

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Chasing the Title

Sports Editor Tommy Wells will take an in-depth look at all of the area playoff games, including Big Spring's clash with Canyon Randall and Sands' game with Fort Davis.

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Combest says he will resign, wants more time with family

By ROGER CLINE
Staff Writer

The congressman slated to assume representation of Howard County in January said Tuesday he will resign in May.

U.S. Rep. Larry Combest (R-Lubbock), scheduled to gain Howard County at the beginning of 2003 as a result of the latest round of redistricting, cited a desire to spend more time with his wife Sharon as a reason for the resignation.

"There have been a number of events that have happened to Sharon and me in the last year that have made us realize how fragile life and health are."



U.S. Rep Larry Combest, on his decision to resign in May

"There have been a number of events that have happened to Sharon and me in the last year that have made us realize how fragile life and health are," Combest said in a written statement.

"They certainly caused us to rearrange our priorities and we want to spend as much time together while we have our life and health. In order for

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Holiday Cookbook

Finalists to cook up lots of great dishes

By ROGER CLINE
Staff Writer

It's time for some gooooooood home cookin'!

Judges have chosen finalists in the third annual Big Spring Herald Holiday Cookbook contest and are looking forward to some tasty treats this Thursday.

Based solely on reading the recipes — not on eat-



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while Herald employees

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ing the finished product — judges have selected finalists in seven categories, plus a "Judges' Choice" award recipient.

State hospital prepares for annual luncheon

Craft bazaar, tours among many activities for the public

By VALERIE AVERY

Special to the Editor
Big Spring State Hospital volunteers and employees will celebrate the upcoming holidays with their annual luncheon and craft bazaar Thursday from noon to 1 p.m. Doors for the craft sale open at 11 a.m.

Following the luncheon in the Allred Building auditorium, guests will tour the newly completed hospital construction projects funded by the Volunteer Services Council.

Volunteers contributed \$48,000 for a major renovation of the new walking track, the construction of a new recreation area for the male youth population and revamped courtyards for the units



Suzanne Markwell, Volunteer Services Council luncheon chairman, left, looks over a pillow sham with long-time volunteer and Ackerly Baptist Church member Murline Williams. The women at Ackerly Baptist Church have been making shams, quilts and other items for the state hospital for more than 25 years.

housing geriatrics, rehabilitation and multiple disabilities.

The bulk of the funding came from the Denim and Diamonds and

Valentine's Day fundraisers, said Billie Russworm, director of community relations.

"That was the largest amount the council has

undertaken in several years."

Volunteer Jay Jarmes oversaw the construction

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Trustees to consider hiring junior high principal

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

A 37-year veteran with the Big Spring Independent School District who is currently serving as interim principal at the Big Spring Junior High School may permanently fill the position.

"We're going to recommend Mr. (Ben) Neel for the job," said BSISD Superintendent Murray Murphy. "Mr. (Ray) Villarreal (assistant superintendent) and I have interviewed and gone through the process. Ben Neel has served as interim principal for three months and has been very good at taking

INFORMATION

What: Big Spring Independent School District board of trustees meeting.

Where: BSISD boardroom, 707 11th Place.

When: 5:15 p.m. Thursday.

care of business."

Trustees will vote on the recommendation Thursday during their regular meeting beginning at 5:15 p.m. in the boardroom, 707 11th Place.

Neel has served in the interim position since September when the

then junior high principal Villarreal was promoted to his current position.

If Neel is approved, the district will post to fill the assistant principal's position for the junior high which Neel served as until his appointment as interim principal. Before his promotion to administration, Neel served as coach and taught social studies at the junior high.

In other business, trustee will meet in closed session with Eileen Kinney, a parent of a BSISD stu-

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Howard County

Commissioners mull ballots and law library

By ROGER CLINE
Staff Writer

Howard County commissioners canvassed the county's votes in the recent general election and heard arguments from area lawyers about the county's law library at their meeting Tuesday.

The commissioners met Tuesday because their regular meeting day, Monday, was Veterans Day.

Commissioners and County Clerk Donna Wright matched the number of ballots collected in

each precinct with the number of voters who signed in to vote at that precinct before the commissioners certified the election.

Wright said discrepancies were below average this time.

"It's not going to be perfect," she said. "Either somebody signs in and doesn't put their ballot in the box, or they vote at the wrong precinct and the election judge doesn't cross their name off. But this year was better than

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Water main replacement plan saving major dollars, council told

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

Water main breaks and lost water are down significantly and Big Spring is saving

money, thanks to an ongoing water main replacement program. Public Works Director Todd Darden



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announced at the city council meeting Tuesday evening.

Darden said main breaks are down 37.57 percent since 1993. Also during that time, "unaccounted water" — pumped out by the city but not metered — has dropped from about 21 percent of the city's output to 6.15 percent, he said.

"What I was showing the council tonight, we've saved a little over \$1.2 million over those years using construction crews in-house to replace water lines. Over the past couple of years, the council has wanted to shift their focus and enhance that program. They've given us additional funds to expand that. We've been able to put more lines in the ground, thereby reducing the amount of areas we have where they

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Forsan High School flag and twirling corps perform before a crowd of more than 500 people attending free Howard College men's and women's basketball games Tuesday at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. The event was part of the statewide initiative called College For Texas with the slogan "Education! Go Get It!" The Texas legislature in cooperation with higher education entries are working to promote and increase enrollment in colleges and universities across the state.

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BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

Obituaries

Chloe Dell Gregory

Chloe Dell Gregory, 93, of Las Vegas, formerly of Big Spring, died Friday, Nov. 8, 2002, after a short illness. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Mount Olive Cemetery.

Robert Watson

Robert Watson, 85, of Big Spring died Friday, Nov. 8, 2002, at Comanche Trail Nursing Home after a long illness. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 14, 2002, at the Myers and Smith Chapel with the Rev. Frank Nelson officiating.

R.R. "Kent" Carpenter

R.R. "Kent" Carpenter, 81, of Big Spring died on Tuesday, Nov. 12, 2002, at his residence. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 15, 2002, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel.

Melinda Brantley

Melinda Brantley, 27, of Big Spring, died on Monday, Nov. 11, 2002, in a Monahan's hospital. Funeral services will be at 4 p.m. Friday, Nov. 15, 2002, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel.

Fredrick W. Pace

Fredrick W. Pace, 69, of Big Spring died Tuesday, Nov. 12, 2002, in a Lubbock hospital. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Robert Pruitt

Robert Pruitt, 66, of Big Spring died Tuesday, Nov. 12, 2002, in a Dallas hospital. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

James Balios

James Balios, 68, of Big Spring died Tuesday, Nov. 12, 2002, at Midland Memorial Hospital. Arrangements are pending with Myers and Smith Funeral Home.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Tuesday and 8 a.m. today: AVEL ABREO RAMIREZ, 55, of 1511 Princeton was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity over the weekend:

- AGGRAVATED KIDNAPPING: 1
ASSAULT: 1
ASSAULT/FAMILY VIOLENCE: 2
ATTEMPTED SEXUAL ASSAULT: 1
BURGLARY OF A BUILDING: 1
BURGLARY OF A HABITATION: 2
BURGLARY OF A MOTOR VEHICLE: 3
CRIMINAL MISCHIEF: 5
DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED: 1
DRIVING WHILE LICENSE INVALID: 3
EVADING ARREST: 1
FALSE REPORT: 1
HARRASSMENT: 2
PERJURY: 1
POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA: 1
RUNAWAY RETURNED: 1
THEFT: 20

Sheriff's report

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following recent activity: CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in on County Road 52.

Support groups

TODAY AA open discussion meeting from noon to 1 p.m. at 615 Settles. Noon Open 12 and 12 Study meeting, 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Bulletin board

If you have items for the Bulletin board, contact the Herald Features Desk at 263-7331, ext. 236 or email jmoseley@crcm.net.

TODAY Big Spring Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. at the Howard College Cactus Room. Senior Circle Stretch and Tone meets at 9:30 a.m. at the Scenic Mountain Medical Center classroom.

THURSDAY Big Spring Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Cactus Room at the Dora Roberts Student Center at Hoard College.

Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. at the Big Spring Country Club.

Aquatic Arthritis classes held at 2 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center.

The Big Spring High School Choir Boosters will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the BSHS Choir Room. All parents of choir students are encouraged to attend.

Masonic Lodge 598 will meet at 7:30 p.m. at 219 Main.

Masonic Lodge 1340 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 2101 Lancaster.

FRIDAY Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. at the Big Spring Country Club.

SATURDAY The annual Coahoma PTA Fall Festival, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the Coahoma cafeteria. Some 18 to 20 booths will feature games and activities for all ages. Free admission.

TUESDAY The RSVP Advisory Council meeting will be at 3 p.m. at the RSVP Office, 501 Runnels.

Lottery

Here are Tuesday's Texas Lottery game results: Texas Two Step: 9-11-13-14 Bonus number 1 Estimated jackpot: \$200,000

Records

Tuesday's high 61 Tuesday's low 40 Average high 68 Average low 39 Record high 85 in 1938 Record low 19 in 1976

Do you have a favorite holiday memory? The Herald is seeking stories from our readers about their most memorable Christmases in their own words. Send mailed submissions to Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring 79720 or by e-mail them to newsdesk@crcm.net or to jmoseley@crcm.net

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By LYNDEL MC Staff Writer A Big Spring, hoping to spend her learning a cultures while ing the United Texas. Travis Callaway Spring High School man, has been participate in to People Ambassador of "The purpose to learn differences' heritage ture and to re United States stand our Callaway said. The youth w to join one of delegations from out the Unit through an process held in Callaway's will travel to

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Big Spring youth gets chance to learn about other cultures

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
Staff Writer

A Big Spring youth is hoping to spend his summer learning about other cultures while representing the United States and Texas.

Travis Callaway, a Big Spring High School freshman, has been chosen to participate in the People to People Student Ambassador Program.

"The purpose of this is to learn different countries' heritage and culture and to represent the United States and understand our heritage," Callaway said.

The youth was chosen to join one of the many delegations from throughout the United States through an interview process held in October.

Callaway's delegation will travel to France,

To donate, make checks payable to People to People Student Ambassador Program and send to 1321 Elm Dr., Big Spring 79720.

Germany and Ireland during the 21-day program to interact with students of his own age and participate in educational activities.

"The most exciting part is to be able to go over there to other countries and see how they live,"

he said.

As part of the program, the youth will be able to earn academic credit for his participation.

Callaway's family as already started to hold fund-raisers to gather the \$5,000 tuition fee.

This will be Callaway's first time to travel.

"I'm a little nervous about it but it's a good learning experience and we're excited about it," said his mother, Angel.

And a little bit jealous. "I'll admit to that," said his father, Troy.

Callaway would be willing to share his experience with schools and civic clubs upon his return.

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Big Spring High School freshman Travis Callaway works on a model car at home. Callaway has been chosen to serve on a delegation from Texas in the People to People Student Ambassador Program. The national program sends students to foreign countries to learn about different cultures.

HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

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projects.

More than 100 volunteers contributed over 10,000 hours last year assisting the patients, Russworm said.

Marilyn Clark, state hospital director of quality oversight, will pay tribute to the volunteers during her keynote luncheon speech. Clark will show appreciation to the volunteers for improving the lives of hospital patients through their contributions.

All volunteers and members of the community are invited to the luncheon and craft sale, which features a different twist this year, said Suzanne Markwell, volunteer luncheon and craft sale chairperson. Instead of selling only Christmas holiday items, volunteers have crafted items for all seasons.

Candy corn candles will be sold alongside patriotic yard flags. And wreaths, luminaries, wall hangings, decorated pine cones and Easter gifts will be just a few of the samplings volunteers have been creating since this summer.

More than a dozen volunteers have worked during monthly volunteer work days preparing for the craft sale, Markwell said. "Some of them have been doing it at home, too."

Homemade jellies also will be available, but the highlight of the luncheon will be the "Cookie by the Pound" sale, Markwell said. Volunteers have been busily creating varieties of holiday cookies and will sell them by the pound.

"We will have them all laid out, and we'll give you a plastic glove and you can pick and choose and buy by the pound," Markwell said. "We will have all homemade traditional cookies."



CLARK WILL SHOW APPRECIATION TO THE VOLUNTEERS FOR IMPROVING THE LIVES OF HOSPITAL PATIENTS THROUGH THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS.

Snickerdoodles, sugar cookies, Spritz cookies, chocolate chip, peanut butter."

"You'll be able to purchase them and then pop them in the freezer and take them out for holiday events when you're pressed for time. We think this will go over real well."

Cookies will be sold for \$4 per pound.

Women from the Ackerly Baptist Church have donated a quilt, which they have crafted of pastel colors and is puffy in design, said Murline Williams, a long-time volunteer and a member of the church. The ladies have made a quilt every year for more than 25 years, Russworm said.

Matching pillows will accompany the quilt. Opportunities to own the quilt will be made available at the luncheon or by contacting the community relations office at 268-7536.

Many of the craft items also will be available for sale from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at a special Saturday craft sale Nov. 23 at the Community Relations office.

For more information about the luncheon or the craft sale, contact the Big Spring State Hospital Community Relations office. Money raised from the craft and cookies sales will be used to purchase Christmas presents for hospital patients.

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James Balios, 68, died Tuesday. Services are pending.

Chloe Dell Gregory, 93, died Friday. Graveside services are 2:00 PM Friday at Mount Olive Cemetery.

Ray Daughhete, 64, died Saturday. Services are 2 PM Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial will be in Trinity Memorial Park.

Robert Watson, 85, died Friday. Services will be at 2:00 PM Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

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us to be able to spend that time together, I will submit my resignation from Congress effective on May 31, 2003. That should provide ample time for individuals who wish to run for the office to make their intentions known and for there to be a special election to fill the seat."

After he steps down, Texas Gov. Rick Perry must order a special election to fill the empty seat. The election must be 36 to 50 days after the election is ordered.

Combest's 88-year-old father died in June at a long-term care facility in Amarillo and his 34-year-old daughter died in 1999 from complications during emergency surgery.

The congressman won re-election to a 10th term in the recent general election. There was no Democratic candidate in the race, and Combest defeated his only opponent, a Libertarian, with 91.6 percent of the vote. His decision to hold his announcement until after the election assured his opponent would not automatically win.

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have been very kind to us and words cannot express our appreciation of the confidence they have shown in us. We have so many wonderful friends and are looking forward to being at home in Lubbock to enjoy their friendship even more."

First elected in 1984, Combest is the first Republican to hold the 19th District seat. He currently serves as the chairman of the House Agriculture Committee and as a member of the House Small Business Committee.

A fourth-generation farmer, he received a bachelor's degree in busi-

ness administration from West Texas State University (now West Texas A&M University) in Canyon and served as a legislative assistant to the late Sen. John Tower (R-Texas) from 1971 to 1978.

State Sen. Robert Duncan (R-Lubbock) expressed regret at Combest's resignation.

"Congressman Combest has been a strong leader in Washington for West Texas," Duncan said



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Tuesday. "His expertise on agricultural issues has been critical, and his leadership in securing a substantive Farm Bill is unequaled. Our congressman was instrumental in the creation and final designation of the much-needed Ports-to-Plains Corridor. In fact, every time I have called on him for help in meeting the needs of West Texans, Congressman Combest has come through with flying colors. He will be sorely missed."

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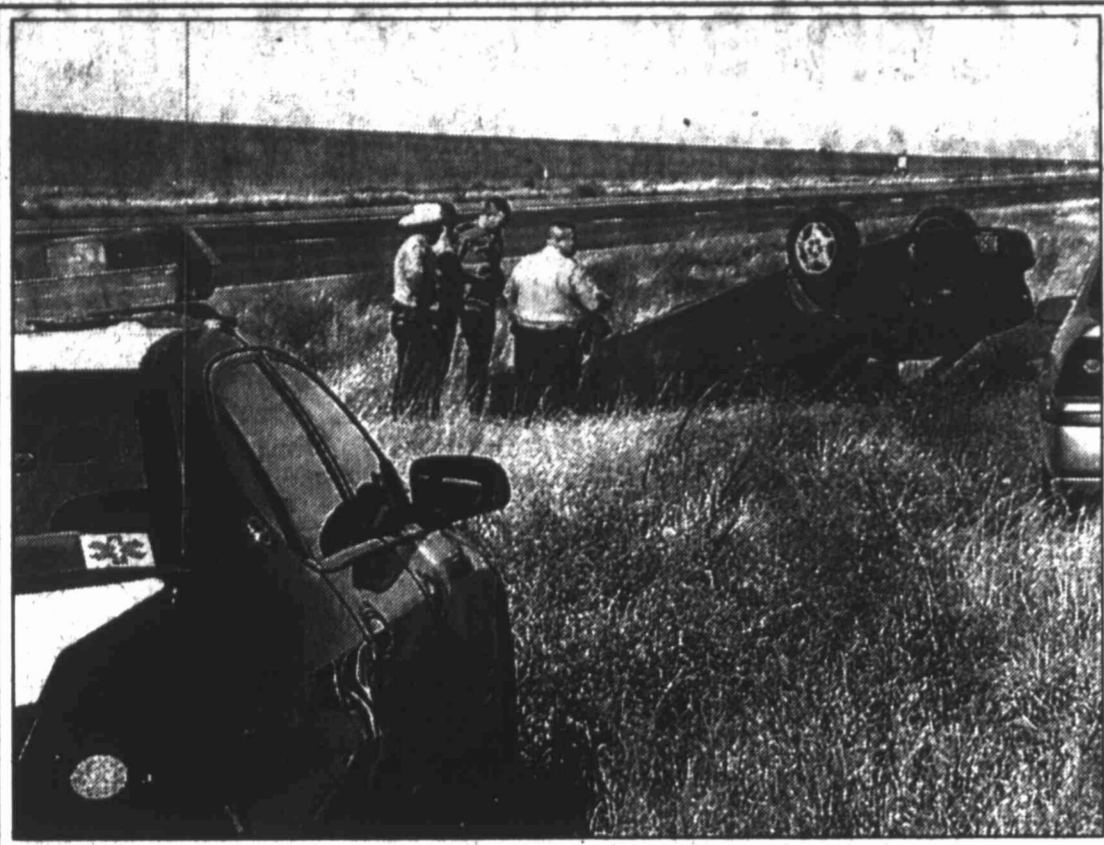
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Howard County deputies and a Department of Public Safety trooper examine a car involved in a one-vehicle rollover accident eight miles north of Big Spring on U.S. Highway 87 at about 10 a.m. today. Wendy Black, 20, of Baytown was traveling south on 87 when the car she was driving went off the road for an unknown reason. The vehicle reportedly flipped about three times before coming to a halt upside down in the median. Black was taken to Scenic Mountain Medical Center with minor injuries, including a cut hand which may have included some broken bones.

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are deteriorating." The program involves switching from 50-year-old cast-iron lines with lead joints to new PVC lines, he said. "What we're seeing in our town and our system is PVC's durability with the ground movement that we have," he said. "We never see a PVC line break. There have been attachments on those PVC lines come loose, but never the line itself." The council also approved a contract with F&W Electrical Contractors of Floresville to install new runway and taxiway lighting at McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark. The city has received a \$1.1 million grant from the Texas Department of

Transportation for the project, but F&W's bid came in at just \$640,000. City Manager Gary Fuqua said the city will try to identify other work that could be done at the airpark to keep the rest of the grant in Big Spring. "One of the things we want to look at, since our bid came in so well, is continuing with the lighting towards the T-hangars and some of that work," he said. "Also, just working with TXDOT Aviation to see what else would fit in the range of that grant. The main thing is, we want to use that and enhance that project as much as we can." In other business, the council: Approved an increase in ambulance per-loaded-mile fees to stay in line with Medicare approved

rates. Presented proclamations declaring November as Adoption Awareness Month and encouraging restaurants to observe a day of no smoking on Nov. 21. Presented the city's employee "Star Award" to Fuqua's secretary Lesa Gamble. Approved contracts on plumbing supplies, police station janitorial services, vehicles and equipment. Approved on first reading an agreement with Texas Local Government Purchasing Cooperative. Approved on first reading four-way stop signs at the intersection of Sgt. Parédez and Trades and stop signs on East 11th Street yielding to South Nolan. Approved on first reading designation of

North Scurry Street from Northwest Ninth Street to Northwest 10th Street — adjacent to Bauer Elementary School — as a one way street northbound. Approved a left turn only lane at the intersection of South Goliad and East 11th Place. Heard a presentation on cellular phone service from Sprint PCS. Appointed Councilman Tommy Tune to the Howard County 9-1-1 Communication District Board. Contact Staff Writer Roger Cline at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at newsdesk@crcom.net

to offset the costs for the lawyers' own accounts. District Attorney Hardy Wilkerson suggested instead purchasing a different type of account in which the county would appoint the district attorney's secretary as law librarian. She would help attorneys, prisoners and the public do legal research with the database. According to Wilkerson, the plan would be cheaper because it wouldn't require accounts for the county's attorneys. County Judge Ben Lockhart told the attorneys interested in the matter to give him their opinions in written form so that he can consider the problem more closely. Contact Staff Writer Roger Cline at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at newsdesk@crcom.net

part of the complaint process which includes meeting with the faculty member's principal and superintendent. Also on the agenda: Recognition of campuses that received exemplary or recognized status by the Texas Education Agency. Consider GFOA Award Program. Hear an update on band uniforms. Hear an update on technology funds update. Contact Staff Writer Lyndel Moody at 263-7331, ext. 234, or by e-mail at newsdesk@crcom.net

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usual. There were only two of those in the whole county." The controversy over the county's law library centers around whether to spend county money to purchase a public-access computer with access to web-based legal databases.

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dent, over a complaint about a faculty member. According to Murphy, the audience is the final



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Northside Community Center:

Solving some problems, opening doors for solutions from others

Doing it all. It's a concept that means truly comes home during a visit to the Northside Community Center and a few moments' visit with the center's director, Max Webb.

"We do lots of things," Webb said when asked what the center provides its clients. "We pretty much offer whatever help someone who comes in the door needs. In some ways we duplicate some of the assistance the Salvation Army provides. But for most of what we do ... we're the only agency in town that provides a number of these services.

"Basically, we try to give people the help they need and you never know from one day to the next ... or one minute to the next ... what that will be."

Webb briefly runs down the list of services the center's clients regularly receive. "A lot of the time we're helping people with rent assistance or in paying their utility bills; help them find jobs; provide individual counseling; teach parenting skills; budget counseling; provide emergency assistance; we help them process the paperwork they need to get a commercial driver's license or identity cards; laundromat vouchers so they can wash their clothes; help them get into GED classes at Howard College; provide diapers or baby food...



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"And one of the biggest requests we have now, is helping people get prescription drug assistance," he added. "In fact, we're the only agency in town that provides that service and that's becoming more and more important. For people on fixed incomes or those with limited income, paying for prescription drugs is almost impossible."

Webb noted that the center has also provided help to clients as a clearinghouse of information or serving as the point of contact for those seeking legal aid, by putting them in touch with West Texas Legal Services.

"Lots of times we wind up putting people in touch with other agencies like Victim Services," he noted. "But basically, we try to do whatever the people in this community need us to do. We can't always solve the problem people have, but we can at least open some doors."

Of course, the "we" Webb refers to is himself.

When one walks in the doors to the center, located at 108 NE Eighth St., there's no receptionist or intake counselor, no bustling staff of social workers — just a small room full of chairs where



clients wait until they can meet with Webb on a first-come, first-served basis.

"I'm a 'one-man staff,'" Webb says in a matter-of-fact tone. "Because of that, we're able to help more people. We save money that would go into

getting people the help they need.

"That's important," he added, "because we're not like some other agencies or organizations. We don't have a state or national office that we can call and tell them that we need more money."

Funding from the center comes from two primary sources — federal and state grant money Webb can secure and the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County.

The Northside Community Center is one of 14 local agencies that receive funding from the United Way campaign that is currently under way.

"The funding we get from the United Way is extremely important," Webb said, noting that the center received \$17,000 of its \$59,000 budget from the United Way this year. "This year we've requested \$20,000 from United Way, because our budget for 2003 is \$72,000."

So far this year, the

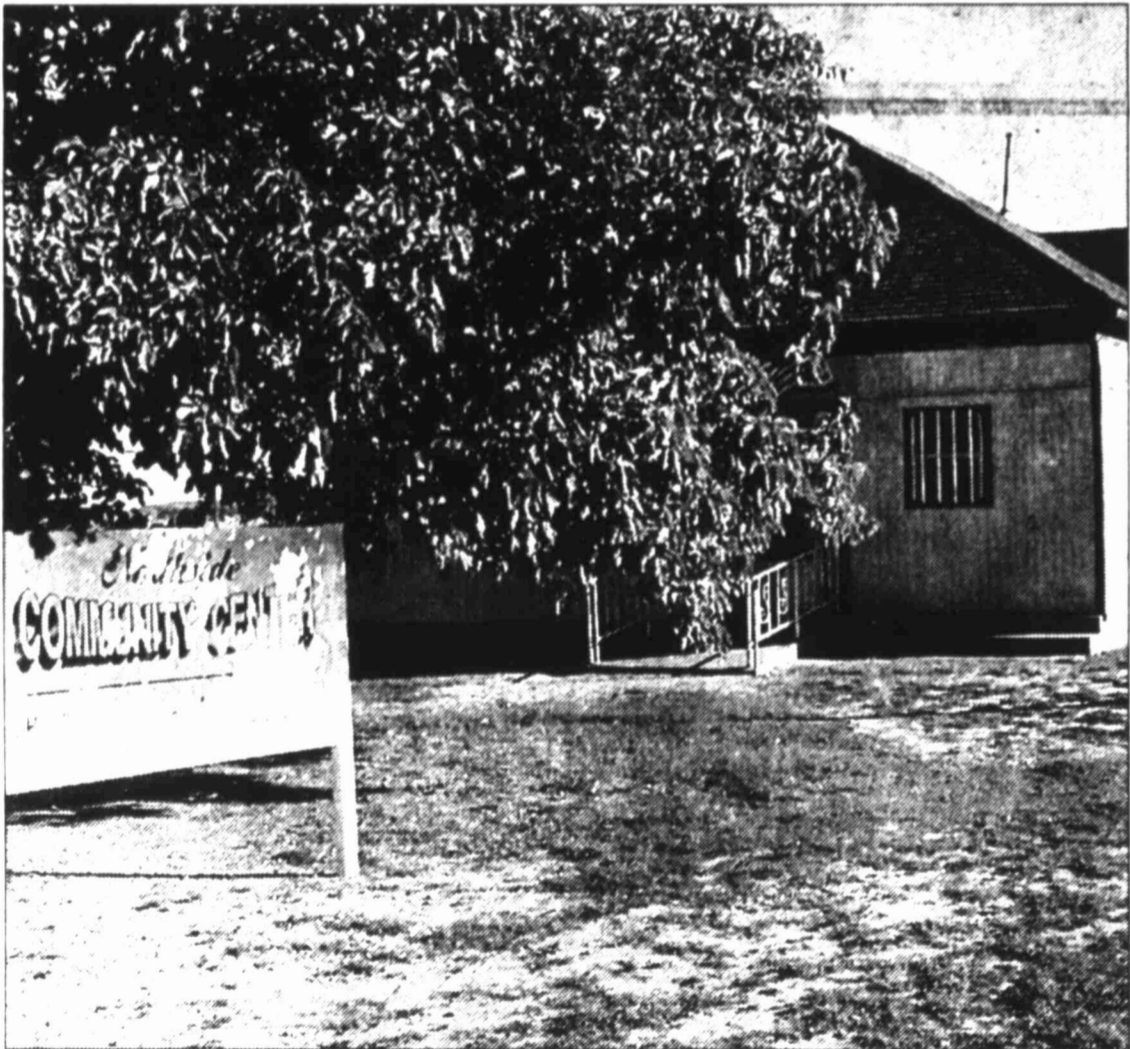
Northside Community Center has provided assistance to more than 400 people.

At one time the list of those served was more than 800, but Webb said he's been able to shorten that list "being able to weed out the deadbeats."

"The word's out that if you go to Max, he'll put you to work," Webb noted. "There are too many people in this community that are trying to help themselves that need help to waste the resources we have on people that are just looking for a handout."

This year, the center has averaged helping 30 to 40 people to month, and Webb expects that number to grow in light of current economic conditions.

"That's why we've increased our budget for next year," he explained. "There's really never enough money to do everything we'd like to do, so we always need more. But with the costs of things continuing to increase and the national economy struggling, there's not much question we'll have more people needing our help."



Story and photos by John A. Moseley



Top photo: Northside Community Center director Max Webb works at his desk, checking on sources that might provide a solution to one of his client's needs. Bottom photos (counter-clockwise from upper left): The Northside Community Center building, located at 108 NE Eighth St. Webb provides one of his clients with disposable diapers for her baby and receives a hug in return.

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Abilene family donates building for MHMR services in Runnels County

By VALERIE AVERY
Special to the Herald

WINTERS — When the Winters post office on State Street closed its doors two years ago, the once busy sidewalk was left without an occupant in one of its premier buildings.

The building's owners — descendants of Abilene businessman Leonard Wills — wanted it occupied again but after several months and no tenants, they decided to tear down the 1958 circa building.

"At the time, I thought, 'That's really too good of a building to tear down,' so I thought I would see if they would want to donate it to a nonprofit organization," said Randall Conner, Director of Economic Development for the Winters Area Business and Industrial Corporation. "His daughter said it was a good idea, but wanted to know what kind of organizations were looking for a building."

"I made a few suggestions and then it hit me that MHMR was looking for a building. That's all I had to say. She said, 'I'll check with my sisters, but I know that's what we want to do.'"

The Wills family enthusiastically settled on donating the building to Runnels County for use as a local mental health center due, in part, to MHMR of Tarrant County and the successful services and supports they were able to provide to a loved one.

Runnels County offers local match and support to West Texas Centers for MHMR through the provision of a site for the local mental health center. Runnels County Mental Health Center is one of 15 centers directed under the auspices of West Texas Centers for MHMR, based in Big Spring.

Runnels County Judge and West Texas Centers Board Trustee Marilyn Egan and West Texas Centers for MHMR CEO Shelley Smith, LMSW, will host an open house Nov. 18 at 10 a.m. at the newly relocated and renovated Runnels County Mental Health Center, 126 State St.

The building will be renamed the Leonard Wills Building, and a plaque will be unveiled during a dedication ceremony honoring family members in attendance.

The public is invited to the unveiling and dedication ceremony. Refreshments will be served following the program.

Relocating the center one block away has tripled the 13 employees' office space, giving the 169 clients from Runnels

County, including Ballinger, Miles, Rowena and Wingate, more privacy. "We're in heaven," said

"Without the generosity of people, such as this family, we would not be able to provide services in such a nice facility. We are grateful to our sister center MHMR of Tarrant County for the services they were able to provide for this family."



Shelley Smith, LMSW,
West Texas Centers for MHMR

enough space at the center's current location," Egan said. "We're very excited about being able to provide additional space because the center does so much for the residents of Runnels County."

Runnels County provides services and supports for the third largest caseload behind Howard and Nolan counties in the West Texas Centers region, Smith said.

"West Texas Centers is appreciative of the kind gesture of the Leonard Wills family," Smith said. "Without the generosity of people, such as this family, we would not be able to provide services in such a nice facility. We are grateful to our sister center MHMR of Tarrant County for the services they were able to provide for this family. It's a true testament that community-based services to people with mental illness

works, as evidenced by their generous gift."

MHMR of Tarrant County MHMR CEO Jim McDermott, Ph.D., will also be in attendance.

And as more and more stores shut their windows in small-town Texas, Conner is excited about the reopening of a grand building. "It's a good, old building," Conner said. "It was just one of those key buildings that you see in a small town."

"If we can get something in it for the people of our county, it's a success for us."

Beverly VanZandt, who has worked as a clerk for Runnels County Mental Health Center for the past 18 years. "Everyone has their own office now. Everyone had to share offices on clinic days. Now, we have 10 offices and a break room."

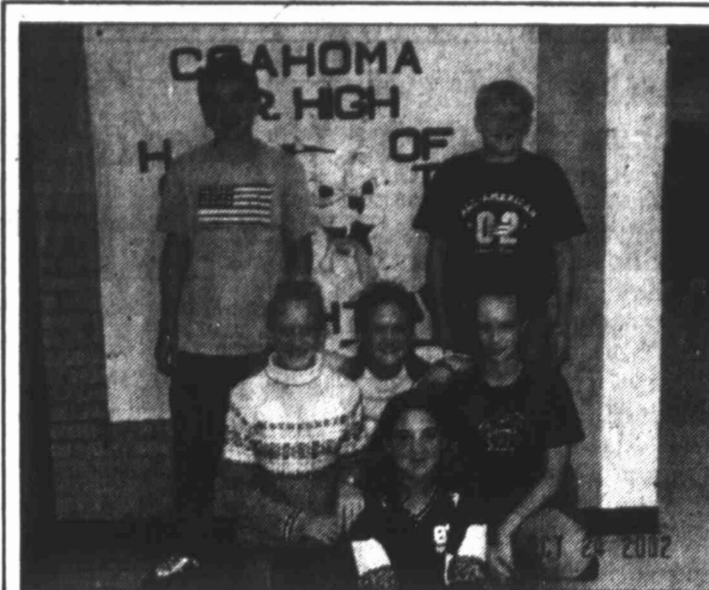
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Six Coahoma Junior High students were recently named to the Region II All-Region Choir. Choir members are chosen from seventh, eighth and nine grade singers from Abilene to San Angelo and surrounding area schools. Pictured are front row, Kaysea Spiller, second row, left, Teryn Bibb, Christie Rich, Callie Paige, standing, Tyler Tucker and William Relly. The students performed at Lake View High School in San Angelo Saturday.

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Steers open '02 hoop season with 80-45 loss to Merkel

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

The Merkel Badgers spoiled Jim Kinnear's debut as the Big Spring Steers' head coach Tuesday night in front of a large crowd in the Steer Gym. Merkel used a 47-23 run in the second half to claim a n 80-45 victory.

With the loss, Big Spring slipped to 0-1. Merkel is 1-0 on the year.

The Steers, who were paced offensively by a solid game from Alvin Russell and Jesse Woodruff, stood toe-to-toe with the Badgers in the first eight min-

utes of the non-district showdown. Big Spring sank six shots from the field in the opening frame and went into the second quarter trailing by just three, at 15-12.

Russell finished the game with a team-high 14 points. Woodruff added 13 more.

The Badgers, who had three players score into double-digits, stretched their lead to 11 in the second. They outscored the Steers by an 18-10 clip in the frame and took a 33-22 cushion into the half.

The Badgers, a 3A power, blew the game wide open in the third. Using a size advantage inside, Merkel pounded

Area High School Basketball Results	
Boys	Girls
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Garden City 32, Grady 29	
Stardling City 70, Foreman 25	
Sands 50, Midland Classical 44	
Stanton 49, Greenwood 38	

out 20 third-period points and stretched its advantage to a commanding 53-31 margin heading into the final eight minutes of the contest.

The Steers, who benefitted from strong performances from Clayton Weaver,

Daniel Flenniken and Joshua Pedigo, found its offensive groove in the fourth quarter. Big Spring reeled off 14 points in the closing minutes.

Pedigo, one of three BSHS starters to hit double figures, finished the night as the Steers' third-leading scorer with 10 points. Flenniken added six while Weaver chipped in two.

Merkel also claimed wins over the Big Spring junior varsity and freshman teams.

The Steers will return to action on Nov. 19 when they host rival Lamesa in the BSHS gymnasium.

Big day in Big Spring

Hawks light up Cisco JC in 'freebie'

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

Je'Kel Foster scored a team-high 25 points and Jared Fears added 15 more Tuesday night and led the Howard College Hawks to an easy 105-33 win over the Wayland Baptist University Pioneer junior varsity.

It wasn't as close as the score might indicate. In all, four HC starters reached double figures and 11 Hawks scored in the rout.

The Hawks, now 4-0 on the year, dominated the contest from the outset. Sparked by four first-half dunks, Howard College knocked down 20 of their first 29 shots and rolled to a 61-9 halftime lead.

The Hawk offense wasn't the only thorn in the Pioneers' side. The HC defense forced 27 turnovers and outrebounded Wayland Baptists by a staggering 43-25 clip.

The Pioneers' turnover woes led directly to 36 Hawk points — and a pair of thundering dunks by freshman Leon Woodstock.

Chaun Brooks and Vas'shun Newborne provided plenty of spark to the Hawk offense. Both finished the game with 13 points, while Daniel Price added 11.

Newborne, Finlay Brashears and Jon Sykes led the Hawks on the boards, pulling down six rebounds apiece.

Howard College is scheduled to compete in the Kirkwood College Classic in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, beginning Friday.



Howard College's Vas'shun Newborne leaps over Wayland Baptist's Will Barnes and Jody Harvey for a rebound during the first half of the Hawks' 105-33 rout Tuesday night. With the win, the Hawks improved to 4-0 for the year.

JH Steers streak by S'water in opener

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

Roshen Shroff and Crystal Ward each posted back-to-back wins this past weekend and helped lead the Big Spring Junior High School Steers to a solid performance in their first meet of the season. Despite winds that gusted to 30 miles an hour, the Steers defeated Sweetwater, 14-10, and tied Snyder, 13-13, in a double dual meet in Sweetwater.

The team performance left junior high coach Dennis Smiley pleased with his team's effort.

"The tennis players got off to a shaky start against Snyder," said Smiley. "When we played Sweetwater, they showed how good they can really play. Everyone contributed and played hard."

Against Snyder, Shroff was almost untouchable. He defeated his opponent by a lop-sided 8-0 margin.

Big Spring teammates Bryan Juan, Robert Andrade and Trevor Davila added wins before Snyder managed to get on track, winning the final four singles bouts to tie the count at 4-4.

Ward, like Shroff, was dominant in her opening bout. One of five BSJHS seventh graders making their first-ever appearance in a school-related meet, she pounded out an 8-0 win over Snyder's Krista Dorsett.

Big Spring's Tiffany Richards and Reinhilde Robinson also recorded wins.

The Lady Tigers shot their chance at a win in the foot with a seeding error. Snyder lost three wins in girls' singles play when officials ruled the team had players participating in the wrong order. Those three games were not counted in the final score.

Robinson and Morgan Metcalf and Rosa Alcantar and Richards claimed wins in doubles play and helped Big Spring salvage a 13-13 draw.

Shroff and Juan won their boys' double bout, as did Davila and Andrade.

Against Sweetwater, the Steers were impressive, winning five of their eight singles matches. Winning were Shroff, Juan, Andrade and Matthew Callison.

Graham Weston, Eric Welch and Brent Yater played well in their losses.

Shroff and Juan won their second doubles bout by an 8-0 score. Davila and Andrade also won, taking an 8-3 decision.

The Big Spring girls See TENNIS, Page 3B

Lady Hawks avenge loss with win over Lady Wranglers

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

The Howard College Hawks avenged their only loss this season Tuesday night in front of a large crowd in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum by dealing the Cisco Junior College Lady Wranglers a 70-66 come-from-behind setback.

With the win, the Lady Hawks improved to 3-1 heading into this weekend's South Plains College Classic.

Cisco, which fell to 6-2 overall,

controlled the tempo early in the contest, using a pair of shots from Camille Bailey and Maureen Obudho to take a 16-11 lead.

Desire Bostice brought the Lady Hawks back, however. Bostice sparked an 11-7 run midway through the first half by pushing in two shots from the field. Alexis Britt and Chanel Ross also scored in the spree, which pulled the Lady Hawks to within 23-22 with 6:57 left in the first half.

Freshman Alecia Humphrey gave Howard a brief lead just under two minutes later with a stellar play from the free throw line. After missing the front end of a one-and-one situation, Humphrey rebounded her own miss and pushed home a short jumper and drew a foul. She sank the free throw attempt, giving the Lady Hawks a 27-25 lead.

Cisco, which had beaten Howard College by 10 in the previous meeting, staged a rally of

their own over the final five minutes of the half, outscoring the Lady Hawks by a 9-6 clip to take a 34-33 lead into the half.

Howard, which is scheduled to face Lubbock Christian on Thursday in the South Plains' opener, pounded Cisco in the second half, however. The scored a 37-32 margin in the final 20 minutes to take the win.

Ross led all HC players offensively, scoring 16 points. Brittani Calhoun and Shacauna Woods added 10 apiece.

Brooks leads First Period team to 'Fence Lap' crown

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

Chris Brooks proved golf wasn't the only thing he can do well. He can also work well with a team.

Brooks ran his way to first-place in the Goliad Intermediate School' Best of the Best Fence Lap Championship Thursday and helped Nathan Doporto, Sidney Parker, Hutton Evans and Cameron Hughey give the First Period physical education class the boys' overall team crown.

The First Period squad racked up just 25 points

in the event and edged out the Sixth Period team by 11 points. The Third Period squad finished third overall with 81 points.

Brooks held off a strong challenge from Sixth Period standouts Kade Parker and Jordan Valle to win the race's individual honors. He completed the race in 1 minute, 54 seconds. Parker was second at 1:57 — two seconds faster than Valle.

Doporto, Parker, Hutton and Evans provided the First Period with the sup-

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Members of the Goliad Intermediate School First Period physical education class earned the 2002 'Best of the Best Fence Lap Championship' Thursday. The top five finishers in the race were Chris Brooks, Nathan Doporto, Sidney Parker, Hutton Evans and Cameron Hughey. James Bowen, Eric Hernandez and Lanny Hall also participated.

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IN BRIEF

Local chapter needs basketball officials

The local officiating chapter is looking for individuals interested in serving as referees for area basketball games this season.

For more information contact Adam Rodriguez after 4 p.m. at 263-8731 or contact Mandy Rodriguez during business hours at 264-4135.

HC to host 3-on-3 hoop tournament

Howard College will be hosting a 3-on-3 basketball tournament for men and women on Nov. 19 in the Harold Davis Fitness Center.

No players on basketball scholarships will be allowed to compete.

Baseball boosters will meet Nov. 14

The Big Spring High School Baseball Booster Club will hold an organizational meeting on Thursday, Nov. 14, at the ATC meeting room.

All parents and friends of prospective baseball players are encouraged to attend.

For more information contact Jim Clements at 267-1069.

Pep rally set for Thursday

A community pep rally will be held Thursday, at 7:30 p.m., in the Steer Gym. Everyone is urged to attend and show their support the Steers, who open the playoffs Friday against Randall.



The Dolphins completed their second straight undefeated season this weekend with a win over the Knights in the U-12 championship game. The Dolphins, coached by Celeste Valle and Jose Hernandez, are (front row, left to right) Jameel Toombs, Justin Villareal, (second row) Chelsey Huckabee, Elizabeth Klaus, Jonathan Futrelle, Jordan Valle, Reagan Rotan, Caitlin Hearn, Martin Leija, (third row) Sage Gibson, Alex Ortega, Jillian Valle, Coach Celeste Valle, Joseph Valle, Coach Jose Hernandez, Jose Hernandez, Evan Burton. Not pictured are Ruben Ortiz and Felicia Ortiz.

Dolphins survive challenge from U-10 Knights to win BSYA title

The Big Spring Dolphins set out at the start of the season to do two things: Have fun and win the Big Spring Youth Soccer Association championship.

Consider both goals accomplished. The Dolphins, anchored by a solid defense, nailed down the Under 12 crown Saturday by rolling to a 2-0 win over the Knights, an Under-10 team which had stepped up to play in the larger division.

The road to the championship wasn't without a few scares for the Dolphins. They battled the Knights to a 1-1 tie in pool play on Friday. From

there, they battled the Stars to a 0-0 draw and advanced to the championship bracket as the No. 2 seed in Pool A behind the Knights.

The Knights, coached by Robert Smith, earned the top seed in Pool A by posting a 1-0-1 mark. Their win came via a 2-0 win over the Stars.

The Coahoma Bulldogs took the top honors in Pool B, downing the Chargers, 2-0, and the Raiders, 2-0.

In the championship bracket, the Stars opened Saturday's action with a 2-0 win over the Raiders. The Dolphins advanced with a 3-0 win over the

Chargers.

On Sunday, the Knights earned a berth in the finals against the Dolphins with a 2-0 win over the Raiders.

Miranda Park and Meagan Doe scored the Knights' goals. Dylan Lowery picked up an assist on Doe's goal.

The Dolphins set up the championship showdown with a 3-0 win over Coahoma.

Bulldogettes fall in season opener

The Coahoma Bulldogettes dropped their 2002 season opener in basketball, falling to Tahoka, 87-20.

Lady 'Kats survive Grady comeback, claim 32-29 win

Leslie Jansa scored 11 points and Amanda Henson pulled down eight rebounds Tuesday night an helped carry the Garden City Lady 'Kats to a season-opening win over the Grady Lady Wildcats.

Garden City, 1-0, dominated the first eight minutes of the game, outscoring Grady by a 9-0 mar-

gin. Grady rallied from a 17-8 halftime deficit to take reel off a 17-7 run in the third quarter. They took a 25-24 lead into the fourth quarter.

The Lady 'Kats posted an 8-4 run in the final frame.

Whitney Oppegard led Grady offensively with eight points.

In Sunday's Big Spring Herald



Reasons to be thankful

Thanksgiving Day is an opportunity for all of us to offer thanks for blessings usually taken for granted. Read about three families who have unexpected reasons to be thankful this year. Plus, ham and pea soup, staying warm for less, and living with Alzheimer's.



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BS Special Olympians shine at Area 18

Big Spring can knock the pins down with the best of Texas. They proved that fact Saturday at the Area 18 Special Olympics Bowling Tournament held at the Bowl-A-Rama.

Big Spring had 37 bowlers place in the top five in their respective divisions, including six that walked away from the tournament with first-place finishes.

Big Spring was one of five West Texas teams participating, including Midland, Odessa, Monahans and Kermit.

Among the first-place winners from Big Spring were Leigh Wells, Cathy Garraud, Stacey Wells, Bobby Dancer, Charles Wallace and Monroe Faubion.

Big Spring had 24 bowlers finish either second or third. Among the Special Olympian silver medalists were Arturo Rios, Loretta Mireles, Rita Rea, Seth Kirn, Thomas Foster, Wayne Criger, Red Holguin, Robert Edwards, Richard Winn and Wayne Walker. Placing third were Tommy Lasater, Jason Welch, Mary Helen Gonzales, Cindy Lee, Choyia Baker, Jeb Mullen, Cody Porter, Mary Dickinson, D'lene Wylie, Steven Mills, Frank Wurtz, Aurlio Cortez, Steve Holt and Bobby Emerson.

Among Big Spring's fourth-place finishers were Valerie Heflin, Jo Chapman, Leticia Anguino and Josh Hughes. Pam Boley, Marty Thurston and Charles Thomas all finished fifth.



Members of the Gollad Intermediate School Second Period physical education class earned the girls' 2002 'Best of the Best Fence Lap Championship' Thursday. The top five finishers in the class were Casey Carroll, Catherine Leubner, Courtney Strait, Patricia Agullar and Jennifer Beauchamp.

LAP RACE

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port it needed from there. All four finished in the top eight places, giving the First Period five of the top 10 runners. Doporto placed fourth, while Parker, Evans and Hughey took 4th, 5th, 7th and 8th, respectively.

Only a class' top five finishers figured into the final team points.

Jordan Pointon, Mykel Wagner and Geordan Fuller rounded out the Sixth Period's cast. They finished 6th, 10th and 13th, respectively.

Coby Landis led the Third Period efforts, placing ninth at 2:09.

The Second Period girls turned in a solid team effort en route to winning the girls' title. Led by a 2-3-4 finish from Casey Carroll, Catherine Leubner and Courtney Strait, the Second Period team rolled up 36 points and edged out the Seventh Period by just four points. The Fifth Period squad finished third with 56 points.

Fifth Period's Ariel Johnson won the top hon-

Boys				Girls			
Team Standings — 1. First Period 25; 2. Sixth Period 34; 3. Third Period 81.				Team Standings — 1. Second Period 36; 2. Seventh Period 40; 3. Fifth Period 56.			
Individual Results				Individual Results			
No. Participant	Time	Class		No. Participant	Time	Class	
1. Chris Brooks	1:51	1		1. Ariel Johnson	2:06	5	
2. Kade Parker	1:57	6		2. Casey Carroll	2:06	5	2
3. Jordan Valle	1:59	6		3. Catherine Leubner	2:18	2	
4. Nathan Doporto	2:01	1		4. Courtney Strait	2:19	2	
5. Sidney Parker	2:04	1		5. Mercedes Rangel	2:20	5	
6. Jordan Pointon	2:06	6		6. Chelsea Franco	2:21	7	
7. Hutton Evans	2:06.5	1		7. Shelby Stewart	2:22	7	
8. Cameron Hughey	2:07	1		8. Ambrie Schaffner	2:23	7	
9. Coby Landis	2:09	3		9. Samantha Amos	2:25	7	
10. Mykel Wagner	2:12	6		10. Megan Hilario	2:27	7	
11. Samuel Segundo	2:14	3		11. Katie Tompkins	2:30	7	
12. James Bowen	2:15	1		12. Patricia Agullar	2:30.5	2	
13. Geordan Fuller	2:18	6		13. Briana Rodriguez	2:32	5	
14. Simon Arenhaz	2:19	6		14. Ashley Miramontes	2:33	7	
15. Suraj Patel	2:20	6		15. Jennifer Beauchamp	2:42	2	
16. Cade Hollandsworth	2:23	6		16. Brianna Palmer	2:43	7	
17. Eric Hernandez	2:24	1		17. Priscilla Valmont	2:45	7	
18. Richard Lucio	2:25	3		18. Cristale Chapa	2:46	5	
19. Rance Terry	2:27	6		19. Laura Garcia	2:47	5	
20. Lanny Hall	2:28	1		20. Ashley Rangel	2:54	5	
21. Mark Garcia	2:29	3		21. Bonnie Keaton	3:02	2	
22. Alex Kuhn	2:33	3		22. Traosha Walker	3:21	7	
23. Ryan Klaassen	2:45	6					
24. Justin Carriger	2:46	3					
25. Angel Martinez	2:47	3					

ors in the individual race. She completed the event in 2:06, edging out Carroll by a .5 seconds.

Leubner held off teammate Strait to take third.

The Seventh Period dominated the girls' top 10 finishers. The team had runners finish No. 6, No. 7, No. 8, No. 9 and No. 10.

Thomas leads Sterling City to 70-25 rout of Forsan in opener

By BRANDON HALLFORD

Special to the Herald
STERLING CITY — The Sterling City Lady Eagles flew out to a 22-2 lead after one quarter of play and never looked back in route to taking a lop-sided 70-25 victory over the Forsan Lady Buffaloes Tuesday night in the season-openers for both squads.

Sterling City, lead by Janell Thomas' 14 points, scored 17 unanswered points to begin the contest and was never really threat-

ened by the outsized Lady Buffs.

Jaclyn Hise led the Lady Buffs in scoring with eight points on the night. Codye Burt, Casi Graves and Misty McGinnis each scored three each for Forsan.

Erica Rodriguez scored 10 for the SCHS girls. Leih Edens and Mary Rivas added eight apiece.

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Ashley Newell scored 11 points and Heather Washington led a strong defensive charge Tuesday night as the Stanton Lady Buffaloes rolled to a 49-38

win over the Midland Greenwood Lady Rangers.

Washington blocked five Greenwood shots in the contest.

TENNIS

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also looked strong, winning five of their eight singles matches.

Ward, Robinson, Metcalf, Keesta Heiman and Allison Ward all registered wins.

The Big Spring Junior High School tennis team will endure a long break before returning to action. Their next scheduled bout will be in January.



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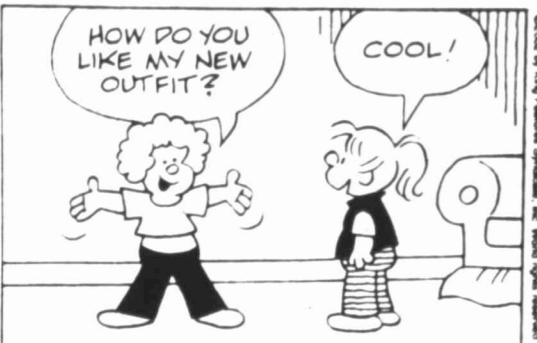


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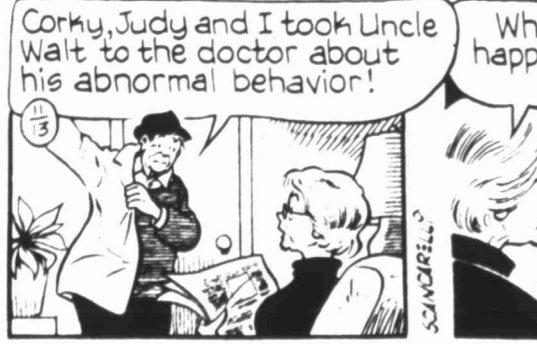
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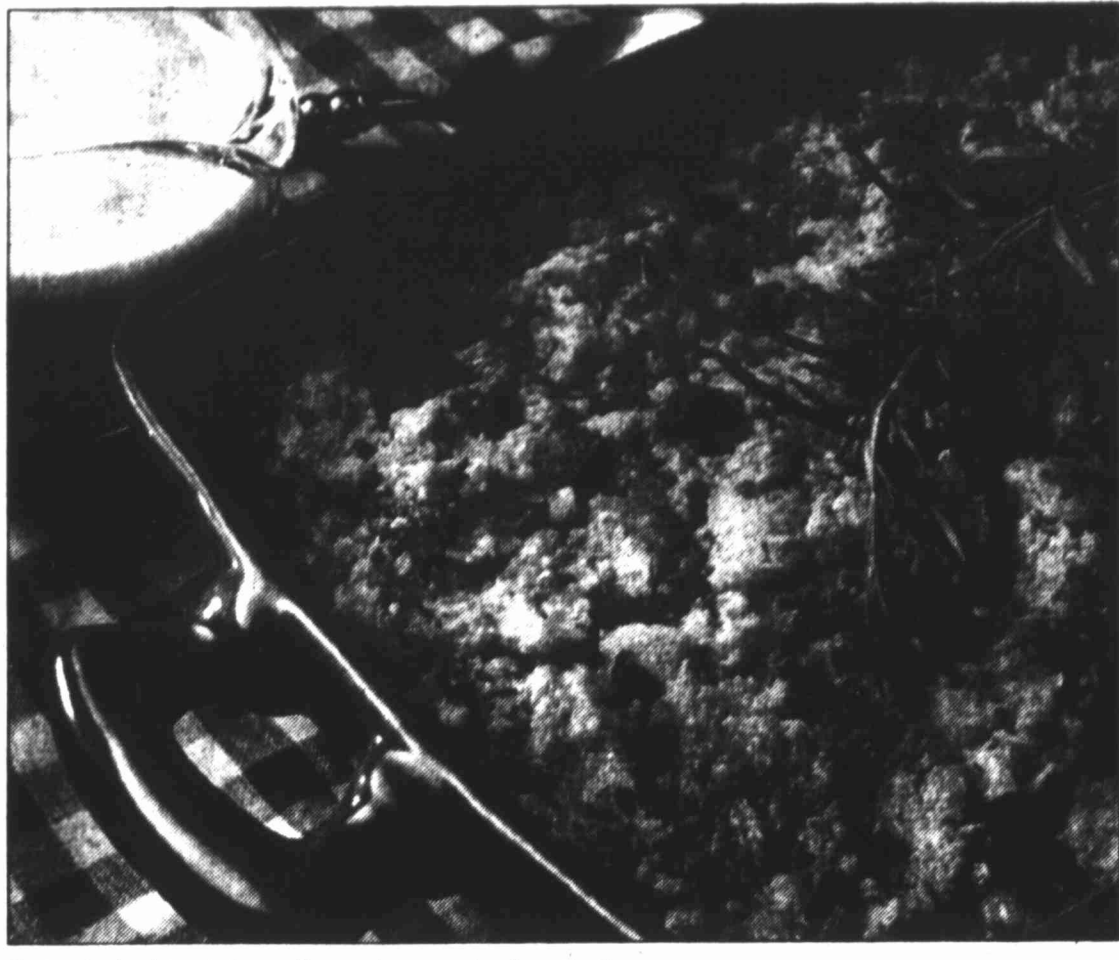


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Twice-baked herb biscuits and sausage dressing

Dressing for the holidays

With so many good things to eat on Thanksgiving Day, sometimes it's hard to choose what to put on your plate with the traditional turkey. A "must-have" for many folks is a savory serving of dressing. While some cooks prefer to stuff the bird, thus the name stuffing, our version of this grain-based dish is baked separately from the turkey.

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1/2 teaspoon ground pepper
1/2 teaspoon dried sage leaves, crushed
1/2 teaspoon dried thyme leaves, crushed
1/2 teaspoon dried rosemary leaves, crushed
1 1/4 cups milk

Dressing:
1/2 to 1 lb. bulk mild pork sausage (to taste)
1 cup finely chopped onion
1 cup thinly sliced celery
1/4 cup (1/2 stick) butter or margarine
1 can (14 1/2 oz.) chicken broth
2 large eggs, beaten
1/4 cup chopped fresh parsley
1 package (2.75 oz.) Pioneer No-Fat or Regular Country or Turkey Gravy Mix,
prepared according to package directions

Measure biscuit and baking mix into large bowl; stir in pepper, sage, thyme, rosemary and milk to make a soft dough. Drop by spoonfuls (to make 12 biscuits) onto baking sheet coated with cooking spray. Bake at 450 degrees for 12 to 15 minutes or until golden brown. Cool. Break into small pieces; place in large bowl. Meanwhile, in large skillet, cook sausage until brown. Drain; add to biscuit pieces. In same skillet, cook onion and celery in butter until onion is tender, about 5 minutes. Pour over biscuits and sausage. Stir in broth, eggs and parsley. Spoon into 13x9x2-inch or 12x8x2-inch baking dish that has been generously coated with cooking spray. Cover with foil. Bake at 350 for 30 minutes. Uncover; bake 40 minutes more or until golden brown. Serve with gravy. Makes 10 to 12 servings.

*Helpful Tip: When measuring biscuit and baking mix, gently spoon mix into nested (dry) measuring cups.**

BREAD

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one of the most flavorful multi-grain breads ever to come out of your oven.

Three slashes across the top of the loaf, and an egg wash with sprinkled oats give this Five-Grain Bread an artisan touch.

Both recipes have been thoroughly tested in the kitchens of Fleischmann's Yeast. For added convenience, they use Fleischmann's RapidRise yeast.

Five Grain Bread

Wheat Germ, Bran and Whole Oats. Recipe has Three Times the Fiber Content of White Bread. Butter, Yogurt and Egg Add Richness and Improve Crumb Texture. Makes 2 loaves.

- Ingredients**
1 cup water
1 (8-ounce) cup plain yogurt
1/4 cup butter or margarine
1/2 cup oats, old-fashioned or quick-cooking
1/3 cup wheat germ
1/3 cup unprocessed bran
4 to 4 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
1 cup whole wheat flour
1/4 cup barley flour
1/2 cup packed brown sugar
2 envelopes Fleischmann's RapidRise Yeast
2 teaspoons salt
1 large egg
1 egg, lightly beaten
Wheat germ or oats, for topping

Directions
Heat water, yogurt and butter to boiling. Stir in oats, wheat germ and

bran. Set aside until cooled to very warm (120 to 130°F), about 30 minutes.

In a large bowl, combine 1-1/3 cups all-purpose flour, whole wheat flour, and barley flour, sugar, undissolved yeast, and salt. Stir in cooled bran mixture. Beat 2 minutes at medium speed of electric mixer, scraping bowl occasionally. Add 1 egg and 1 cup all-purpose flour; beat 2 minutes at high speed. Stir in enough remaining flour to make a soft dough. Knead on lightly greased surface until smooth and elastic, about 8 to 10 minutes. Cover; let rest 10 minutes.

Divide dough in half; roll each to 12x7-inch rectangle. Beginning from short ends, roll up tightly as for jelly roll. Pinch seams and ends to seal. Place, seam sides down, in 2 greased 8-1/2 x 4-1/2-inch loaf pans. Cover; let rise in warm, draft-free place until doubled in size, about 1 hour.

With sharp knife, make 3 diagonal slashes, 1/4-inch deep, on each loaf. Brush with beaten egg; sprinkle with wheat germ or oats. Bake at 375°F for 40 minutes or until done. Remove from pans; cool on wire rack.

Hearty Oat and Walnut Bread

Packed with Walnut Pieces, the Mild Crunch and Woody Flavor of Walnuts in Every Bite. Dense Crumb Slices Easily Because it's Moist, Firm and a little Springy. Makes 1 loaf.

- Ingredients**
3 to 3-1/2 cups all-purpose flour
1/2 cup quick-cooking oats, toasted*
1/4 cup firmly packed brown sugar
1 envelope Fleischmann's RapidRise Yeast
1 teaspoon salt
1-1/4 cups water
2 tablespoons butter or margarine
3/4 cup chopped walnuts, toasted

Directions

In a large bowl, combine 1 cup flour, oats, sugar, undissolved yeast and salt. Heat water and butter until very warm (120 to 130°F). Gradually add to flour mixture. Beat 2 minutes at medium speed of electric mixer, scraping bowl occasionally. Stir in walnuts and enough remaining flour to make a soft dough. Knead on lightly greased surface until smooth and elastic, about 8 to 10 minutes. Cover; let rest 10 minutes.

Roll dough to 12 x 8-inch rectangle. Beginning at short end, roll up tightly as for jelly roll. Pinch seam and ends to seal. Place, seam side down, in greased 9 x 5-inch loaf pan. Cover; let rise in warm, draft-free place until doubled in size, about 1 hour.

Bake at 375°F for 35 to 40 minutes or until done. Remove from pan; cool on wire rack.

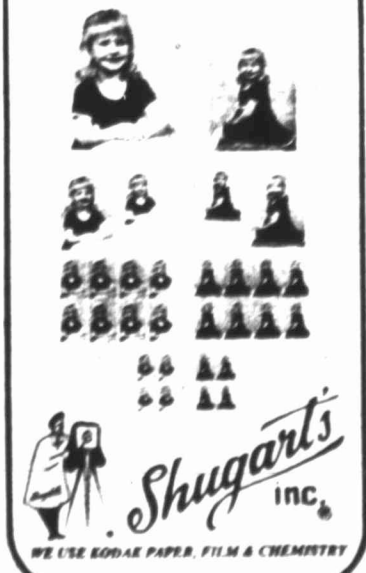
* To toast oats: Spread oats in thin layer in shallow baking pan. Bake at 350°F for 10 to 15 minutes or until light golden

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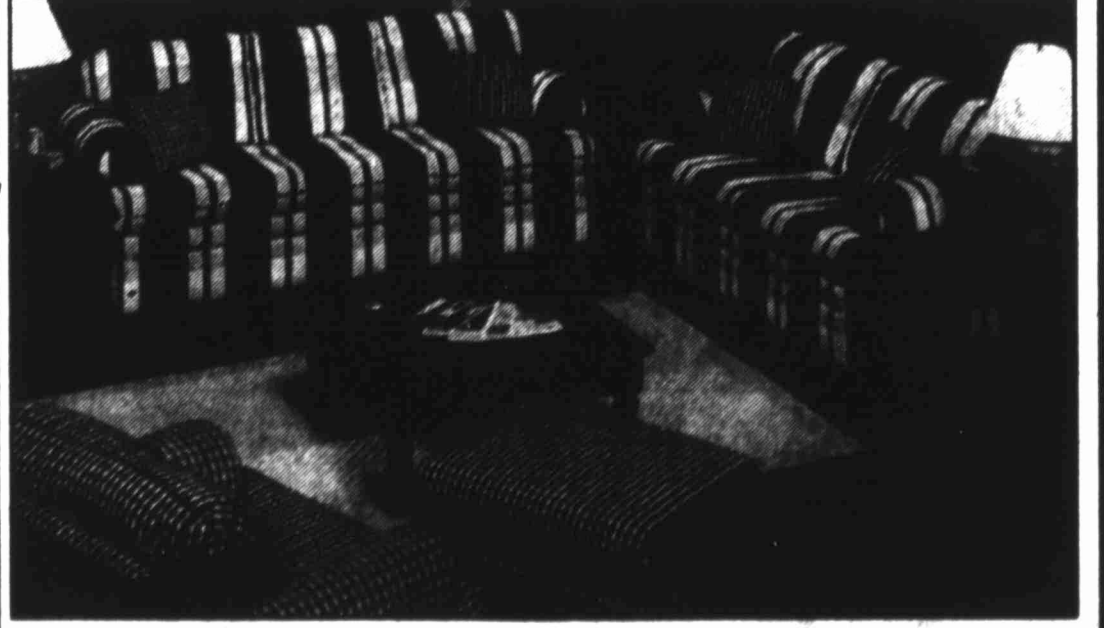
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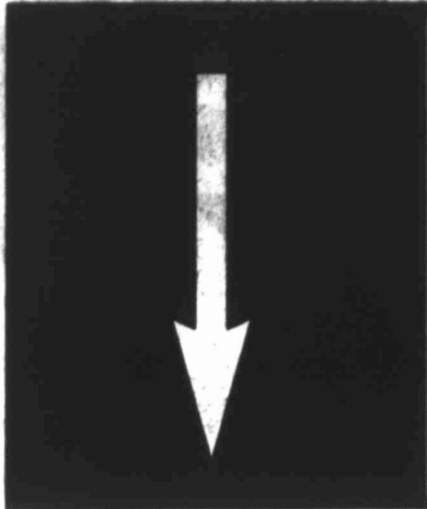
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