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Kountry Kids

D'Kota Harrison, Madison Rodgers overall winners in annual fair contest

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Area children ranging from infants to 5 years old took time to strut their stuff Saturday morning at the Howard County fair, but only two could walk away with the title of overall Kountry Kids winners.

D'Kota Harrison, 2, and 21-month-old Madison Rodgers took top honors during the annual Kountry Kids Contest. D'Kota is the son of Preston and Keisha Harrison. Madison is the son of Brandon and Mandi Rodgers.

Preston Harrison said the decision to enter D'Kota in the contest came mainly from the boy's mother, who is trying to get their son ready for the real world.

"She's really involved in getting D'Kota out and involved in different things so he grows up

"She did really well. She usually does more though. When we're in town she likes to talk to everyone."

—Mandi Rodgers on daughter Madison's performance

and isn't shy and reserved and stuff like that," said Harrison. "So his mom's a big push in things like this."

D'Kota certainly wasn't shy on stage, riding his stick horse to the crowd and judge's delight. However, Harrison said his son wasn't quite as outgoing as he is when there isn't a spotlight.

"He really did OK, but he was-

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D'Kota Harrison, left, and Madison Rodgers take their final bow Saturday morning as they are named the overall winners of the annual Kountry Kids Contest at the Howard County Fair. D'Kota is the son of Preston and Keisha Harrison. Madison is the daughter of Brandon and Mandi Rodgers.

Commissioners to grapple with budget again Monday

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Howard County residents will get the chance to chime in on the proposed tax rate Monday morning, as the county commissioners prepare to hold the first of two public hearings on the matter.

Commissioners recently voted to begin public hearings on the

proposed tax rate, which is 54.546 cents per \$100 valuation. And while the proposed rate, which is right at the rollback limit, is lower than last year's 55.337 cents per \$100 valuation, it's expected to bring in \$465,833 more, thanks to elevated



Kilgore

al values. County Auditor Jackie Olson said she's not expecting a large turnout because of the overall lower nature of the tax rate compared to last year's numbers.

"I haven't heard from any citizens or taxpayers who are planning to attend the meeting or address the commissioners Monday during the special

meeting," said Olson.

Although word of a slightly lower tax rate is good news for area taxpayers, the commissioners continue to struggle with a budget that's riddled with monetary leaks.

That includes struggling county funds, including the equipment operating fund, which commissioners recently agreed to "pad" with approxi-

mately \$200,000 from the entity's general fund in addition to making several cuts to the 2005-2006 budget.

"It's going to take a combination of cutting some of the vehicles that have been requested and taking funds from the general fund and adding it to the equipment fund to even begin

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County Bible Class celebrates 66 years

Herald Staff Report

Howard County Bible Class is celebrating 66 years in the classroom this school year.

Once again, the Howard County Bible Fund board is asking members of the community to help support Bible education in Big Spring, Coahoma and Forsan.

The Howard County

Mail donations to:
Howard County Bible Fund, P.O.
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Bible Class has been taught continuously in Big Spring since 1939.

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HC trustees to wrap up budget Monday

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

Howard College trustees are expected to formally adopt a budget and tax rate for the new fiscal year when they hold their regular meeting at 12:30 p.m. Monday in the East

Room of Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

College President Dr. Cheryl Sparks said the junior college district is poised to adopt a tax rate marginally lower than last year. But because of

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LOVE OUR LAKE



The Love Our Lake clean-up day at Comanche Trail Lake became a "family thing" Saturday morning, as Joshua Leib, left, and his son, Joshua Leib II, pick up unsightly trash around the lake's edge. Leib said he and his son go fishing at the lake fairly often, and saw the day, which was sponsored by Keep Big Spring Beautiful, as a chance to give something back.

Some new state laws on horizon

By The Associated Press

Hundreds of new laws take effect Thursday following the Texas Legislature's regular session last spring. Some of the new laws are:

— Life Without Parole: Gives jurors the option of sentencing capital murderers to life in prison without parole or the death penalty. Eliminates a previous sentencing option of life in prison with the possibility of parole after 40 years.

— Abortion Consent: Requires a parent to provide written consent for unmarried girls under 18 to get an abortion. The same bill also restricts doctors from performing abortions on women who have carried a child for

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AMERICAN PROFILE

Cover Story: When American Profile asked readers to tell us about their grandparents, we received a mailbox full of endearing letters describing how special these people are in the lives and memories of their grandchildren.

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Obituaries

Rose Medlin



Rose Medlin, 82, of Big Spring died Thursday morning, Aug. 25, 2005, at Hospice House in Odessa. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. Tim Dunn, associate pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

She was born July 1, 1923, at Granbury, Hood County, to Dennis and Lila Hayworth. The family moved to Howard County when Rose was beginning high school.

They lived in the Knott Community and she graduated from Garner High School at Knott in 1941. Rose married Albert "Tubby" Medlin April 27, 1946, in Big Spring. He preceded her in death Feb. 13, 1990. Rose had been church secretary at Grace Baptist for a number of years. She was an active member of Trinity Baptist Church and had taught Sunday school for more than 50 years at Grace Baptist Church and later Trinity Baptist Church. She was a volunteer for RSVP and at Scenic Mountain Medical Center with more than 2,000 hours.

She is survived by four sons, Albert Wade Medlin of Abilene; Marlin Medlin and his wife Kathy of Jackson, Tenn.; Phillip Medlin and his wife Susan of Frisco and John Medlin and his wife Andrea of Big Spring; one grandson, John Medlin of Big Spring; two sisters, Ima Dell Williams and Patsy Grigg, both of Big Spring; and one brother, Bob Hayworth of Lubbock.

In addition to her husband and parents she was preceded in death by four brothers, L. D. Hayworth, Marlin Hayworth, Dennis Hayworth and Bill Hayworth.

Pallbearers will be Thomas Yeats, Kenneth Reed, James Dumas, Farley Hayworth, Mike Perry, Allen Eubank and Landon Adkins. Honorary Pallbearers will be Richard Craven, Jason Grigg and Gene Piercefield.

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

Paid obituary

Charles Hal Arbuckle

Charles Hal Arbuckle, 55, of Austin, formerly of Big Spring, died Wednesday, Aug. 24, 2005, in Austin.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 10, 2005, at the Trinity Memorial Park Peace Chapel with Ronnie Fletcher of Norman, Okla., cousin, officiating.

He was born April 23, 1950, in Checotah, Okla., to Charles and Della Arbuckle. He attended Brentwood Church of Christ in Austin and enjoyed music and art.

He is survived by his father, Charles J. Arbuckle Jr. of Henderson; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Tommy and Sherry Newsom of Big Spring and Tim and Carol Kinsley of Austin; one brother and sister-in-law, David Spencer and Shanyn Arbuckle of Frisco; three nieces and six nephews; and five aunts, one uncle and numerous cousins.

Cirilda Mata

Cirilda Mata, 80, of Big Spring died Saturday, Aug. 27, 2005, at her residence. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Weather

Sunday...Partly cloudy with scattered showers and thunderstorms. Highs around 90. Light and variable winds. The chance of rain is 40 percent.

Sunday night...Partly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 60s. Northeast winds around 10 mph.

Monday...Partly cloudy. Highs around 90. North winds around 10 mph.

Monday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 60s.

Tuesday...Mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 90s.

Tuesday night...Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 60s.

Wednesday...Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 90s.

Wednesday night...Mostly clear. Lows in the upper 60s.

Thursday...Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 90s.

Thursday night...Mostly clear. Lows in the upper 60s.

Friday...Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 90s.

Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Friday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 26-28-1-20-36.
Number matching five of five: None.
Matching four of five: 103. Prize: \$508.
Matching three of five: 3,253. Prize: \$12.
Matching two of five: 32,735. Prize: \$2.
Next Cash 5 drawing: Saturday night.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 7-4-6

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Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Friday and 8 a.m. today:

- **MICHAEL HOULIHAN**, 19, of 1501 Sycamore, was arrested Friday on a charge of public intoxication.
- **ROBERT SMITH**, 20, of 4101 Wasson, was arrested Friday on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.
- **JOHNNY PAYNE JR.**, 25, of 1509 Stadium, was arrested Friday on a charge of criminal trespass and criminal mischief.
- **RANDY YBARRA**, 18, of 1504 E. Fifth Street, was arrested Saturday on a charge of minor in consumption of an alcoholic beverage.
- **CODY WINGO**, 17, of 1700 Purdue, was arrested Saturday on charges of minor in consumption of an alcoholic beverage and possession of tobacco by a minor.
- **JON MCLEOD**, 44, of 618 Tulane, was arrested Saturday on charges of public intoxication and possession of a controlled substance.
- **JESUS MARTINEZ**, 27, of Colorado City, was arrested Saturday on a charge of public intoxication.
- **RYAN SLATE**, 18, of 2511 Broadway, was arrested Saturday on a charge of minor in consumption of an alcoholic beverage.
- **LORELEI WEAVER**, 17, of 1326 Mesquite, was arrested Saturday on a charge of minor in consumption of an alcoholic beverage.
- **MAGAN LYLE**, 18, of 701 Settles, was arrested Saturday on a charge of minor in consumption of an alcoholic beverage.
- **BILLY STARR**, 27, of 804 E. 14th Street, was arrested Saturday on two local warrants.
- **THEFT** was reported:
 - in the 1800 block of Gregg Street.
 - in the 1100 block of Lamesa.
 - in the 1700 block of FM 700.
- **POSSESSION/DELIVERY OF DRUG PARAPHERNALIA** was reported in the 1500 block of Tucson.
- **CRIMINAL TRESPASS OF A HABITATION/SHELTER CENTER** was reported in the 300 block of Circle.
- **BURGLARY OF A BUILDING** was reported in the 1100 block of Lamesa.
- **ASSAULT/CLASS C** was reported:
 - in the 2500 block of Gregg Street.
 - in the 2300 block of Kentucky Way.
 - in the 800 block of Owens

Around Town

- **RAILROAD MUSEUM** at the corner of Second Street and Main Street is open from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. every Saturday. Free admission. Call 432-559-3409 for more information.
- **POTTON HOUSE**, 200 Gregg, a restored historic home, is open from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. An admission fee, which includes entry into Heritage Museum, is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children and senior citizens.
- **HERITAGE MUSEUM**, 510 Scurry, is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Saturday. An admission fee, which includes entry into the Potton House, is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children.
- **HANGAR 25 AIR MUSEUM** is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturday.
- **FRIENDS OF THE MARTIN COUNTY LIBRARY** have scheduled a used book sale from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. every Thursday in the new building across from the White Ford Motor Company, near the post office. The sale benefits the restoration of a library building. For more information contact Bud Lindsey at 756-2306.

Support groups

- SUNDAY**
 - Alcoholics Anonymous meets from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 5 p.m. until 6 p.m.
- TUESDAY**
 - The Multiple Sclerosis Support Group meets at 6 p.m., a new time, the last Tuesday of each month in the College Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 1005 Birdwell Lane. Call Tracey at 263-4948 for more information.
- THURSDAY**
 - Narcotics Anonymous, non-smoking discussion meeting, 8-9 p.m., at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliah.
 - Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30-7:30 p.m. Non-smoking closed discussion meeting, 8-9 p.m.
 - Alzheimers Support Group meets at 2 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month at The Texas State Veterans Home, 1809 N. Hwy 87. For more information call Orand Carroll 268-8337.

CLASS

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Board members say it is possibly the longest running Bible Class in Texas.

The board is seeking money to pay instructors, purchase Bibles, workbooks and incidentals. The Bible teachers are paid the same salaries as other teachers at their respective schools, based on the number of classes they teach each semester.

Big Spring High School's History of the Bible classes are offered three class periods, taught by Dr. Bill Welsh. The three credit-hour humanities classes are an elective chosen by students. The class also counts as a concurrent college credit course through Howard College, but since the Howard County Bible Fund pays Welsh, students are not charged concurrent fees.

In the past I taught geography and that has tied in with the Bible course. This year I am teaching senior economics and is also really ties in well with the disciplines of the Bible," said Welsh. "Each year I have changed the scope of my format some for the Bible course, and this year I am focusing the first several days on how to study. How to really study, and not just for the Bible's sake. So this should help students in all their classes, I believe."

Biblical history is coupled with world history, biographies, geography, economics and the politics of Biblical times. Weekly during Bible class, Welch allows the students to watch films depicting the stories they've studied and introduces the class to his personal collection of Biblical artifacts, making the course not only Bible lessons, but hands-on-history.

"This class is such a blessing to not only the students, but to me personally. I've seen students change dramatically just from the daily reading of the Bible they receive from this class," said Welsh.

Forsan High School's two Bible classes are taught by the Rev. Craig Felty.

History of the Bible is taught at Coahoma High School by the Rev. Russell Mullins.

Meetings of the fund board are held the even numbered months on the first Monday of the month at Herman's at 7 p.m. All community members are welcome to attend.

Donations may be mailed to Howard County Bible Fund, P.O. Box 494, Big Spring, TX 79720-0494.

The Howard County Bible Class is a non-profit corporation with 501(c)3 tax status, therefore all contributions are tax deductible.

COLLEGE

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higher property valuations, the college should bring in more revenue this year.

Despite increased revenue, this year's budget should be basically unchanged from the previous package, Sparks said.

Highlights of the proposed budget include an across-the-board \$750 annual raise for full-time college employees.

Also, plans call for a substantial hike in tuition fees. Students living in the district will pay \$8 more per semester hour, while out-of-district and out-of-state students will pay \$10 and \$12 more per semester hour, respectively.

Several infrastructure

needs will be addressed, including renovations at the baseball field, student union building and coliseum. Also, equipment for the distance learning program will be purchased.

Other renovations, including an upgrade to the heating, ventilation and air conditioning system at the Horace Garrett Building, will be put off for now, Sparks said.

In other business Monday, trustees will consider:

- Handbook and catalog changes.
- Renewal of the district's depository bid.
- A report on the Big Spring VA Health Care System proposal and meeting.

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LAWS

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more than 26 weeks unless having the baby would jeopardize the woman's life or the baby has serious brain damage.

Child Protective Services reform: Allows the hiring of up to 2,500 new caseworkers and moves some agency tasks to private companies.

Workers' Compensation reform: Creates new doctor net-

works and increases benefits to injured workers.

Children's Health Care: Restores vision, dental and mental health benefits in the Children's Health Insurance Program, a low-cost health plan that covers more than 325,000 children. The cuts were made by the 2003 Legislature.

Asbestos Lawsuits: Limits the number of lawsuits for asbestos- and silica-related illnesses, allowing only those who have serious illnesses to sue companies.

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Sweet stuff

Grishams make cake decorating look all too easy

To watch Billye Grisham make a rose, a sweet pea, or a daisy out of frosting, you'd think it was... well, a piece of cake.

While conducting a cake decorating demonstration Thursday evening at the fair, the co-owner of Creative Celebrations turned a smooth, white-frosted cake into a work of art and made it look effortless. Before she began, she cautioned onlookers, "Just seeing this doesn't mean that you will be able to go home and do it; it takes a lot of hands-on practice."

She and husband Tolbert Grisham began their cake business back in 1979 while she was still teaching in the homemaking department at Big Spring High School. He was an optician at Malone-Hogan Clinic and often ate lunch with Kay Shaw, a well-known local cake baker/decorator. He came home and told his wife that he wanted her to take a cake decorating course at Howard College.

"I think he was seeing dollar signs in those cakes," she remembers, "but it doesn't work that way immediately."

While she reluctantly took the course, she showed enough potential talent that instructor Janie Harmon took Billye under her wing and encouraged them to make cakes a business. They began with wedding and birthday cakes, expanded into church equipment for weddings (candelabra and arches), and finally added florals, being able to do complete wedding celebrations.



NANCY KOGER

They work by appointment only so they are able to spend time with the bride and her mother to produce exactly what they desire. Even though weddings are the main part of their business, they will do any celebration with tiered cakes — anniversaries, birthdays and quinceneras. Their business is a team effort; he bakes all the cakes and makes the icing, and she does all the decorating, floral arrangements and works with the brides.

They have a 1,500-square-foot shop with a health department-



Billye Grisham decorates a cake at the Howard County Fair. She and her husband Tolbert have been making cakes for weddings and other occasions since 1979.

inspected kitchen, a room just for flower-making and a planning room where she can show prospective customers pictures of cakes and arrangements. They deliver and set up the multi-level cakes and floral arrangements as part of their services.

Mrs. Grisham has taught classes in cake decorating at Howard College in the past. She says she needs at least five people in a class to make it worthwhile.

Assembling all the equipment needed for baking and decorating is costly, and making and decorating multi-tiered cakes requires countless hours. The frosting flowers are usually made days before the cake and allowed to air dry before being attached. Roses are her favorite thing to make, which is fortunate because, "brides like roses more than any other flower," she says. "We've been having a booth at the fair for

about 15 years," she estimates. "Since we don't have a walk-in business location, this is a good way to let people know we're still here and doing cakes and celebrations." Fairgoers get to sample their wares at the booth. The cake she decorated for the demonstration on Thursday was there for tasting on Friday.

Nancy Koger writes a daily article for the Herald during the Howard County Fair.

HOWARD COUNTY FAIR

Saturday afternoon
2 p.m., Washer Tournament, register before 2 p.m.

3 p.m., Goats Arrive at the Sheep Barn

6 p.m., Cooking Demonstration- Spanish Tacos

7 p.m., Battle of the Cheerleaders, Rodeo Bowl

9:45 p.m., Quilt Drawing

10 p.m., Fair Closes

10-11 p.m., Pick up entries

Sunday
11 a.m., Goat Showmanship at the Sheep Barn

Noon, Goat Show at the Sheep Barn

1-3 p.m., Pick up entries

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

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Rose Medlin, 82, died Thursday. Funeral Services were at 1:00 PM Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.
Cirilda Mata, 80, died Saturday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

KOUNTRY

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n't quite the showboat he was at home," said Harrison with a laugh. "I guess that's to be expected though."

Mandi Rodgers said she decided to enter young Madison based solely on the child's "cuteness factor."

"I thought it would be neat to enter the contest," said Rodgers. "I think she's cute enough, and she really has a cute personality so I thought she'd have a good

chance at winning. "She did more than I thought she would," she said. "She did really good. I thought she might get up there and freeze, but she didn't. She did really well. She usually does more though. When we're in town she likes to talk to everyone."

A complete list of winners for the Kountry Kids Contest will be published in a future edition of the Herald.

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COUNTY

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to bring it back up," said Olson.

Commissioners agreed on several cuts, including \$150,000 from the road and bridge administration for new vehicles and four new cars for the sheriff's office, instead of the six that had been requested.

Commissioner Jerry Kilgore said he and the rest of the commissioners had hoped the increase in tax revenue would help offset soaring energy and utility costs, but that hasn't been the case.

"Unfortunately, it won't

level things out," said Kilgore. "That was the whole purpose of this. When you get the values and set the tax rate — minus about 3 percent for delinquent taxes — you know pretty well on the money what the revenue

is going to be. "But it's hard to project what the other fees and factors will bring. Also, we're at a point where we have to guess on the utility and fuel costs, which have really gone up. That's what makes the

budget process so hard." Commissioners will meet 10 a.m. for the public hearing, as required by state law, with a second meeting tentatively set for Sept. 12. The meeting will take place in the commissioner's court-

room, located on the second floor of the county courthouse.

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EDITORIAL

"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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OUR VIEWS

Perry posturing with classroom spending order

Grandstand plays — lots of flash, little substance. That's apparently what Texas taxpayers are going to get for the \$3 million or so legislators spend in two special sessions called by Gov. Rick Perry without coming up with public school finance reform.

Of course, some have contended all along that the promises many Republicans promised during last fall's campaigns were going to go for naught.

You simply can't promise the taxpayers a decrease in taxes and increased public school spending.

What Republican powers that be in Austin are now learning is that you can't even promise decreased property taxes without taxing somebody somewhere and that requires a little "smoke and mirrors" magic.

Unfortunately, even Texas' GOP leadership couldn't come to agreement, so Perry — doing his best to take some of the embarrassing egg off his face — has issued an executive order instructing school districts to expend at least 65 percent of their operating budgets directly on classroom instruction.

Of course, this so-called "65 percent rule," has been something of a hot-button topic with education professionals for quite some time. That's because there are differing definitions on what constitutes a "non-classroom expense."

Under Perry's executive order, districts will be required to spend no more than 35 percent of their budgets on non-classroom expenses like transportation, school lunches and administration.

Perry doesn't expect overnight changes — the limit will be phased in over several years. In fact, right now he doesn't have a plan. He's calling for a program to be designed and implemented by Education Commissioner Shirley Neeley.

What Neeley eventual guidelines determine as "non-classroom expenses" will determine how difficult school districts will find meeting Perry's order.

Big Spring ISD Superintendent Michael Downes has no problem with the "65 percent rule" as long as certain costs that don't currently fall under "classroom education" definitions — things like media, library and counseling services get included in the 65 percent.

State Sen. Kel Seliger during the last special session introduced a bill that combines classroom, library, professional staff development and counseling costs when considering whether school districts meet the 65 percent guideline.

But even under that standard, the Big Spring, Coahoma and Forsan ISDs would have finished the 2002-03 school year — the most recent figures available from the Texas Education Agency — not quite making the grade.

Coahoma Superintendent Jerry Johnson, while not highly critical of the governor's play, hit the nail on the head when he observed that the entire issue is "becoming more political" and that "this rule is taking some of the pressure off."

The question is: Does that really look good?

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How do we pay for a new jail?

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the final installment in a four-part series concerning the proposed construction of a new Howard County Jail, focusing on the opinions of several county leaders. For this question, there was no word limit.

Commissioner Emma Brown

To pay for a new jail we need to hold a bond election and let the voters decide on the cost of the facility.



BROWN

Commissioner William Crooker

There are three methods to pay for a new jail: The county issuing certificates of obligation, calling for a bond election and leasing to own.



CROOKER

Under the law, under its own authority, the commissioner's court can elect to issue certificates of obligation — a form of a bond — for the amount necessary to construct a

new facility. If some of the voters disagree with this procedure, they can petition the commissioner's court to call for a bond election. This is done by submitting a petition containing the signatures of registered voters. The number of signatures needed is determined by a percentage of those who voted in the last general election.

The commissioner's court could order a bond election to be called in the following months: February, May, September and November, as proscribed by Texas law for the funds necessary to construct the facility.

There are investment firms that would finance the construction of the new facility according to our plans and specifications. The county would sign a lease agreement for 20, 25 or 30 years, at the end of which time the facility would be owned by the county. This could be called a rent-to-own approach.

I favor the county issuing certificates of obligation simply because the county commissioners are elected to make decisions in the management of the county. Therefore, they should be in the best position to determine the needs of the county and thereby able

to make a well informed decision. By following this route, the cost of an election would be eliminated and several months of time would be saved.

Commissioner Jerry Kilgore

The only possible solution I can see is a bond election. Part of the money for the bond could come in the form of payment from the city if we decide to build a joint law enforcement center, and operations could be subsidized by renting out some of the space. I really don't see any other way to do it.



KILGORE

Municipal Judge Tim Green

Recently, the city of Big Spring had a company come and talk to the city council about completing some city projects and paying for the projects from the savings the city would have over the life of certain financing options.



GREEN

The two facilities — the Big Spring Police Department Jail and Howard County Jail — that we're speaking of are very old and a lot of the material is out of date.

There have been many changes in terms of cost saving electric products and new and more efficient building materials that would go into a new facility. Not to mention that a combined facility would cut down on the number of jail personnel the two facilities now employ. The savings from the benefits, a more efficient building and saving on other current necessary expenditures could pay off the financing of a new facility.

The two entities would simply have to look at what they're spending now, which is their current practice, and what their cost projections are for the future, which is their current practice at the beginning of the fiscal year. The savings between the two — the Big Spring Police Department Jail and Howard County Jail — should be enough to pay for financing the project or the majority of the project, based on the cost of the entire project. That would be better than placing the cost on the taxpayers.

What do you think?

The Herald encourages readers to weigh in with their opinions on the county jail issue. You can e-mail your opinions to Managing Editor John A. Moseley at editor@bigspringherald.com or to Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at citydesk@bigspringherald.com. Opinions can also be mailed to P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring 79721-1431. They can also be dripped by our offices located at 710 Scurry Street. Please limit responses to 100 words or less.

Confessions of a reformed fan

Faithful readers who looked through this week's football special edition no doubt noticed that I'm going to be one of the Herald's fearless prognosticators this season.

Notice I said "fearless" and not "peerless" — although, if I do as badly as I fear, I will certainly be without peer in the football prediction business.

Predicting the outcome of football games — especially before they actually happen — is more an art than a science.

Considering that I stunk at both subjects in school, however, I might be in for a long year.

Don't get me wrong: I'm definitely going to give it my best effort, and I'm going to be as brutally honest as I can. For instance, I'm not going to pick the Cowboys to win the Super Bowl. And if I believe the Steers are going to lose whatever game they're playing that week, that will be what I pick.

This "honesty is the best policy" gig, however, has its limits.

Consider yourselves warned that I will blindly follow the Texas Tech Red Raiders to whatever cliff they choose to leap from. As far as I'm concerned, the college football season is a mere formality, and whoever presents the championship trophy can save everybody a lot of trouble and ship it to Lubbock NOW.

I recognize that this blind loyalty may cost me the title of chief prognosticator this year. And if we were actually competing for

money or valuable prizes, I might actually rethink said blind loyalty.

Last time I checked, however, we're competing for nothing more than pride and bragging rights. Those things are fine and dandy, but I doubt my landlord would accept them in lieu of rent, so I'm not going to get too worked up over my prospects.

Besides, it's all about football, and football is a game, and games should be fun, right?

Right? Oh, I might have stepped on a few sensitive nerves there.

Whaddya mean it's a 'game'? This is football we're talkin' about, by gawd!

Maybe it's because I grew up a baseball fan, or perhaps it's because I was the absolutely worst player on my seventh-grade football team, but the sport never has occupied as high a place in my world as it does for other people.

It's not that I didn't grow up a football fan; in my family, you had little choice. If there is a Pantheon for Dallas Cowboys' fans, my Mom would be right at home.

Sunday afternoons in autumn would find the Family Reagan ensconced in front of the TV, cheering on the Cowboys as they battled the Redskins, Browns, Steelers or some other despicable foe.

And leading the cheers was my Mom. That little woman, God rest her soul, faced all kinds of hurdles and heartaches in her life with amazing grace, but she would absolutely lose her mind when the Cowboys were on the tube.

I don't think she ever attended a Dallas game in person, but physical proximity to the game in question had little to do with how loud

Mom would cheer.

Oh, yeah, she'd talk to the TV — check that, she'd scream at the TV, exhorting players, berating officials and calling down (G-rated) curses upon opposing teams.

After the kids grew up and left home, we'd still all gather at Mom's for Thanksgiving, mainly to see each other again, but also partly to watch the Cowboys play — and watch Mom wig out in the process.

My sister-in-law once told me she got more of a kick out of watching Mom watch the game than the actual game itself.

Somehow, though, the love of all things Cowboys didn't pass from Mom to her third son — at least, not to the degree she would find acceptable. As I grew older, Dallas doings occupied less and less a place in my life.

Things reached rock bottom last season. I almost hate to admit it, but I don't think I watched five minutes of the Cowboys all season. I'm sure if Mom was watching me from Heaven — assuming she could tear herself away from the game — she was mortified.

But a new season is here, football fever is at full boil, and I have put myself squarely on the firing line as part of the prediction pool.

To kick things off (pun intended), I hereby make my first prediction of the season: The college football champion will be ... (ta ta DAAAAA) the Texas Tech Red Raiders!!!!

Like I said, you were warned.

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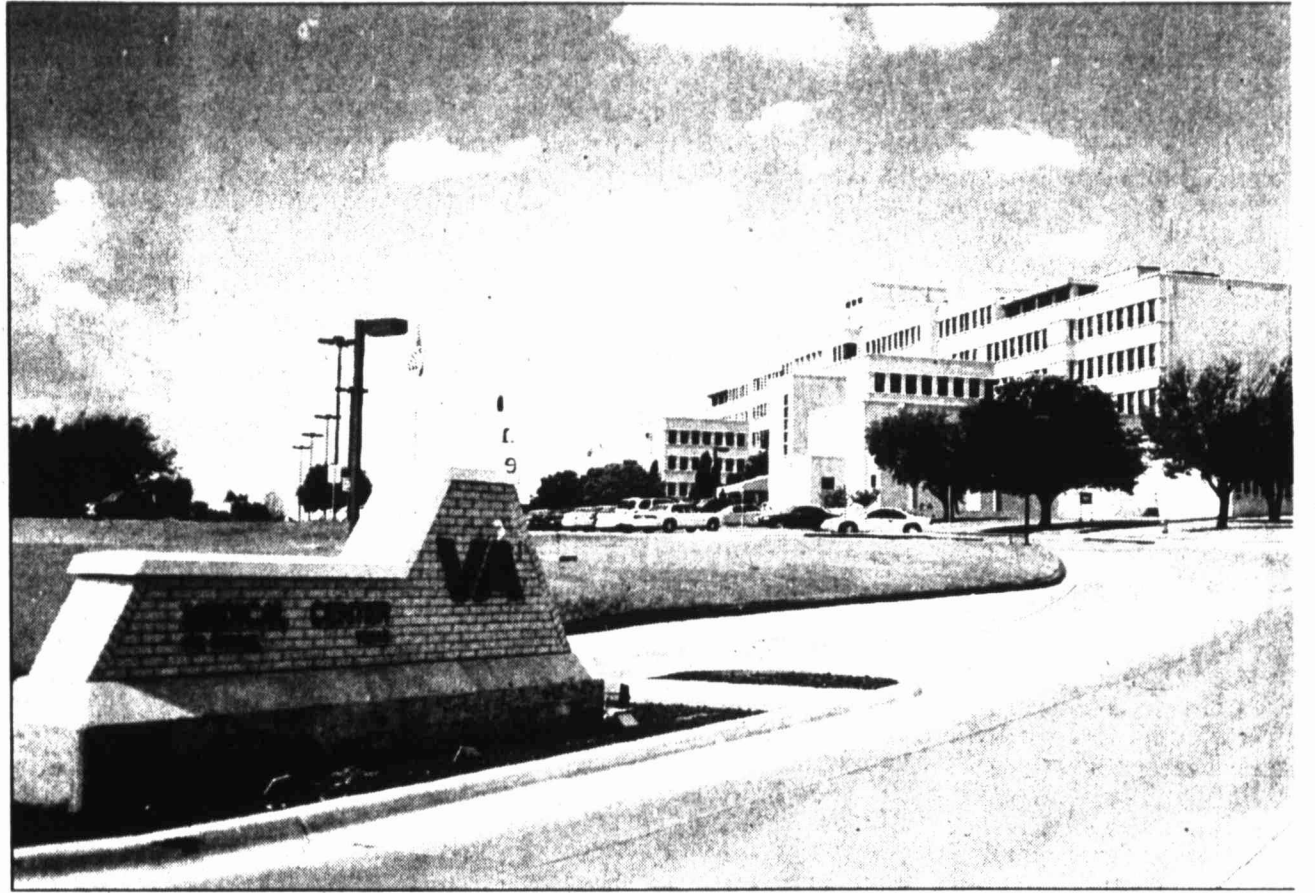
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The Big Spring VA Task Force has put forth a proposal that will work to maintain and expand services offered at the West Texas VA Medical Center.

The addition of a Psychosocial Rehabilitation Treatment Program, Increased Substance Abuse Treatment and a Long-Term Domiciliary Program will enhance the current medical and surgical services being offered.

The West Texas VA Medical Center needs **YOU** to come forward in support of this proposal and our unique opportunity to further develop this facility into a premiere healthcare provider for our Veterans.

Your input is critically important!

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Task Force previews options for VA Medical Center

Special to the Herald

The West Texas VA Task Force, a group organized by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, has taken the Business Plan Options (BPO) recently presented by PricewaterhouseCoopers, the firm commissioned by the Department of Veterans Affairs to study the future of veterans services in our country, and has grappled with the detail to offer more information to the public.

These options will be presented to the public at the forum Sept. 1 at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum on the Howard College campus.

The West Texas VA Task Force proposed to bring in new services to the VA such as Psychosocial Residential Rehabilitation, Increased Substance Abuse Services and Long-Term Domiciliary Care, based on statistics provided by VISN 18.

"I am proud to say that the options presented by PricewaterhouseCoopers address pieces of our proposal and shows that they did take our proposal seriously," said Shelley Smith, chief executive officer for West Texas Centers for MHRM and one of the key leaders of the task force.

Under the guidance of Chamber of Commerce President Joe Conciencie, the task force has thoroughly reviewed the options presented and has offered their comments to the public. "We are now at a point where people need to educate themselves about the options presented so they can make informed comments at the Sept. 1 meeting," said Conciencie. "We want everyone to have access to the information so they can come and make educated comments about what will happen to their West Texas VA Medical Center."

The West Texas VA Task Force has identified Option 4 and Option 5 as "preferred options" and their review and comments follow:

BPO 4: Add domiciliary services to the existing West Texas VAMC campus: Existing services will remain at current locations and domiciliary services will be added at the West Texas VAMC through the renovation of existing facilities on campus.

Task Force Review: This option brings new

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Shelley Smith, CEO for WTCMHRM

domiciliary programs to the West Texas VAMC campus. These services were included as part of the task force proposal and meet the data driven increase for demand in 2013 and 2023. Although there may be some initial costs to renovate the existing facility to accommodate these new programs, the ongoing operational cost is not expected to be much higher than the original baseline cost. This will increase efficiency by spreading the cost across more services offered. With more patients in the new programs at the facility, the opportunity will exist for an increased demand in medical and surgical services. This option offers a long-term solution to the efficiency and cost effectiveness problems identified for this facility. The task force strongly supports this option for further study.

BPO 5: Add domiciliary and psychiatry to the existing West Texas VAMC campus: Existing services will remain at current locations and domiciliary services and inpatient psychiatry will be added at the West Texas VAMC through the renovation and construction of facilities to accommodate the new services.

Task Force Review: This option brings new domiciliary programs to the West Texas VAMC and restores an inpatient psychiatry program that will be located at the VAMC. This option also addresses the data driven increase for demand in 2013 and 2023 and would support a more cost-effective and efficient system. Initial costs will be higher due to renovation and construction but ongoing operational costs are not expected to increase significantly. The Big Spring community has a strong workforce to support this option and can meet the increased demand for full-time employees to support the programs proposed. The task force strongly supports this option for further study.

The remaining options that have been presented are listed below followed by the West Texas VA

Task Force review:
BPO 1: Utilizes the existing VA Medical Center (VAMC) in its current capacities. Inpatient surgery, domiciliary services and inpatient psychiatry would be purchased from other community providers and other VAMC. Inpatient medicine, nursing home care, ambulatory services and outpatient mental health services would continue to be offered at the West Texas VAMC.

Task Force Review: This option, although it would keep things "status quo" and the facility would remain open, would not address the issues that got us to where we are today. It does not address the documented demands of the system for 2013 and 2023 and doesn't address more efficient utilization of the excellent facility we have in Big Spring. This is a low-cost option but appears to be a short-term solution to a long-term problem. The task force is neutral on this option for further study.

BPO 2: Build a new hospital in Midland/Odessa: Moves all inpatient medicine, psychiatry, nursing home care and domicil-

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Task Force Review: This option would be less advantageous to the veterans who receive their critical services at this facility and devastating to the Big Spring community. As a result of this option, the erosion of services in Big Spring would ultimately negatively impact the economic health of the entire West Texas area including Midland/Odessa. The data shows the population in the eastern portion of VISN 18 to be growing at a faster rate than that of the western portion of VISN 18. Traveling farther for those in the eastern portion of the VISN will make access more difficult and costly. It has been estimated by some that the cost of building a new facility would cost approximately 200 percent more than maintaining the existing facility in Big Spring. With the Department of Veterans Affairs current budget issues, it would make sense to spend as little money as possible and utilize the well-established facility that is already well ingrained in this supportive community. In addition, this option does not address the long-term needs of veterans in VISN 18 as presented in the statistics. The task force does not support this option for further study.

BPO 3: Inpatient services provided by local community: Inpatient medicine, nursing home and psychiatry services are purchased from local community providers close to where the veteran resides. Big Spring and Midland/Odessa will keep their ambulatory and outpatient mental health services and the existing space at the West Texas VAMC will be renovated.

Task Force Review: This option would have obvious reductions in the number of employees at the VAMC as services would be outsourced to other healthcare providers in the communities. Although this would possibly allow a veteran to receive services at a healthcare facility in their home community, it presents some risk in assuring that those facilities would be able to accommodate the demands of the veteran population. This option does not allow for services to be provided in a facility strictly for veterans and therefore may not fully address the unique and complex needs of the veteran population. In addition, this option does not address the long-term needs of veterans in VISN 18 as presented in the statistics. The task force does not support this option for further study.

Task Force Review: This option would completely vacate the current facility known as the West Texas VA Medical Center and move all services to other community facilities that would have a "leasing" relationship with the VA. Costs would be expected to be higher through the numerous leasing arrangements that would be required, thus losing cost efficiencies of administration and equalized costs across services. This option does not represent a positive outcome for veterans or the West Texas VAMC facility and would result in a large vacant building in Big Spring to either deteriorate over time or be demolished. In addition, this option does not address the future demand for services as evidenced by the data. The task force does not support this option for further study.

The next public hearing on the status of the West Texas VA Medical Center will be held Sept. 1. "I can not emphasize enough how important it is for veterans and the citizens of Big Spring and the surrounding communities to come to this public meeting and let their voices be heard," Smith said. "The team from PricewaterhouseCoopers will be on site to hear our concerns and comments and the West Texas area needs to come to show our support for this facility."

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BPO 6: Utilize local hospitals in Big Spring, Midland/Odessa, or both, through a leasing arrangement: The West Texas VAMC would be vacated and inpatient medicine, surgery, psychiatry and nursing home services would be provided by the staff in leased beds in Big Spring, Midland/Odessa or both. The community based outpatient clinic in Big Spring would be relocated to the community and Midland/Odessa would continue with their current outpatient clinic.

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own comments about the options." The public meeting is scheduled from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the coliseum. Public comments are scheduled to be taken from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., however, PricewaterhouseCoopers will be presenting critical information in the morning session as well. More information can be obtained by visiting the www.bigspringchamber.com or by going directly to the CARES Web site at www.va.gov/CARES. If you have questions regarding the meeting and options or would like to schedule someone to come and speak with your local civic groups about how you can be involved, please contact Debbye ValVerde, executive director of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce at 263-7641.

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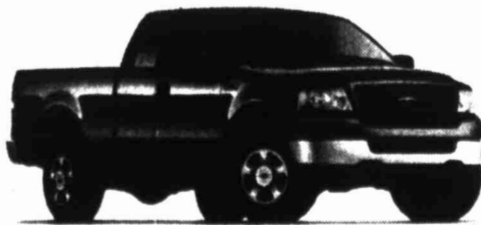
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Howard County Fair results

Photography Amateur
Grand Champion: Dennis Walker—Best of Show.
Reserve Champion: Laura Hughes.

Professional
Grand Champion: Bruce Scholer.
Reserve Champion: D.W. Overman.

Pets
Blue Ribbons: Emma Jenkins.
Red Ribbons: Donna B. Lasater and Voncille Sims.
White Ribbons: Melanie Gambrell (2) and Krystal Hughes.
Honorable Mention: Laurie Hyden (2), Beverly Sundry, Elsa Herrera and Donna Dugger.

Kids Do the Darndest
Blue Ribbons: Dean Priest.
Red Ribbons: Tracey Pounds and Jesus Saenz.
White Ribbons: Deanna Forsyth and Stephanie Ferguson.

Animals, Professional Division
Blue Ribbons: Bruce Scholer (2).

Animals, Amateur Division over 55
Blue Ribbons: Dennis Walker (2).
White Ribbons: Nila Allen.
Honorable Mention: Nila Allen.

Animals, Professional Division, under 55
Blue Ribbons: Stacy Robertson.

Animals, under 55
Blue Ribbons: Melanie Gambrell.
Red Ribbons: Linda White (2), Melanie Gambrell and Ann Sander.
White Ribbons: Ann Sander and Melanie Gambrell.

Flowers, Professional Division
Blue Ribbons: Bruce Scholer.
Red Ribbons: Bruce Scholer.

Flowers, Amateur Division, over 55
White Ribbons: Charles Camp.
Honorable Mention: Ruth

Robinson.

Grandparents
Blue Ribbons: Emma Jenkins.
Red Ribbons: Deborah Adkins and Donna B. Lasater.
White Ribbons: Donna Dugger, Lois Kennedy and Jimmy Forsyth.
Honorable Mention: Jesus Saenz, Linda Light, Deborah Adkins (2) and Ruth Robinson.

Landscape, Professional Division, over 55
Blue Ribbons: Lane Bond (2).
Red Ribbons: Bruce Scholer.

Landscape, Amateur Division, over 55
Blue Ribbons: Lynn Toman, Richard von Hassell and Patsy Anderson.
Red Ribbons: Nila Allen, Patsy Anderson, Charles Camp and Larry Shaw.
White Ribbons: Larry Shaw.
Honorable Mention: Ruth Robinson and Larry Shaw (2).

Landscape, Amateur Division, under 55
Blue Ribbons: Hector Rodriguez, Laura Hughes (2) and Donna B. Lasater.
Red Ribbons: Lois Kennedy and Deanna Forsyth.

Still Life, Professional Division
Blue Ribbons: Bruce Scholer.

Still Life, Amateur Division, under 55
Blue Ribbons: Laura Hughes.
Red Ribbons: Donna B. Lasater (2).

Still Life, Amateur Division, under 55
Red Ribbons: Erin O'Donnell.
White Ribbons: Erin O'Donnell.

Still Life, Amateur Division, over 55
Blue Ribbons: Nila Allen.
Red Ribbons: Ruth Robinson and Nila Allen.
White Ribbons: Nila Allen.
Honorable Mention: Nila Allen (2).

Color, Professional Division
Blue Ribbons: D.W. Overman.
Red Ribbons: D.W. Overman.

Honorable Mention: Robert Cline.

Color, Professional Division
Blue Ribbons: Bruce Scholer.

Color, Amateur Division, over 55
Red Ribbons: Tumbleweed Smith.
White Ribbons: Pasty Anderson and Jesus Saenz.
Honorable Mention: Pasty Anderson and LaDonna Hudgins.

Color, Amateur Division, under 55
Blue Ribbons: Tracey Young, Brad Posey, Richard von Hassell (2), Micah Nalley, Richard von Hassell and Mandie Gillespie.
Red Ribbons: Chrystal Young, Brad Posey, Richard von Hassell (2), Amanda Blissard (2), Elsa Herreia and Mandie Gillespie.
White Ribbons: Tracey Pounds.
Honorable Mention: Brandon Gressett, Katherine Cline and Kenneth Snodgrass.

College
Blue Ribbons: Krystal Hughes.

Computer Enhancement, Professional
Blue Ribbons: Lane Bond.

Black and White, Amateur Division, under 55
Blue Ribbons: Chip Balzer (3), Rhonda Davila and Laura Hughes.
Red Ribbons: Chip Balzer.
White Ribbons: Chip Balzer and Brandon Gressett.
Honorable Mention: Laura Hughes and Mandie Gillespie.

Grades 1-3
Blue Ribbon: Kenneth Priest.

Handwork & Needlework Afghans
Grand Champion: Patricia Aaron.
Reserve Champion: Donna Menges.
Blue Ribbons: Donna Menges and Patricia Aaron.
Red Ribbons: Donna Menges and Debra Franklin.

Pillowcases
Blue Ribbons: Dr. Nell Sanders.

Tea Towels
Red Ribbons: Robbie Crenshaw.

Potholders
Blue Ribbons: Debra Franklin.
Red Ribbons: Donna Dugger.

Quilts
Grand Champion: Vickie Cate.
Reserve Champion: Ola Mae Taylor.
Blue Ribbons: Barbara Cooley, Ola Mae Taylor, Sandi Cockerham, Vickie Cate, Hollis McCright, Katherine Cline, Joann Knox, Bethany Sleight and Lana Coots.
Red Ribbons: Maggie Moran, Sandi Cockerham, Linda Stapel, Katherine Cline, Dottie Jones and Donna Dugger.

Throw Pillows
Blue Ribbons: Billie McNeer.

Miscellaneous Handwork
Grand Champion: Dr. Nell Sanders.
Reserve Champion: Billie McNeer.
Blue Ribbons: Ellen Austin, Dr. Nell Sanders, Billie McNeer and Deanna Forsyth.
Red Ribbons: Robbie Crenshaw.

Baby Accessories
Grand Champion: Robbie Crenshaw.
Reserve Champion: Suzanne Markwell.
Blue Ribbons: Suzanne Markwell, Jan Rouille, Robbie Crenshaw and Debra Franklin.
Red Ribbons: Jan Rouille and Debra Franklin.

Wall Hangings
Blue Ribbons: Laurie Hyden and Robert Hooper.

Golden Age Division Afghans
Grand Champion: Pearl Armstrong.
Blue Ribbons: Beth Moren, Pearl Armstrong, Mildred Smith and Joyce Hollingsworth.
Red Ribbons: Joyce Hollingsworth.

Tea Towels
Blue Ribbons: Mamie Lee Dodds.

Tablecloths
Blue Ribbons: Mamie Lee Dodds and Sybil Doffer.

Scarves & Dollies
Red Ribbons: Beth Moren.

Potholders
Blue Ribbons: Mamie Lee

Dodds
Red Ribbons: Evanel Truskowski.

Quilts
Grand Champion: Donna B. Lasater.
Reserve Champion: Signal Mountain Quilters.
Blue Ribbons: Mamie Lee Dodds, Donna B. Lasater and Signal Mountain Quilters.
Red Ribbons: Marie Hughes and Signal Mountain Quilters.

Throw Pillows
Blue Ribbons: Mamie Lee Dodds.

Miscellaneous Handwork
Blue Ribbons: Mildred Smith and Mamie Lee Dodds.
Red Ribbons: Mamie Lee Dodds and Frances Zant.

Baby Accessories
Blue Ribbons: Dean Priest, Patsy Lindsey and Pearl Armstrong.
Red Ribbons: Evanel Truskowski.

Crocheted or Knitted Wearing Apparel
Blue Ribbons: Beth Moren and Mamie Lee Dodds.
Red Ribbons: Beth Moren and Mamie Lee Dodds.

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This year, Glasscock County is proposing a property tax rate of \$.410636. That rate would raise \$2,253,269.00, which is \$205,479.00 more than the taxes imposed last year.

There will be two public hearings to consider that increase. The first public hearing will be held on September 2, 2005 at 5:30 P.M. in the Glasscock County Courthouse. The second hearing will be held on September 6, 2005 at 5:30 P.M. in the Glasscock County Courthouse.

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2005 FAIR RESULTS

Holiday Crafts
Grand Champion: Deanna Forsyth.
Blue Ribbons: Deanna Forsyth.
Red Ribbons: Debra Franklin.

Dolls
Blue Ribbons: Jessie Joann Wyatt.

Pictures
Grand Champion: Deanna Forsyth.
Reserve Champion: Mary Zitterkopf.

Blue Ribbons: Mary Zitterkopf, Suzanne Markwell, Deanna Forsyth and Diane Murphy.
Red Ribbons: Denise Ryan, Voncille Sims and Rina Carraso.

Flowers
Blue Ribbons: Voncille Sims.

Miscellaneous Hand Crafts
Grand Champion: Suzy Steinberg.
Reserve Champion: Gary Nelson.

Blue Ribbons: Deanna Forsyth, Joie Holder, Ellen Austin, Gary Nelson, Suzy Steinberg and Donna Dugger.
Red Ribbons: George Luna, Jacoby Jones, Ken Hooper, Robbie Crenshaw, Joyce Jones and Ellen Austin.

Kiln Products
Grand Champion: Jim Long.
Blue Ribbons: Jim Long.
Red Ribbons: Jim Long.

Wood Crafts
Grand Champion: Preston Daylong.
Reserve Champion: Monore Casey.

Blue Ribbons: Terry Jenkins, Preston Daylong, Monore Casey, Ellen Austin and James Hall.
Red Ribbons: George Leatham, Ellen Austin, Terry Jenkins and Mark Allen.

Decorating Painting
Red Ribbons: Joyce Jones.

Wreaths & Baskets
Red Ribbons: Beverly Sundry and Robbie Crenshaw.

Juvenile Division Ages 5-8
Blue Ribbons: Karlee Wells, Kenneth West, Bailee Allen, Hayley Allen, MacKenzie Kennedy.
Red Ribbons: Karlee Wells.

Ages 9-13
Blue Ribbons: Taybor Flores, Calob Lester and Chelsey Parker.
Red Ribbons: Ben Lester.

Ages 14-18
Blue Ribbons: Aaron Hughes.

Golden Age Division
Holiday Crafts

Blue Ribbons: LaVera Mitchell and Mamie Lee Dodds.

Dolls
Blue Ribbons: Jessie Joann Wyatt.

Pictures
Grand Champion: Sandra Cox.
Blue Ribbons: Dixie McClellan, Sandra Cox and Mamie Lee Dodds.
Red Ribbons: Rosie Jackson and Lee Hooper.

Miscellaneous Hand Crafts
Grand Champion: Wilson Money.
Reserve Champion: Lillie Pollock.

Blue Ribbons: Lee Hooper, Lois Ray Craft, Mamie Lee Dodds, Dixie McClellan, Wilson Money and Lillie Pollock.
Red Ribbons: Lee Hooper, Rosie Jackson and Evanell Truszkowski.

Nonprofessional Jewelry
Blue Ribbons: Dick Mitchell and Donna B. Lasater.
Red Ribbons: Donna B. Lasater and Dick Mitchell.

Wood Crafts
Grand Champion: Kenneth Duffer.
Reserve Champion: Bob Kennedy.

Blue Ribbons: Kenneth Duffer, Garth Hyder, Monore Casey, Wilson Money, Dixie McClellan, Donald Austin, Lois Ray Craft, Bob Kennedy and Dick Mitchell.
Red Ribbons: Mamie Lee Dodds, Dick Mitchell, Dixie McClellan and Jesse Saenz Jr.

Decorative Painting
Grand Champion: Sandra Cox.
Blue Ribbons: Lillie Pollock and Sandra Cox.

Red Ribbons: Dottie Jones, Lois Ray Craft, Sandra Cox and Lillie Pollock.

Wreaths & Baskets
Blue Ribbons: Beverly Sundry.

Baked Goods
Cakes-Adult Division.
Grand Champion: Loma Jean Wynn, Hummingbird Cake.
Reserve Champion: Bill Gilbert, coconut cake.

Blue Ribbons: Loma Jean Wynn, Bill Gilbert, Walter Gleason, Ruth Jamison, Gwen Ray and Darleen Hipp.
Red Ribbons: Betty Gross, Bill Gilbert, Ruth Jamison, Debbie Hanson and Darlene Hipp.

White Ribbons: Debbie Hanson, Nelda Snodgrass, Walter Gleason and Joyce Ditto.

Cakes-Youth Division
Grand Champion: Kadden Kothmann, Easy German

Chocolate Cake.
Reserve Champion: Kelli Schaedel, Sugarfree Banana Spice Cake.
Blue Ribbons: Kadden Kothmann and Kelli Schaedel.

Cookies, Adult Division
Grand Champion: Sarah Kinard, brownies.
Reserve Champion: Betty Gross, chocolate peanut butter cookie.
Blue Ribbons: Sarah Kinard, Betty Gross.

Red Ribbons: Darlene Hipp, Ruth Jamison and Stephanie Nixon.
White Ribbons: Darlene Hipp, Tracy Pounds and Christen Nixon.

Cookies, Youth Division
Grand Champion: Kadden Kothmann, Swirl Sensations.
Reserve Champion: Jacob Nixon, lemon bars.
Blue Ribbons: Kadden Kothmann and Jacob Nixon.
Red Ribbons: Amanda Denton.
White Ribbons: Elizabeth Klaus.

Candy, Adult Division
Grand Champion: Darlene Hipp, peanut butter fudge.
Reserve Champion: Nelda Snodgrass, peanut butter candy.

Blue Ribbons: Darlene Hipp, Nelda Snodgrass, Alex Emerson and Walter Gleason.
Red Ribbons: Darlene Hipp and Beverly Sundry.
White Ribbons: Darlene Hipp.

Candy, Youth Division
Red Ribbons: Nicholas Emerson.
White Ribbons: Nicholas Emerson.

Pies, Adult Division
Grand Champion: Darlene Hipp, peach cobbler.
Reserve Champion: Loma Jean Wynn, lemon meringue pie.

Blue Ribbons: Darlene Hipp and Loma Jean Wynn.
Red Ribbons: Debbie Hanson, Robbie Crenshaw, Darlene Hipp and Nellie Kerby.
White Ribbons: Darlene Hipp and Walter Gleason.

Breads, Adult Division
Grand Champion: Darlene Hipp, bracciaoli and cheese cornbread.
Reserve Champion: Nelda Snodgrass, zucchini hot bread.

Blue Ribbons: Darlene Hipp, Nelda Snodgrass, Betty Gross and Susan Munn.
Red Ribbons: Darlene Hipp, Nellie Kerby and William Clark.
White Ribbons: Darlene Hipp, Robbie Crenshaw, Ruth Jamison, Debbie Hanson and Joyce Ditto.

Antiques, Cast Iron, Adult Division

Grand Champion: Jimmy Foresyth, cast iron shoe scraper.
Reserve Champion: Walter Gleason, cast iron toothpick picker.

Blue Ribbons: Jimmy Foresyth, Walter Gleason, Brad Posey, Mamie Lee Dodds, Lee Hooper, A.A. Graumann, Evanell Trupzkowski, Jeannette Thomas and Connie Cline.

Red Ribbons: Francis Zant, Brad Posey, Nelda Snodgrass, Art Dodds, Mamie Lee Dodds, A.A. Graumann, Walter Gleason, Jeanette Thomas, Lois Craft, Darlene Hipp and Connie Cline.

White Ribbons: Mamie Lee Dodds, Nelda Snodgrass, Art Dodds, Lee Hooper, Jimmy Foresyth, Walter Gleason, Jeannette Thomas, Lawrence Allen, Lois Craft, Connie Cline and Clara Hernandez.

Art Professional
Grand Champion: Donita Lea-Best of Show.
Reserve Champion: Kay Smith.

Amateur
Grand Champion: Tracey Pounds.
Reserve Champion: Belle Schooler.

Reproduction, Oils
Blue Ribbons: Carol Bradley (2).
Red Ribbons: Carol Bradley.
White Ribbons: Carol Bradley.
Honorable Mention: Carol Bradley (2).

Adult Division Acrylics, Beginner
Blue Ribbons: Tracey Pounds.
White Ribbons: Tracey Pounds.

Graphics, Advance
Blue Ribbons: Cristi Anderson.
Red Ribbons: Cristi Anderson.

Graphics, Beginner
Blue Ribbons: Dennis Dingus.

Oils, Advance
Blue Ribbons: Carol Bradley.
Red Ribbons: Carol Bradley.

Pencil, Advance
Blue Ribbons: Belle Schooler (2).
Red Ribbons: Belle Schooler.
White Ribbons: Cristi Anderson.


Pencil, Beginner
Blue Ribbons: Dennis Dingus.

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Howard County Fair results

Water Color
Blue Ribbons: Kay Smith
Red Ribbons: Estelle
Howard and Arlys Scott.
White Ribbons: Estelle
Howard.
Honorable Mention: Arlys
Scott (2).

Acrylics
Blue Ribbons: Voncille Sims.

Oils
Blue Ribbons: Arlys Scott.
Red Ribbons: Estelle
Howard.
White Ribbons: Arlys Scott.

Graphics
Blue Ribbons: Voncille Sims,
Jean Money and Donita Lea.
Red Ribbons: Jean Money
and Arlys Scott.
White Ribbons: Donita Lea.

Pencil
Red Ribbons: Tina Marcum.
White Ribbons: Valerie
McCutchan.
Honorable Mention: Donita
Lea.

Professional Division
Blue Ribbons: Belle
Schooler.

College Division
Blue Ribbons: Jacoby Jones
(3) and Hollie Gibbs.
Red Ribbons: Jacoby Jones
and Samuel Gonzales.
White Ribbons: Jacoby
Jones and Hollie Gibbs.

Junior High Division
Blue Ribbons: Robert
Barlow.
Red Ribbons: Robert Barlow
(2).

Grades 4-6
Blue Ribbons: Caden
Rosenbaum (3), Molly Walker
and Devine Martin.
Red Ribbons: Landon
Boeker, Aaron Ragle, Devine
Martin (2), Elizabeth Rhodes
and Paige Yater.
White Ribbons: Austin Mize
(2) and Elizabeth Rhodes.
Honorable Mention: Austin
Mize.

Grades 1-3
Blue Ribbons: Caleb Lewis.
Red Ribbons: Kadden
Kothman (2) and Karla D.
Carrasco.
White Ribbons: Lindsey
Boeker.

Canned Goods
Fruits
Grand Champion: Nellie
Kerby
Reserve Champion: Debbie
Hanson
Blue Ribbons: Marie
Hughes, Joyce Ditto, Voncille
Sims, Dean Priest, D'Aun
Taylor, Nellie Kerby, Debbie
Hanson and Donna Menges.
Red Ribbons: Joyce Ditto,
Marie Hughes, Robert Cline
and Ruth Jamison.
White Ribbons: Marie
Hughes.

Class 2, Vegetables
Grand Champion: Mamie
Lee Dodds.
Reserve Champion: Dean
Priest.
Blue Ribbons: Nellie Kerby,
Joyce Ditto, Mamie Lee
Dodds, Dean Priest, Nancy

Thornton and Kathleen Cline.
Red Ribbons: Walt Gleason,
Dean Priest, Donna Menges
and Robbie Crenshaw.
White Ribbons: Mamie Lee
Dodds, Joyce Ditto and Donna
Menges.

Class 2, Pickles & Relishes
Grand Champion: Ann
Sanders-Youth, Teryn Bibb.
Reserve Champion: Ruth
Jamison.

Blue Ribbons: Walt Gleason,
Kathleen Cline, Robbie
Crenshaw, Ann Sanders,
August Graumann and Ruth
Jamison—Youth, Teryn Bibb.
Red Ribbons: Walt Gleason,
Mamie Dodds, Robbie
Crenshaw and Linda Stapel.
White Ribbons: Walt
Gleason.

Class 4, Jams, Jellies, Preserves
Grand Champion: Ann
Sander.
Reserve Champion: Susan
Herrera
Blue Ribbons: Nancy
Thornton, Nellie Kerby, Susan
Herrera, Ann Sanders, Ruth
Jamison, Dean Priest, Walt
Gleason, Voncille Sims,
Debbie Hanson, Melba Camp,
D'Aun Taylor, Tammy Morgan,
Mildred Smith, Connie Cline,
Robbie Crenshaw and Carol
Grantham.

Red Ribbons: Ruth Jamison,
Marie Hughes, Melba Camp,
Tammy Morgan, Mamie Lee
Dodds and Mildred Smith.
White Ribbons: Robbie
Crenshaw, Marie Hughes and
Donna Menges.

Class 5, Dried Foods
Grand Champion: Ruth
Jamison
Blue Ribbons: Ruth Jamison

Class 7, Peppers
Grand Champion: Ruth
Jamison.
Blue Ribbons: Ruth
Jamison.
Red Ribbons: Ruth Jamison.
White Ribbons: Linda
Stapel.

Class 8, Salsa/Hot Sauce
Grand Champion: Debbie
Hanson.
Reserve Champion: Walt
Gleason.
Blue Ribbons: Debbie
Hanson, Walt Gleason, Ann
Sanders and Ruth Jamison.

Class 9, Miscellaneous
Grand Champion: Ruth
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Blue Ribbons: Ruth
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Produce Show
Watermelons
Largest: Landon Burcham
Best Market: 1. Landon
Parker, 2. Hannah Tucker, 3.
Zane & Jacy Parker

Cantaloupes
Largest: Kenneth Duffer
Best Market: Kenneth Duffer

Pumpkins
Largest: Mabelle Barr
Best Market: 1. Regan
Hamlin, 2. Fallen Newton, 3.
Bryce Hamlin

Peppers
Hot: 1. Koby Nichols, 2.

Jesse Saenz, 3. Koby Nichols
Sweet: 1. Koby Nichols, 2.
Bryce Hamlin, 3. JB Eppler
Ornamental: 1. Jesse
Saenz, 2. Jesse Saenz, 3.
Bryce Hamlin

Tomatoes
Small: 1. Donna Lassiter, 2.
Nancy Thornton, 3. Jesse
Saenz
Largest: Jesse Saenz

Onions
Gene Priest

Okra
1. Nancy Thornton, 2. Gene
Priest, 3. Marie Hughes

Peas & Beans
Black-eye: Donna Lassiter
Other Bean: Walter Gleason
Green Bean: Donna Lassiter

Miscellaneous Vegetables
1. Regan Hamlin, 2. Vicki
Stewart, 3. Zane Parker

Squash
1. Jesse Saenz, 2. Gene
Priest, 3. Jesse Saenz

Most Unusual
1. Jesse Saenz, 2. A.A.
Graumann, 3. Bryce Hamlin

Fruit
Figs: 1. Patsy Lindsey
Apples: 1. Marie Hughes
Pears: 1. Sybil Duffer

Pecans
1. Voncille Sims, 2. Connie
Cline, 3. Jesse Saenz

Plants
Flowers: 1. Voncille Sims, 2.
Sybil Duffer, 3. Sybil Duffer
Herbs: 1. Koby Nichols, 2.
Tucker Thixton

Overall Grand Champion:
Mabelle Barr, largest pump-
kin
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Champion: Koby Nichols, Big
Jim pepper
Honorable Mention: Kenneth
Duffer, cantaloupes

Cotton Show
Most Bolls: 1. D.L. Newton,
2. Keith Newton, 3. Britni
Blagrove
Tallest Stalk: 1. Landon
Parker, 2. Zane Parker, 3.
Jacy Parker
Best Stripper: 1. Jacy
Parker, 2. Zane Parker, 3.
Zane Parker
Most Unusual: 1. Zane
Parker, 2. Larry Shaw, 3. Troy
Hyden
Grand Champion: D.L.
Newton
Reserve Grand Champion:
Keith Newton

Sewing
Children's Wear
Grand Champion: Rina
Carrasco
Blue Ribbons: Rina Carrasco
Red Ribbons: Rina Carrasco

Golden Age Division
Blue Ribbons: Dean Priest.
Red Ribbons: Christene
Horn.

Special Entries
Larry Shaw
Kirk Kirkham

FISD board to approve budget

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

Formal approval of a \$5.6 million budget package for the 2005-2006 fiscal year is expected to be the top order of business when Forsan school trustees meet at 7 p.m. Monday in the Administration Building board room.

Despite increased property valuations within the district, Forsan's current tax rate of \$1.50 per \$100 valuation — the highest rate allowed under state law — is expected to be unchanged, Superintendent Randy Johnson said.

The addition of a pre-kindergarten program at Elbow Elementary and baseball and softball programs at the high school, along with additional personnel and across-the-board teacher raises account for most of the \$600,000 in budget increases, he said.

Also included in this year's budget is money for vehicles and maintenance equipment.

Total expenditures for the 2005-2006 fiscal year are expected to be \$5.6 million, Johnson said.

Counting debt service, the district's total tax rate is expected to be \$1.66875

per \$100 valuation, said Business Manager Dianna Walker.

The district will budget \$450,000 to help pay down bond indebtedness, Walker added.

Also Monday, trustees will consider:

- The district's Texas Education Agency ratings.
- Bond project updates.
- Adopting a policy on board vacancies.

Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331, ext. 234, or by e-mail at reporter@bigspringherald.com.

Tax rate on CISD board agenda

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

Coahoma school trustees should formally approve the budget and tax rate for the coming fiscal year when they hold a special meeting at 6:30 p.m. Monday at the Administration Building board room.

Trustees don't expect many changes to be forthcoming in the 2005-06 budget.

District Business Manager Gina McEndree said earlier this month that the school district is facing a \$347,000 deficit for the new fiscal year.

The major culprit in this case is increased utility and maintenance costs which will more than make up for an expected \$69,000 in increased revenues because of higher property valuations in the district.

McEndree estimates that the district will take in about \$6.24 million in state

and local revenue this year, compared to \$6.6 million in expenditures. The shortfall will have to be made up from dipping into the district's reserve funds, which currently stand at about \$2.3 million, she said.

The tax rate for the district will remain at \$1.50 per \$100 valuation, the maximum allowable rate.

The expected red ink has forestalled plans for new buses and other vehicles, as well as installation of an instant alert system, a computerized system that alerts parents in case of emergencies at school.

In other business Monday, trustees are expected to approve final amendments to the 2004-2005 budget.

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August 25 • Thursday • Mail Walking - 8:00 am (Meet at the Mall & walk together)	August 29 • Monday • Games - 2:00 pm • Sit & Be Fit - 4:00 pm (Chair Exercise)
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IN BRIEF

Coahoma sets booster club dates
The Coahoma Athletic Booster Club will meet each Monday at 7 p.m. in Coach Kim Nichols' classroom through football season. The meetings after football season will take place only when needed.
For more information, contact Donna Wright at 267-6723.

Local bowling leagues now forming
Bowling leagues at Bowl-A-Rama Lanes are now being formed. There will be several leagues throughout the week.
A senior league will take place Fridays at 6 p.m. for players 55 and over. The league meeting will take place Sept. 2 at 6 p.m. and the league will begin Sept. 9.
For more information, call 267-7484.

Quarterback club sets remaining weekly meetings
The Big Spring football booster club (quarterback club) will meet every Monday at 7 p.m. at the ATC through the football season.
For more information, contact Gene Piercefield at 816-1134.

B.S.G.S.A. will hold "fall ball"
The Big Spring Girl's Softball Association will be having fall ball this year.
The games will be Saturdays, beginning Sept. 10. The cost is \$35.
For more information on fall ball or find about registration, contact Ron Shafer at 432-213-3747.

B.S. travel football team now forming
The Big Spring Youth Football Travel League is now being formed for anyone in grades three through six who would like to play.
If interested, contact Randy Phillips at 267-7141 or Denise Carillo at 816-1685 or 263-1945.

Henson Memorial fund-raiser set
The Second Annual Pfc. Clayton W. Henson Memorial Scholarship Fund-raiser golf tournament has been set for Sept. 10.
The tournament will be a four person scramble and cost \$80 per person.
It will take place at the Phoenix Golf Club in Stanton.
For more information, contact Wally Hazelwood at 756-2424 or the Phoenix Golf Club at 756-2556.

Gooden to be jailed after DUI traffic stop
TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Dwight Gooden will be jailed without bail until an October hearing, a judge ruled three days after the former star pitcher had police during a DUI traffic stop.

Holguin leads Coahoma past Reagan County

Cates gets victory in debut with Bulldogs, defense leads way

By TROY HYDE
Sports Editor
BIG LAKE — A couple of sustained drives and solid defense throughout led the Coahoma Bulldogs to a win Friday against Reagan County in Big Lake.

Coahoma trailed 6-0 at halftime, but had the ball 19 of the 24 minutes in the second half, scored twice on two long pass plays and picked up a win in new head coach Ken Cates' debut, 12-6.
"It's always important to get that first win," said Cates. "The kids battled hard out there and did



what it took to win." Cates said long drives in the second half which led to points were the biggest reason why the Bulldogs were able to win.

"We had the ball for 19 minutes in the second half and to me that was key for us," said Cates. "Right now, our offense is too explosive so we need to be able to use clock and keep our defense off the field. That first scoring drive of ours was a bone crusher as far as morale went. It helped us and hurt them."

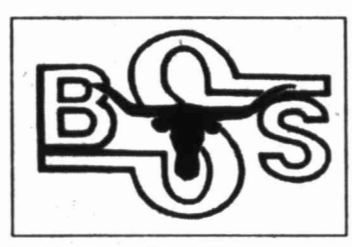
When the Bulldogs' defense was on the field, they played pretty well, according to Cates. Reagan County's only touchdown of the game was set up by a blown coverage in the secondary.
"That was really the only time our defense did-

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Big Spring nearly pulls off upset at Memorial Stadium

Big plays for Odessa High plague Steers in Holt's debut

By TROY HYDE
Sports Editor
BIG SPRING — Big Spring head coach Tim Holt's first game as leader of the Steers did not start too promising Friday, but his squad stayed with the gameplan and pushed



Odessa High to the limits.

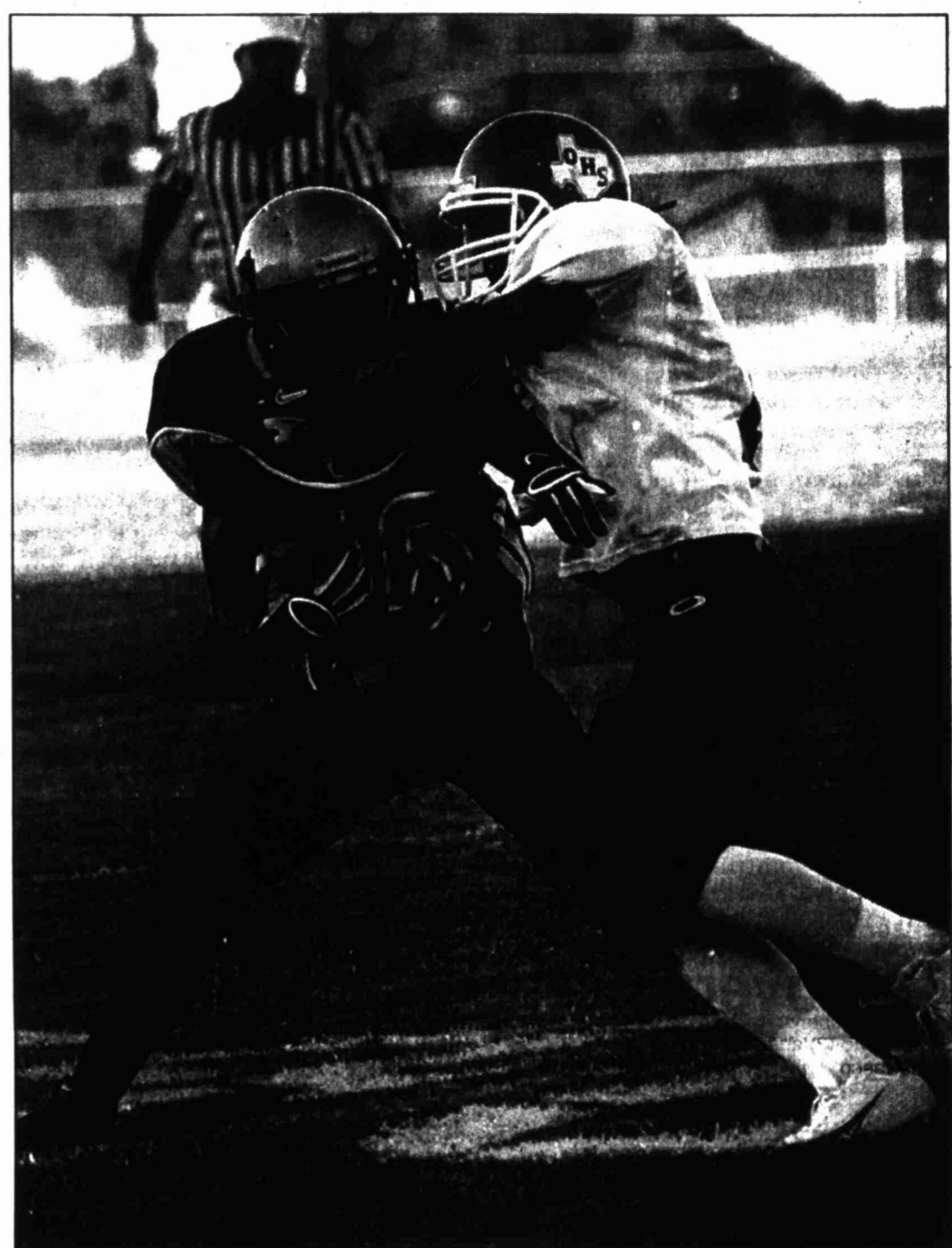
Big Spring battled back from a 21-0 deficit and was actually in a position to tie the score late in the game, but fell to the visiting Bronchos at Memorial Stadium, 28-21.

Odessa High jumped out to a 14-0 halftime lead before the Steers battled back and had a chance to tie the game late in the fourth quarter.

With 5:54 to play in the game, Big Spring got the ball with one last chance to tie. The Steers grabbed a first down and got to the Odessa High 31 yard line before they failed to move any further and gave the ball back to Odessa High on downs.

"We controlled the ball like we wanted to and we are going to better and

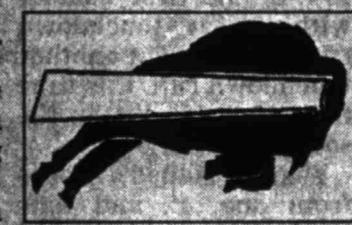
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HERALD photo/Troy Hyde
Big Spring senior Alex Castillo tries to fight through a tackle during action at the Steers' football opener Friday night at Memorial Stadium. The Steers fell behind 21-0 in the game, but battled back and nearly came out on top, losing 28-21.

Buffaloes fall behind early, can't recover against Iraan

By JEFF LANE
Special to Herald
IRAAN — Even the best laid plans can turn to sand, or something like that.



For 73 yards and a touchdown.

The 2005-06 Forsan Buffaloes found that to be somewhat true as they paid a visit to Iraan Friday night to challenge the home team Braves, losing 49-18.

Going into the game, head coach Tommy Thompson knew his team was prepared to play well and was confident they would.

"We had every bit of confidence going in that we would execute well," said Thompson, "and we did."

So why the lop-sided score?

"Maybe a little nervousness or first game jitters," Thompson said. "Iraan did what we expected, we just didn't get it done."

Thompson went on to add that early on the Buffs had some drives killed by penalties or turnovers.

"We had some great drives going that all stalled due to turnovers or errors," he said. "Fortunately for us all of those errors were on our side."

Leading the way for the Buffs in rushing was junior Wesley Newcomb who was carried 13 times

outscored in the first half, 28-0, and it seemed as though nothing was going to bounce their way. The heart Thompson said they needed to play with was continually broken.

Something in the Gatorade at halftime really got the heart pumping and Forsan showed what Thompson knew they had all along.

"In the second half we settled in to the game," Thompson said. "The kids showed the confidence we knew was there."

With a rough past two seasons looming over them, Forsan showed they are truly capable of competing against any opponent and matched Iraan touchdown for touchdown in the second half.

Forsan actually gained more yards of total offense than Iraan, running up 365 yards to the Braves' 312.

Leading the way for the Buffs in rushing was junior Wesley Newcomb who was carried 13 times

Also contributing to the run game were senior Mitchell Murray with 44 yards, sophomore Josh Schlipf with 40 yards and a TD and senior Tye Baker with 28 yards.

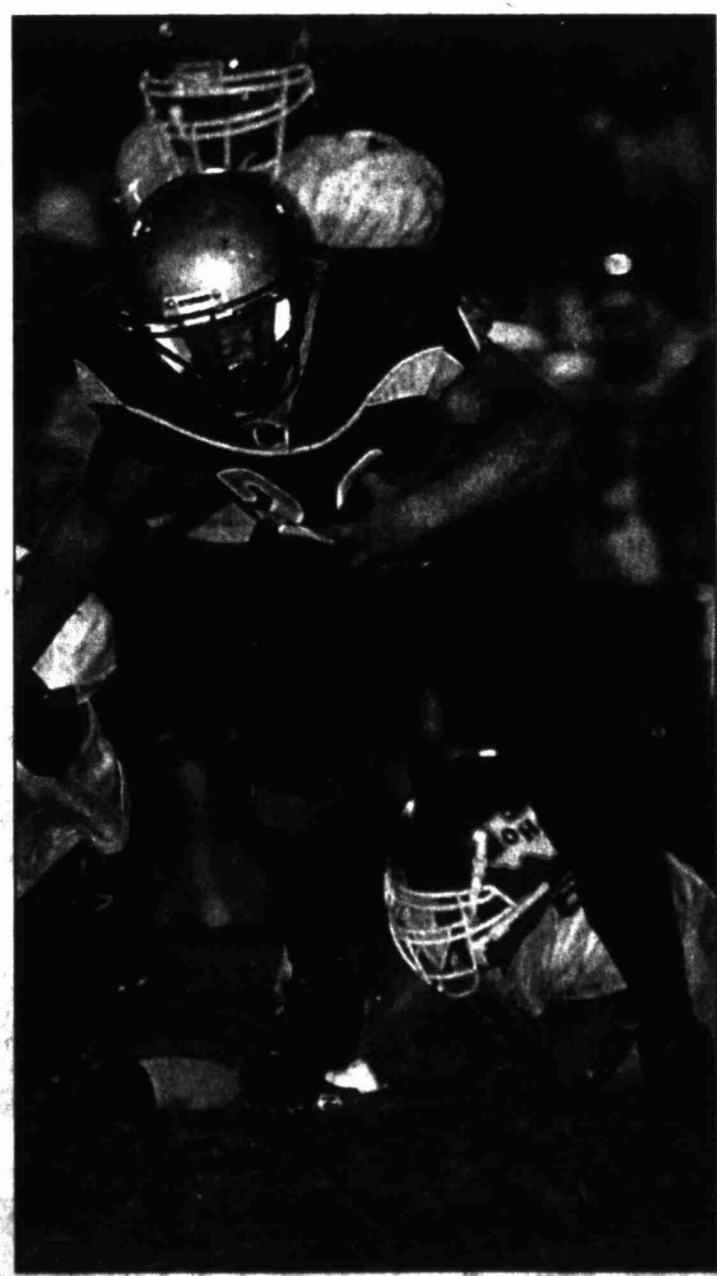
Baker also went 9-for-23 through the air for 180 yards and three interceptions. In his defense, two of those were catchable balls that merely got away from his receivers and into the arms of the Braves.

Baker spread out his passes to five different receivers.

Senior Josh Farver caught three balls for 60 yards. Sophomore Alex Bailey hauled in two catches for 68 yards and a score. Junior Matt McKisick nabbed two catches and Murray and Newcomb both had catch apiece.

Defensively the Buffs gave up 288 yards on the ground, but kept the passing attack in check, allowing 74 yards in the air.

They caused three fumbles with recoveries by Farver and Newcomb. Senior Tye Baker



HERALD photo/Troy Hyde
Big Spring fullback Lance Tissue breaks free from an Odessa High tackler Friday at Memorial Stadium during the Steers' 28-21 loss to Odessa High. Tissue ran the ball 10 times for 50 yards.

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-n't do well," said Cates.

The defense, which is being led by new Defensive Coordinator

J a y Kennedy this year, gave up just 121 yards and forced five turnovers. Senior Joe Holguin had a great game in the second ary with three interceptions.

" T h e defense did a great job," said Cates. "We were able to apply some pressure on the quarterback and forced him to rush some throws."

The offense was also led by Holguin who caught three passes for 51 yards, including a touchdown reception from 19 yards out to put the Bulldogs up 6-0.

The touchdown pass was thrown by Blaine Kerby.

Holguin also carried the ball 12 times for 38 yards.

The game-winning touchdown came on a 23 yard pass from senior Patrick Croft to senior Cody Griffith with 44 seconds left in the third quarter.

Coahoma got just 197 total yards and fumbled six times, but lost the ball only twice.

Coahoma (1-0) will host former rival Seagraves next Friday at 7:30 p.m.

Turnovers hurt Sands in road less to Ropes

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor
ROPEVILLE — Sands started slow Friday night against Ropes on the road and couldn't recover. The Mustangs gave up 22 points in the first quarter and 16 in the second quarter and lost in Ropesville, 58-33.



YBARRA

Ropes got 17 first downs in the game and finished with 439 total yards, but the key in the game was turnovers.

Sands committed six turnovers in the game and got just nine first downs on offense.

Ropes got an exceptional game from Andrew Perez. He opened the game with a four yard touchdown run and then added touchdown catches



HERALD photo/Troy Hyde
Big Spring senior Matt Hilario tries to find a gap in the defense Friday night at Memorial Stadium. Hilario reached the end zone once, but Big Spring lost to Odessa High in a thriller, 28-21.

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had seven tackles and a sack. Senior Taylor Barber had five tackles, one for loss, and sacked the quarterback twice. Junior Derrick Colegrove was in on five tackles and



STANLEY
Thompson said he has confidence they will adjust and correct



STANLEY
Thompson said he has confidence they will adjust and correct

the mistakes from last night and be ready to get a win next week.

Forsan plays host to the El Dorado Eagles Friday at 7:30 pm.

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10 yard line. The Broncos took over on downs with under a minute to play in the second quarter.

"We were down 14 and I didn't really want three points," said Holt. "If we would have converted that and then scored we may have been tied at the end of the game instead of down seven."

Odessa High did not score any more in the second quarter, but extended its lead to 21-0 early in the third quarter as Goode exploded for a 74 yard touchdown run on the first play from scrimmage.

Big Spring added two touchdowns in the quarter to cut its deficit to seven points. They scored on the drive following the Broncos' touchdown as senior Kalan Whitehead took over on the ground.

The first play from scrimmage went for 11 yards and then he got the Steers down to the seven yard line later in the drive with a 43 yard run. Then senior Matt Hilario took the ball in from there on the next play as Big Spring cut the lead to 21-7.

The Steers forced a three and out on Odessa's next offensive series. Then their offense went back to work.

They started with the ball on their own 42 yard line. Odessa gave Big Spring five yards on the first play after a penalty and then after three straight runs which totaled 11 yards, Tannehill connected with

senior Kyle Piercefield for a big 23 yard gain as the Steers got down to the 19 yard line.

Whitehead then grabbed another first down on an eight yard scamper before Tannehill scored on a play action bootleg from nine yards out.

The touchdown cut the Steers deficit to 21-14 with 3:07 to play in the third quarter.

The Steers forced another three and out for Odessa, but then lost the ball on its next possession after a fumble. The Broncos took advantage of great field position with another touchdown as Mason Mungula hooked up with Byron Monahan from 32 yards out.

The Steers came right back down the field

Choate and scored on their next possession, however, as they continued to fight back. Big Spring needed just six plays to score. Tissue rolled off a 14 yard run from inside and then Whitehead pushed the ball down to the Odessa 30 with a 37 yard run. Two plays later, Tannehill found Choate in the end zone for the score as he lofted the ball just out of reach of the Odessa High defender.

Big Spring's final chance to tie the game

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IN BRIEF

Henson Memorial fund-raiser set

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It will take place at the Phoenix Golf Club in Stanton.

Tee times be from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For more information, contact Wally Hazelwood at 756-2424 or the Phoenix Golf Club at 756-2556.

Newman wins Busch race at Bristol

BRISTOL, Tenn. (AP) — Ryan Newman outlasted two long rain delays, 12 cautions and overtime to stretch his winning streak to three consecutive races in the NASCAR Busch series with a victory at Bristol Motor Speedway.

Newman inherited the lead in the Food City 250 under caution when the cars in front of him had to make scheduled pit stops on lap 139.

He was still there when the second rain stoppage of the night was called, and resumed the race as the leader after delays totaling almost two hours.

Greg Biffle finished second, Kevin Harvick third and Clint Bowyer fourth.

Newman started his winning streak Aug. 13 at Watkins Glen then won last week in Michigan.

This victory made him the first driver since Dale Earnhardt Jr. in 1999 to win three straight.

Armstrong receives strong backing from cycling committee

Lance Armstrong received strong backing from cycling's domestic governing body, which said accusations against the seven-time Tour de France champion are "completely without credibility."

The sports newspaper L'Equipe reported that new tests on six urine samples Armstrong provided during the 1999 tour resulted in positive results for the red blood cell-booster EPO.

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was set up by an Odessa High fumble inside their own territory. Senior Matt Hilarlo recovered the Toby Golden fumble and the Steers were in business again.

The Steers got good yardage on their first two plays of the drive, but then stalled.

Whitehead picked up a three yard run, Tannehill threw an incompleton, Tissue was stopped for no gain and on fourth down the Steers failed to convert when an Odessa High defender battled a ball away from Choate in the secondary.

"We are taking two steps forward and one step back right now and that is going to happen until we get a grasp of the offense," said Holt.

Odessa ran out the clock

on its final possession. They scored on two straight long runs, but both touchdowns were called back for penalties. They got down to the 11 yard line after a 54 yard pass completion, but then took a knee and ran out the clock.

Goode ran the ball three times for 126 yards and one touchdown and also had a 73 yard Golden reception.

Piercefield Golden nearly got to 100 yards as well as he carried the ball 13 times for 94 yards.

Monahan was the Broncos' leading receiver as he pulled down three catches for 107 yards. Mungula completed six of his 11 passes for 189 yards.

Whitehead led Big

Spring with 137 yards on the ground on 16 carries. Tissue carried 10 times from his fullback position for 50 yards.

Tannehill completed six of 21 through the air for 83. He also ran 10 times for 32 yards and a touchdown.

The Steers' leading receiver was Choate, who grabbed two catches for 32 yards and a touchdown. Whitehead had two catches for 24 yards, as well.

"We need to be more patient on offense, but I couldn't ask for anything more out of my kids," said Holt.

Big Spring played this game without the services of seniors Andy Lasater, Matt Rodriguez and Johnny Williams.

The Steers will travel to Odessa next week to take on the Permian Panthers. Odessa Permian defeated the Steers 56-0 last year in Big Spring.



HERALD photo/Troy Hyde
Big Spring junior Ryan Tannehill looks downfield for a receiver against Odessa High Friday.

Owens, McNabb get back to work despite not speaking

By DAN GELSTON

AP Sports Writer

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Terrell Owens and Donovan McNabb made it clear in a hurry that they don't have to speak in the locker room to connect on the field.

In their first game together since their post-Super Bowl spat, the feuding stars hooked up for a 64-yard touchdown pass on the first play from scrimmage Friday night in the Philadelphia Eagles' 27-17 exhibition victory over Cincinnati.

"It was business as usual," McNabb said.

The squabble and Owens' demand for a new contract turned training camp into a sideshow for the NFC champion Eagles, threatening to dis-

tract and derail them as they try to return to the Super Bowl.

On Friday night, they showed when all of the hoopla is pushed aside, they could be the best tandem in the conference. In just one half, Owens caught five passes for 131 yards and McNabb threw for 256 yards and three touchdowns.

"It was great to get those two connected," coach Andy Reid said. "They've got a special thing between them and it showed."

Owens declined to speak to reporters, putting his headphones on to tune everyone out.

With the eagles running onto the field before the game as a team rather than having the offense or

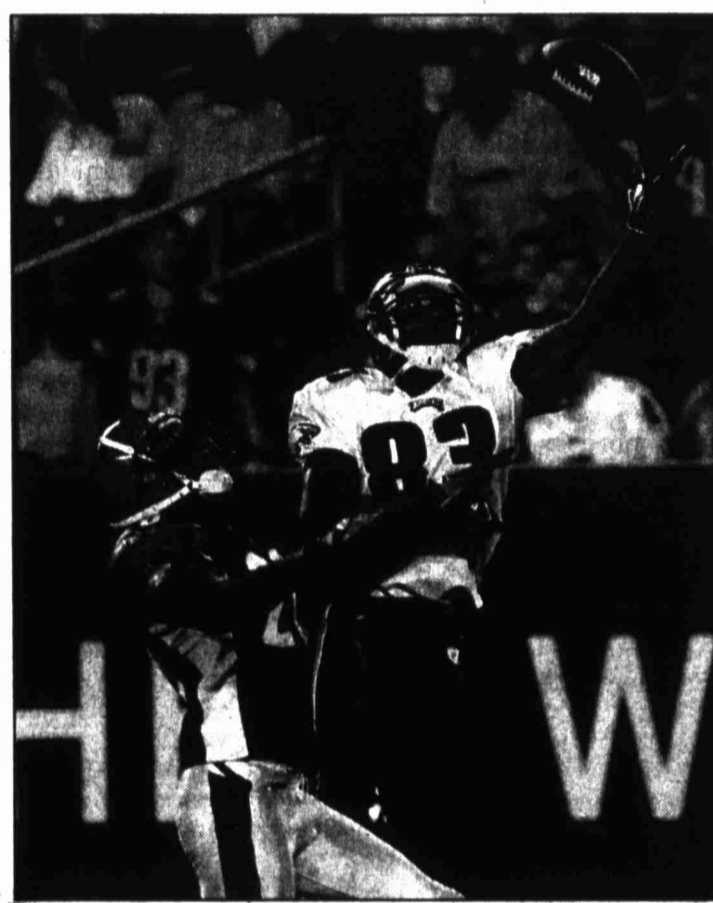
defense introduced individually, there was never a chance for the fickle fans to boo Owens.

He never gave them an opportunity once the game started, either.

After Rod Hood returned the opening kickoff 24 yards to Philadelphia's 36, McNabb connected with Owens.

The All-Pro wide receiver caught McNabb's pass in full stride near the 20 and streaked into the end zone.

The touchdown was eerily similar to the way the Eagles (2-1) opened last year's preseason when McNabb and Owens connected on an 81-yard TD pass, also on the first play.



KRT photo/Ron Cortes, Philadelphia Inquirer
The Eagles' Greg Lewis goes for the ball as the Bengals' Tory James defends during the second quarter of their preseason game at Lincoln Financial Field in Philadelphia, Penn., Friday.

Roscoe's air attack too much for Buffs

• Stanton starts off season with loss to state-ranked Roscoe

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

ROSCOE — Stanton and third year head coach Lee McCown suffered a tough start to the new football season Friday as Class 1A state-ranked Roscoe used McCown

Roscoe scored multiple times in the first, third

and fourth quarter and piled up 441 yards of total offense as they defeated Stanton 48-22 at home.

Stanton had 319 yards on offense and had four turnovers.

Roscoe was led by receiver Nik Joy, who caught four passes for 152 yards and three touchdowns.

The Buffaloes scored six points in the first quarter and added eight points each in the third and fourth quarters, respectively.

Stanton (0-1) will host Reagan County Friday. Reagan County lost to Coahoma 12-6 in its opener.

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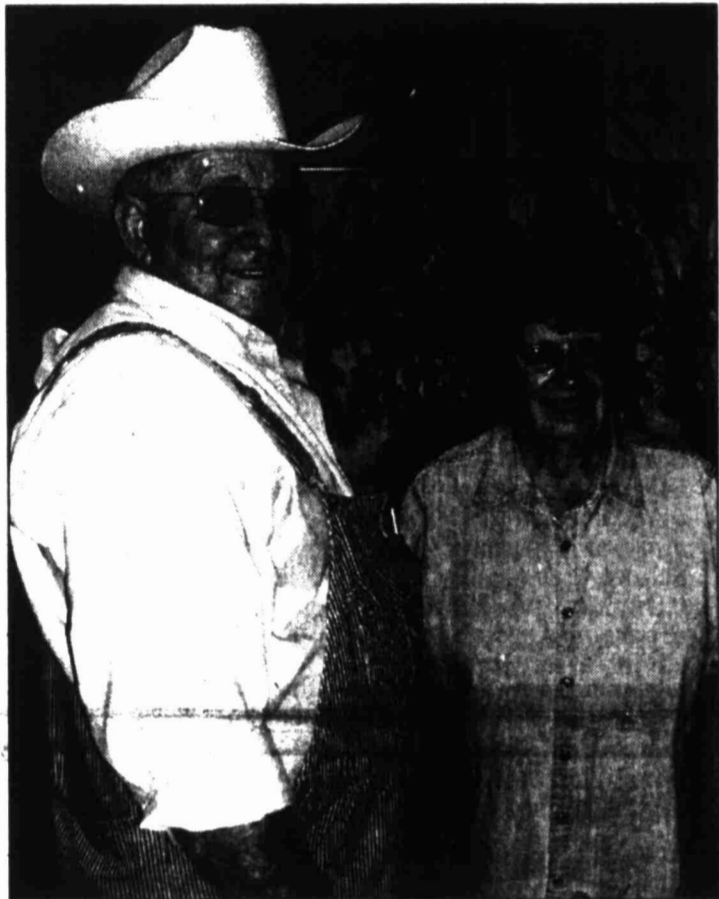
HOWARD COUNTY FAIR



Alana Salazar, 2, daughter of John and Misty Salazar of Big Spring pets one of the rabbits at the petting zoo. Sheryl McPeters of Irving, owner of My Pets, brings the animals to the fair, as she has done each year for the past decade.



Chelsey Parker, 10, admires a 69-pound pumpkin that took Grand Champion honors at the fair.



Jim and Gloria Roe of Sand Springs look over the cotton show entries.



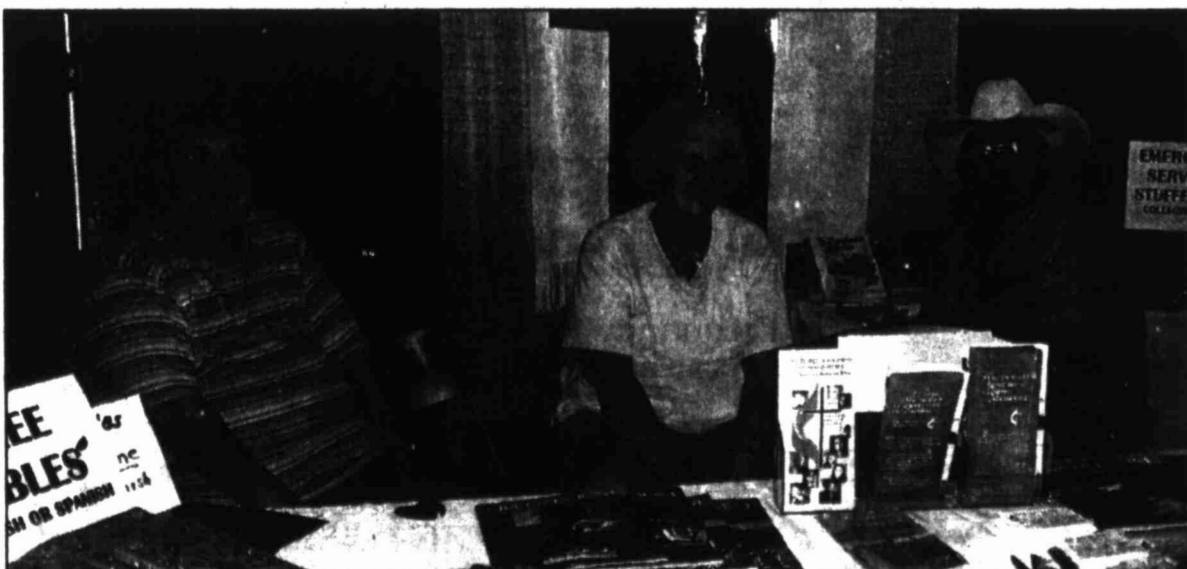
Harrison Chevallier and Nathan Gomez, Coahoma High School freshmen, man the Howard County 4-H booth.



Kendalynne Boling, 2 1/2, daughter of Kimberly Grant and granddaughter of Linda and Don Duffey, enjoys petting the animals at My Pets.



Cindy Lopez, marketing director, watches as 7-year-old Kelsey Robinson, a Bauer Magnet School student, selects from the items available at the Best Home Care booth.



Jacquie Mauch, left, Genie Miller and Joel Miller of North Birdwell United Methodist Church are giving away Bibles in Spanish and English at their booth.



Landon Young, 6, son of Micky and Kyria Young of Coahoma, pets one of the goats at My Pets.

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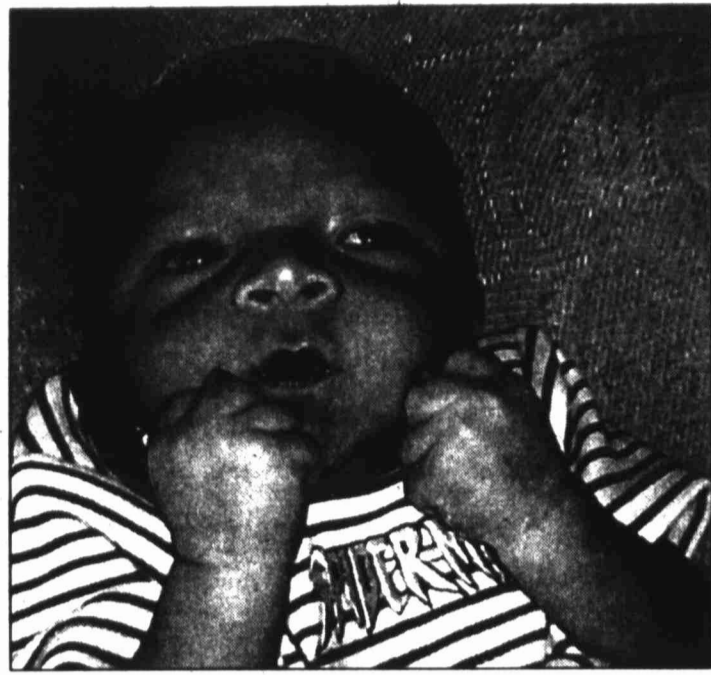
Births



Alexcia Divine Muñoz

Alexcia Divine Muñoz, a girl, was born July 28, 2005, at 8:28 a.m. weighing 5 pounds, 15 ounces and was 19 1/2 inches long. Her parents are Leonard and Vanessa

Muñoz of Big Spring. Her grandparents are Ricky Yanez Sr., Alma R. Yanez, Ray and Virginia Gutierrez, all of Big Spring and Robert Muñoz of Houston.



Enrique Holguin Calderon IV

Enrique Holguin Calderon IV, boy, was born July 30, 2005, at 9 a.m. weighing 7 pounds, 3 ounces and was 20 1/2 inches long. His parents are Vanessa M. Calderon and Enrique H. Calderon III of Big

Spring. His grandparents are Emerlinda Gutierrez, Joel Holguin and Ester and Enrique Calderon. Enrique was welcomed home by big brother Jeremiah and big sisters Falicity and Angelica.



Austin Thomas Herrod

Austin Thomas Herrod, boy, was born Aug. 12, 2005, at 9:29 a.m. at Odessa Regional Hospital weighing 8 pounds 10 1/2 ounces and was 21 inches long. He is the son of Dustin and Ginger Herrod of Sherman. His grandparents are Tommy and Valarie Sullivan and Lorinda Herrod, all of Big Spring and David Herrod of Stanton.

Johnathon and Juanita Marquez of Big Spring. His grandparents are Osvaldo Contreras and MaryLou Marquez. Johnathon was welcomed home by sibling Candice Jade Marquez. His parents are

Who's Who

Ronald K. Long

Ronald K. Long graduate from the School of Allied Health Science at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center May 21.

Nikki DeAnn Shanks

Nikki DeAnn Shanks received a bachelor of business administration degree from Angelo State University Aug. 13.

Natalia Llanette Tucker

Natalia Llanette Tucker earned a bachelor of arts degree from Angelo State

University Aug. 13.

Deanna 'Jane' Gilmore

The Manchester Who's Who Registry of Executives and Professionals recognized Deanna "Jane" Gilmore, LVA part-time instructor at Howard College, for her professional accomplishments.

According to a press release from the Manchester Who's Who, Gilmore has an impressive background in healthcare industry. It is her experience and expertise in home healthcare that enhances the profes-

sional services provided by the college. She works diligently to maintain its outstanding reputation, meeting the needs of all patients and offering them the best in care.

As a leader who has been in her field for 37 years, she attributes her personal and professional success to an exceptional instructor, who taught her to treat her patients as she would treat a family member.

She has always had an interest in the field and enjoys the stability of the profession.

In addition to her pro-

fessional accomplishments, Gilmore has obtained her LVN and EMT certification from Howard College and is certified in IV Therapy, CPR and EKG.

She is affiliated with First Baptist Church, United Way, Relay for Life and was a volunteer firefighter.

She was a charter board member of the 9-1-1 District. She served five years on the board as chairperson.

In her spare time, she enjoys knitting, crocheting, cross-stitching, painting and sewing.

In the Military

Navy Seaman Recruit Billy H. Acosta

Navy Seaman Recruit Billy H. Acosta, son of Yong S. and Robert G. Woodard of Big Spring recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

Acosta is a 2003 graduate of Forsan High School.

During the eight-week program, Acosta completed a variety of training which included classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, firefighting, water safety and sur-

vival, and shipboard and aircraft safety. An emphasis was also placed on physical fitness.

The capstone event of boot camp is "Battle Stations."

This exercise gives recruits the skills and confidence they need to succeed in the fleet. "Battle Stations" is designed to galvanize the basic warrior attributes of sacrifice, dedication, teamwork and endurance in each recruit through the practical application of basic Navy skills and the core values of Honor, Courage and Commitment.

Menus

Big Spring ISD

Monday: Lunch, ravioli, broccoli and cheese, garden salad, mixed fruit, rolls (high school second choice, bacon cheddar burger.)

Tuesday: Lunch, chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, English peas, peaches, wheat rolls (high school second choice, pizza pocket.)

Wednesday: Lunch, corn dog, potato wedges, oranges, fresh veggie medley (high school second choice, taco salad.)

Thursday: Lunch, crispy chicken sandwich, potato salad, pickle spears, rainbow freeze bar (high school second choice, barbecue on a bun.)

Friday: Lunch, green enchiladas, border beans, Spanish rice, lemon pie (high school second choice, ham and cheese sandwiches.)

Coahoma ISD

Monday: Breakfast, waffles, syrup, ham, orange juice, milk; Lunch, spaghetti with meat or burritos, corn, bread, salad, cake, milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast, sweetened rice, sausage, orange juice, milk;

Lunch, pizza, salad, tarter tots, vanilla pudding, milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast, oatmeal, sausage, apple juice, milk; Lunch, meat loaf or chili dogs, macaroni and cheese, ranch beans, strawberries, milk.

Thursday: Breakfast, biscuit, ham gravy, jelly, orange juice, milk; Lunch, green enchiladas, Mexican corn, peaches, milk, corn dog.

Friday: Breakfast, French toast, sausage, syrup, apple uice, milk; Lunch, nacho grande, baked bean, fruit cup, milk.

Forsan ISD

Monday: Breakfast, cereal, nutigrain bar, juice, milk; Lunch, fish strips, tossed salad, fresh fruit, macaroni and cheese, milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast, biscuit, sausage, juice, milk; Lunch, chicken fajitas, refried beans, corn, orange quarters, flour tortilla, milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast, eggs, toast, juice, milk; Lunch, pizza, tossed salad, peaches, chocolate cake, milk.

Thursday: Breakfast, pancakes, sausage, juice, milk; Lunch, lasagna,

tossed salad, peas and carrots, mixed fruit, garlic bread, milk.

Friday: Breakfast, donuts, juice, milk; Lunch, buffalo burger, lettuce, tomato, pickle, French fries, baby carrots, pudding, milk.

Sands ISD

Monday: Breakfast, Pop tarts; Lunch, burritos, salad, corn, grapes, milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast, cinnamon rolls; Lunch, chicken strips, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls, fruit, milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast, pancake-on-a-stick; Lunch, enchilada casserole, pinto beans, cornbread salad, mixed fruit, milk.

Thursday: Breakfast, muffins; Lunch, barbecue-on-bun, potato salad, pickles, ranch-style beans, pineapple, milk.

Friday: Breakfast, cereal; Lunch, lasagna, batter bread, green beans, fruit, milk.

Stanton ISD

Monday: Breakfast, breakfast pizza, cereal, buttered toast, juice, milk; Lunch, cheeseburger, hamburger, French fries, hamburger salad,

orange slices.

Tuesday: Breakfast, oatmeal, cinnamon toast, cereal, buttered toast, juice; Lunch, chicken wrap, beef wrap, western beans, lettuce and tomato salad, pineapple.

Wednesday: Breakfast, coffee cake, little Smokies, cereal, buttered toast, juice; Lunch, pepperoni pizza, grill cheese pleazer, green beans, garden salad, pears.

Westbrook ISD

Monday: Breakfast, assorted cereal, toast, jelly, fruit juice, milk; Lunch, steak, gravy, creamed potatoes, glazed carrots, hot rolls, honey, milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast, sausage and bacon, biscuits, cereal, fruit juice, milk; Lunch, frito pie with chili and cheese, pinto beans, cornbread, peaches, milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast, French toast sticks, Little Smokies, cereal, fruit juice, milk; Lunch, spaghetti with meat sauce, okra, black-eyed peas, garlic bread, Jello.

Thursday: Breakfast, breakfast pizza, cereal, fruit juice, milk; Lunch, beef fajitas, salsa, corn, tossed salad, strawberry yogurt, milk.

Friday: Breakfast, cinnamon rolls, cereal, fruit juice, milk; Lunch, cheese burger, French fries, salad fixings, chocolate

pudding, milk.

Spring City Senior Citizens Center

Monday: Lunch, smothered steak, potatoes, carrots, salad, milk, rolls, fruit.

Tuesday: Lunch, beef enchiladas, rice and beans, salad, milk, cake.

Wednesday: Lunch, hamandcheese sandwiches, chips, pickles, olives, cucumber, carrot sticks, milk, pudding.

Thursday: Lunch, barbecue chicken, black-eyed peas, potato salad, bread, milk, fruit salad.

Friday: Lunch, catfish, French fries, beans, coleslaw, milk, cornbread, fruit.

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Wedding



Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Timothy Kelley

Gent, Kelley wed

Sherry Lynn Gent and Samuel Timothy Kelley, both of Big Spring, exchanged wedding vows at 1:45 p.m. Aug. 11, 2005, in Coahoma with Justice of the Peace Quail Dobbs officiating.

The bride is the daughter of David and Shelia Richardson of Big Spring. The groom is the son of Douglas and Carol

Nixon.

The bride wore a dark purple gown and carried a bouquet of purple irises.

Maid of honor was Ashley Hodnett and Travis Melton served as best man.

Following the ceremony, a reception and barbecue luncheon was held at the home of the groom's parents.



Mr. and Mrs. Cody DeWayne Ditto

Kilpatrick, Ditto wed

Brandi Nicole Kilpatrick and Cody DeWayne Ditto, both of Coahoma, exchanged wedding vows at 3 p.m. Saturday, July 23, 2005, at the First Baptist Church in Coahoma with John Snider of Greenwood Church of Christ officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Craig and Teresa Kilpatrick of Coahoma. She is the granddaughter of Randall and Leota Reid, Velma and the late Clay Reid, all of Coahoma, Billy Joe and Delma Kilpatrick of Big Spring, Elsie and the late Lloyd Clark of Onida, S.D. and the late William and Arnetta Burch.

The groom is the son of Joe and Patty Ditto of Coahoma. He is the grandson of Rose Speaker and Thelma Ditto, both of Big Spring, the late Marc Lutrell, the late Walter Speaker and the late Jimmy Dale Ditto.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a strapless, georgette A-line white dress side draped with sequins with a chapel train. She carried a hand-tied bouquet of orange unique roses with laced ribbon wrap. Tied to the ribbon was the senior ring of the bride's late great-grandfather (Clay Reid) in his memory. The bride also carried the baby ring of her grandfather, Randall Reid, in his honor.

Sandy Wallace played the traditional "Wedding March" on piano.

Amy Osborn, cousin of the bride, served as maid of honor, and bridesmaids were Liz Conley, Sterling Gee, Meagan Jackson, Ruby Garcia and Brittany Hankins.

Flower girl was Tatum Christie and ring bearer was Tanner Christie.

Casey Kilpatrick, brother of the bride, served as best man and groomsmen were Marc Ditto, brother of the groom, Justin Ditto, brother of the groom, Toby Jackson, Cory Mulkey and Stephen Binion.

Ushers were Brandon Hart and Michael McCarver, cousin of the groom.



Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Eugene Biddison

Parker, Biddison wed

Scarlett Clarisse Parker and Gregory Eugene Biddison, both of Round Rock, exchanged wedding vows at 6 p.m. Thursday, July 14, 2005, at Lake Front Wedding Chapel, South Lake Tahoe, Calif., with the Rev. Warren Kessler officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Mike and Lytane Parker of Breckenridge. She is the granddaughter of Rosa and Bobby Bohmfalk and Shirley and CH Parker, all of Breckenridge, and the great-granddaughter of Melinda Bohmfalk of Breckenridge.

The groom is the son of Greg and Shana Biddison of Big Spring and Josette Biddison of Irving and the grandson Lois and

Charles Biddison of Big Spring and Helen Yarrington of Oldsmar, Fla.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a strapless off-white gown with silver and ivory beading on the bodice and an A-line skirt. The nosegay bouquet consisted of single white roses and stephanotis tied with an off-white bow.

Cheryl Langley served as maid-of-honor and bridesmaids were Shelby Gillispie and Lyndsey Dobbs. Flower girl was Mikaela Biddison and ring bearer was Tanner Biddison.

Ricky Hamby served as best man and groomsmen were Aaron Acosta and Matt Parker.

Anniversary

Blagraves celebrate 50 years



Derwood and Joan Blagrave

Derwood and Joan Blagrave will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary Sunday with their children, grandchildren and other family members.

Derwood and Joan met at the Big Spring rodeo parade and were introduced by Joan's cousin.

The couple were married Aug. 28, 1955, in Knott, at the home of Joan's parents, Cecial and the late Ruby Allred. Derwood's parents were the late Arthur and Erma Blagrave.

They have lived in the Ackerly area since marrying except for attending school in Lubbock at Texas Tech University and while serving in the military at Fort Lee, Va.

Derwood and Joan's children are Stan and

Carla Blagrave and Steve and Tracie Blagrave of Ackerly. Their grandchildren are Shelli Blagrave of Fort Worth, Krista Blagrave of Midland and Brittini, Sean and Trevor Blagrave, all of Ackerly.

The couple's comment on their 50-year marriage: "It takes commitment, compatibility and always doing everything together. We're best friends."

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JOB TITLE: Transportation Maint Tech II
SALARY: \$9.35 - \$12.34 per hour
LOCATION: 1301 NH 350, Big Spring, Texas
JOB VACANCY NUMBER: 008644
CLOSING DATE: September 08, 2005

Application and a copy of the Job Vacancy Notice may be picked up at the TxDot Office at 1301 NH 350, Big Spring, Texas or any other TxDOT office or the TxDOT website www.dot.state.tx.us. Completed applications may be mailed to TxDOT, P.O. Box 150, Abilene, Texas 79604 or returned to any TxDOT Office.

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LOCATION: 1301 NH 350, Big Spring, Texas
JOB VACANCY NUMBER: 008646
CLOSING DATE: September 07, 2005

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Chief Financial Officer
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Bachelor Degree in Accounting required, CPA preferred. Knowledge of cost report/audit preparation and hospital reimbursement/chargemaster procedures preferred. A minimum of two years management experience required.

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Contact:
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PIPELINE OPERATIONS TECHNICIAN MIDLAND, TX

ONEOK INC. is an aggressive diversified energy company, involved in the acquisition, exploration, production, purchase, sale and transportation of oil and natural gas. We are seeking a **PIPELINE OPERATIONS TECHNICIAN FOR ONEOK WESTEX TRANSMISSION, L.P.**

THE POSITION REQUIRES:

- CDL licenses
- Experience in running backhoe and related equipment
- Ability to communicate information regarding pipeline operations, and maintenance, with public/governmental officials, contractors, landowners, and producers
- Strong background in pipeline construction, operations, and maintenance

PRIMARY DUTIES WILL BE TO:

- Operate Peterbilt truck with float
- Operate backhoe
- Assist Welder
- Maintain and / or prepare reports and / or records such as work logs, pressure readings and service orders
- Locating and marking pipelines
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- Leak surveys
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We offer competitive wages and an excellent benefit package. To be considered for this position your cover letter and resume must be received by 5:00 p.m.
Friday, September 9, 2005

PLEASE SEND RESUMES TO:
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Human Resources Department
P.O. Box 871
Tulsa, OK 74102-0871
FAX: (918) 588-7331
E-Mail: careers@oneok.com
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THE POSITION REQUIRES:

- Experience installing, testing, repairing and maintaining measurement and regulation equipment
- Experience in transmission pipeline system operations
- Experience reading and interpreting maps, blueprints, plats, dials, gauges and gas sample reports

PRIMARY DUTIES WILL BE TO:

- Ability to work on electronic measurement/EFM ETC
- Install, test, repair and maintain orifice, positive and dry-flow meters, regulator settings and relief valves
- Pig lines, change charts, regulate gas flow and/or pressure, install gas samplers and collect gas samples
- Process charts, prepare job orders and completion reports

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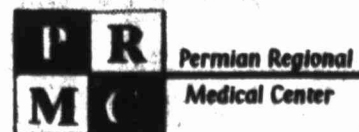
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