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## Howard Cottage royalty



*HERALD photo/Amanda Duforat*  
 Howard Cottage crowned its Prince and Princess Thursday night at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum during the interval between the Howard College Hawks Mens' and Womens' basketball games. Trevyn Suazo, son of Dominique Martinez and Franklin Suazo, was crowned Hawk Prince; while Emilie Duforat, daughter of Amanda Duforat, was crowned Hawk Princess. In addition, Howard College named a Homecoming King and Queen, who will each receive a \$250 scholarship.

## Students recognized by school board for UIL performance

*Trustees approve change to drug penalty policy*



*HERALD photos/Roger Cline*  
 The BSISD Board of Trustees recognized more than 60 students who participated in the local UIL academic meet held Dec. 5 at Big Spring Intermediate and Big Spring Junior High School at their meeting Thursday night.  
**By ROGER CLINE**  
 Staff Writer  
 At their meeting Thursday evening, the Big Spring Independent School District Board of Trustees recognized the district's elementary and junior high participants in the local UIL Academic Meet, held Dec. 5 at Big Spring Intermediate and Big Spring Junior High School.  
 More than 60 students from Marcy, Moss, Washington and Goliad elementary  
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## Come to the Table Women's Conference

**By ANNA GUTIERREZ**  
 Staff Writer  
 Come to the Table Women's Conference is scheduled for March 1-2, 2019. Friday evening schedule is from 7-9, and Saturday from 9-1. This will be held at Spring Creek Fellowship, 1801 E. FM 700. The conference is open to all women; there is no fee to attend, but there will be a blessings box for anyone who would like to donate.  
 "This is being sponsored by local women from different churches," says Marilyn Clark, a conference organizer. "We just want women to worship, come together, and be blessed spiritually."  
 Keynote speaker will be Pearlene Nolan, founder of His Joy Ministries. Clark ministers the Word of God and music at two prisons and travels to Uganda, Africa to minister in churches and crusades. She's also left a group of ladies to Guatemala to host retreats for women missionaries.  
 "We hope that having this conference in town will allow more women to join us," says Clark. "A lot of women are already saved, but they don't know what else Jesus can offer. He is the answer to every problem. It touches your heart when you go through an experience like this conference."  
 For more information about the conference, please contact Marilyn Clark at 432-816-9331.  
*Contact Staff Writer Anna Gutierrez at 432-263-7331 ext. 232, or by email at citydesk@bigspringherald.com*

*Come to the Table Women's Conference*  
 March 1  
 7-9 p.m.  
 March 2  
 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

## Deadline for Howard County Day is here



*Courtesy photo*  
**Howard County Day is set for February 27, but the deadline to reserve your spot on the bus is today. Call Big Spring Economic Development Corporation today, to reserve your seat at 432-264-6032.**

**Herald Staff Report**  
 Don't miss the bus. The deadline for those wanting a seat on the bus traveling to Howard County Day at the capital is here. Registration and payment needs to be received no later than 5 p.m. today. Howard County Day is scheduled for Feb. 27.  
 "This (Howard County Day) is one way for Big Spring's leadership and citizens to show the legislature that the decisions they make affect our area," Teresa Darden, Executive Assistant of the Big Spring Economic Development Corporation (EDC), said "We like to be able to show our support to our legislators, as well."  
 Howard County Day happens every two years. Darden said Howard County residents are urged to attend, which is why the charter bus is offered as an option, as a way of showing a good representation and support to those who are making the decisions that will affect our area.  
 "The goal is to remind our legislators in the House and Senate that we're still alive and kickin' out here in West Texas," said Terry Wegman, Executive Director of the Big Spring EDC. "There are more representative east of I-35 than all of West Texas combined."  
 We've only got about 10 percent of the representation in the state, so it's very important that we have a good relationship with our representatives. It's good to know all those people on a first hand basis. We go and meet all the staff people because 90 percent of  
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## Obituaries

### Albert Wayne Beene



Albert Wayne Beene, 82, went to his Heavenly Home on Tuesday, Feb. 12, 2019 in a local nursing home. Funeral Services will be 2 p.m., Friday, Feb. 15, 2019, at Trinity Baptist Church with Pastor Scott Kirkland officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park. Pallbearers will be Dr. Leslie Butler, Dr. Daniel Chasteen, Perry Hall, Tony Hall, Jack Odom, and Bill Altom.

The family will receive friends from 6-8 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 14, 2019, at the funeral home.

Wayne was born April 15, 1936, in Stanton to L.E. (Red) and Laura Beene. After the family moved around in the Panhandle area they moved to Big Spring in the early 1950's. He graduated from Big Spring High School in 1955 and went to work at the Post Office in 1957. He was a proud letter carrier for 38 years before retiring in 1995. He then worked at Big Spring High School as a gate attendant for about 10 years. Activities he loved were fishing,

hunting, camping out, and building things in his backyard shop. Wayne loved to bowl and was on several bowling leagues.

Wayne was a member of Trinity Baptist Church for 65 years and a member of the TBC Youth Group of the 1950's. He loved his Lord and his church and his family.

He leaves behind to cherish his memory, his wife of 59 years, Martha Beene; a daughter, Dr. Ronda Beene of Grand Prairie; a granddaughter, Jessica Odom of Early; a son-in-law, Jack Odom and wife, Susan of Early; two nephews, Perry Hall of Big Spring and Tony Hall and wife, Ginny of Richardson; a niece Dee Chasteen and husband, Dr. Daniel Chasteen of Snyder.

Waiting to greet him in Heaven are a daughter, Laura Odom; his parents L.E. (Red) and Laura Beene; a sister, Mary Ann Hall; two infant sisters; a niece, Kim Bowie; and in-laws, Jack and Irene Butler.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory. Online condolences can be made at [www.npwelch.com](http://www.npwelch.com).

*Paid Obituary*

### Kevin Bryan Dean



Kevin Bryan Dean, 48, of Big Spring was born Aug. 22, 1970, in Abilene and died Feb. 11, 2019. There will be a memorial service 2 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 16, 2019, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel, with Dr. Mark P. Peters officiating. Honorary pall bearers are brothers; Derek and Ryan; cousins, Kris, Mason, Joseph Peters, Joseph and Owen Connelly; nephews, Justin and

Levi; friends, Brett, Abel and Jon and all his friends at the Train Car.

The family will receive friends from 6-8 p.m., Friday, Feb. 15, 2019, at the funeral home.

Kevin graduated High School in Fayetteville, NC in 1988. He held several skilled labor jobs including prison security guard, co-owner of Stereo by Design in Ruidoso, NM, long haul CDL driver, heavy

equipment mechanic for the City of Big Spring, and post production driver servicing oil wells in Howard and surrounding counties.

He is survived by his father and step-mother, Gary K. Dean and Denise Dean of Ruidoso, NM; his mother, Mary Beth Peters Michaelis and step-father, Thomas O. Michaelis of Waco; two brothers, Derek T. Michaelis and wife, Shannon and their three children and Ryan P. Michaelis all of Houston; and several uncles, aunts, and cousins. He will be missed by his many friends in Big Spring, Ruidoso and elsewhere.

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, Garland R. Dean and Thelma Torrance Dean and maternal grandparents, Dr. Clarence E. Peters and Grace Mason Peters.

In lieu of flowers please donate to your favorite charity.

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*Paid Obituary*

### Evangelina Flores Enriquez



Evangelina Flores Enriquez, 67, of Lenorah, TX, died Tuesday, Feb. 12, 2019, in an Odessa hospital. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 16, 2019, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Clemente Villa officiating.

The family will receive friends from 6-8 p.m., Friday, Feb. 15, 2019 at the funeral home.

She was born Sep. 30, 1951, in Mexico. Evangelina married Cayetano Enriquez and he preceded her in death October 2011.

Evangelina was a lifelong resident of Lenorah where she raised her family.

Survivors include four sons, Jose Enriquez and his wife, Shay, Jesus Enriquez and his wife, Cyndee, Rogelio Enriquez and Cayetano Enriquez Jr.; 11 grandchildren, Blake, Brittney, Kaylie, Veronica, Victoria, Anisia, Italia, Gustavo, Emyly, Xavier and Noah; and two great-grandsons, Talon and Kevin.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents and one son, Oscar Enriquez.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory. Online condolences can be made at [www.npwelch.com](http://www.npwelch.com).

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## Police Blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **DANIEL DELEON**, 38, of 1905 Wasson Rd. #49, was arrested on warrants for vehicles left unattended on public property over 48 hours and for stopping, standing or parking in an alley.
- **TIMOTHY JOE FLORES**, 43, of 1614 Canary, was arrested on a warrant from another agency.
- **OSCAR MANUEL MADRID**, 37, 1511 Princeton Ave., was arrested on charges of driving while license suspended/invalid

with previous conviction, possession of a controlled substance penalty group 1 (less than one gram) and possession of marijuana (less than two ounces).

- **JERRY DEAN MORGAN**, 60, of 415 B St S.E, Miami, OK, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **BRANDON SCOTT HAYMAN**, 30, of 7206 S. Service Rd., was arrested on a charge of possession of a controlled substance penalty group 1 (1-4 grams) and on a warrant from another agency.

• **ANDREW SLOAN ROBINSON**, 23, of 2500 N. Hwy 87, was arrested on a warrant from another agency.

• **THEFT** was reported in the 1100 block of N. Lamesa Hwy, and in the 500 block of Westover Rd.

• **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 1000 block of San Antonio St. and in the 3600 block of W. Hwy 80.

• **STOLEN VEHICLE** was reported in the 1000 block of San Antonio St.

## Take Note

• Due to the untimely death of Mike Spivey, co-workers, friends and associates wish to raise funds for his family. There will be a fish fry benefit on Friday, Feb. 15 at 12 p.m. The fish fry will take place at Deep Well Trucking at 502 5th St., Ackerly. The meal will consist of fish or chicken and side dishes. Suggested donation is \$10 per plate. There will also be raffle tickets for a rifle and gift cards. One hundred percent of the money raised goes directly to the family. For more information, contact Delvin Quinn at 432-770-7084, or email [Dcockrell@knoxsupply.net](mailto:Dcockrell@knoxsupply.net).

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• Big Spring and surrounding counties are in need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected. For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children's Protective Services office at 432-263-9669.

### Debbie L. Denton-Bynum



Debbie L. Denton-Bynum, age 54, born December 1, 1964, passed away on Dec. 23, 2018. A memorial service for their beloved daughter, sister, mother, grandmother, wife and loving friend, will be held Saturday, February 16, 2019 at 1:30 p.m., at Spring Creek Fellowship, Big Spring, TX. The family will gather afterwards for a meal.

*Paid Obituary*

### Oscar Jackson

Oscar Jackson, III, 53, of Big Spring, died Tuesday, Feb. 12, 2019, in Lubbock. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

## Sheriff

The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the following activity:

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 83 inmates at the time of this report.

- **RILEY DON BROOKS**, 28, was arrested by HCSO on a warrant for possession of a controlled substance penalty group 1 (less than one gram)
- **DANIEL DELEON JR.**, 38, was arrested by BPSD on charges of vehicle left unattended on public property over 48 hours, stopping, standing or parking in an alley
- **TIMOTHY JOE FLORES**, 43, was arrested by BSPD on a parole violation.
- **BRANDON SCOTT HAYMAN**, 30, was arrested by BSPD on warrants for unauthorized use of a vehicle and possession of a controlled substance penalty group 1 (1-4 grams).
- **OSCAR MANUEL MADRID JR.**, 37, was arrested by BSPD on charges of driving with invalid license with previous conviction/suspension, possession of a controlled substance penalty group 1 (less than one gram) and possession of marijuana (less than two ounces).
- **JERRY DEAN MORGAN**, 60, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- **DARIUS RAYMON REED**, 39, was arrested by HCSO on a warrant for theft of service (\$100-\$750).
- **ANDREW SLOAN ROBINSON**, 23, was arrested by HCSO on a parole violation.

## Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 100 block of Washington. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **PUBLIC SERVICE** was reported in the 200 block of N. Moss Lake Rd. No transport was required.
- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported at Interstate 20 at exit 178. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 500 block of W. 4th St. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported at 22nd St. and Nolan. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1200 block of Wood St. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1600 block of W. 11th Place. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2000 block of S. Monticello. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

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- AARP Tax-Aide will offer free income tax preparation each Monday through April 1 at the Big Spring Senior Center at the Dora Roberts Community Center, 100 Whipkey Drive. Hours are 8 a.m. to noon. The service is available to all taxpayers with moderate to low income.
- Taxpayers need to bring a photo ID for the taxpayer and/or spouse, Social Security cards for everyone on the tax return (Tax-Aide will not do a return without seeing the Social Security cards), last year's tax returns, and W-2s and all other proof of income received in 2018.
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- Scenic Mountain Medical Center Auxiliary is looking for new members. If you have a heart for

serving people, have at least four hours a week to spare, SMMC Auxiliary might be the fit for you.

Duties include working in the gift shop, delivering newspapers to inpatients, hospitality services, popcorn and more.

To find out more about opportunities available with the SMMC Auxiliary, contact Amy Miramontes at 268-4809 or April Arms at 268-4907.

- The Crossroads Young Marines is taking applications for another boot camp. For more information, call 432-517-4791. Young Marines welcomes boys and girls ages 8 to 18 who are still attending school.

- The Homeownership Preservation Foundation (HPF) is an independent national nonprofit dedicated to helping distressed homeowners navigate financial challenges and avoid mortgage foreclosure. If you want to stop mortgage foreclosure and are need of help, the time to call 888-995-HOPE is now. HPF can provide counseling free of charge, in English and 170 other languages, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. For free foreclosure help, call the hotline.

**BSISD**

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schools, Big Spring Intermediate School, and Big Spring Junior High School stood before members of the BSISD School Board and the parents, teachers, and other citizens present to receive applause and adulation.

During the meet, BSISD students captured 21 first-place awards and many more second- through sixth-place recognitions.

Also, several students from BSI participated in the Destination Imagination tournament at Levelland High School Feb. 19, and were recognized for their achievements.

In other business, the school board approved changes to district policies related to assignment and reassignment of district employees, as well as delegation of the school board's authority to hire certain employees to the superintendent. To facilitate hiring new faculty and staff in preparation for each new school year, policy has been changed to allow the superintendent authority to hire without school board approval during the months immediately prior to a new school year.

The school board has approved waivers to allow the superintendent this same leeway in hiring in past years, and the change simply codifies the practice into the district's policy, making annual waivers unnecessary.

The school board also approved a change to the district's policy on ineligibility from extracurricular activities due to positive results on required drug tests.

Big Spring High School Principal and BSISD Athletic Director Mike Ritchey presented the proposal to the school board, noting that, while consequences for illegal drug use are beneficial to students' academic and extracurricular careers, Big Spring's longtime policy is too harsh, especially when compared to other schools in the area.

"I've been here since the beginning of the drug testing policy, and I'm a huge advocate of it," he said. "I've seen a difference with students who participate in extracurricular activities compared with their academics. It's a huge change, and as a parent to two kids who came up in the system, I was glad we had a drug testing policy. But from the outset, it was all based on an intervention plan. This was to intervene with students who tested positive that were participating in extracurricular activities. And I believe that. It's more intervention than punitive. I firmly believe that."

Ritchey said the district's policy had been so harsh that it caused many students to give up hope or transfer to other districts.

"You can see, ours is definitely the most stringent of all the schools listed there," he said.

While Big Spring's penalty for a stu-

dent's first drug offense – 10 school days suspension from extracurricular participation – was in line with many of the other area districts, Ritchey pointed out that the district's second offense penalty – a full year suspension – was much more severe than that imposed by other districts in the region.

"You can see in Snyder, the second-most stringent school there with a drug-testing policy, is a semester, 90 days," Ritchey said. "You can see that ours is significantly different. Here's the concern that I have: Of all these years, from the outset, we have never had one student that has gone through our system and recovered and completed their career in extracurricular activities. Once they've gotten to their second offense, we have noted and documented that we have not had one student that has sustained themselves through that one-year suspension and then gotten back into the program. Whether it be choir, music, athletics, it doesn't matter. They've either quit because they gave up hope, or they move. To me, what happens when they quit and give up hope, what are they going to turn to? They're going to go right back to what they were doing, and probably intensify."

The school board unanimously approved the revised penalty schedule proposed by Ritchey.

The new penalty system keeps the 10 school days suspension for the first drug offense, but also mandates in-school counseling.

The second offense requires a 30-day suspension from extra-curricular

activities instead of the full year that the old system required. With the second offense, the school now also requires two hours of outside counseling from a professional counselor.

The third offense now mandates 90 days of suspension from extracurriculars and four hours of outside counseling.

The fourth offense under the new system requires 180 days – or about a full year – suspension from extracurriculars and eight hours of outside counseling.

If a student tests positive for drugs five times, that student will be removed from extracurricular activities for the remainder of their school career.

The school board also:

- Heard a presentation on the district's annual Texas Academic Performance Report for 2017-2018;
- Approved a resolution to enter into an interlocal cooperative purchasing agreement with the Region 20 Education Service Center in San Antonio;
- Heard a report on the upgrade of election equipment and the fee schedule for the upcoming May 4 election;
- Met in closed session to discuss Superintendent Jay McWilliams' annual evaluation and his contract.

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Raul Valles, 64, died Tuesday. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel.

Oscar Jackson, III, 53, died Tuesday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

**BUS**

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We've only got about 10 percent of the representation in the state, so it's very important that we have a good relationship with our representatives. It's good to know all those people on a first hand basis. We go and meet all the staff people because 90 percent of the time, that is who we contact."

All attendees are also asked to wear a black Howard County shirt and khaki pants or skirts. Shirts can be purchased through EDC and must be ordered no later than January 25, 2019.

The agenda for that day is:

- 3:30 a.m. – Depart from East parking lot of Dorothy Gar-

rett Coliseum (please bring your own food and drinks in resealable containers for the bus trip)

- 10 a.m. – Reading of the Resolution on the Floor of the House
- 11 a.m. – Reading of the Resolution on the Floor of the Senate
- 12 p.m. – Group Photo in the Rotunda of the Capitol
- 12:15 p.m. – BSHS Meister Singers perform in Extension Open Air Rotunda
- 1 p.m. – Depart for Big Spring
- 2:30 p.m. – Lunch at Opie's BBQ (Dutch treat)
- 7:30 p.m. – Arrive in Big Spring

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For more information contact Teresa Darden at 432-264-6032  
March 2-3:  
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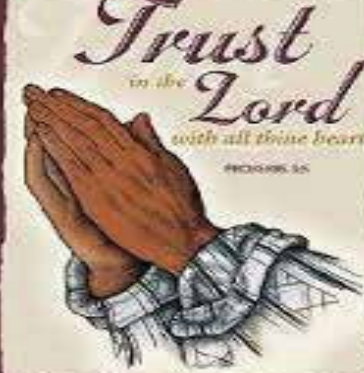
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# Church News

## First Baptist Church

"I will praise You, O Lord, with my whole heart; I will tell of all Your marvelous works. I will be glad and rejoice in You; I will sing praise to Your name, O Most High." Psalm 9:1-2

Become part of the family of First Baptist Church Sunday at 10:50 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., as they gather in grateful adoration of The Light of The World, Jesus Christ. Music Minister Alan Schantz will lead worshippers in a blend of contemporary praise and worship songs and foundational hymns of the faith. Pastor Mark Lindsey will conclude the morning message series "A People on Mission" with the sermon titled "Bigger Than Life." Drawn from Luke 8:40-56, listeners will reflect on the truth that Jesus is always mindful of our hearts voluntarily reaching out to Him in faith, and His response brings comfort and perfect relief which encourages man and glorifies God. FBC now offers Deaf Interpretation in the morning service. If you need assistance accessing the sanctuary due to mobility issues, use the west circle drive, and someone will be glad to assist you inside and park your vehicle. If unable to attend, you may join the service through the live stream on the church website at: [fbcbigspring.org](http://fbcbigspring.org). (Click on 'MORE' tab, then 'SERMONS')

At 9:30 Sunday School groups meet throughout the building with children gathering in the Good News Garage on the first floor, and teens, college students, and adults meeting in second floor classrooms. Greeters are available to help you find your class.

At 5 p.m. in the chapel is the church-wide time of prayer; please come and join other believers in this occasion of intimate communion with our Lord.



Evening worship service starts at 5:30 p.m. and is a wonderful way to prepare one's heart for the upcoming week. Pastor Mark continues the series on The Beatitudes. Drawn from Matthew 5:1-4, the evening's message is titled "I Believe God Can Help Me," and worshippers will consider that it is through emptiness that one obtains a Divine fullness which satisfies beyond any earthly condition.

Mother's Day Out is open each Tuesday and Thursday from 9-3. Contact Tracy Boeker at 267-8223 to inquire about available openings for your little ones.

Wednesday evening activities begin at 6 p.m. and includes adult Bible study and prayer time, Real LYF for children, youth group, and adult worship choir practice. Contact Youth Pastor Jonathan Raffini at 432-270-8332 for details about teen events, or just come to the second floor youth room at 6 and join the fun!

FBC is looking for a secretary/receptionist to work in the church office. If you are interested in applying, or know someone who might be interested, please call the church at 267-8223, or see Pastor Mark for more information.

Church offices will be closed Monday Feb. 18 in observance of Presidents' Day.

To find out more about what's happening at FBC, go to the website: [fbcbigspring.org](http://fbcbigspring.org) or call 267-8223.

FBC is located at 705 W FM 700. There is always a place for you at First Baptist Church. "...may the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, ...guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:7

## Blessed Hands Deaf Church

The congregation of Blessed Hands Deaf Church invites you to rejoice in The Lord with them Sunday at 2 p.m. Pastor Jim Walterhouse welcomes you to be a part of this dynamic group as they worship and study God's Word. Currently, BHDC meets inside First Baptist Church at 705 W FM 700. For more information about Blessed Hands Deaf Church,

including Wednesday night schedule and activities, contact Pastor Jim at: [jwalterhouse@gmail.com](mailto:jwalterhouse@gmail.com).

## Cornerstone Covenant Church

We at Cornerstone Covenant Church would love the opportunity to connect with you! Please join us this week at one of the following events:

Sunday, Feb. 17 - Join us this Sunday at our 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. worship service. Come on out as you can expect biblical teaching and preaching, genuine loving fellowship and live spirit filled praise and worship. We would love the opportunity this Sunday to share what God has for you and get to know you better.

Revive 2019 - Mark your calendars now for Revive 2019. CCC Will be hosting our community wide 2019 Spring Revival at Cornerstone Covenant Church on March 6-8 at 7 p.m. nightly. Our guest speakers for this year's Revive 2019 is Lead Pastor Trenton Herald with City Hill Church from Grand Rapids, Michigan and Josh Carter with Calvary Christian Center from Ormond Beach, Florida.

Revive 2019 shirts - Your Revive 2019 shirts are now available stop by our kiosk on Sundays & Wednesdays or come on into the front office Monday-Thursday during business hours of 9-5 and pick up your shirt.

Van transportation- We have an active Van Ministry that picks-up on Sundays for our 11 a.m. worship service. If you are needing a ride please contact the church office.

Cornerstone Covenant Church (CCC) is a unified, spirit-led, purpose-driven church, which cultivates an atmosphere of faith so that lives can be transformed by Jesus Christ. Please join us every Sunday at 9 a.m., 11 a.m. and Wednesday at 7 p.m. for worship services.

CCC is located at 706 East 12th Street. For office hours or other questions please contact our Administrative Office at 432-264-0015 or email us at [info@cccbigspring.org](mailto:info@cccbigspring.org). You can also find us at [facebook.com/CCCBigSpring](https://www.facebook.com/CCCBigSpring) or visit us at [www.cccbigspring.org](http://www.cccbigspring.org) if you would like more information.

## Alive In Christ Lutheran Church LCMS

Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany  
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We are located at 2805 Lynn Drive in the Kentwood neighborhood in Big Spring. If you would like to reach Pastor Lamb or the church office, please call (432) 264-7818, or e-mail us at [aliveinchristtx@gmail.com](mailto:aliveinchristtx@gmail.com).

Bible Study and Sunday School begin at 9:30 a.m. and our Sunday service begins at 10:30 a.m. If you are new to the area or haven't been to church before or in a while, please accept this as an invitation to join us this Sunday.

Our Wednesday evening Bible study begins at 6:30 p.m. We are studying Ephesians. Our meal is being served from 5:30-6:30. Please come and join us again soon.

Bo Vizcaino will present the scripture readings this week.

Tune in to KBYG every morning for a devotional sponsored in part by the Lutheran Hour. Tune in to

106.3 FM or 1400 AM between 6:45 and 6:50 each morning for these wonderful devotions: "Morning Meditation Thoughts". Also tune in every Sunday morning at 8:30 to listen to the Lutheran Hour.

## First Presbyterian Church

On Wednesday the Lectionary Bible Study, led by Taylor Todd, meets at 5 p.m. in the church library. The Chancel Choir rehearses at 6 p.m.

Nancy Koger is in charge of Take Ten for this Sunday. Ushers last week were Rip Patterson, Vicki McLean, Todd Patterson, and Ellen Austin.

At the Annual Congregational Meeting last Sunday those in attendance received a booklet containing reports from each of the Session committees, the budget for 2019, financial reports, a list of current session members, committees, and a reference list of important dates and events for the

coming year. Rip Patterson, Monika Robinson, and Jim Little were elected to be the 2019 Nominating Committee who will recruit people to serve on the 2022 Class of the Session and also find people to serve on a Pastor Nominating Committee. Elden Miller, Mike Robinson, and Mark Morgan were elected to serve on the 2019 Financial Review Committee.

Thursday, Feb. 14, a Box Lunch and Movie was the Senior Event for this quarter.

The Service Committee's Annual Hygiene Products Drive is being collected Feb. 17 and Feb. 24. Gifts of products are made into individual bags for members of local homeless population, the State Hospital and the Howard County Resource Center (formerly the Northside Center.) Items needed are soaps, shampoo, conditioner, mouthwash, dental floss, shaving cream, razors, wash cloths, and deodorants.

The lectionary passages for the Sixth Sunday after Epiphany are Jeremiah 17:5-10; Psalm 1; I Corinthians 15:12-20; and Luke 6:17-26. Rev. Taylor Todd will deliver the sermon. The Chancel Choir will begin the service with the introit "Come, I Pray Thee," arranged by Franklin Ashdown. Gabriel Martinez will present special music on the organ for the Offertory.

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

If you cannot attend worship, you may listen in on KBST 1490 AM, beginning at 11 a.m. If you wish to have a printed bulletin for Sunday services, please call the church office at 263-4211. You may also see what's happening at the church by visiting our website [www.fpcbs.org](http://www.fpcbs.org). On our website, you can find a link that will enable you to listen to several recent sermons by Rev. Craig Holstedt. We would be pleased for you to Like us on Facebook.

## St. Mary's Episcopal Church

St. Mary's Episcopal Church welcomes all to participate in our services. We are located 1001 S. Goliad (north of the high school on Goliad), and would love to have you visit. Sunday services begin at 10:30 a.m. followed by brunch in the Parish Hall. On Wednesdays we have Bible study and coffee in the morning at 10:30 a.m., and we have evening prayer, dinner, and book study starting at 5:30 p.m. What a great opportunity to have meaningful fellowship and develop relationships with people who have a common interest, following the steps of Christ. Please come and join us for a time of worship and fellowship in a place that welcomes all in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Happenings for Feb.:

- Singer-Pianist-Songwriter Valerie T. Queen will present a concert about peace at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 S. Goliad St. The concert is at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 28, 2019.

Valerie Queen is from San Angelo where she participates with Peace Ambassadors of West Texas in their studies, events and travels. She has a master's degree in music theory/composition from Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene. Her music includes Broadway, pop, country, original and classical.

"Valerie has not only a truly universal nature to her message, but also a powerful talent through which she delivers it." Bill Reynolds, Broadway actor, singer & recording artist.

## College Baptist Church

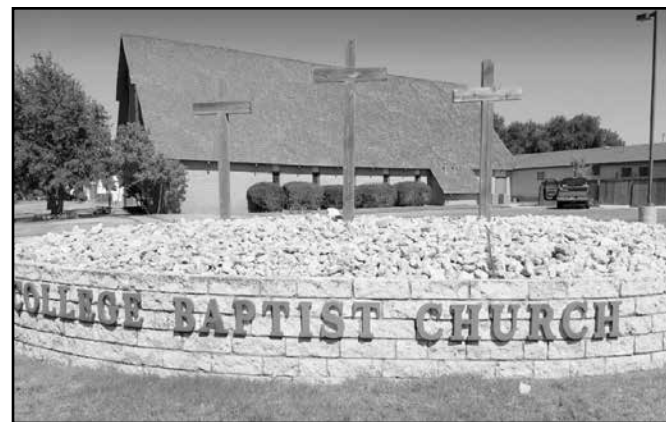
Successful WOW Women of the

Word Bible study is in full swing Sunday afternoon at 4:30, and Wednesday evening at 5:30. All women welcome!

DNOW was a great venue of Sermons, recreation, food, fun and fellowship. Thanks to all who had a part in this life-changing event for our youth.

SEND—sharing evangelism now daily, will meet again Saturday morning at 8. Come join us as we share with our neighborhood.

Bible study, renewal, reunion! God continues to allow us to be on the move at College Baptist Church with Him, and we would love to meet with you as our visitors and friends on the corner of 11th Place and Birdwell Lane. We have Bible study leaders for Sunday school Sunday morning at 9:15 for all ages, and at 10:45 our Worship team leads us in praise and inspiring hymns. Our pastor Bro. Ken McMeans, will be leading us in a study of God's Word. Sunday evening at 6 p.m. we have another Bible



study. Our service, Wednesday, King's Kids, Wee singers, and prayer and Bible study for youth and adults all meet at 7 p.m. We are also preparing for our Easter musical every Sunday evening at 8 p.m.

Don't forget the Save the Date event on Feb. 23 and 24. We are planning a College Baptist Church reunion. All former members are welcome to attend this community event.

As a church we are involved in many ministries that come together with those in Howard County to meet the needs of our community. Come celebrate the joy with us in worship as we praise the Mighty God we serve. Please call: 432-267-7429, for more information about this great Church.

## Spring Tabernacle Ministry

Sunday morning services are at 10 a.m. Let's get together and praise the Lord, for He is good and worthy to be praised. We are located at 1209 Wright St.

The people in Big Spring are so wonderful and we have appreciated you as much for over 30 years.

Our hearts desire is to help those who want a change of life. Whosoever will, may come and find help and comfort. We still have the ministry at the jail with the men and women and Sunday afternoon service at Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez Veteran's Home.

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## First United Methodist Church

First United Methodist Church is located just off Gregg Street at the corner of Fourth and Scurry in downtown Big Spring. The usual Sunday morning schedule includes the 9 a.m. Traditions Service featuring the pipe organ, choir, trumpet, and hymns, followed by Sunday school, and then The Bridge service at 11 a.m., which features contemporary music led by a wonderful praise team.

On Sunday Feb. 17 Pastor Derrell's message, "Made and Remade", is from Jeremiah 18:1-10. God makes us and can remake us. Worship services are broadcast live each Sunday at 11 a.m. on radio station KXCS-105.5 FM. You can also find the service live streamed on our Facebook page at First United Methodist Church Big Spring. You can watch previous worship service videos on that Facebook page including recordings of our Christmas program, "Our Savior".





## Reflections: God's metrics

We live in a world of metrics that is obsessed with measuring progress in almost every area of life. The business world has created an entire glossary of terms for measuring CPM (Corporate Performance Management). Every business needs to know its ROI (Return on Investment), Churn Rate (the measure of customer or employee attrition over a specified time) EBITDA (Earnings Before Interest, Taxes, Depreciation and Amortization), to name a few.

Education has long used measurements to determine a student's future. Any student with ambitions beyond secondary education is familiar with the stress and importance of the SAT, ACT or, in to enter graduate school, the GMAT, GRE, LSAT and MCAT.

Sports is filled with metrics. Hundredths of a second separate sprinters, downhill skiers, bobsleders and speed skaters from the podium and also rans. PGA golfers are rated by average score, percentage of fairways hit, greens in regulation, putts per round and many others. When Phil Mickelson

won Pebble Beach last week he was compared to all those who won on that course in the last 100 years. Baseball is synonymous with statistics: RBI, OPS, BA, BB/K, ERA, etc. The list is long.

If measurements are so important in other areas of life, it might be good to know God's metrics. How does God measure success or failure?

Most of us assume that God's measurements are limited to religion: church attendance, offerings, budgets, building, religious ceremonies and service. Surprisingly, according to the Bible these things are not God's primary concern.

The prophets taught that God could care less about religious ceremonies. In Amos, God says, "Even though you offer up to Me burnt offerings and your grain offerings, I will not accept them; ... Take away from Me the noise of your songs; I will not even listen to the sound of your harps. But let justice roll down like waters And righteousness like an ever-flowing stream."

In Isaiah, God says, "I hate your new moon festivals and your appointed feasts. They have become a burden to Me; ... So when you spread out your hands in prayer, I will hide My eyes from you; ... Wash yourselves, make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your deeds from My sight. Cease to do evil, learn to do good; seek justice, reprove the

ruthless, defend the orphan, plead for the widow."

When Jesus confronted the religious leaders of his day, he reproved them for focusing on religious disciplines. "You have neglected the weightier provisions of the law: justice and mercy and faithfulness. These are the things you should have done." (Matthew 23:23).

So, how well are we measuring up by God's standard of measurement? Not well, I am afraid. Everywhere and on every side we are surrounded by infidelity, deceit, prejudice, resentment and anger. Just read the news. We need to stop fooling ourselves. His measurements are true.

Every generation must come to grips with its sin. If we acknowledge our sins and turn to Him in faith He has promised, "I will give them one heart and put a new spirit within them. And I will take the heart of stone out of their flesh and give them a heart of flesh, that they may walk in my statutes and keep my ordinances and do them. Then they will be my people, and I shall be their God." (Ezekiel 11:19-20), (Romans 6:4), (2 Corinthians 3:5-6).

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## Last October



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Well, in the first place, here in our fair city, it was cold. It is today as well, but in October is when days begin to be shorter and temperatures dip up and down getting ready for winter. Football season and homecoming plans are in full sway. Winter coats and warm clothes come out of the closet.

But last October, I remember praying for a different vehicle for myself. The Lord knows what I need and indicated I should wait til next year. So I agreed, as I knew He knows best.

Well, next year is here and Wednesday I purchased a different vehicle. I had a Ford Ranger before I bought a sweet little convertible. I began thinking and praying about trading it in the minute I started having to replace everything on it. It nickled and dined me to the limit.

So Tuesday of this week, I prayed again for the Lord to provide me with another vehicle. I remember reading about a missionary who needed a

new bike to make visits in China. He waited several weeks after he asked the Lord for one. Finally he asked again, and the Lord indicated to him what color. The missionary told Him he wanted red. The next morning on the doorstep was a brand-new red bicycle.

I started asking the car dealers all around our city to keep a lookout for another Ford Ranger. Then it happened. I got a call from a dear friend at our local dealership, who told me one was waiting for me to look at the car dealership. On the way to look it over, I told the Lord I really would like a red one again.

It was red, four years newer than the last one, and a lot less miles. I almost sat there in my little blue convertible and cried at the Lord's goodness to me. I sure am glad He is my Father. He takes such good care of me.

I'll also be more than glad when we get Home to Heaven where we won't have to be concerned with all the financial difficulties of this life. New robes, a crown of life, Heavenly gold street, a place in a mansion Jesus is preparing—but that's for another day.

## Can You Forgive God?

"And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you." Ephesians 4:32

Can you forgive God? I know how ridiculous this question may sound, but think about it with me for a moment. How many times have we heard someone condemn and sentence God to non-existence by saying things like — if God truly is

They are angry at Him because He disappointed them in some way.

God doesn't have to satisfy all our whims and childish desires



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just to prove He loves us. God doesn't have to answer all our questions, we wouldn't understand the answers anyway. May I remind us

we are not God, He is. Now, whether or not we are willing to submit to His loving will for our lives or not is a different subject altogether. But, He does love us.

Aside from God's love, there is not truth. All God wants is us. But many times, we can't see

this amazing truth because our unbelief gets in the way. And when unbelief gets in the way, things get messy and weird because unbelief is the act of cutting God out of our lives.

So, can you forgive God? Can you forgive the One who has forgiven you? Can you forgive the One who truly loves you? Can you forgive the God who wants the best for your life?

What does forgiving God even mean? It means that we go to Him and say — Lord, I do believe, help thou mine unbelief.

Run to Him, He is waiting for you!

## CHURCH

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The Wednesday noon Bible study meets for lunch and a study in Garrett Hall on Wednesdays. The meal is served at 11:50 a.m. for \$5. Currently the noon study is Financial Peace University. Dave Ramsey's FPU has changed the lives of many families as they find freedom from debt and learn how to handle money God's way.

The church is in the second week of Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University for the entire congregation. It is a nine week study. Several classes are offered on different days of the week to accommodate as many people's schedules as possible. It's not too late for you to visit one of the classes and find out what Financial Peace is all about.

Real Life Wednesday night sessions include something for almost everyone. The children's choir meets at 6 p.m. Youth, choir rehearsal and Celebrate Recovery are also at 6 p.m. Another Financial Peace University Class meets at 6:30 p.m. The Praise team rehearsal is at 7 p.m.

"Celebrate Recovery" sessions are offered every Wednesday for anyone in the community seeking freedom and healing from hurts, habits, and hang-ups. Worship and helpful Bible-based discussions begin at 6 p.m. The public is invited to drop by the north entrance of the building on Scurry Street any Wednesday.

Other events on the church calendar include:

- United Methodist Women, Tuesday, Feb. 26, 11:45 a.m.
- Food2Kids Sacking, March 4 and 5, 5:30 p.m.
- Ash Wednesday, March 6.
- Daylight savings time begins March 10.
- Confirmation classes for youth begin with a confirmation retreat March 29-31.

For more information on any activity, please visit the website at [www.funfcs.com](http://www.funfcs.com) or phone the church office at 432-267-6394.

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# Hawks keep their playoff hopes alive with last minute victory over Frank Phillips

By JORDAN PARR

Sports Editor

BIG SPRING – The Hawks came into Thursday night's home game vs Frank Phillips coming off a spectacular last second win over Clarendon College on the road Monday. That win stopped what had been a three game skid in conference play and gave Howard College the momentum they needed to pull of another nail biter over the Plainsmen on Thursday 74-72. With the win, the Hawks improved their conference record to 8-5 and put them just one game back of a playoff spot with just three games left in conference play.

In the first half of play, both teams came out playing tight pressure defense and made scoring a tough task right from the tip. The game was tied at just 4 points apiece after 5 minutes before either team really found their offensive rhythm. Howard College and Frank Phillips went head and forth for the next 6 minutes of the half with the lead changing hands 4 times over that period. Neither team could create any real separation on the scoreboard until the Hawks' Matt Johnson hit a big three with 9 minutes left in the half to give Howard College some breathing room at 16-14. With that three, the Hawks grabbed the momentum and used it to push their lead to 22-15 behind some great defensive play and stellar passing on the offensive end of the court.

However, that success was short lived for Howard College as the Plainsmen fought back to cut the lead back to 22-20 with just under 6 minutes to play in the half. Unfortunately, that was just the beginning of what would become a huge 19-4 run for Frank Phillips to end the half. The run, which started with a 10-0 scoring streak that spanned over 3 minutes of play, continued to build momentum as the half approached. With just under 2 minutes remaining in the half, the run had swollen to 16-2 and the Hawks just couldn't seem to stop the bleeding. By the time it was all said and done, Frank Phillips had turned a 22-15 deficit into a 34-26 lead over the last seven minutes of the half.

The Hawks shot just 35% from the field in the first half and just 22% from deep while the Plains-

men shot 42% from the field and 36% from behind the arc. The real difference in the half for Frank Phillips was their bench scoring. The Plainsmen scored 16 points off the bench for Howard College. Trailing by 8 points going into the break, it was clear that the Hawks would have to come out in the second half and really get to work if they wanted to stay alive in the game and in the conference.

Coming out of the half, Howard College scored 4 unanswered points right off the bat to cut the Plainsmen's lead to 40-36, but Frank Phillips responded right away and pushed their lead back out to 45-39 with 6 minutes gone in the second half. But a mental mistake by the Plainsmen opened the door for the Hawks when they got a technical foul that gave Howard College four straight free throws to cut the lead back down to one possession at 47-44. On the Hawks' very next possession Jake Heese, who didn't score a single point in the first half, hit a game tying three with 12:37 left in the game. Just 2 minutes later Eric Reed Jr. put the Hawks on top for the first time in the second half with a three of his own to go up 52-49 with 10:32 remaining in the game.

Both teams traded buckets in the back end of the second half with 4 ties and 9 lead changes during that span. Heese scored 6 straight points during a stretch to give Howard College a 60-59 lead with 7:21 remaining in the contest. With just 3 minutes left in the game, the Plainsmen were leading 69-66 and the Hawks missed key free throws that could have cut the lead to 1. Trailing 72-71 with just 23 ticks left on the clock, Heese came up big again. This time Heese converted a reverse lay in on a baseline drive and gave the Hawks a 73-72 lead with just second remaining. On the next Plainsmen's possession, Frank Phillip's Destiny Chikwem-Stanley got to the free throw line with 6.7 seconds left in the game and missed both free throws. Howard College gathered in the rebound and were fouled immediately.

See **HAWKS**, Continued on page 13



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Howard College's Jake Heese rolls in a shot to put Howard ahead 73-72 against Frank Phillips on Thursday, Feb. 14. Howard added a point to finish the game with a 74-72 win.

# Lady Hawks come up big in must win game against Frank Phillips

By JORDAN PARR

Sports Editor

BIG SPRING – The Lady Hawks entered Thursday night's home contest against Frank Phillips with a 5-6 conference record and in a must win scenario to keep their playoff hopes alive. With tough defense and good shooting, Howard College fought and scrapped their way to a 65-51 victory over the Lady Plainsmen and kept their post season ambitions alive. The Lady Hawks showed a lot of heart and a lot of toughness to be able to perform the way they did under that type of pressure and with that much on the line. To add to that pressure this was the Lady Hawks last game at home this season, as they celebrated homecoming and honored their sophomores.

In the first quarter, the Lady Hawks came out firing and went on an early 8-0 run. Howard College got their hot start with great outside shooting coming off spectacular ball movement to start the game. The Lady Hawks were dominant on the offensive glass in the first quarter, a trend that would continue throughout the game, and be a key factor in the Howard College victory. Frank Phillips did answer the early spurt by the Lady Hawks with a 5-0 run of their own before Howard College settled back in and started playing the lock down defense they are known for. The second chance opportunities for the Lady Hawks continued to add up and Howard College took a decisive 15-5 lead with just 2:30 left in the first quarter. The Lady Plainsmen did find their composure and cut the lead back to 17-10 as they headed into the second period.

In the second quarter, Howard College continued their dominance on the offensive glass and pushed the lead back up to 10 at 20-10. Frank Phillips' Jazmin Rios was one of the lone bright spot for the Lady Plainsmen. Rios's great shooting from beyond the arc kept Frank Phillips in the game despite being outplayed at both ends of the court by the Lady Hawks. With just 4 minutes left in the half, Howard College went cold and opened the door for the Lady Plainsmen to cut into their

lead. With their outside shooting really coming up big for them, Frank Phillips was able to reduce the Lady Hawks lead to just 1 point at 31-30 with 1 at 42-37 with 5 minutes left in the third quarter. Corbyn Cunningham put and end to the run but the damage was already done as the Lady Hawks lead was reduced to just 2 points at 34-32 heading into the half.

Coming out of the break, both teams played great defense and traded off threes to keep the gap at 2 points. The Lady Hawks finally got their offensive rhythm again and were able to extend their lead to 5 at 42-37 with 5 minutes left in the third quarter. With that, both teams defenses really locked down and neither teamed scored for the next 3 minutes of play. Rios finally broke the scoreless streak with another deep three for the Lady Plainsmen to cut the Lady Hawks lead to just 2 points. Still leading by 2 with just a minute left in the third, Rios struck again. This time with a 2 pointer to tie the game at 42-42. With just 24 seconds on the clock, Howard College was held scoreless in the last 5 minutes of the third quarter to open the door for Frank Phillips heading into the final period.

In the fourth quarter, the Lady Plainsmen took an early lead but Cunningham answered and tied the game again at 44 all. Corbyn continued to dominate on the offensive glass and gave the Lady Hawks their only offense since midway through the third quarter to retake the lead 49-45 with 7:24 to play. Howard College finally got a buck from someone not named Cunningham when Makayla Thomas hit a three to go up 54-45 and extend the Lady Hawks scoring run to 11-0. Cunningham continued to play well in her last home game, and helped maintain Howard College's 9 point lead in the final period. The Lady Hawks went up 61-47 with 2 minutes left in the game when the Frank Phillip coach was hit with a technical foul to give Howard College a 63-49 lead after the free throws. The Lady Hawks really played well on both ends of the floor in the final period to put the game away and move to 6-6 in conference play to keep their playoff hopes alive.

See **LADY HAWKS**, Page 13



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Howard College's Corbyn Cunningham takes a short jump shot during the Lady Hawk's 65-51 win over Frank Phillips College on Thursday, Feb. 14.

# Lady Steers Send Off!

HERALD photo/Jordan Parr

Congratulations to the Lady Steers for their Bi-District win! Their next game will be tonight at Clyde High School. There will be a community send off for the Lady Steers by the Junior High School gyms at 2:15 today. The Lady Steers will be headed to Clyde where they will be playing for the Region 1 Class 4A Area Championship vs Decatur 6 p.m. looking for their next win. Hope to see you all there!





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### Public Notice

#### NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR INJECTION WELL PERMIT

Sheridan Production Company, LLC, 1360 Post Oak Blvd., Suite 2500, Houston, Texas 77056 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to dispose fluid into a formation which is productive of oil and gas.

The applicant proposes to dispose of fluid into the San Andres, Glorieta, Clearfork and Sprayberry formations in the MITTIE WALTERS lease well #5W. The well is located 5 miles West from Big Spring, TX in the Buckwheat (Siluro-Devonian) field in Howard County. Fluid will be disposed into the strata in the subsurface depth interval from 3900' to 7085'.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil & Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Request for public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil & Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P. O. Box 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, TX 78711-2967 (Telephone: (512) 463-6792).

#10104 Feb. 15, 2019

#### CITY OF BIG SPRING PUBLIC NOTICE

On Wednesday, February 27, 2019 at 5:30 PM, the Zoning Board of Adjustments of the City of Big Spring, Texas will hold a meeting in the City Council Chambers, located at 307 E. 4th St., to consider the following:

Douglas Lykken, 1206 Pennsylvania, Lt 23, Bk 12, North Parkhill Addition is requesting a variance to the City of Big Spring Zoning Ordinance, Article 4, Section 4-1, Appendix (C) and Article 4, Section 4-6, Appendix (A) which regulates the front yard setback as twenty-five feet (25') for Single Family Dwelling (SF-2). The applicant is requesting a five foot (5') encroachment into the required front yard setback, resulting in a front yard setback of twenty feet (20'), for a front

### Public Notice

yard carport.

John Scott, 1404 Scurry St., N/2 Lt 11 & Lt 12 Bk 11, McDowell Heights Addition is requesting a variance to the City of Big Spring Zoning Ordinance, Article 4, Section 4-1, Appendix (C) which regulates the front yard setback as twenty-five feet (25') and the rear yard setback as ten feet (10') for Retail (R). The applicant is requesting an encroachment of twenty-five feet (25') into the required front yard setback and five feet (5') into the required rear yard setback. These result in a front yard setback of zero feet (0') and a rear yard setback of five feet (5'), for a microbrewery.

#10103 Feb. 14 & 15, 2019

#### RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS

**OIL AND GAS DIVISION**  
DISTRICT 08 Rule 37 Case No. 0317668  
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Jan 30, 2019  
Status/Permit No. 848519  
NOTICE OF PROTEST  
DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Mar 6, 2019  
Address: Railroad Commission of Texas  
ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit  
P. O. Box 12967  
Austin, Texas 78711-2967  
Fax: (512) 463-6780  
Email: [SWR37@RRC.TEXAS.GOV](mailto:SWR37@RRC.TEXAS.GOV)

#### NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the CALLON PETROLEUM OPERATING CO, [RRC Operator No. 124828] has made application for a spacing exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.37). Applicant seeks exception to the lease line distance requirement because the Applicant is less than the required Rule 37 lease line distance to an unleased or non-pooled interest within the subject unit for the AMENDED NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 33, Bk. 33 , T&P RR CO Survey, A-350, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) Field, HOWARD County, being 18.63 miles NW direction from BIG SPRING, Texas.

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted **WITHOUT A HEARING** if no protest to the application is received within the deadline. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protest should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission's Docket Services Department at (512)463-6848.

If you have questions which are specific to the Application or the information set forth in this Notice, please contact the Commission's Drilling Permit Unit at rule 37 (512)463-6751.

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**PROTEST MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE RAILROAD COMMISSION'S AUSTIN OFFICE AT THE ADDRESS, FAX NUMBER, OR E-MAIL ADDRESS SET OUT ABOVE BY Mar 6, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. IF NO PROTEST IS RECEIVED WITHIN SUCH TIME, YOU WILL LOSE YOUR RIGHT TO PROTEST AND THE REQUESTED PERMIT MAY BE GRANTED ADMINISTRATIVELY.**

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The location and identity of the well is as shown below:  
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Wellbore Profile(s) : Horizontal  
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Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:  
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This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 8500 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, Ryan Emery, at (281)5895200.

#10088 Feb. 1, 8, 15, & 22, 2019

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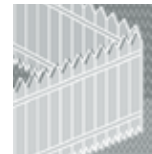
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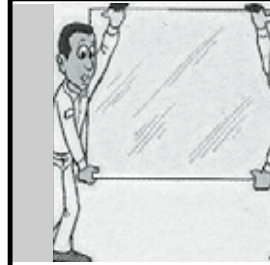
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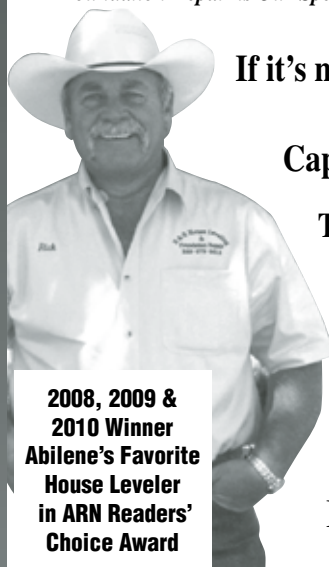
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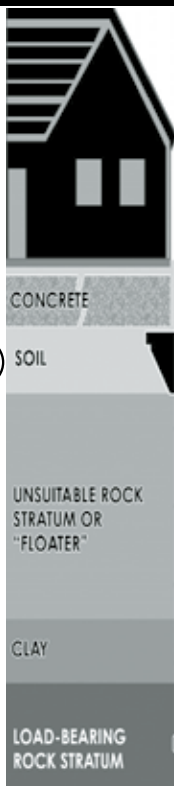
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Thoughts on the Cancer Moon

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** You don't just ride the trends; you take the time to study and understand them. And you have what it takes to start a trend yourself. You're more influential than you think.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** You're currently unable to see how you've erected a barrier to your own success, which is not a problem unique to you. It's a human thing. The view of an outsider will be invaluable to getting a clear sightline and a new plan.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** Thoughts are mysterious. Some start inside you, some come from the environment or the ether, all get vetted through your belief system. Though most can

be disregarded, at least one today should be cherished, nurtured and planted.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** You really do have something to add to the conversation, but you'll probably hesitate, knowing that people just don't often listen to advice. Is there a way to show them instead?

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** As for that corner of chaos in your life, can you make a game out of it? Turn it into a sport and suddenly the untamable energy organizes itself into an order and maybe even becomes fun.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** Talking about a thing is one way to sort it out, but not always the best way. Consider that communication is happening on many levels; verbal may be the least of it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).

Your great talents will be improved upon by the challenges you put them through. Your lesser abilities need more care, nurturing and protection. To have stamina in this game, you must know your strengths and limits.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** You don't have to

By HOLIDAY MATHIS



reinvent yourself to totally change yourself. Adding one habit is all it will take. Of course, adding habits isn't easy, though it can be simple if you keep it small and make it compelling to repeat.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** Be careful not to see things as rules that aren't really. Preferences,

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**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** You can afford to be experimental in your approach to things, especially old and firmly established things. If your idea doesn't play, at least it makes the day more notable. And if it does play, it's beneficially so.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** You'll run into those who stubbornly persist, beyond all common sense, with what's not working. The heels will only dig in further when challenged. Try walking away. Sometimes the best help is to stay out of it.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** The thing that's not

working for you isn't working for anyone. It's just that you're the one brave enough to point it out. When one small thing about a relationship changes, other adjustments happen to create a bigger effect.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Feb. 15).** You won't so much solve the problems as you will incorporate them and make them work for you in the next chapter. By May, you'll already be crediting the trouble for making you great and helping you grow through overcoming, build over barriers and recognize vividly who you already are, flaws and all. Libra and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 39, 10, 6, 4 and 16.

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Annie's Mailbox

Stuff, Stuff and More Stuff

Dear Annie: Can hoarding be cured? If not, I've reached the end of my rope. My dear wife of more than 30 years, who does not work outside the home, has filled up our attic, two rented storage spaces and one bedroom with so much useless stuff that you cannot walk into any of them. Our own bedroom has stacks of papers, books and clothes all around. And now she has started to fill yet another bedroom with stuff. She shops every day -- online and on TV in the morning and then in stores in the afternoon. I don't even want to think about how much money she has spent on all this stuff. And she won't give away or throw away anything. I can't handle it any longer. The clutter is unbearable. When I ask her how we could reduce it, she shrieks back at me with excuses about how she has had such a hard day and she can't deal with it because of other things she is thinking about or doing. She literally yells at me. So it comes to this. If there is any way to help her and help us get back to a normal household without piles of junk and two rented storerooms, then I want to give our marriage a shot. But if experts say hoarding is incurable, then I'm done with this marriage. If her shopping and her stuff are more important than I am, then I'm done with the marriage. -- Husband of a Hoarder

Dear Husband of a Hoarder: In short, the answer to your question is yes, hoarding can be "cured" -- or at least reduced -- but it is going to take some effort on your part, as well. Your wife's hoarding is less about the accumulation of things and more about an emotional meaning that they give her.

Before you throw in the towel and say goodbye to your "dear wife" (that wording leads me to believe that you do care deeply about her), there are some clear action steps you can take. Try to help her focus on the underlying needs that are not being met and leading her to hoard. You might be surprised at how you can help her fill some of those needs. Tell her that though you are annoyed with the hoarding, there is so much more to her than this one hurdle she has to cross. Build up her self-esteem. You feel that her shopping and stuff are more important than you, while the reality is that she feels a void within herself that she is trying to fill with stuff -- a void that can be filled, at least partially, with your love and support. Try to encourage small victories. Perhaps she cleans out one closet. Really praise her for that. In addition, try to give your wife a feeling of control. Ask her how you could help in the decluttering process as a partner. The last and probably most important point is to seek professional help together. Your wife is not alone in this. Therapy has been known to really help marriages in which hoarding is an issue. You could also try reading a book by Marie Kondo, "The Life-Changing Magic of Tidying Up: The Japanese Art of Decluttering and Organizing." Sometimes, focusing on the benefits of fixing a problem serves as great motivation to take the steps necessary to solve the problem. In other words, living in a clean, uncluttered house improves people's overall joy and happiness.

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1♠ Pass 2NT Pass

2.  
South West North East  
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2♥ Pass 3♦ Pass  
3NT Pass 4♦ Pass

3.  
North East South West  
1♦ Pass 2NT Pass  
3♦ Pass Pass

4.  
West North East South  
Pass 1♠ 4♥ 5♠

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1. Impossible. In standard bidding methods, any jump-bid by a responder is forcing to game (unless responder passed at his first opportunity to bid). South is therefore required to bid again in the given sequence. North's two-trump bid shows 13 to 15 points, though he may occasionally have only 12. The same general principle would apply if North's last bid were three clubs, three hearts or three spades instead of two notrump. Of course, a partnership could easily agree — as many nowadays have — that jump-bids by responder on the second round are merely invitational rather than forcing, indicating a hand that is not quite good enough to force to game. In that case, passing two notrump in the given sequence would be permissible, but this is entirely a matter for partnership discussion.

2. Impossible. The initial two-diamond response by North (a jump-shift) shows at least 17 points and is 100 percent forcing to game. Consequently, South is not permitted to pass four diamonds. North is presumably bidding his time, waiting to hear South's reaction to four diamonds before making a final decision on just how far to go.

3. Impossible. The two-notrump response showed 13 to 15 points and committed the partnership to game. South must therefore bid again over three diamonds.

4. Possible. The generally accepted meaning of the five-spade bid in this sequence is that South has a slam-going hand that depends entirely on not losing the first two tricks in the suit the opponents have bid. Thus, South may have a hand such as ♠KQ842♥95♦—♣AKJ983. North should pass with two immediate heart losers; bid six spades with second-round control of hearts (K-x or a singleton); and cuebid six hearts (or bid a grand slam) with first-round control (the ace or a void) in hearts.

Tomorrow: With a little bit of luck.  
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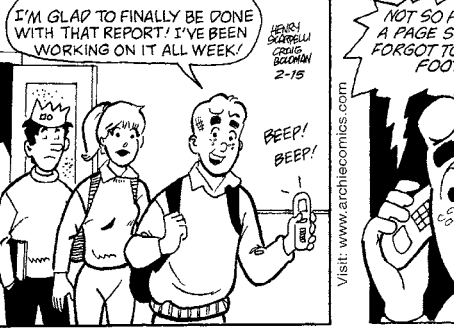
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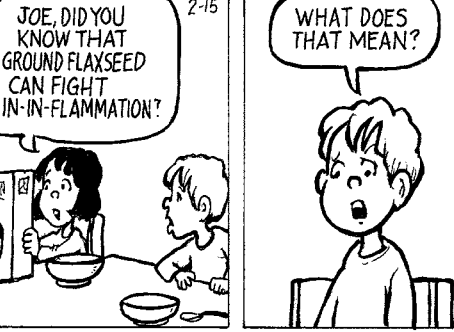
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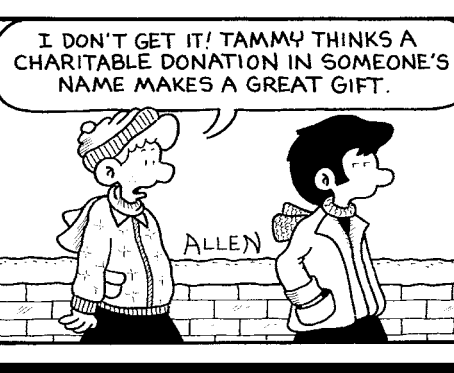
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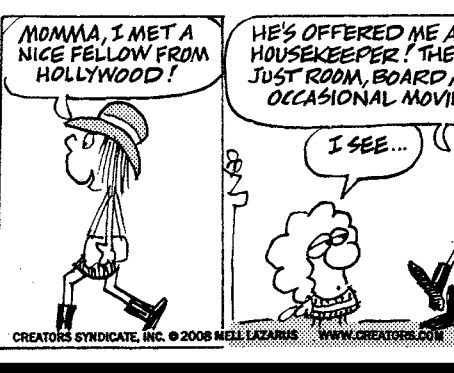
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This Date In History

Today in History  
 Today is Friday, Feb. 15, the 46th day of 2019. There are 319 days left in the year.  
 Today's Highlight in History:  
 On Feb. 15, 1961, 73 people, including an 18-member U.S. figure skating team en route to the World Championships in Czechoslovakia, were killed in the crash of a Sabena Airlines Boeing 707 in Belgium.  
 On this date:  
 In 1564, Italian astronomer Galileo Galilei was born in Pisa.  
 In 1798, a feud between two members of the U.S. House of Representatives (meeting in Philadelphia) boiled over as Roger Griswold of Connecticut used a cane to attack Vermont's Matthew Lyon, who defended himself with a set of tongs. (Griswold was enraged over the House's refusal to expel Lyon for spitting tobacco juice in his face two weeks earlier; after the two men were separated, a motion to expel them both was defeated.)  
 In 1898, the U.S. battleship Maine mysteriously blew up in Havana Harbor, killing more than 260 crew members and bringing the United States closer to war with Spain.  
 In 1933, President-elect Franklin D. Roosevelt escaped an assassination attempt in Miami that mortally wounded Chicago Mayor Anton J. Cermak; gunman Giuseppe Zangara was executed more than four weeks later.  
 In 1952, a funeral was held at Windsor Castle for Britain's King George VI, who had died nine days earlier.  
 In 1953, Tenley Albright, 17, became the first American woman to win the world figure skating championship, which was held in Davos, Switzerland.  
 In 1965, Canada's new maple-leaf flag, which replaced the "Red Ensign" design, was unfurled in ceremonies in Ottawa. Singer Nat King Cole, 45, died in Santa Monica, California.  
 In 1989, the Soviet Union announced that the last of its troops had left Afghanistan, after more than nine years of military intervention.  
 In 1992, a Milwaukee jury found that Jeffrey Dahmer was sane when he killed and mutilated 15 men and boys. (The decision meant that Dahmer, who had already pleaded guilty to the murders, would receive a mandatory life sentence for each count; Dahmer was beaten to death in prison in 1994.)  
 In 2002, a private funeral was held at Windsor Castle for Britain's Princess Margaret, who had died six days earlier at age 71.  
 In 2004, Dale Earnhardt Jr. won the Daytona 500 on the same track where his father was killed three years earlier.  
 In 2006, Vice President Dick Cheney accepted blame for acci-

dentally shooting a hunting companion, calling it "one of the worst days of my life," but was defiantly unapologetic in a Fox News Channel interview about not publicly disclosing the incident until the next day.  
 Ten years ago: President Hugo Chavez (OO'-goh CHAH'-vez) of Venezuela won a referendum to eliminate term limits, paving the way for him to run again in 2012. The Western Conference beat the East 146-119 in the NBA All-Star game. Matt Kenseth won the rain-shortened Daytona 500.  
 Five years ago: President Barack Obama signed measures lifting the federal debt limit and restoring benefits that had been cut for younger military retirees. Michael Dunn was convicted in Jacksonville, Florida, of attempted murder for shooting into a carful of teenagers after an argument over loud music, but jurors deadlocked on the charge of first-degree murder in the death of 17-year-old Jordan Davis. (Dunn was found guilty of first-degree murder in a second trial and sentenced to life in prison without parole.) Baltimore Ravens running back Ray Rice was caught on security video punching his then-fiancee (now wife) Janay Palmer inside a casino elevator in Atlantic City, New Jersey. (Rice was charged with assault; he entered an intervention program to have the charges dropped. He has not played again in the NFL.) At the Sochi Olympics, the U.S. hockey team won a shootout to defeat Russia 3-2 in the marquee game of the preliminary round.  
 One year ago: The last of the bodies of the 17 victims of a school shooting in Florida were removed from the building after authorities analyzed the crime scene; 13 wounded survivors were still hospitalized. In response to the Florida school shooting, President Donald Trump, in an address to the nation, promised to "tackle the difficult issue of mental health," but avoided any mention of guns. Nikolas Cruz, the suspect in the shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School, was ordered held without bond at a brief court hearing. Chicago Cubs star Anthony Rizzo left spring training in Arizona for his home in Parkland, Florida, to offer support in the wake of the deadly shooting at his former high school. American Mikaela Shiffrin used a hard-charging final run to win the women's giant slalom at the Winter Olympics in South Korea.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Claire Bloom is 88. Author Susan Brownmiller is 84. Songwriter Brian Holland is 78. Rock musician Mick Avory (The Kinks) is 75. Jazz musician Henry Threadgill is 75. Actress-model Marisa Berenson is 72. Actress Jane Seymour is 68. Singer Melissa Manchester is 68. Actress Lynn Whitfield is 66. "Simpsons" creator Matt Groening (GREE'-ning) is 65. Model Janice Dickinson is 64. Actor

Christopher McDonald is 64. Reggae singer Ali Campbell is 60. Actor Joseph R. Gannascoli is 60. Musician Mikey Craig (Culture Club) is 59. College and Pro Football Hall of Famer Darrell Green is 59. Actor-comedian Steven Michael Quezada is 56. Country singer Michael Reynolds (Pinmonkey) is 55. Actor Michael Easton is 52. Latin singer Gloria Trevi is 51. Rock musician Stevie Benton (Drowning Pool) is 48. Actress Alex Borstein is 48.

Actress Renee O'Connor is 48. Actress Sarah Wynter is 46. Olympic gold medal swimmer Amy Van Dyken-Rouen is 46. Actress-director Miranda July is 45. Rock singer Brandon Boyd (Incubus) is 43. Rock musician Ronnie Vannucci (The Killers) is 43. Rock singer/guitarist Adam Granduciel (The War on Drugs) is 40. Singer-songwriter-musician Conor Oberst (Bright Eyes) is 39. Actress Ashley Lyn Cafagna is 36. Blues-rock musi-

cian Gary Clark Jr. is 35. Actress Natalie Morales is 34. Actress Amber Riley is 33. Actor Zach Gordon is 21.  
 Thought for Today: "Fools act on imagination without knowledge, pedants act on knowledge without imagination." — Alfred North Whitehead, English philosopher (born this date in 1861, died 1947).

Newsday Crossword

- ACROSS
- 1 Bombards with a "Bzzzzt!"
  - 5 Plymouth proxy suitor
  - 10 Formal agreement
  - 14 Case for makeup pencils
  - 15 Cohen's Kazakh character
  - 16 Supposed "superfruit"
  - 17 Baloney, baloney, baloney
  - 20 Bow (out)
  - 21 Roma's Fontana di \_\_\_
  - 22 Perfectionist's concern
  - 23 Some microwaves, shortly
  - 24 Food server's encouragement
  - 26 It means "elevation"
  - 29 Chekhov sister
  - 30 Cook's encouragement
  - 33 Eagle abode
  - 36 Bullying type
  - 39 Baloney, baloney, baloney
  - 41 Zing
  - 42 Stick-y summer treat
  - 43 Avenue \_\_\_ Champs-Élysées
  - 44 Unruly hair
  - 46 "America the Beautiful" pronoun
  - 47 Hostile opposition
  - 49 Revolutionary nickname
  - 51 Savory taste
  - 54 Ghana's capital

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DOWN

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- 12 Superhero accessory
- 13 Section of seats
- 18 Foe of the Navajo
- 19 Inordinately
- 23 Make it big
- 25 Congest
- 26 Was sore
- 27 Manufactured knockoff
- 28 Solemn observances
- 29 "How exciting!"
- 30 Son of Cain
- 31 Theater path
- 32 Sound of amusement
- 34 Fruit from Turkey
- 35 "I'm all ears!"
- 37 Summer get-together?
- 38 Have \_\_\_ (nosh)
- 40 Decisive blows
- 45 Certain Cornhusker
- 47 Fiery fleck
- 48 Nothing
- 49 Aegean isle
- 50 Pitchfork fodder
- 51 Ride arranged with an app
- 52 Like bucks
- 53 Swedish supergroup
- 55 Phone-cord shape
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- 60 When an EMT is expected
- 61 Prohibition

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# Former Big Spring Athletic Director Mitch McLemore to be Petrolia's next head football coach

**Zach Duncan**

Wichita Falls Times Record News

Mitch McLemore said he stopped caring about his win-loss record years ago.

The Archer City native who won two state titles as an assistant at Stamford took on a struggling Big Spring program that was mired in a double-digit losing streak prior to the 2017 season.

Even though his first season resulted in zero wins, McLemore made progress this past fall, snapping a 26-game slide and leading the Steers to a 3-9 record and first playoff win in four years.

Now McLemore will be given the opportunity to perform the same turnaround at Petrolia after he accepted the athletic director/head football coach position that was previously held by Jesse House.

Petrolia Superintendent David Hedges said McLemore would be brought forward to a specially called board meeting set for 6 p.m. next Wednesday to make it official. "I'm really excited and I've been doing this 28 years. I see massive potential," McLemore said Wednesday afternoon. "I just think it can be a wonderful place to be, and I hope I can be a small part of helping everyone get where they want to be."

"I want to win. I'm as competitive as anybody. But I want to see young men and women exhibit the kind of character that the community loves and people respect. That's what matters to me."

McLemore was one of 53 applicants for the position that opened when House resigned after the Pirates were unable to finish the 2018 season. Four coaches interviewed Monday in front of a 13-person committee that included administrators and community members. "We're excited that he's coming," Hedges said. "It was a unanimous decision and I think he's going to be a great fit."



HERALD file photo

**Former Steers Athletic Director Mitch McLemore, will be the new athletic director for Petrolia High School.**

Although Petrolia struggled with numbers recently – calling off the final two games with Santo and Windthorst and lost the final 12 games of House's tenure – McLemore knows there is potential. The

Pirates had qualified for the postseason the previous two years under House and Byron Gravitt.

He told three kids that he ran into on campus Monday that there's going to be a group of Pirates who will set the foundation for a turnaround "and it might as well be y'all." There's a lot of room for improvement as Petrolia was outscored 383-103 in its eight losses. "I think there's some amazing young women and men there. One thing, they'll be hungry," McLemore said. "That excites me because I know I am. I'm going to try to put together a staff that's hungry to help kids and create some energy and excitement."

McLemore has a 21-36 career coaching record that includes an 18-17 record in three years at Junction (2014-16) and the last two at Big Spring. After an 0-10 debut in 2017, the Steers were more competitive in his second season, finishing with a 3-9 record.

But McLemore, who said he felt like Big Spring was a four-year rebuilding task, was reassigned in late November in a move that surprised many coaches from around the region.

Before becoming a head coach, McLemore also served as an assistant on two state title-winning Stamford teams in 2012 and 2013. That was the last of a 13-year stretch as the defensive coordinator working alongside coach Wayne Hutchinson – five years at Knox City and eight at Stamford.

Making the Petrolia job more enticing is that it's only about 50 miles from he and his wife Kim's hometown of Archer City where he graduated in 1984. Most of their family still live in the area.

"All our family is there, and we tried to be faithful to what God wants us to do," McLemore said. "In this case, it's exactly where He wants us to go and we're very grateful to get the opportunity to do this."

# No. 9 Houston beats UConn 71-63 for 9th straight victory.

**By PAT EATON-ROBB**

AP Sports Writer

HARTFORD, Conn. — Houston guard DeJon Jarreau believes he's gotten his basketball career back on track and expects to be a factor as the Cougars make a run at a conference title and perhaps something bigger.

The sophomore transfer from Massachusetts had 18 points and seven assists to help No. 9 Houston beat UConn 71-63 on Thursday night for its ninth straight victory.

Armoni Brooks added 12 points for the Cougars (24-1, 11-1 American Athletic Conference). They opened the second half with a 17-4 run to take control.

Jarraeu had to sit out last season as a transfer and to get his academics in order at a junior college. He missed seven games early this season after the deaths of his grandmother and a cousin, a finger injury and a disciplinary issue.

He followed a 16-point game against Cincinnati on Sunday by hitting six of his 10 shots against the Huskies.

"Missing a lot of time last year and at the beginning of the season really messed me up," he said. "But everybody kept encouraging me, telling me to keep my head up. Just add me as another playmaker alongside all of

our guards and I think we can make a deep run,"

Christian Vital had 15 points for UConn (13-12, 4-8). The Huskies have lost three straight since a knee injury took out scoring leader Jalen Adams.

Houston led 32-29 after 20 minutes. It was 49-33 after a 3-pointer from Brooks capped the Cougars big run, and Jarreau's driving layup gave Houston a 17-point lead with just over 7 1/2 minutes to go.

"We just weren't ready for the way they were going to bring it, both ends of the court there," UConn coach Dan Hurley said.

UConn cut it to 61-55 after a 3-pointer by Sidney Wilson and a free throw from Christian Vital.

But another driving layup by Jarreau, followed by a steal and two foul shots from Cedrick Alley Jr. brought the lead back to double digits.

"Probably our most talented kid is Jarreau," Houston coach Kelvin Sampson said. "He's still not there yet. I see him in practice every day do some things that he hasn't quite let himself do in games."

The Huskies failed to capitalize on 21 Houston fouls, going 14 of 25 from the line.

**BIG PICTURE**

UConn: The Huskies played without

two stars. Junior point guard Altrique Gilbert missed his fifth straight game since suffering the latest in a series of injuries to his left shoulder. Adams has what may turn out to be a season-ending knee injury. The Huskies are 1-4 since Gilbert's injury.

Houston: The Cougars' bench, led by Jarreau, outscored UConn's 42-9. Chris Harris Jr., Cedrick Alley Jr. and Brison Gresham were a combined 9 for 9 from the floor.

"We're deep," said Sampson. "We have 10 guys that all can play."

**MISSED CALL**

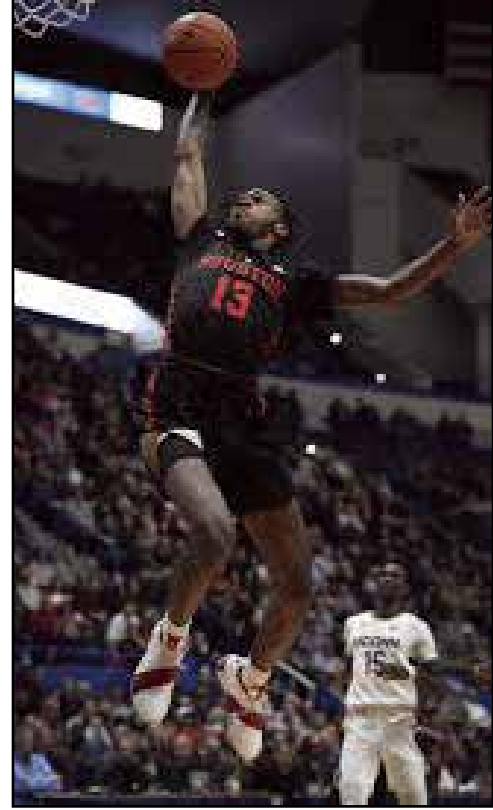
UConn had a chance on a fast-break to cut the Houston lead to six points after Wilson's 3-pointer with just under three minutes to play, but the referee Gerry Pollard blew the play dead, believing Houston had committed a shot-clock violation, even though there was still one second showing on that clock.

"That's a terrible rule though," Sampson said. "Even if it was zero on the clock and the horn went off, they should just continue to play. Because that's a penalty to the offensive team."

**POLL IMPLICATIONS**

Houston hasn't dominated anyone since a 44-point win over East Carolina on Jan. 23, but with five straight road wins and Sunday's victory over Cincinnati they are making a statement to voters.

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AP photo

**Houston's DeJon Jarreau goes up to dunk during the second half of an NCAA college basketball game against Connecticut, Thursday, Feb. 14, 2019, in Hartford, Conn.**

## LADY HAWKS

Continued from Page 7

Corbyn Cunningham had an outstanding game in her last appearance at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum with 20 points, 17 rebounds, 5 assists and 2 blocks in the game. Quanasia McDaniels added 13 points while Adyson Mosely chipped in 11 in the big win. The Lady Hawks out rebounded Frank Phillips 43 to 27 in the game for what was most likely the difference making stat in the win.

Howard College will travel to Odessa College on Monday to play in another must win conference game.

## HAWKS

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Reed went to the line for the Hawks with a chance to make it a three point game, but was only able to convert 1 of 2 from the charity stripe to give the Plainsmen hope, trailing 74-72 with 6 seconds on the clock. Frank Phillips inbounded the ball and put up a desperation shot but it fell short and Howard College got the much needed win in cardiac fashion.

Four Hawks were in double figures for the game. Eric Reed Jr. led Howard College in scoring with 18 points, followed by Matt Johnson and Jake Heese who each had 14. Garrick Green added another 12 points while Mike Harden Jr. chipped in 10. Heese was a real key in the win with all 14 of his points coming in the second half and more importantly coming in big moments in the game. His play really turned momentum in the Hawks favor on multiple occasion and gave Howard College a spark coming off the bench. Garrick Green didn't have his best day shooting the ball but his team leading 10 rebounds

to go along with his 12 points really made the difference on the defensive end of the court with the Hawks limiting the Plainsmen to just 5 second chance points in the game.

Howard College will head to Odessa College on Monday to once again try to keep their playoff hopes alive in a big time conference rivalry game. We hope to see all the Hawks faithful their to cheer on our team.



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# Twins reach 5-year deals with Kepler, Polanco

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — The Minnesota Twins have locked up a pair of young position players for the long term by agreeing to five-year contracts with right fielder Max Kepler and shortstop Jorge Polanco.

The contracts were announced Friday, a day after they were reached as pitchers and catchers went through their first workout in Fort Myers, Florida.

Kepler's contract is worth \$35 million and includes an option that could increase its value to at least \$44 million over six years. Polanco's deal is valued at \$25.75 million, has two options that could make it worth at least \$47.25 million for seven seasons.

Kepler, who turned 26 on Sunday, had agreed last month to a \$3,125,000 salary for 2019 in his first year of arbitration eligibility. Entering his fourth full season as a regular in the lineup, Kepler won the team's defensive player of the year award in 2018. He never found a rhythm at the plate, batting a career-low .224, but he set his major league career high with 20 home runs.

Raised in Berlin and signed by the Twins as a 16-year-old, Kepler has long been considered a late bloomer by the organization who has only scratched the surface of his potential because of his roots in Germany where baseball is mostly an afterthought.

With this contract, the Twins could buy out his first three years of eligi-

bility for free agency. With so many unsigned stars still on the market around MLB, the Twins have expressed caution toward such commitments with their not-there-yet status. So chief baseball officer Derek Falvey and general manager Thad Levine turned inward to begin assembling a core of what they're targeting as a future contender.

Kepler and Polanco will now be the only players on the books for 2020 and beyond. Designated hitter Nelson Cruz and starting pitcher Martin Perez have club options for next season, but they can be bought out.

Polanco, who will turn 26 in July, wasn't going to be eligible for arbitration until next year. Entering his third season as a regular, Polanco batted a career-best .288 last year in 302 at-bats after serving an 80-game suspension for testing positive for a performance-enhancing drug.

One of the team's top prospects, Royce Lewis, is a shortstop who was drafted out of high school with the first overall pick in 2017, so Polanco could always find himself at a different position near the end of this deal. Another recent first-round pick, Nick Gordon, was selected fifth overall in 2014 as a shortstop out of high school. He has already begun to play some second base, having finished last year with Triple-A Rochester.

Polanco's deal calls for \$3,958,333 in each of the next two seasons,



AP Photo/Gerald Herbert

**A Rawlings glove sits on the field, as pitchers and catchers report for their first workout at their spring training baseball facility in Ft. Myers, Fla., Thursday, Feb. 14.**

\$4,333,333 in 2021, \$5 million in 2022 and \$7.5 million in 2023. Minnesota has a \$10.5 million option for 2024 with a \$1 million buyout, and the option would become guaranteed if he has 550 plate appearances in 2023 and Polanco is found to be healthy. If the 2024 option is exercised, the Twins can exercise a \$12 million option for 2025 that has a \$750,000 buyout.

Base salaries in both option years would increase by \$500,000 each for All-Star selection or winning a Gold

Glove or Silver Slugger in each of the previous two seasons, with a \$1 million maximum increase. He also can earn award bonuses annually for All-Star selection, finishing among the top six in MVP voting, or winning a Gold Glove, Silver Slugger, the World Series MVP or the League Championship Series MVP.

Kepler's new deal calls for \$6 million this year, \$6.25 million in 2020, \$6.5 million in 2021, \$6.75 million in 2022 and \$8.5 million in 2023. Minnesota has a \$10 million option for 2024 with a \$1 million buyout, and the option price would increase by \$500,000 each for All-Star selection or winning a Gold Glove or Silver Slugger during 2022 and '23, also with a \$1 million maximum increase. He has a similar awards package to Polanco's, and he gets a suite on road trips in 2023 and '24.



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