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# HERALD

**BIG SPRING**

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## Four file for Big Spring Mayor election



Mathis      Scott      Wegman      Thomason

**By ROGER CLINE**  
 Staff Writer

Last Friday's deadline has passed, and the candidates are now locked in: Four people have filed to run for Big Spring mayor.

This will be the first in a series of stories about local election filers; upcoming stories will discuss filers for Big Spring City Council District 5, Coahoma and Forsan city positions, and filers for local school board seats.

In the Big Spring mayor's race, incumbent Larry McLellan won't run this time, having completed his statutory term limit. Candidates for the mayor's role include David Mathis, Anna Scott, Debbie Wegman and Shannon Thomason.

"I'm over 18, I'm registered to vote, I've lived in the city for over six years. According to the city charter, I'm qualified," he said. "I spent five years as a representative and treasurer for a 501(c)(3). I am currently a treasurer for a separate 501(c)(3). Right now, I'm involved with the Big Spring Centennial Lions Club. Previously, I was involved in the Caven Employees Benevolence Association. I'm 35 years old and I have got four kids. I am not originally from Big Spring. I'm originally from a town very much like Big Spring in East Texas. So I grew up in a small town and I'm raising my family in a small town."

Property taxes is an important issue for Mathis. "It seems like the biggest issue most people have is their property taxes," he said. "If there is something the city can do to alleviate some of their qualms about that, maybe if we could explain it a little bit better. I don't know that we could, realistically. I think that just might be a complaint we deal with for the duration."

Mathis said he would like the opportunity to give back to the local community.

"I have spent my life in service to others, and so, honestly, I want to give little bit more of myself to my community, so I threw my hat in the ring," he

said. "If given the opportunity I would like to listen and hear the people of Big Spring, and offer any help I can."

Scott served as a summer intern for U.S. Representative Randy Neugebauer in 2013.

"I studied at Texas Christian University in Ft. Worth for four and a half years," she said. "I have a BBA in accounting, and then a BA in writing. I have studied abroad in London, where I worked for a literary agent. I would commute to work every day, so I was able to see how London manages so many people in its city. I worked at Green and Fillingim (Big Spring accounting firm) for the beginning of the 2018 tax season."

With her family, Scott will be opening a microbrewery, brewing and serving craft beer, in Big Spring.

"I have been to quite a few council meetings working through the zoning for the brewery, so I do have experience with that," she said. "And we're gonna be opening a brewery at 14th and Scurry, so I'm going to be part of the community for the next few years."

Scott said she first became interested in the mayor's job when Big Spring's current mayor, Larry McLellan, was elected.

"I joked about it when I was going to college, and I saw that Larry was running, and I knew Larry threw my parents. I said, 'I could run for mayor,' but I was going to TCU at the time so there was no practical way," she said. "After going through all these city council meetings for the brewery, it really opened my eyes that there's a way I can give back to the community and be more involved."

Scott spoke about some of the issues she anticipates facing, should she be elected.

"I have three issues I really want to address in the city," she said. "The first one is, I want to introduce recycling back to the city. I remember when I was younger, we had these gi-

board containers where we could go drop off our cardboard boxes. I would love to reintroduce something similar to what Midland does. I'd like to bring back at least two stations to Big Spring similar to what Midland has in their Midland College parking lot."

Zoning is another issue of interest to Smith.

"I want to update the zoning bylaws," she said. "The person I worked with the most on the brewery was (Big Spring City Planner) Roxanne Johnston. I remember her saying some of the bylaws haven't been updated since the early 1900s. So I want to update that so businesses can come in and set up their businesses as quickly and efficiently as possible."

Finally, the Big Spring's water main is an area of concern for Smith.

"My last point is, I want to update the city's water main instead of just patching it," she said. "It'll

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## County approves bid on District Court HVAC units

**By ROGER CLINE**  
 Staff Writer

The Howard County District Court Building at 312 S. Scurry will be getting some new heating and air conditioning units.

County Commissioners unanimously approved the bid for the four air conditioners – one three ton unit and three two-ton units – at their meeting Wednesday afternoon.

Commissioner Jimmie Long read out the bids and announced that Midland's J&L Heating and Air Conditioning had the low bid with \$23,170 for the four units. The bid was

significantly less than the other three bids, which ranged from \$29,943 up to \$51,316.32.

J&L has provided air conditioning service for the county in the past, and the commissioners commented that their work has always been satisfactory.

"They're the ones that received the low bid on the Annex Building and the District Court building replacing the compact units that we have up there," Long said. "And we've always had no problems. Zero problems with their installations."

In other business, commissioners approved reassigning the county's indigent health care contract with Scenic Mountain Medical Center to the hospital's new corporate owners, Steward Texas Hospital LLC.

County Welfare Director Joann Valle was at the meeting to request the assignment of the contract.

According to the terms of the reassignment, the contract will

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## Supporting The Life Center



HERALD photo/Anna Gutierrez

Pictured is Dr. David L. Cook, PhD, who was the keynote speaker at the annual The Life Center Lunch and Learn Fundraiser held at the Hotel Settles on Tuesday, Feb. 19. Dr. Cook is a tops sports psychology consultant, speaker, business consultant and best-selling author on the mental advantage. He has worked with hundreds of elite athletes from the NBA, NCAA, PGA, NFL and MLB. The Life Center Big Spring is hoping to expand their location and wants to start providing medical services, like they do at their other locations, which will require the purchase of a sonogram machine. Your donations will help make these missions possible.

**By ANNA GUTIERREZ**  
 Staff Writer

The Life Center held their fourth annual Lunch and Learn Fundraiser on Tuesday, Feb. 19, at the Hotel Settles. According to Tracy Watson, The Life Center-Big Spring Executive Director, they were very pleased with the turn-out as more people than what was planned for attended the event.

Dr. David L. Cook, PhD, was the keynote speaker. In addition to being a speaker, Dr. Cook is a top sports psychology consultant, speaker, business consultant, and best-selling author on the mental advantage. He has worked with hundreds of elite athletes from the NBA, NCAA, PGA, NFL and MLB.

Dr. Cook spoke of his first lesson in sports psychology and how a man named Johnny became his mentor. He explains that sports psychology is how the mind affects us when we perform, and his first lesson in sports psychology came from his mentor Johnny. Johnny became his "dream guardian" and helped make Dr. Cook's dream a reality.

Dr. Cook continues with how God uses dream guardians over and over in the Bible to protect the dreams.

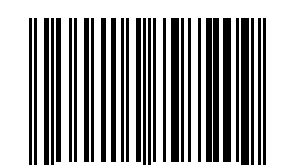
"We need people along-side us and call out those dreams and

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## Obituaries

### Bobbie D. Clark



Bob married Lana Wendeborn on July 25, 1980, and

they moved to Big Spring in 1990. He honorably served his country and state in the United States Air Force. He is survived by his wife Lana Clark; two sons, Mike Clark and wife Bonnie of Midland, Jeff Wendeborn and wife Rachel of Comanche, Brother Don Mitchell of Amarillo; eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his son Johnny Wendeborn. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 23, 2019 at Myers and Smith Chapel with Chaplain Walter McCall officiating. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

### Dylan “DMan” Marquez

Dylan “DMan” Marquez, 20, of Big Spring, died Monday, Feb. 18, 2019.



Dylan was born on June 30, 1998, in Midland, Texas to Maria Teresa Rodri-

Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 22, 2019 at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church. Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial

guez Marquez and Eugene Marquez, Jr. He was a lifetime resident of Big Spring and graduated from Big Spring High School furthering his education at UTSA obtaining his Associates Degree. He was currently working at Tokai Carbon Plant as a shipper. He was a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church.

Dylan is survived by his parents Maria and Eugene Marquez of Big Spring; brothers, Andre Marquez, Jarred Marquez; sister, Erynn Marquez, all of Big Spring; grandparents; great grandmother; aunts and uncles and numerous cousins.

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandfather: Eugene Marquez, Sr.; and great-grandparents.

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

## Police Blotter

- The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:
- CREDIT/DEBIT CARD ABUSE** was reported in the 1600 block of Robin St., and in the 7200 block of N. Service Rd.
- THEFT** was reported in the 9400 block of S. Service Rd. in Coahoma.
- ASSAULT** was reported in the 1600 block of Martin Luther King..
- WELFARE CONCERN** was reported in the 400 block of N. 1st St. in Coahoma.
- DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 3300 block of Cornell Ave.

## Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 13000 block of Gail Hwy. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 500 block of W. 17th St. One person was transport-

ed to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 200 block of Algerita St.. No transport was required.
- MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2500 block of Fairchild. No transport was required.
- MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1500 block of Bluebird. No

transport was required.

- MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 700 block of Highland Dr. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 600 block of Ridgelea Dr. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

## Take Note

• Luncheon benefit for Ka'Rissa Magers Friday, March 1, at Ryan Hall, 605 N. Main St. Ka'Rissa is a member of our community and a mother of four. She lost her home to a fire on Feb. 18, 2019, and is devastated by the loss of her home and having to start over. Thanks to the generosity of members of the community, including NSM and LULAC, we will be selling brisket plates for \$10, which will include beans, potato salad, dessert and a drink. This is a cash and carry event. Pre-orders will be taken and delivery can be arranged in advance. If you would like to donate drinks or desserts for the fundraiser, or if you have household items and clothing, those will also be appreciated. Please call Teresa Walker at 432-213-8135 for any information about the fundraiser or to make a donation. Thank you to everyone who has already donated!

- For more information contact Ray Alexander at 432-212-3533.
- The Big Spring Art Association meets the third Saturday of the month, in the basement of the Howard County Library. Come join us, we would love to have you.
- 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.
- Victim Services is a non-profit independent community-based program serving victims of all violent crime, including, but not limited to, assault, sexual assault and domestic violence. Victim Services advocates are available 24 hours of day, 365 days a year to provide crisis intervention or accompaniment to the hospital and law enforcement agencies as needed. If you can commit to 30-hour training, an interview process and a background check, we

- need you. For more information, call Linda Calvio at 432-263-3312.
- The mission of CASA of West Texas is to promote and support quality volunteers who speak for the best interest of abused and neglected children in court in an effort to find each child a safe, nurturing and permanent home. We need your help. If you're interested in volunteering, contact Sara Basaldua at 1-877-316-8346 or visit [www.BecomeaCASA.org](http://www.BecomeaCASA.org) or [www.casawtx.org](http://www.casawtx.org).
- Maranatha Baptist Academy, 903 Johnson Big Spring, Texas 432-213-1046, Call today for educational needs. In School, High School graduation, Tutoring, homeschool. We are qualified to help you with your child's education, kindergarten through twelfth grade. Come by or give us a call. Open enrollment.
- Scenic Mountain Medical Center Auxiliary is looking for new mem-

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.

## Support Groups

### THURSDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open discussion noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Newcomers' meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.
- Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. Weigh-in is confidential and you don't have to talk if you don't want to. Flexible payment options.
- Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder support group meeting is at 6:30 p.m. at the VA Medical Center Veteran's Healing Center.
- Bring Everyone Into The Zone, or BEITZ Support Group, is a veteran-based peer group. The purpose of the group is to provide peer-to-peer support to service members, veterans and families, especially those suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), traumatic brain injury (TBI), military sexual trauma (MST) and other traumatic events in their lives. BEITZ meets every Thursday at 6 p.m. t 501 Birdwell Lane. For more information, email [francisco.garza@wtcmhmr.org](mailto:francisco.garza@wtcmhmr.org), or call 432-268-3003.
- GriefShare is a Biblical support group that focuses on helping people who are dealing with a loved one's death. Each DVD session features nationally respected grief experts and real-life stories, followed by small group discussion about the topics presented (with workbook support). Meetings are weekly, every Thursday, at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Call Vivian Gordon at 432-466-3583 for more information.

### FRIDAY

- Reformers Unanimous International is a faith-based addictions program helping people find freedom from addiction. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. Fridays at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Enter at the main entrance of the church.
- AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

### SATURDAY

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

### SUNDAY

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

### MONDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous, As Bill Sees it, 615 Settles, 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

### TUESDAY

- Loss of a Spouse is a two hour seminar for people grieving a spouse's death. It will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 26 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Trinity Baptist Church. The cost is \$5. The seminar features a video with practical, encouraging advice from counselors, pastors, and widowed men and women, followed by a small-group sharing time. You'll learn what to expect in the days ahead, how to handle the loneliness, what to do with your spouse's belongings, and how to find the strength to go on. Everyone who attends receives a booklet with over 30 short readings on how to live with grief and eventually rebuild your life. For more information, call Vivian Gordon at 466-3583 or email [vgordon2@suddenlink.net](mailto:vgordon2@suddenlink.net).
- Big Spring and Snyder Parkinson's Support Group meeting at the Big Spring Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month. This is a group for all Parkinson's Disease patients, spouses and caregivers. For more information about the support group or about Parkinson's Disease, contact Jo Bidwell at the Lubbock APDA office at 806-785-0942.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; newcomers meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

# CANDIDATES

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have to be in increments, just because it is going to be such a large ticket item. It's going to cost a lot, so I do want to go through replacing it – not when it breaks, hopefully before it breaks – but I do want to slowly get that in progress. Get that going. I want to make Big Spring approachable for businesses and citizens."

Wegman recently retired from the position of community services director for the city.

"I've been a resident of Big Spring for 45 years, and in all those 45 years, I've been in a number of organizations that have worked for the betterment of Big Spring. I've been in public service all my public life. I've worked for the state of Texas and the city of Big Spring both."

Currently, Wegman is a member of several local organizations including Keep Big Spring Beautiful, where she is a past president; the Amphitheater Improvement Board, where she serves as secretary; the Convention & Visitors Bureau board; the Big Spring Main Street board; Howard County Texas Tech Alumni Association, where she serves as secretary; the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, where she serves as ambassador and has been a member of the Chamber board; the Greater Big Spring Rotary Club, where she is a past president; the Philanthropic Educational Organization; the 1946 Hyperion Club, where she is a past president, and the Heritage Museum board.

In the past, Wegman has served as president of the Texas Plains Trail Board of Directors, president of the Big Spring Woman's Club, a member of the American Business Women's Association and president of the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County. She has also worked as a coach for Youth League Soccer and served on the YMCA Board of Directors.

"I am running for this position because I care

about Big Spring and I want the best for our town and for it's residents," Wegman said, adding that the city should be fiscally responsible, keep taxes at the lowest possible level, maintain and improve infrastructure, and insure Big Spring citizens have quality-of-life opportunities.

"I also want to work on ways to encourage new businesses to locate here," she said. "I also believe that we need to continue to work on our downtown development. So much is happening in our downtown now and we need to make every effort to make sure that continues. I believe it is not only the responsibility of our elected officials, city administration and employees, as well as every citizen of this community to do our part to make our city a better place to live."

Thomason, a sixth-generation Texan, is a pilot with Talon Air Inc. and also works as a freelance pilot and flight instructor. In 2014, he ran unsuccessfully against Drew Darby for the Republican nomination for State Representative in District 72. He's now a member of the Libertarian Party of Texas, serving on the Executive Committee for District 31 since April 2018, and is Precinct 1 Chairman for the Libertarian Party of Howard County.

He graduated from Wellman, Texas, schools and attended South Plains College in Levelland.

Thomason has worked as a grassroots conservative activist in Big Spring and Howard County.

According to his Facebook page "Shannon Thomason for Mayor, Big Spring, Texas," Thomason has:

- Successfully petitioned to have the Mayor of Big Spring recalled
- Successfully petitioned for a tax rollback in Big Spring

• Held the city of Big Spring accountable to Texas Open Government laws by suing the city to overturn action taken during an illegal city council meeting

• Authored amendments to the Big Spring city charter to impose term limits on elected city officials and to add the ability for citizens to have more input in city government

• Successfully petitioned for a place on the ballot for term limits and successfully campaigned to have the Big Spring city charter amended."

"As far as inspiration to run this year, I'd have to say that we as citizens have seen a lot of Quality of Life projects undertaken, but not as many infrastructure and essential services improvements," Thomason said. "I'm not against Quality of Life projects at all, but they do seem pretty foolish when we have streets that are full of potholes and water that most people are afraid to drink. Further, the city seems to be dropping the ball with continuing maintenance on some of the completed projects. As a pilot, my life depends on good preventative maintenance, something that requires a proactive attitude, not a reactive one."

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# COUNTY

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continue as-is; the assignment simply changes the name "Big Spring Hospital Corporation" to "Steward Texas Hospital LLC" on the contract.

"What you're saying is, all this is is a name change?" asked County Judge Kathryn Wiseman. "Everything in the contract remains the same except for the name?" Valle answered that the judge was correct; the contract will remain the same except for changing hands to Steward from the Big Spring Hospital Corporation.

Commissioners also:

- Approved invoices, purchase re-

quests, budget amendments and the county auditor's monthly Financial Report.

- Voted to request renewal of a contract bank depository services with Prosperity Bank.
- Approved payroll, personnel considerations, and the monthly Treasurer's Report.
- Amended County Treasurer Sharon Adams' Quarterly Reports for quarters 1, 2 and 3 of 2018, to correct minor errors.
- Approved bids for street repair material for the Road and Bridge Department.

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# Austin warehouse fire destroys up to 100 pedicabs

Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — A fire at an Austin warehouse wiped out one-fifth of the city's pedicabs just weeks before the annual South by Southwest festival, one of the busiest times for bicycle rickshaw operators, city officials said.

Two companies, Metrocycle Pedicabs and Pedicab Adventures, lost up to 100 pedicabs in the fire early Tuesday, according to the Austin Fire Department. Fire officials said an electrical short circuit started the blaze that ripped through the warehouse and caused about \$400,000 in damages.

No one was reported injured and the department ruled the fire as accidental, according to the Austin American-Statesman.

The companies declined to comment on the fire or the impact it could have on business leading up to the weeklong music, movie and tech festi-

val that starts March 8.

Curtis Allen, a pedicab driver, said many independent operators stored their bicycle rickshaws at the warehouse because it's convenient and affordable.

The Austin Transportation Department plans to help affected operators by keeping their permits and inspecting replacement pedicabs for free.

"We recognize the value pedicabs have to our transportation network and to the culture of our city," said Jen Samp, a spokeswoman for the Transportation Department. "It's something that we want to be able to help with as much as we can."

# Little Buffs Class of the Week: Mrs. Nichols



Courtesy photo

Mrs. Nichols class celebrates dental health month! Thanks to Abbeville Dentistry for the toothbrushes and toothpaste!

# LIFE

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help us continue doing those things that God has called us to do," says Dr. Cook. "Many times things happen in life, and we get taken out of our dream. We need dream guardians to come along, pick us up and say it's OK. Don't let that dream go! Don't let this circumstance dictate the rest of your life."

Judy Rouse, The Life Center Executive Director, says her dream is to expand The Life Center so they can begin doing sonograms and offer medical assistance, but all of this takes capital.

Community members can become a dream guardian for The Life Center, by making a donation; donations make The Life Center's mission possible, and the contributions are tax deductible, to the extent allowed by the law.

For more information on The Life Center or to find out how to make a contribution, please call the Big Spring Satellite office, at 432-606-5041, or visit the website bigspringlifecenter.org.


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Scott Underwood, 53, died Friday. The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel.

Bobbie Clark, 78, died Tuesday. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

Dylan "DMan" Marquez, 20, died Monday. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church. Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park.



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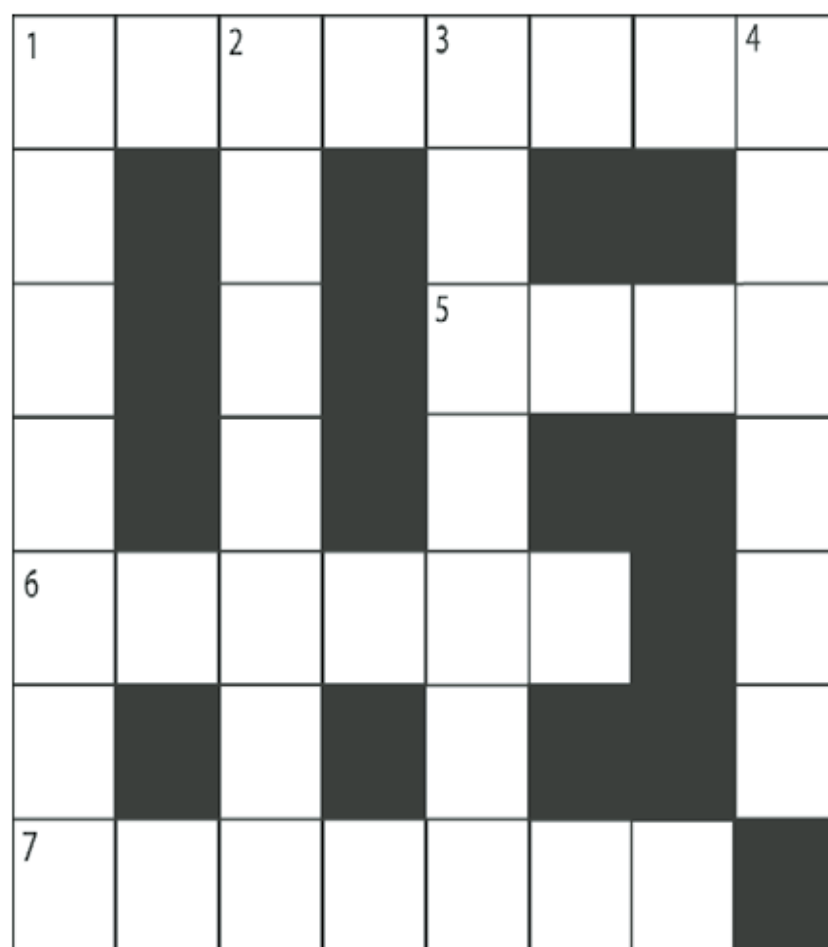
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## Crossword Puzzle



### ACROSS

- Lavish parties
- Where fabrics meet
- Magical potion
- Sweet treat

### DOWN

- Saturday & Sunday
- Type of flowers
- Motivate
- Not over the top

1. Weekend 2. Dahlias 3. Inspire 5. Simple  
Down

1. Weddings 5. Seam 6. Elixir 7. Dessert  
Across

Answers:

THIS DAY IN...



**HISTORY**

• **356:** EMPEROR CONSTANTIUS II ISSUES A DECREE CLOSING ALL PAGAN TEMPLES IN THE ROMAN EMPIRE.

• **1807:** FORMER U.S. VICE PRESIDENT AARON BURR IS ARRESTED FOR TREASON IN WAKEFIELD, ALABAMA.

• **1945:** ABOUT 30,000 U.S. MARINES LAND ON IWO JIMA DURING WORLD WAR II.



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ANSWER: WEDDING

**New  
Word**

**VOW**

a solemn promise

*How they  
SAY that in...*

**ENGLISH:** Wife

**SPANISH:** Esposa

**ITALIAN:** Moglie

**FRENCH:** Femme

**GERMAN:** Frau

**Did you  
KNOW!**

THE TRADITION OF WEDDING RINGS CAN BE TRACED TO ANCIENT ROME. ROMANS BELIEVED THE "VENA AMORIS,"

OR "VEIN OF LOVE," WAS IN THE LEFT RING FINGER. SO WEDDING RINGS ARE WORN ON THAT FINGER.



**GET THE  
PICTURE?**



Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

ANSWER: WEDDING CAKE

### Lady Steers' volleyball All-Star Logan Terrazas signs letter of intent to Midland College



Tony Claxton (www.claxtonphotography.com)

Big Spring volleyball standout Logan Terrazas poses with her family and signs her letter of intent to continue her academic and athletic careers at Midland College. The signing ceremony was held at the Big Spring ATC on Wednesday, Feb. 20, 2019.

By JORDAN PARR

Sports Editor

BIG SPRING – District Defensive Player of the Year and TGCA (Texas Girls' Coaches Association) All-State Team selection, Logan Terrazas signed her letter of intent Wednesday afternoon at the ATC to continue her volleyball and academic career at Midland College next year. Logan, who has been a leader in multiple sports for BSHS over the years, will take her talents just up the road to Midland where she will undoubtedly continue to be a valuable contributor to yet another program with the Lady Chaps.

Logan was an integral part of turning around the Lady Steers' volleyball and basketball programs in her time at BSHS. Logan's tenacity and will to win have become a part of the foundation for both of those programs as they move forward. BSHS Principal and Athletic Director Mike Ritchey, Head Volleyball Coach Mitzi Bell, and Girls Head Basketball Coach Katie Voss spoke about Logan and what she has meant to the Lady Steers.

"There is a reason we are gathered here today,

it doesn't just happen. Number one, first and foremost, you have to have high character. The type of character that motivates you to do what you need to in the classroom as well as in your sport. Two, you have to have some God given ability. Third, and most importantly, you need an extremely hard work ethic, the drive and follow through to do what is necessary, to bring all those things together. This and only then, do you get to have moments like this. All that said, we are here today to celebrate Logan and her moving on to continue to play volleyball at the next level because she accomplished all of those things to get to this point. We are really proud of you Logan and proud of what you have meant to our athletic program" said Ritchey.

Coach Bell added, "Congratulations to Logan, this is an honor that one in a thousand athletes gets to experience. It's because of the things Logan did not only inside the gym, but outside the gym that earned her this opportunity, her outstanding desire and dedication are how she got here. Enjoy every minute, every journey, every trip and every practice because you are going to get to the next level after your time at Midland. Just keep playing

ball, it's been a total pleasure."

Coach Voss said, "I have seen for the last three years how hard you have worked. The blood, the sweat, the tears, but it all comes down to today and celebrating this accomplishment with you. I'm so excited to see Logan play at the next level and to see her rise to that challenge like we know she will. We love Logan and are so proud of her."

Logan took the time to thank everyone for coming out and said "I just want to thank everyone who has been supportive of me along the way. Special thanks to my teammates and coaches, we love y'all and thank you for everything."

Logan plans on studying kinesiology while continuing her education at Midland College and hopes to continue to play volleyball at a 4 year university after playing for the Lady Chaps. Congratulations to Logan and her family for another outstanding achievement. A big thank you from everyone here in Steer Nation for everything you and your family have done and continue to do for our community and school, we look forward to watching you continue to compete hard at the next level.

### Lady Buffs break into the State's Top 10 for 2A heading into the regional tournament

Audree Tipton

TGCA (Texas Girls' Coaches Association)

#### Texas Girls Coaches Association Girls Basketball Poll February 20, 2019

Poll is Top 10 through playoffs, Playoff polls are updated twice a week (after each round). After the state finals, a complete listing of top 32 plus honorable mention will be published. Final poll position is based strictly on the point at which a team is eliminated. There are ties for all teams eliminated in the same round.

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### Big Spring ISD hosts Mens Basketball Area Playoff game

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### Kansas plays at Texas Tech in key Big 12 matchup

By LUKE MEREDITH

AP Sports Writer

A look at the upcoming week around the Big 12 Conference.

GAME OF THE WEEKEND: Kansas at Texas Tech. The Jayhawks and Red Raiders enter Saturday's game tied for second place in the league at 9-4, a game behind surging Kansas State. Tech has won four straight by an average of 24 points since a 79-63 loss to Kansas in Lawrence back on Feb. 2, while the Jayhawks have won their last three games. Kansas then hosts the Wildcats on Monday night in a swing that could end up deciding the league title.

LOOKING AHEAD: Iowa State, which dropped to a tie for third in the league with Baylor after the Bears won 73-69 in Ames on Tuesday, travels to TCU on Saturday. It'll be a ma-

major test for the Cyclones, who played their worst game of the season in a 92-83 home loss to the Horned Frogs two weeks ago. But TCU has dropped three in a row since springing that upset at Hilton Coliseum. ... Baylor hosts West

Virginia. The Mountaineers have lost four straight and are last in the Big 12 at 2-11. ... Texas and Oklahoma, two teams fighting for an at-large bid to the NCAA Tournament, square off in Norman. ... K-State plays Oklahoma State in Manhattan. The Cowboys are just 3-10 in the Big 12, but they beat TCU their last time out.

PLAYER TO WATCH: Kerwin Roach II, Texas. The senior guard is averaging a career-high 15 points a game for the Longhorns, who've won three of their last four.

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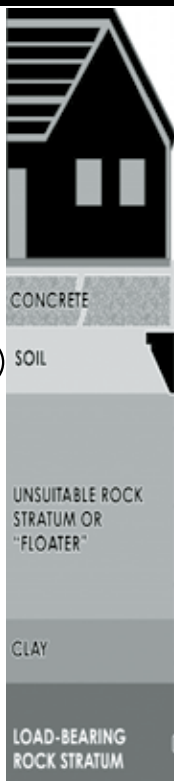
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Annie's Mailbox

OCD Controls Friend

**Dear Annie:** I have a friend, "Sarah," who openly admits to having obsessive-compulsive disorder but isn't receiving any kind of treatment for it. She's a middle-aged housewife with no need or desire to work. Now she has taken up crochet. What could possibly go wrong?

She buys huge quantities of the cheapest, coarsest yarn I've ever seen. Then she crochets it up. It's obvious she has no concept of counting stitches, paying attention to detail or even looking at the finished product. I was there when another woman tried to tell her, very kindly and politely, what she needs to learn, even suggesting a local yarn store that offers

lessons. That just made Sarah angry, and she said she already knows everything she needs to know about crochet.

Sarah has covered her house with this stuff, and now she's started giving it to me. I thank her kindly and then throw it out. However, I'm starting to feel like some kind of enabler.

Now Sarah's hands are all cramped up. Her doctor gives pain medication for it, and she keeps on crocheting. Her adult daughter who lives with her says Sarah has a crochet hook in her hand from the minute she wakes up until she falls asleep at night.

Do you know any way I could suggest to Sarah that she needs mental help for her OCD rather than medication for her

over-stressed hands? Other than the OCD, she's a really nice person. I'm worried she'll develop an addiction to the pain medication. -- Worried for My Friend

**Dear Worried:** You can and should express your concerns to Sarah. Do so with an open mind and without judgment, to avoid putting her on the defensive (though I'm sure I don't need to tell you that, as you seem to be a thoughtful friend). Ease into the conversation by asking general questions about how she's doing. Then tell her you've noticed that the crocheting seems to be impacting her health, with the hand cramping and subsequent need for pain medication. You might ask whether she's

ever followed up about her OCD diagnosis and say that though you know it's up to her, you think it might be really helpful for her to see a counselor for some insights. Cognitive behavioral therapy can be a very effective treatment for OCD and could give your friend a much better quality of life.

Seeing as an adult daughter lives with her, you might try having a private conversation with the daughter about your concerns and see whether she will join you in encouraging Sarah to seek help.

As for when she gives you her crochet creations, it's perceptive of you to suspect that you are enabling her, and I think you're probably right. Gently but definitively put your foot down and say

you really can't accept any more.

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**Dear Steve:** After looking into this, I see that you're right that coffee does not actually dehydrate drinkers. I apologize for printing misinformation. Thanks for setting me straight.

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# Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

## As ye sow, so shall ye reap

East dealer.  
North-South vulnerable.

<b>NORTH</b>			
♠ J 6 5 2			
♥ K			
♦ K 8 5 3			
♣ Q 7 4 3			
<b>WEST</b>		<b>EAST</b>	
♠ A Q 10 3		♠ K 9 4	
♥ J 10 5		♥ 4 2	
♦ Q 10 6 2		♦ 9	
♣ J 5		♣ A K 10 9 8 6 2	
<b>SOUTH</b>			
♠ 8 7			
♥ A Q 9 8 7 6 3			
♦ A J 7 4			
♣ —			

The bidding:

<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>	<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>
1 ♣	1 ♥	1 ♠	Pass
2 ♣	2 ♥	Pass	Pass
3 ♣	3 ♥	4 ♣	

Opening lead — eight of spades.  
A difference in bidding styles resulted in a big swing on this deal from a team match between England and Holland.

When a British pair held the East-West cards, the bidding went as shown, and the Dutch South chose to lead the eight of spades.

Declarer won with the nine and played the ace of clubs, on which South showed out. Three rounds of spades then allowed East to discard a diamond loser, and he subsequently lost two hearts and a trump to make

four clubs for a score of 130 points.  
At the second table, with a British pair now holding the North-South cards, the bidding went very differently. East bid one club, and South, in typical dashing English style, leapt to four hearts, which West doubled.

Declarer ruffed the club lead, played a heart to the king and ruffed another club, after which two rounds of hearts drew the outstanding trumps. South's sole problem now was to hold himself to one diamond loser, since two spades had to be lost in any case.

If declarer had led a low diamond to the king, intending to finesse the jack on the way back, he would have gone down. But the situation clearly called for a safety play.

South therefore played the ace of diamonds first. When East produced the nine, the contract became assured. Declarer next led a low diamond. West did as well as he could when he followed with the six, but dummy's eight was played to guarantee the loss of only one diamond trick.

So the British South made four hearts doubled for 790 points to give his team a net gain of 920 points on the deal. His safety play guarded against West holding four diamonds and East the singleton nine or ten, and also assured the contract whenever East had the queen of diamonds or the diamonds broke 3-2.

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.  
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3	8	2	1	5	4	8	6	9
7	6	1	2	9	8	5	3	4
1	2	8	5	4	3	7	6	9
4	9	3	7	6	2	8	5	1
6	5	7	8	1	9	3	4	2
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 Today in History  
 Today is Thursday, Feb. 21, the 52nd day of 2019. There are 313 days left in the year.  
 Today's Highlight in History:  
 On Feb. 21, 1972, President Richard M. Nixon began his historic visit to China as he and his wife, Pat, arrived in Beijing.  
 On this date:  
 In 1613, Mikhail Romanov, 16, was unanimously chosen by Russia's national assembly to be czar, beginning a dynasty that would last three centuries.  
 In 1911, composer Gustav Mahler, despite a fever, conducted the New York Philharmonic at Carnegie Hall in what turned out to be his final concert (he died the following May).  
 In 1916, the World War I Battle of Verdun began in France as German forces attacked; the French were able to prevail after 10 months of fighting.  
 In 1945, during the World War II Battle of Iwo Jima, the escort carrier USS Bismarck Sea was sunk by kamikazes with the loss of 318 men.  
 In 1958, the USS Gudgeon (SS-567) became the first American submarine to complete a round-the-world cruise, eight months after departing from Pearl Harbor in Hawaii.  
 In 1965, black Muslim leader and civil rights activist Malcolm X, 39, was shot to death inside Harlem's Audubon Ballroom in New York by assassins identified as members of the Nation of Islam. (Three men were convicted of murder and imprisoned; all were eventually paroled.)  
 In 1973, Israeli fighter planes shot down Libyan Arab Airlines Flight 114 over the Sinai Desert, killing all but five of the 113 people on board.  
 In 1975, former Attorney General John N. Mitchell and former White House aides H.R. Haldeman and John D. Ehrlichman were sentenced to 2 1/2 to 8 years in prison for their roles in the Watergate cover-up (each ended up serving a year and a-half).  
 In 1986, Larry Wu-tai Chin, the first American found guilty of spying for China, killed himself in his Virginia jail cell.  
 In 1992, Kristi Yamaguchi (yah-mah-GOO'-chee) of the United States won the gold medal in ladies' figure skating at the Albertville Olympics; Midori Ito (mee-doh-ree ee-toh) of Japan won the silver, Nancy Kerrigan of the U.S., the bronze.  
 In 2000, Consumer advocate Ralph Nader announced his entry into the presidential race, bidding for the nomination of the Green Party.  
 In 2013, Drew Peterson, the Chicago-area police officer who gained notoriety after his much-younger fourth wife, Stacy Peterson, vanished in 2007, was sentenced to 38 years in prison for murdering his third wife, Kathleen Savio.  
 Ten years ago: In a last full day of talks in Asia, U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton stressed American and Chinese cooperation on the economy and climate change. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi met with Afghan President Hamid Karzai in Kabul to discuss the ongoing American strategic review of the U.S. mission in Afghanistan.  
 Five years ago: President Barack Obama granted an audience to Tibet's Dalai Lama over the strong objections from China that the U.S. was meddling in its affairs. Matteo Renzi formed a coalition government in Italy; at 39, he became the country's youngest premier ever. At age 18, Mikaela Shiffrin of the U.S. made Alpine skiing history as the youngest ever winner of an Olympic slalom gold medal, finishing 0.53 seconds faster than Austrian Marlies Schild.  
 One year ago: The Rev. Billy Graham, a confidant of presidents and the most widely heard Christian evangelist in history, died at his North Carolina home; he was 99. A week after the Florida school shooting, President Donald Trump met with teen survivors of school violence and parents of slain children; Trump promised to be "very strong on background checks" and suggested he supported letting some teachers and other school employees carry weapons. Thousands of protesters swarmed the Florida state Capitol, calling for changes to gun laws, a ban on assault-type weapons and improved care for the mentally ill. The NBA fined Dallas Mavericks owner Mark Cuban \$600,000 for saying he had recently told some of his players that "losing is our best option." (The Mavericks had one of the league's worst records, putting them in position to land a high draft pick.)  
 Today's Birthdays: Former Zimbabwe President Robert Mugabe (moo-GAH'-bay) is 95. Movie director Bob Rafelson is 86. Actor Gary Lockwood is 82. Actor-director Richard Beymer is 80. Actor Peter McEnery is 79. U.S. Rep. John Lewis, D-Ga., is 79. Film/music company executive David Geffen is 76. Actress Tyne Daly is 73. Actor Anthony Daniels is 73. Tricia Nixon Cox is 73. Former Sen. Olympia J. Snowe, R-Maine, is 72. Rock musician Jerry Har-  
 rison (The Heads) is 70. Actress Christine Ebersole is 66. Actor William Petersen is 66. Actor Kelsey Grammer is 64. Country singer Mary Chapin Carpenter is 61. Actor Kim Coates is 61. Actor Jack Coleman is 61. Actor Christopher Atkins is 58. Rock singer Ranking Roger is 58. Actor William Baldwin is 56. Rock musician Michael Ward is 52. Actress Aunjanue Ellis is 50. Blues musician Corey Harris is 50. Country singer Eric Heatherly is 49. Rock musician Eric Wilson is 49. Rock musician Tad Kinchla (Blues Traveler) is 46. Singer Rhiannon Giddens (Carolina Chocolate Drops) is 42. Actor Tituss Burgess is 40. Actress Jennifer Love Hewitt is 40. Comedian-actor Jordan Peele is 40. Actor Brendan Sexton III is 39. Singer Charlotte Church is 33. Actress Ashley Greene is 32. Actress Ellen Page is 32. Actor Corbin Bleu is 30. Actress Hayley Orrantia is 25. Actress Sophie Turner is 23.

Thought for Today: "You owe it to us all to get on with what you're good at." — W.H. Auden, Anglo-American poet (born this date in 1907, died 1973).  
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## Newsday Crossword

**A MATTER OF DEGREE** by Fred Piscop  
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**ACROSS**

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 11 Pen name  
 14 Bling out  
 15 Unruly bunch  
 16 Healthcare.gov law: Abbr.  
 17 Just in time  
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 24 Mozart hangout  
 26 Momentous period  
 27 A while back  
 31 Biscotti flavoring  
 33 Israeli novelist  
 34 Name derived from Dolores  
 35 Former Maine senator  
 36 Shade close to beige  
 40 American elk  
 42 \_\_\_ *With a View* (Forster novel)  
 43 Having numerous aspects  
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 61 Southeastern cruise port  
 62 Line in a ledger

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 3 Seattle transportation  
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 5 Highly focused  
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 9 Hubbub  
 10 Home for cubs  
 11 Yogurt flavor

12 Chinese divination book  
 13 Port of Peru  
 18 Estimator's phrase  
 21 Brit's schnoz  
 22 Sound from a steeple  
 23 Water near the Leaning Tower  
 24 Workbench attachment  
 25 Texter's "I think"  
 28 Overwrought  
 29 Feign feelings  
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 32 Finn's friend  
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 37 Hits the target  
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 42 Fan club member  
 43 Relocate in  
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 46 Maneuver carefully  
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 52 Jergens rival  
 53 What you go by  
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# THE LASSO

*BSHS's weekly update*

**When they say that you are out of options, they are wrong**

By **COLONEL ALLEN M. MORRIS**

Communications Director at Big Spring High

It is nothing new for young men and women to become disenfranchised with school. Many whom we celebrate for their accomplishments are among them.

Ansel Adams, Walt Disney, and Albert Einstein all had notes sent home by teachers who said things like, "This boy can't learn."

What the frustrated teachers failed to see is that the boys were not learning in the way the teachers expected them to learn. All three, and many more like them, found other ways to learn.

What would it have been like had the schools adjusted their methods and helped them learn in the ways they learned best?

Big Spring High School is doing just that with an innovative approach called Runnels Job Corps. The program is designed to identify the students who are not learning in the traditional methods of desks in cemetery rows and teachers handing out packets of worksheets.

Runnels Job Corps is designed to cover the content and curriculum in ways that are geared more to the

ways some students learn best: active, hands on learning.

Runnels Job Corps is in its infancy and as it matures, tweaks will be made as administration strives to find better ways for the students to learn.

RJC is designed to help the students launch into the world of work and thrive. The curriculum includes character education, and it is designed to keep the students on grade level, thereby, building hope and confidence.

Runnels Job Corps derives its name from the long standing name of Runnels in our community. Almost assuredly, the Runnels school is named after the street on which it is and Runnels Street is among many others that are named after senators, governors and military leaders, some of whom also had difficulty in dealing with the expectations of the education system.

Big Spring High School principal Mike Ritchey said, "We launched RJC with our primary purpose being keeping at risk students from dropping out. At this time, we believe RJC is meeting every expectation that we have for many future successes."



Col. Allen "M" Morris

## THE BULLDOG REPORT

*Mamma Mia! Coahoma school fundraiser nets \$2,500-plus*



Courtesy photo

**Coahoma Academy Eighth Grade Leadership class recently held a Pizza Inn fundraiser and earned more than \$2,500. The funds raised will benefit the upcoming trip to Philadelphia, where the students will have an opportunity to present to medical officials at Magee Rehabilitation Hospital, in Philadelphia. The students are still accepting donations from those wanting to support their trip.**

COAHOMA — After seating, serving, refilling drinks and cleaning off tables Monday night, the Coahoma Eighth Grade Leadership class earned more than \$2,500 towards their planned trip to Philadelphia.

"They worked very hard during that four-hour period for their tips, and Pizza Inn gave us 10 percent of the night's sales," said Charlotte Stovall, class instructor and CISD Curriculum Director.

During the year, The Academy eighth grade Leadership Class participants are tasked with preparing an action research proposal which is an in-depth process of inquiry to take action on an issue. This year, the class took on trauma from youth sports.

"They wrote an Action Research Proposal questioning the rules and laws protecting youth in little league sports from concussion trauma," Stovall explained. "Their overall project title is Project Headache, and they will present their proposal to a team of medical officials at the Magee Rehabilitation Hospital in Philadelphia, May 27."

During their trip, the students will visit the brain exhibit at the Franklin Institute, take a tour of Citizens Bank Park which is home to the Major League Baseball franchise, the Philadelphia Phillies, and attend a Phillies game. Their itinerary also includes a visit to the Liberty Bell, Independence Hall, and other educational sites.

Several local businesses have contributed to help with the travel cost. They are Border States Electric Supply, All Washed Up, Big Spring Bowl-A-Rama, Lumbre, Basin Welding In-

spection, and Pizza Inn.

Financial donations are still being accepted by local businesses or individuals.

For more information about the trip, contact the CISD administration office at 394-5000. To contribute, checks can be made to CISD. Please notate 8th Gd. Leadership Class in the donation memo. The check may be sent to: CISD, P.O. Box 110, Coahoma, Texas 79511.

*The Academy is an optional program for Coahoma ISD students, grades kindergarten through eighth, using innovative methods of teaching, hands-on learning, movement and music to emphasize academic lessons in a structured environment.*



Courtesy photo

**Students served patrons at Pizza Inn as part of their fundraiser, for their upcoming trip.**

## Academic Star Student of the Week *Laura Romero, Coahoma High School*

Laura, a senior, is a very active student at Coahoma High School. She is in the high school band, participates in UIL Ready Writing and News Writing events, and is a member of the National Honor Society and FCCLA. She takes courses at Howard College.

Laura is an A Honor Roll student and received a scholarship from the annual Howard County Bowl.

Following graduation in May, Laura plans to attend Texas Tech University and major in pre-med and biology to pursue a career in medicine as a pediatrician.

Laura is the daughter of Edward Romero and Veronica Rodriguez.



*Congratulations, Laura!*

## The Buffalo Bulletin

*The art of success*



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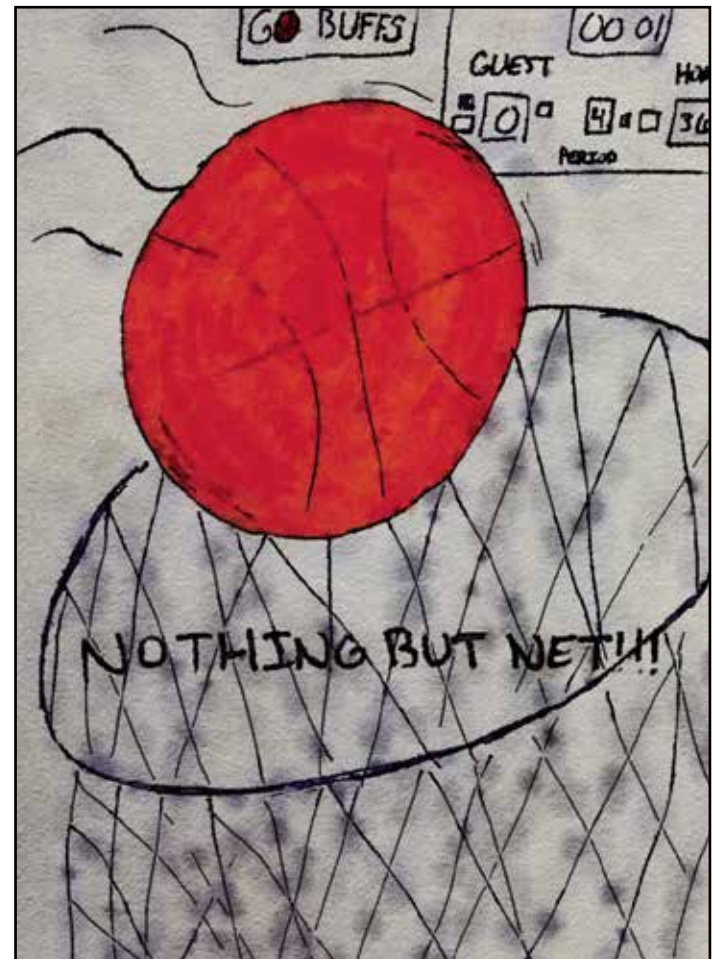
The Buffalo Bulletin staff has recently started to make fun and clever comics to get the Forsan basketball teams ready for success in their games. So far the comics have done just that.

Each week, every student on the journalism team has to come up with two comics with a theme of the Buffalos beating that week's competitors.

"Some days it's a challenge to try to come up with a clever joke, but for others it is really easy" said Bulletin Staff Member Hannah Williams.

After every comic is completed, the top two from that week are made into a poster and hung up in the basketball locker rooms. The others are displayed on the

Courtesy photo  
**Pictured right is one of the selected posters from the comic competition the Buffalo Bulletin staff conducts.**



## Forsan Weekly Update:

**Thursday:**

- Varsity Tennis at Foran

**Friday:**

- Varsity Girls Basketball Team will be competing in the Regional Tournament at 2:30 p.m. vs. Wellington, in Levelland.
- Boys Area Playoffs game vs Plains at 7 p.m. in Denver City

*To avoid conflicts and assist staff and students who wish to travel to the regional tournament games, Forsan ISD students will not have school.*

**Saturday:**

- Softball vs Coahoma in Coahoma at 11 a.m.

*Congratulations, Lady Buffs!*

# No. 1 Baylor women clinch share of 9th Big 12 title in row

Associated Press

WACO, Texas — This kind of celebration never gets old for No. 1 Baylor, even with bigger goals the Lady Bears want to reach.

Confetti and balloons fell from the rafters, "We Are The Champions" blared from the speakers and nine Big 12 championship trophies were lined up on a table at center court in a display of the dominance by the Lady Bears after an 80-40 win over Kansas on Wednesday night.

Kalani Brown reached career milestones of 2,000 points and 1,000 rebounds, and joined her teammates in cutting down the nets as the Lady Bears (24-1, 14-0 Big 12) clinched at least a share of their ninth consecutive Big 12 regular-season championship.

"We're not done. This is one of our goals," Baylor coach Kim Mulkey said. "We've got a goal to win the tournament in the Big 12. We've got a goal to go to the Final Four and fight for a national championship. This is just one, but it's always going to be one we celebrate because it's not easy to win one. ... That's just the blessing of having great players."

The Lady Bears won their 10th Big 12 regular season title overall in Mulkey's 19th seasons. They need to win only one of their four remaining conference games to win the title outright.

Brown finished with 11 points and 14 rebounds to run her career totals to 2,000 and 1,012, respectively. Juicy Landrum had a game-high 20 points that included five 3-pointers. Lauren Cox had 11 points, 12 rebounds and six assists while Chloe Jackson scored 10 points.



AP photo

**Kansas coach Brandon Schneider, second from left, and the team celebrate clinching at least a share of the Big 12 regular season title with an 80-40 win over Kansas in an NCAA college basketball game in Waco, Texas, Wednesday, Feb. 20, 2019.**

Brown had only four points going into the fourth quarter, but her teammates made it a point to get the ball to her so she could reach another milestone in the game. That came on a pass from Cox with just under four minutes left.

"They made it hard for me pretty much all game," Brown said. "So coach was like, you've got to get out and run and try to get something in transition, get there before they get their defense set. So, we were doing that, and Lauren was able to find me on that back end for those last two points. Kudos to Kansas."

Christalah Lyons had 10 points to

lead the Jayhawks (12-13, 2-12).

The Lady Bears led 13-9 after the first quarter — the only time they scored less in the first 10 minutes was when they had eight at then-No. 11 Stanford on Dec. 15 in their only loss. After Lyons scored for Kansas in the opening minute of the second quarter, Baylor took control with a 16-0 run and led 37-19 at halftime.

"They missed some early. We were able to rebound it, but we couldn't get any baskets," Kansas coach Brandon Schneider said. "I credit Baylor's defense for that. They were really juiced up, really read our shooters off the line and obviously when they do that,

they have great paint protection and shot-blocking."

BIG PICTURE

KANSAS: The Jayhawks had ample opportunities early to take the lead. They were attacking the basket and getting open point-blank looks, but they weren't falling. They ended up 3-of-13 shooting in the first quarter. The Jayhawks also struggled at the free throw line (7 of 15) and had only four assists against 16 turnovers that turned into 21 Baylor points.

BAYLOR: The Lady Bears won their 37th consecutive Big 12 game, and have also won 35 home games in a row overall. ... They dominated on the boards 48-26, which helped contribute to a 15-0 advantage on second-chance points. Baylor finished strong, outscoring the Jayhawks 24-6 in the fourth quarter, with all freshmen on the floor for the closing minutes.

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Brown is the sixth player in Baylor history with 2,000 points and 1,000 rebounds. Brittney Griner, Nina Davis and Sophia Young also accomplished the feat under Mulkey. Suzie Snider Eppers and Maggie Davis-Stinnett did it previously.

UP NEXT

Kansas will play the second of back-to-back road games Saturday at Oklahoma State.

The Lady Bears play their next two games against teams that could mathematically still tie for the Big 12 title. They are at No. 20 Iowa State on Saturday, and home Monday against No. 19 Texas. West Virginia is also tied with Iowa State and Texas for second place in the Big 12 at 10-4 in league play.

## The NBA playoff push starts now with All-Star break ending

By TIM REYNOLDS

AP Basketball Writer

MIAMI — Golden State is still the favorite for a fourth title in five years.

Milwaukee, Toronto, Indiana, Boston, Philadelphia, Oklahoma City and Denver can all go ahead and cancel those mid-April vacation plans if they were foolish enough to have made them in the first place.

For LeBron James and Dwyane Wade, some work awaits.

The All-Star break ends Thursday, with about one-third of the season remaining for most clubs — and that means the playoff push now gets very serious. Nobody has officially clinched a spot yet, though it would take a highly improbable series of events for the current top teams in the Eastern and Western Conferences to miss the postseason.

"Every year is a new challenge, different circumstances," Golden State guard Stephen Curry said. "We are motivated. We understand what's at stake."

James has been to the NBA Finals in each of the last eight seasons, all out of the East — four with Miami, four with Cleveland. His Los Angeles Lakers currently are 10th in the West, three games behind the Clippers for the final playoff berth.

James has been to the playoffs in 13 consecutive seasons.

"I hope that first off, we all get healthy," Lakers President Magic Johnson said. "This has been one of the worst seasons I've ever been around Laker basketball as far as injuries are concerned. When

we were healthy, we were in fourth place. Now we're like 10th place. But when you've got LeBron James, anything is possible."

The Miami Heat are part of a six-team, three-spot race in the East, and Wade is hoping for one last postseason trip out of his 16th and final season. Heat President Pat Riley said he thinks the way the Heat ended its pre-All-Star schedule — with a 2-3 road trip, though one where Miami could have won four of the games — is a good sign.

"It looks as though there's something happening here," Riley said.

Sacramento is right in the race to end the NBA's longest current playoff drought; the Kings haven't been to the postseason since 2006. Phoenix's drought will hit nine straight seasons, but Orlando — currently holders of the third-longest drought at six seasons — hit the break with a five-game winning

streak and is in the East mix.

"I think we feel good about ourselves," Magic All-Star forward Nikola Vucevic said. "I know we have good confidence."

Here's some other things to know going into the final third of the season:

LEBRON AND MICHAEL

LeBron James is finally going to pass Michael Jordan.

In scoring, at least.

While the debate will rage forever about which player is better, James will soon have scored more points than Jordan. James is 211 points shy of passing Jordan (32,292) for the No. 4 spot in NBA history. When he gets there, each of the top four spots on that list will be occupied by current or former Los Angeles Lakers — No. 1 Kareem Abdul-Jabbar (38,392), No. 2 Karl Malone (36,928), No. 3 Kobe Bryant (33,643), and James.

## TECH

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Roach is shooting 55.8 percent from the field during that stretch — though the 10 turnovers he's committed over the past two games might be a sign of fatigue for a player averaging 31 minutes a game.

INSIDE THE NUMBERS: Dedric Lawson of Kansas and Marial Shayok of Iowa State head into the weekend in a dead heat for the Big 12 scoring title at 19.2 points a game. Jarrett Culver of Texas Tech is third with 17.8 points a game. ... Graduate transfer Makai Mason has been a major surprise for the Bears, but he's struggling to overcome a toe injury. Mason has missed two of his last four games, and in the games he played he was just 6 of 32 from the floor. ...K-State's Barry Brown leads the league with two steals a game, and he's playing a conference-high 34.9 minutes a game.

ON WOMEN'S SIDE: No. 1 Baylor plays at No. 20 Iowa State on Sat-

urday. The Bears have won 16 straight after Wednesday's 80-40 victory in Waco against scuffling Kansas. ... Texas Tech freshman Christlyn Carr is third in the league with 17.9 points a game, and Brittney Griner is fifth at 16.1 points an outing.

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