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**Upcoming Events**

- Today*  
**Parkview Skilled Care  
National Nursing Home Week  
Celebration**  
4-6 p.m.
- Dueling Pianos  
Hotel Settles**  
8 p.m. to 11 p.m.
- National Police Week**  
May 12-17
- National Hospital Week**  
May 12-18
- Saturday*  
**KBSB Trash Off**  
Howard College parking lot  
9 a.m. - 1 p.m. drop off
- Run for the Wall**  
Riders expected to come  
through Saturday morning
- Sunday*  
**Greater Big Spring  
Rotary Club Kids' Fishing  
Tournament**  
Registration 1-2 p.m.  
Dora Roberts Community  
Center
- Saturday & Sunday**  
**Southwest Hoops**  
Games start at 6:30 p.m.  
Saturday at BSJHS, BSHS,  
and the YMCA
- May 28**  
**Loss of a Spouse**  
Trinity Baptist Church  
6-8 p.m.

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## West Texas VA honors peace officers

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**  
Managing Editor

Celebrating those who protect and serve on a daily basis, while not forgetting those who gave the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty. The Peace Officer Memorial Day ceremony at the West Texas VA Healthcare Center honored the lives of peace officers who paid the ultimate sacrifice and gave recognition to those who are currently serving.

“We are here to memorialize those who gave the ultimate sacrifice. As a peace officer you never know if you will make it home at the end of a shift,” VA Chief of Police said during the ceremony.

President John F. Kennedy signed a proclamation designating May 15 as Peace Officers Memorial Day in 1962. Over the years, the day has grown into a week-long series of events honoring law enforcement, where tens of thousands law enforcement officers from around the world participate in the celebration.

“The trend has stayed constant for the past several



HERALD photo/Amanda Duforat

**West Texas VA Center honored Peace Officers with a special ceremony, remembering those who have lost their lives in the line of duty. Joel Miller (Emergency Services Chaplain), pictured second from the left, was the honored guest for the ceremony.**

years, with 175 lives lost in the line of duty in 2017, 163 in 2018 and thus far, this year 35, with 18 of those being to gunfire related deaths,” VA Chief of Police said.

As part of the memorial ceremony, special recognition was given to Howard County Sheriff Stan Parker and Big Spring Chief of Po-

lice Chad Williams for the partnership with the West Texas VA. The guest of honor was Howard County Emergency Services Chaplain Corps Senior Chaplain Joel Miller.

“Have you ever stopped and thought where we would be today without law enforcement?,” Sheriff Stan

Parker asked. “We (law enforcement) serve as the balance between good and evil. We don’t stop it, our jail census is proof of that, but we can hinder it.”

He continued, “Law enforcement officers spend only about one-third of time

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## Weekend activities abound

By **ANNA GUTIERREZ**  
Staff Writer

There are quite a few activities happening Saturday. Here are a few you might be interested in:

- Run For the Wall 2019
- Run For the Wall 2019 will be stopping in Big Spring at the Vietnam Memorial on Saturday, May 18, 2019, at approximately 9:30 a.m. There will be a wreath-laying ceremony in honor of veterans. The entire public is invited to attend.

“We at Hangar 25 Air Museum would like to encourage the people of Big Spring, and the surrounding communities, to show support

and give thanks to the hundreds of Run For the Wall riders that will be participating in the wreath-laying ceremony at our local Big Spring Vietnam Memorial,” says Kathy Chavarria with Hangar 25 Air Museum.

The mission of Run For the Wall is to promote healing among all veterans and their families and friends, to call for an accounting of all Prisoners of War and those Missing In Action (POW/MIA); to honor the memory of those Killing In Action (KIA) from all wars, and to support our military personnel

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## Moss Creek Lake reopens after infrastructure work

By **ROGER CLINE**  
Staff Writer

The City of Big Spring’s recreational facility at Moss Creek Lake is open to the public once again.

The area had been closed while the city installed infrastructure improvements, and reopened this past Friday.

“The city had done some infrastructure improvements out at Moss Lake,” said Community Services Director Hayley Herrera. “The city had to drain the lake to do those improvements back in February, and those improvements are now finished. The lake is now open. It reopened on Friday, May 10.”

Colorado River Municipal Water District Director John Grant explained that the improvements were on the CRMWD’s end.

“CRMWD has a pump station just below the dam, and there’s a pipeline that runs from that pump station up into the dam, so that we can get water out,” Grant said. “We did not have a valve in that line between the lake and the pump station so that we could isolate it...basically, shut it off in case we needed to do some work on it. Back in February and March we put in a valve.”

Since the valve was replaced, the lake has been being refilled, and the city has been doing some clean up work, Grant said.

Moss Creek Lake is open from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily.

There are several ways visitors can make use of the lake. Entry permits

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## CISD welcomes new trustees



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**Coahoma ISD administrative assistant Judy Dobbs swears in new trustees Brandon Atkins and Scott Tuttle during the board meeting on Tuesday night.**



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# Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **JESSICA RENEE KURIGER**, 32, of 705 E. 15th St., was arrested on a charge of theft of property/shoplifting (less than \$100).
- **RICARDO GUZMAN RUIZ JR.**, 45, of 400 N.E. 11th St., was arrested on an outstanding warrant from another agency.
- **KIRSTEN TASHAY LEWIS**, 34, of 1401 Lincoln, was arrested

on a warrant for theft (\$50 to \$500).

- **SANTIAGO TERCERO JR.**, 45 of 5006 Wasson Rd., was arrested on an outstanding warrant from another agency.
- **ACCIDENT MINOR** was reported at Hillcrest and W. 16th St.
- **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 1300 block of Ridgeroad Ave.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 3600 block of W. Hwy 80, 400 block

of E. 20th St., and the 200 block of W. FM 700.

- **WELFARE CONCERN** was reported at 20th and Gregg.
- **ACCIDENT MAJOR** was reported at 18th and Goliad.
- **ASSAULT** was reported in the 1600 block of Harding St.
- **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 1300 block of Lincoln Ave., and in the 1300 block of Harding St.

# Sheriff

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

Note – Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 86 inmates at the time of this report.

- **KIRSTEN TASHAY LEWIS**, 45, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant for theft of property (\$50

to \$500).

- **JESSICA PITTMAN**, 49, was arrested by BSPD on a charge theft of property/shoplifting (less than \$100).
- **RICARDO GUZMAN RUIZ JR.**, 45, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant for theft of service (\$500 to \$1,500) violation of probation.

• **JOE SPENCER**, 54, was arrested by HCSO on a warrant for motion to revoke/burglary of a habitation.

- **SANTIAGO TERCERO JR.**, 45, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

# Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1200 block of E. 17th St. No transport was required.
- **PUBLIC SERVICE** was reported in the 500 block of W. 17th St. No transport was required.
- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported in the 1800 block of Goliad. No transport was required.
- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported at I-20 mile marker 173.

Four people were transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 6600 block of Craig Rd. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 300 block of Veterans Blvd. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3600 block of W. Hwy 80. One person was transported to

Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1400 block of Nolan. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2600 block of Albrook. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 500 block of N.W. 10th St. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

# Take Note

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).

- 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.

- The Emergency Services Chaplains Corps is seeking volunteer chaplains. The corps provides spiritual services to Howard County residents and visitors in crisis situations. Prospective chaplains don't require any specific experience or education to qualify for the position, just a calling from God and a willingness to devote time to the program, which requires a 24- to 30-week training program and dedication of one day per week for emergency call-outs. Those interested should contact Senior Chaplain Joel Miller at 432-213-1221.

- Big Spring's Centennial Lions Club is holding a drive to collect books for the Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club. Books for kids in kindergarten through about 10th grade will be accepted, with special preference for books for younger children in kindergarten through third grade. Cash donations to allow the Lions to purchase additional books are also appreciated. Books or donations can be taken to the Salvation Army, 811 W. Fifth St., or to the home of Lions member Ken Lawhon at 1707 E. 15th St. For more information, contact Lawhon at 214-998-9716.

# Support Groups

## 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

- 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.
- A six-week course in Wellness and Quality of Life with Chronic Pain will be held at Spring Creek Fellowship at the Spring Town Plaza, 1801 E. FM 700. There is no charge for the course, and a workbook will be provided. Contact Steve Purdy at 432-517-4840 for more information.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; open 12 and 12 study meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.
- Caregivers Support Group, sponsored by the Area Agency on Aging, meets the second Tuesday of every month at 10:30 a.m. The meetings are held at the Senior Citizens Center located at 100 Whipkey Drive. These meetings are open for any caregiver, whether medical professional or family member. For more information, please call Becky Letz at 267-1628.

## WEDNESDAY

- RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy) a chronic pain disease, a support and informative group, meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at 432-517-9207 for more information.
- Celebrate Recovery meets at First United Methodist Church Youth Hall, 400 Scurry, from 6-8 p.m. Hurts, habits and hang-ups. Leave message for Joyce Webb at 325-212-8600.

## 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.

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**Weather**



**Today:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Some of the storms could be severe. Partly sunny, with a high near 88. South wind 15 to 20 mph becoming west in the afternoon. Winds could gust as high as 25 mph.

**Tonight:** Showers and thunderstorms likely. Some storms could be severe, with large hail and damaging winds. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 63. South wind 10 to 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph. Chance of precipitation is 70%. New rainfall amounts between a quarter and half of an inch possible.

**Saturday:** Mostly cloudy through mid morning, then gradual clearing, with a high near 84. South wind 5 to 15 mph becoming west in the morning. Winds could gust as high as 25 mph.

**Saturday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 54. West wind 10 to 15 mph decreasing to 5 to 10 mph after midnight.

**Sunday:** Sunny, with a high near 88. Light southwest wind becoming south 5 to 10 mph in the afternoon.

**Sunday Night:** A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 66.

*(Weather courtesy National Weather Service via forecast.weather.gov)*

**WEEKEND**

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all over the world. You can go to [www.rftw.us](http://www.rftw.us) for more information about this organization.

• **Dont Mess with Texas Trash-Off**

This event was previously scheduled in April, but due to the rain had to be rescheduled. Now is your chance to help clean up Big Spring. Large trash containers will be available at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum parking lot from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. You can pick up trash bags, if you didn't get them previously, before you go pick up trash, at the coliseum parking lot.

"Everyone is invited to choose their own area to pick up litter and bring that to us to dispose of," says Peggy Skiles of Keep Big Spring Beautiful. "The view is up to you. It really takes everybody in our community working together to make Big Spring a nice-looking community, so invite everybody to help us clean the town this weekend."

• **Greater Big Spring Rotary Club Annual Kids Fishing Tournament**

The Greater Big Spring Rotary Club presents their Annual Kids Fishing Tournament, Sunday afternoon, May 19, 2019, sponsored by Credit World, Oncor, KBST, and Taklbox Supply Co..

prizes and fishing, Sunday afternoon, May 19, 2019 at Comanche Trails Lake!

• **Summer Reading Program Kick-Off**

Please join the Howard County Resource Center in kicking off their summer reading program. The center will be open Saturday, May 18, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. to provide information to all who are interested. There will be games and prizes for the kids. All children ages 5-7, and their parents, are encouraged to attend.

"The younger they start, the easier it will be in school," says Diana Martinez, Howard County Resource Center Executive Director. "The kids will come here Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., and we will provide a mid-morning snack."

This program is free to all children, but there are only 30 spots available. For more information, please call 263-2673.

Contact Staff Writer Anna Gutierrez at 432-263-7331 ext. 232, or by email at [citydesk@bigspringherald.com](mailto:citydesk@bigspringherald.com)

**Weekend**

All the fun and prizes will be at the Comanche Trails Lake. Registration is from 1:00 to 2:00 PM at the pavilion near the Dora Roberts Community Center. The Tournament is free to all kids 16 years old and younger. No fishing license required for those 16 and under. Awards will be given for the First Fish, The Biggest Fish, and Most Fish Caught. Many Door Prizes will be given through out the afternoon including rod and reels, baits, and tackle. Remember, you can't win if you don't register! Come out enjoy a great day of fun,



*Courtesy photo*

**Big Spring seniors were recognized recently during a school assembly. As the school year comes to a close seniors are getting ready to step into their next part of the journey, military branches, colleges and the work force. Congratulations to all area seniors!**

**LAKE**

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are available on a day entry basis at \$3 per vehicle plus 50 cents per person, not to exceed \$5. Children 12 and under or 65 and older receive free entry, and day permits expire at 10 p.m. on the day purchased.

Overnight camping is available at a cost of \$9 per vehicle, and camping permits expire at noon on the following day.

Usually, recreational vehicle hookups are available at the lake; however those are still being worked on at the present time, and are not currently available. When work is complete, full hookups including water, sewer and electricity will be \$15 per day, while hookups providing only water and electricity will be \$12 per day. RV hookup permits will expire at noon the following day.

Visitors can add boat or jet ski launch permits to any of the above permits for an additional \$2 per day, and they expire at the same time as the entry permit.

A motorcycle course is available at the lake. Use of the course is \$5 per day in addition to the cost of any entry permit.

Motorcycle permits expire at the same time as the entry permit.

Moss Creek Lake also offers a yearly permit for \$100, which includes day entry, boat launch, and camping; and is limited to immediate family members residing in the same household.

For more information about Moss Creek Lake, visit [www.mybigspring.com](http://www.mybigspring.com) or call 432-264-2500 or 432-393-5246.

Contact Staff Writer Roger Cline at 432-263-7331 ext. 235, or by email at [reporter@bigspringherald.com](mailto:reporter@bigspringherald.com).

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Gilbert Sosa Puga, Sr., 69, died Tuesday. Funeral service will be at 11 AM this morning at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Brian Keith Grant, 42, died Tuesday. The family will receive friends from 6 PM until 8 PM tonight at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service will be at 10 AM Saturday at Midway Baptist Church. Burial will be at Coahoma Cemetery.

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spent enforcing law and the rest is on other areas of service to the community. We have entered in partnerships with local school districts and have also helped implement the Guardian program, which helps train school staff on how to handle certain situations."

According to Chief Chad Williams, there have been a total of seven law enforcement officers in Howard County who have lost their lives in the line of duty since 1925.

"We need to remember not only to remember the fallen, but also their families; they are the ones who have to live it," Sheriff Parker said.

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TOM SLOAN

As sinners, we are the poor, maimed, halt and blind. We have done nothing to deserve this great supper. We are here, at the banqueting table of God's amazing grace, because He has told his servants, "Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled." We are here because God has such an abundance of grace that even the halt, blind, maimed and poor can enjoy the abundance of His provision.

Christ came seeking for us because there is still room.

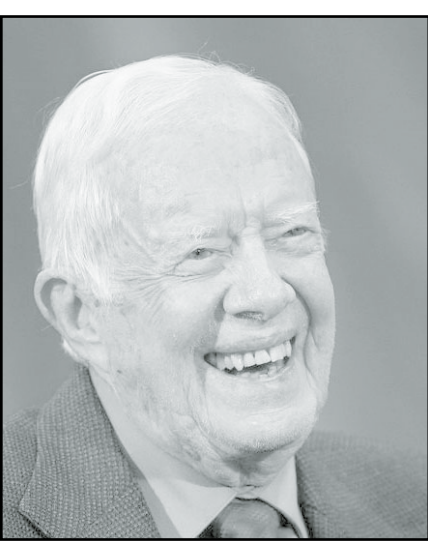
It has nothing to do with our good works and everything to do with His provision.

We have nothing to brag about as we sit and eat at His table of grace. The only thing we can prove as we sit at God's party table is our own misfortune and disabilities. We know that we are irrelevant, but He came seeking for us.

And yet, here we are at the banqueting table of God's grace, disabled and poor, trying to prove that He brought us to the party because of something good we did? The only quality we possess as poor and maimed sinners is the ability to eat - that's it. Maybe this is what Christ was referring to when He said, "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled." We come to God and say, "All I have to offer you is my hunger and thirst; is this enough?"

And He says, "Yes, I have been looking for you."

# Jimmy Carter to teach Sunday school days after breaking hip



**Former President Jimmy Carter answers questions from students during his annual town hall with Emory University in Atlanta. Carter has been released from a Georgia hospital after hip replacement surgery. A spokeswoman for Carter says former first lady Rosalynn Carter also was hospitalized Wednesday, May 15, 2019, in Americus after feeling faint but was discharged Thursday, May 16 along with her husband. The 94-year-old former president injured his hip earlier this week when he fell at his home before a planned turkey hunt.**

AP photo

ATLANTA (AP) — Former President Jimmy Carter plans to teach Sunday school this weekend just days after undergoing surgery for a broken hip, a spokeswoman said Thursday.

Carter, 94, was released Thursday morning from a Georgia hospital after getting a hip replacement. He plans to continue recuperating at his home in rural Plains, said a statement from Carter spokeswoman Deanna Congileo.

Carter's wife, Rosalynn Carter, went home with her husband after she was admitted to the hospital Wednesday for observation and testing after she "felt faint," Congileo said.

"Both President and Mrs. Carter extend their thanks to the many people who sent well wishes the past few days," Congileo's statement said.

Jimmy Carter suffered a broken hip Monday as he was leaving to go turkey hunting. Congileo said he will undergo physical therapy as part of his recovery.

She said Carter also plans to teach his regular Sunday school class this weekend at Maranatha Baptist Church in Plains.

Carter became the longest-lived president in U.S. history in March when his age surpassed that of former President George H.W. Bush, who died Nov. 30 at the age of 94 years, 171 days.

Nearly four years have passed since Carter revealed he had been diagnosed with cancer. Carter said in August 2015 he had melanoma that had spread to his liver and brain. He received treatment for seven months until scans showed no sign of the disease.

# Something to think about...



RICHARD SCHNEBERGER

"Dad, check out how much my plants have grown!" Ephraim, our oldest child, loves planting seeds and watching them grow. He is fascinated by the entire process. All of the kids brought home various seeds and plants this spring, but Ephraim has been the one watering and caring for them. He has become a pretty good gardener.

On Mother's Day, we drove around town to look at all the wildflowers growing in the area. It is amazing to see the ground come to life with vibrant colors in the spring time. Sara loves looking at all the wild beauty around us. God's creation is simply spectacular. Better than any bouquet I could buy her at the store, at least, that's what I keep telling her.

The only difference between the fields of wild flowers and a garden is that one has a gardener to tend to it. Watching Ephraim care for his plants made me reflect on a basic reality; the gardener determines what seeds to plant and what fruit will grow in the garden. And the gardener will uproot what he doesn't want growing in his garden.

What is growing in your life? Who is gardening your heart? Paul talks about this spiritual principle in Galatians 5, and it is interesting the way that Eugene Peterson translates this well known passage:

"It is obvious what kind of life develops out of trying to get your own way all the time: repetitive, loveless, cheap sex; a stinking accumulation of mental and emotional garbage; frenzied and joyless grabs for happiness; trinket gods; magic-show religion; paranoid loneliness; cutthroat competition; all-consuming-yet-never-satisfied wants; a brutal temper; an impotence to love or be loved; divided homes and divided lives; small-minded and lopsided pursuits; the vicious habit of depersonalizing everyone into a rival; uncontrolled and uncontrollable addictions; ugly parodies of community. I could go on."

"This isn't the first time I have warned you, you know. If you use your freedom this way, you will not inherit God's kingdom."

"But what happens when we live God's way? He brings gifts into our lives, much the same way that fruit appears in an orchard—things like affection for others, exuberance about life, serenity. We develop a willingness to stick with things, a sense of compassion in the heart, and a conviction that a basic holiness permeates things and people. We find ourselves involved in loyal commitments, not needing to force our way in life, able to marshal and direct our energies wisely." ~ Galatians 5:19-23 The Message

Who is gardening your heart? What is growing in your life? "Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit." May we be a people who put our lives in the flow of God's Spirit finding His fruit growing within us that we might offer this good fruit for the world.

# Windows honoring Baptist leader in Texas removed from chapel

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Stained-glass windows honoring some religious leaders who helped shift the Southern Baptist Convention to a more conservative stance have been removed from a Texas chapel.

The Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported Wednesday that the windows featured dismissed Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary President Paige Patterson. He was fired last May amid criticism of his responses to rape allegations made years apart by two students.

The MacGorman Chapel windows were unveiled several years

ago and funded by contributions.

Seminary board officials criticized Patterson for his email to campus security in 2015 saying he wanted to meet alone with a student who said she'd been raped, to "break her down."

Patterson also was criticized for contradictory responses about his review of a student's rape allegation in 2003 at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in North Carolina.

Information from: Fort Worth Star-Telegram, <http://www.star-telegram.com>

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# Church News

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Sunday, May 19- 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.

Tuesday, May 21- Join us at 7 p.m. as 50 and over small group will be gathering for a potluck and game night. Bring your game face; we will see you at the Flower's Residence 2405 E. 25th St. For more information, please contact Faye Flowers at 432-213-3883.

Sunday, May 26- Graduations are no small achievement and deserve to be known and celebrated. Join us as we will be honoring and celebrating this huge milestone with our Graduates at our 11 a.m. worship service.

Sunday, June 16- Join us at our 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Father's day worship service as we thank and honor our Heavenly Father and Fathers on this special day. Join us as we have the opportunity to tell Dads how much we appreciate them.

Monday, June 17- Let's hear it for the girls! Join us for our Women's Far Above Rubies night. We will be gathering in the ARC from 6 p.m.-8 p.m. We welcome women of all ages to join us for an evening of laughter, fun and fellowship with sisters in Christ. Please bring a dish or finger foods to share. If you need more information, contact Debbie Reiger at 432-935-1257.

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.

## 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. in the sanctuary.

The next Stated Session meeting is Thursday, May 23, in the church library at 6 p.m.

The final special meeting of the year for Presbyterian Women is Tuesday, May 21, at noon in the Parlor. A salad luncheon will be followed by a celebration of the Women's Birthday Offering, installation of officers, and the DVD study of Lesson 9, "God with Us."

At the Saturday prayer breakfast, May 25, a speaker from First Central Presbyterian Church, in Abilene, will be the speaker, giving a report on the water well in Kenya that this church helped to fund. Breakfast begins at 8 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Thursday, May 27, Memorial Day, 6:30-8 p.m., a rehearsal for the Community Choir Concert will be in the Sanctuary.

Paula Farquhar is in charge of Take Ten for this Sunday. Danny Kennemur was Lector last Sunday, and ushers were Vicki McLean, Monika and Mike Robinson, and John Yater.

The lectionary passages for the Fifth Sunday of Easter are Acts 11:1-18; Psalm 148; Revelation 21:1-6; John 13:31-35. Rev. Taylor Todd will deliver the sermon. The Chancel Choir will begin the service with the introit "The Strife Is O'er", by Giovanni da Palestrini. The choir will present, "Love Never Ending", by Aaron Zinter as 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 former pastor Rev. Craig Holstedt. We hope to have some sermons by Rev. Taylor Todd on the link soon. We would be pleased for you to Like us on Facebook.

## NazFamily Church

- Spirit-Filled Life

Are you directionally challenged? It is easy to get lost in unknown territory, especially if you don't have anyone or anything to guide you.

We wouldn't embark on a long journey without an idea of where we are going and some knowledge of how to get there. However, it seems there are many attempting to navigate the journey of life without a good guide, but when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. (John 16:13)

Don't miss this Sunday as we learn how to be led by the Spirit on our journey for Truth. Life in the Spirit: Power for Christian Living.

- Graduate and Baby Day

This Sunday, May 19, the NazFamily will be celebrating all of our graduates and babies. The graduates will have a table setup in the foyer, and you can bring congratulatory cards and gifts to bless them. We will also take a moment to highlight, bless, and

pray over all the babies in our midst. You won't want to miss it.

- Now Enrolling

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- Kairos Prison Ministry

I was in prison and you came to visit me. (Matthew 25:36) August 1-4, the Kairos will be going into the prison in Colorado City to minister to the inmates. Everyone cannot go into the prison, but all can be involved in this ministry. You can sign up for a time on the prayer Vigil, or help with food. Our children will even be making placemats for the inmates.

## Alive in Christ Lutheran Church

### LCMS

### Fifth Sunday of Easter

### May 19, 2019

"Celebrating and Sharing God's Love and Grace in our lives".

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 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.

## St. Mary's Episcopal Church

St. Mary's Episcopal Church welcomes all to participate in our services. We are located at 1001 S. Goliad St., north of the high school, 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 evening 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.

## First Christian Church

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### Dr. Sandy Z. Sandlin, pastor

Remember the song, "In the jungle, the mighty jungle, the lion sleeps tonight."? But what if the lion doesn't sleep tonight? What if the lion is on the prowl and wants to destroy?

That's exactly what we face as believers. We have a brutal, destructive, unrelenting, deadly enemy, as Peter described for us in 1 Peter 5:8-9: "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world."

Devour is a very strong word that means to gulp down. How does the Devil seek to devour Christians? He wants to make you a weak, anemic, ineffective believer. He wants to get you so weighed down and distracted with everything else in life that you don't think about advancing the kingdom of God. Because of this, your enemy can't just be ignored. Satan can and must be dealt with head on, and he can be defeated. Here are three things you can do to see that happen, according to the verses above:

1. Be sober. The concept of being sober is used here metaphorically to mean be mentally or spiritually sober, be self-controlled and disciplined. The battle begins in the mind (see Proverbs 23:7), so you have to think clearly.

2. Be vigilant. This means be alert and on the lookout. Watch out for attacks in weak areas where you are prone to fall and are easily tempted. You know what they are, and so does Satan. Don't get in a compromising position or situation where you would be more apt to yield than to resist.

3. Be resolute. Verse 9 says to "resist him" (see also James 4:7) and remain "steadfast in the faith", in the truth embodied in Scripture. This means

you have to know your Bible, as Jesus did when the Devil assaulted Him (see Matthew 4:1-10).

Here's the good news: as vicious and brutal a lion as the enemy is, he's only a second-rate lion. Revelation 5:5 calls Jesus Christ the Lion of the tribe of Judah, and we're told one day Satan will be shut up in hell forever as its chief victim.

Until then, he roams around, but you can be resolute, sober-minded, alert, disciplined in your thoughts, watchful, and engaging. "He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world" (1 John 4:4). Yup, we are victorious in Christ.

You are invited to join us each Sunday at 10:50 a.m. as we worship our Lord Jesus Christ.

## 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 Sshedule includes the 9 a.m. Traditions Service featuring the a.m., which features contemporary music led by a wonderful praise team.

On Sunday May 19, Pastor Derrell Patterson's message is "Not Ashamed of the Gospel" from Romans 1:11-17. 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".

The Wednesday noon Bible study meets in Youth Hall instead of Garrett Hall because of the renovation taking place. The meal is served at 11:50 for \$5, followed by a Bible lesson.

Real Life Wednesday night sessions include something for almost everyone. The Women's Bible Study, youth, choir rehearsal and Celebrate Recovery meet at 6 p.m. The Praise Team Rehearsal is at 7 p.m. The children's choir will resume in the fall.

"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 6:00 PM. 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:

- May 28-30: Vacation Bible School in the evenings from 6 to 8.
- June 3: Community Chorus Concert, First Presbyterian Church, 7:30 p.m.
- June 13: Emmaus Community Gathering, FUMC Sanctuary; Worship at 7 p.m.
- June 16: Father's Day.
- June 30: Fifth Sunday Service (Only one morning worship service, at 11a.m.)
- Children and south summer church camps and activities.

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

## Spring Creek Fellowship

KID CONNECT GOSPEL PROJECT FOR KIDS- May 19, 2019—SAMSON, Judges 13-16, God gave Samson strength to defeat the Philistines.

All men are invited to the weekly Men's Prayer Breakfast on Saturdays at 7:30 a.m. at Evita's Restaurant in the mall. Please join us.

VBS is happening June 9 thru 11. About 30 volunteers are needed for each evening. Please sign up at the information desk, or contact Lauren Bratcher.

Children's Church is a great place for your child to learn and play while you enjoy worship. This ministry is for children ages Kindergarten through fourth grade. We will be building on our Kid Connect lessons. Please bring your children for the fun and learning.

Youth is selling raffle tickets as a fundraiser for camp and other activities. Talk to any Youth member, parent, or staff member. Youth camp is scheduled for July 22-26 in Ruidoso.

"PUP", which stands for "Picking Up Pieces", is a new sisterhood for widows in our community. All widows in Big Spring and the surrounding areas are welcome.

Meetings will be held the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 6 p.m., and dinner will be served. We would love to see you there. For address or more info, please contact the church office.

The Signal Mountain Quilters Group meets on the second Friday of each month. This group is open to all in the community who are interested. The proceeds from the quilt they are making this year will be donated to The Life Center.

- Volunteer Opportunities:
- Vacation Bible School
- Funeral Meal Team
- Nursery
- Children's Church
- Van Ministry
- "People Helping People" Ministry
- "Our Daily Bread" Food Pantry

"Our Daily Bread" Food Pantry will be open the second and fourth Saturday of each month from 9 to 11 a.m. to help anyone who needs food. We are in the mall.

Go in the door where the movie theater is located, and we are in the first spot on the left. Volunteers are needed to unload trucks on Wednesdays before they are open on the weekend.

If you are interested in volunteering with the "Our Daily Bread Food Pantry", ministry, please contact Kay Elder.

**CHURCH**

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Donations are needed for our Blessing Box placed outside in front of the church. This ministry is separate from "Our Daily Bread" and is supported completely by donations of nonperishable foods. Please consider donating nonperishable food items on a regular basis if you are able. Everyone is welcome to take what they need, and donations are greatly appreciated.

The Pain Management Class meets Tuesdays at 6 p.m. If you have chronic pain and would like to learn how to manage it, please attend this class. It meets in Room 4 of the Adult Connections Classrooms in the mall.

The Taylor School of Ministry is now in session. This session will address "How to Study the Bible". If you are interested, please contact the church office.

"People Caring for People" is a ministry serving widows in our area with small projects and "honey do" kinds of things. This ministry operates through donations. If you would like to be a part of this ministry, either in a "hands on" way or by donation, please contact the church office.

We have an "App" for your convenience. It is easy to work with and has many applications. Go to your App Store, search for "The Church App" and download. Then search for "Spring Creek Fellowship Texas". That should take you to our home page.

**Weekly Happenings:**

- Sunday
- 9:15 to 10:15 a.m.-Sunday School/Connection Groups
- 10:15 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.- "Holy Grounds Café" is open with coffee, drinks and fellowship.
- 10:45 a.m to 12 p.m.-Worship Service
- 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.-Children's Church
- 5 p.m. Prayer Meeting
- Tuesday-
- 6 p.m.- Pain Management Class-Room 4
- 7 p.m.-Women's Bible Study
- Wednesday-
- Community Groups-various times and places
- Thursday
- 7 p.m.-Men's Bible Study-Kingdom Disciples
- Saturday
- 7:30 a.m.-Men's Prayer Breakfast. Breakfast at Evita's Restaurant in the mall.

If you would like any further information regarding any of our ministries or events, please contact the church office, or visit our website at [springcreekfellowship.org](http://springcreekfellowship.org).

Spring Creek Fellowship meets at the Spring Town Plaza at 1801 E. FM 700 in Big Spring, Texas. Contact us at 432-714-4584, or visit our website at [www.springcreekfellowship.org](http://www.springcreekfellowship.org).

"Every Member a Minister"-1 Peter 4:10 NKJV

**College Baptist Church**

What a beautiful Mother's Day sermon on Lydia, last Sunday. We appreciate all our mothers and mothers-to-be. We celebrated with the Life Center and are collecting change in baby bottles to donate to this awesome organization.

VBS is just around the corner: College Baptist Church invites all Kindergarten through eighth graders to In The Wild, Amazing Encounters with Jesus, John 20:31, June 2 through 6, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Call 432-267-7429 to register. Van pickup.

Come join us as God continues to allow us to be on the move at College Baptist Church with Him. We would love to meet with you, as our visitors and friends, this Sunday. What inspiring messages in song, led by Jamie Scott and our praise team, as we present our hymns of praise to our heavenly Father Our pastor, Bro. Ken McMeans, will lead us as we delve into God's Word, which inspires us to live as Jesus lives through us.

We are located at 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 for worship. RAs and GAs meet Sunday afternoon at 5 p.m. Evening worship and Bible study is at 6 p.m. Wednesday, King's Kids, Wee singers, and prayer and Bible study for youth and adults all meet at 7 p.m. Come and 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.

**Blessed Hands Deaf Church**

Pastor Jim Walterhouse, wife Debbie, and the congregation of Blessed Hands Deaf Church, invite you to join them in worship Sunday at 2 p.m. Come lift your heart to God with this vibrant group as they give praise and thanks for our risen Savior Jesus Christ. Currently, BHDC meets inside First Baptist Church at 705 W. FM 700. For more information about Blessed Hands Deaf Church, including Wednesday evening schedule and activities, contact Pastor Jim at [jwalterhouse@gmail.com](mailto:jwalterhouse@gmail.com).

**First Baptist Church**

"Praise the LORD! How blessed is the man who fears the LORD, who greatly delights in His commandments." Psalm 112:1. Celebrate God's majesty, faithfulness, and unending love with the people of

First Baptist Church Sunday at 10:50 a.m., and 5:30 p.m. Worshipers will honor God in song with a mix of both contemporary praise music and classic hymns of the faith. The service will recognize all graduating seniors, thanking the Lord for His guidance, protection, and provision that brings them to this event, and the assurance of His presence going forward. Bringing the message from scripture will be Youth Pastor Jonathan Raffini.

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 [fcbigspring.org](http://fcbigspring.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 5:30, please meet in the chapel for a time of prayer and direction as groups will go out into the community to minister to others by doing small tasks such as changing light bulbs or replacing smoke detector batteries. A list of needs and all supplies will be ready for this special time of blessing others following Christ's example.

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. The Mother's Day Out program will be closed the week of May 20, and reopen Tuesday, May 28, for the summer term.

Wednesday evening activities begin at 6 p.m. and include Aault 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.

Vacation Bible School will be June 2-6 from 6-9 p.m. Mark your calendars, and invite all area children who will be going into kindergarten through sixth grade. Contact Jodi Mims at 267-8223 for more information and to find out how you can help with this fun time of sowing seeds of God's love in the lives of area youngsters and their families.

To find out more about what's happening at FBC, go to the website [fcbigspring.org](http://fcbigspring.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

**Reflections: Graduation**

Young men and women will line up this month, robed in caps and gowns, grinning at their friends. Their eyes scan the audience, peering past dangling tassels in search of family members who search for them. Cameras and cell phones light up stadiums and auditoriums with bursts of light as proud parents try to capture the magic of the moment. Our grandson graduates from high school May 19 in Sundance, Wyoming.

Presidents, principals, guest speakers, and valedictorians will speak of new horizons, a future yet to be written, a world to be changed. They will urge those who have reached this achievement to believe in themselves and to never stop learning.

Every graduate that walks across the stage to shake hands with administrators and receive their diploma has a unique story. Few are as unique as Helen Small. Helen dropped out of college as a freshman in 1938 to marry her sweetheart, help fight a war, and raise a family. 70 years later, at 88, she earned her bachelor's degree in 2007. In 2010, when she was 90 years old, she graduated with a Masters of Science degree from the University of Texas at Dallas.

In 2011, she published a book, Why not? My Seventy Year Plan for a College Degree. One of her teachers, Dr. John Santrock, a professor of psychology, said, "What especially stands out about Helen, as a student, is how appreciative she is of the opportunity to learn." Commenting on her college experience as a 90 year-old, Helen said, "It's helped me start a whole new phase of life." Helen remained active, teaching, organizing, and encouraging until her death two years ago at 97.

Graduation commencements inspire us because they not only recognize significant achievement, they celebrate new beginnings, new possibilities and opportunities, or, as Helen said, the start of a new phase of life. Education offers, to the young, the opportunity to acquire knowledge and skills that equip them for the future. For those who are older, it offers the opportunity to re-tool, to start over, to pursue new dreams.

Nothing is as important for a new start on life as a spiritual transformation that connects us with God and places in our hearts the values that make life meaningful. Proverbs says, "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge." (Proverbs 1:7). In Ezekiel, God said, "I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh." (Ezekiel 36:26).

God is always about new beginnings. He offers, to the young, the opportunity to launch their lives on the path that leads to life, and, to those who are older, the opportunity to wipe the slate clean and start over. Whether or not you hold a formal degree from an institution, whether you are 19 or 90, you can make a new start on life. Paul wrote in Corinthians "If any man be in Christ, he is a new creation: old things are passed away, behold, all things are become new." (2 Corinthians 5:17).

*Bill Tinsley reflects on current events and life experience from a faith perspective. Visit [www.tinsleycenter.com](http://www.tinsleycenter.com). Email [bill@tinsleycenter.com](mailto:bill@tinsleycenter.com).*



**BILL TINSLEY**

**Graduation, Awards, Ribbons, Medals**



**LILLIAN BOHANNAN**

It's that time of year again. I remember when I graduated from eighth grade back in the day. I had on a beautiful white dress, white high-heeled shoes, a corsage my daddy bought me, and was surrounded by my classmates, in alphabetical order, of course. What a celebration we had. My pastor did the baccalaureate service on Sunday afternoon. Our class voted to ask this Godly Baptist pastor to deliver the sermon. I don't remember the message, but I was so proud he was my pastor.

Then I graduated from high school four years later; same song, second verse. Then four years later, I graduated from college; same song, third verse, except nobody came to see me graduate. That was a sad day for me. When I received my doctorate degree from Salt Lake Baptist College, my sweet, older brother was there. What a blessing that was!

Now we are in that time frame, once again. We will graduate a new generation of students. Some will go off to college, some to the work-a-day world, some to marry and raise families. But all will find a new phase of life.

All the ribbons, awards and accolades will not mean much to some who didn't seem to want to work hard enough to attain anything. Hopefully when life moves on, they will be able to move with it.

When we find ourselves falling through the cracks in life, there is always someone to catch us. His name is Jesus. He has abundant life and eternal life awaiting anyone who cares enough to seek Him. His ribbons and awards are eternal. Those rewards won't fade away with time. The jewels we collect for our crowns at our spiritual graduation day, will be those things we did for Him.

Graduation day, for us here, is a day to start something new and exciting. When we graduate to Heaven, we cannot even imagine that day of new and exciting in the presence of the King.

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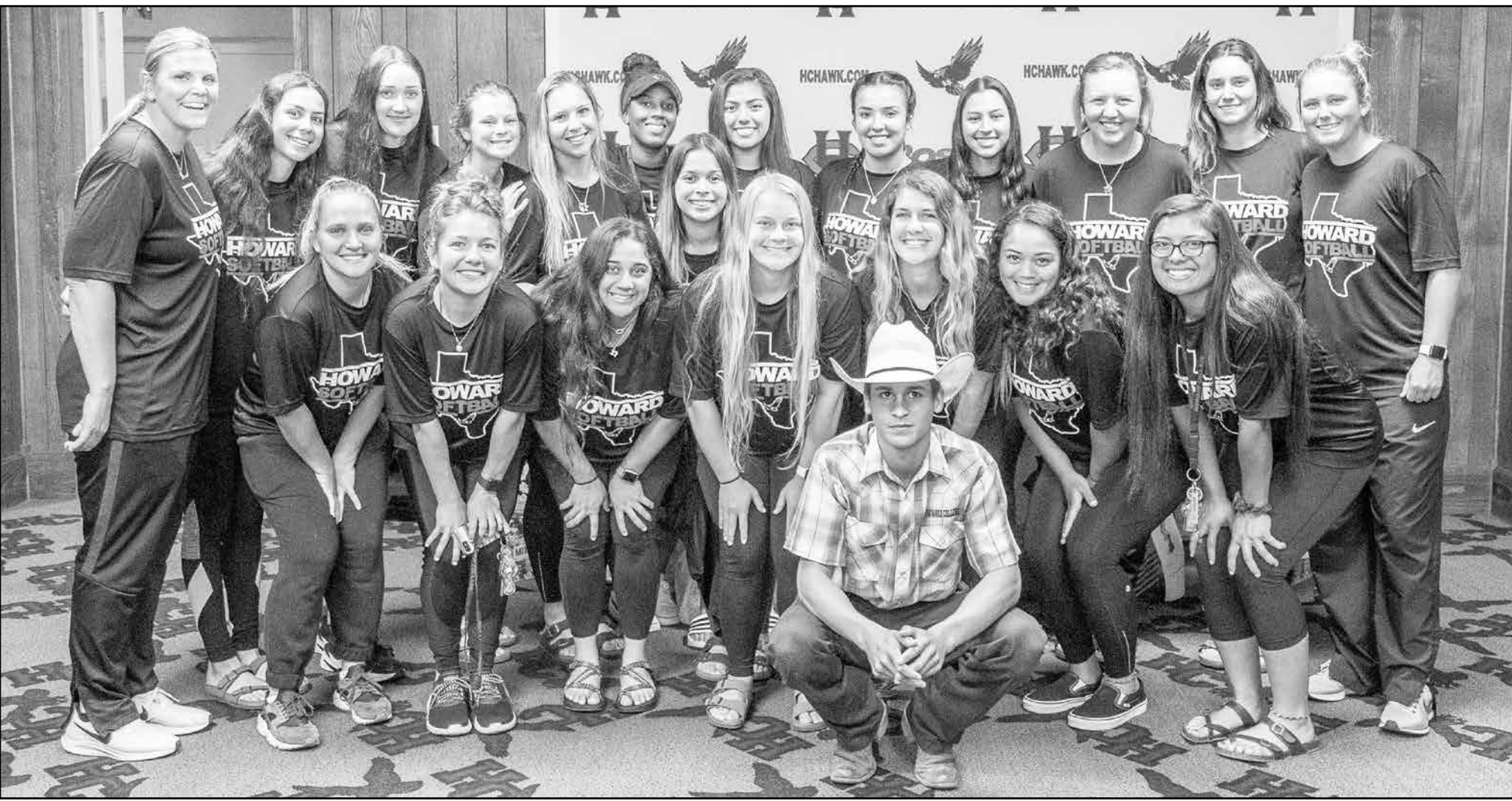
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# Hawks head to Nationals!



Tony Claxton (www.claxtonphotography.com)

After an amazing run to win their fifth straight Regional title, the Lady Hawk softball team, and bull rider Dalton Kasel, will be competing in national competition this Summer. They pose for a picture following a send-off ceremony held at Charlie's Den in the coliseum at Howard College on Thursday, May 16.

# Rangers belt 5 home runs in 16-1 rout of Royals



By DAVE SKRETTA

AP Sports Writer

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Rouged Odor and the rest of the Texas Rangers had been using the Kansas City Royals' beleaguered pitching staff for batting practice most of the sun-splashed afternoon.

Then the Rangers used Kansas City's backup second baseman for it, too.

One of Odor's two homers came off Chris Owings, who was summoned by the Rangers in the eighth inning to try to close out the 16-1 blowout Thursday. Hunter Pence also went deep off the utility man as Texas hit five homers in all, piled up 21 hits and won the rubber game of the three-game series.

"We've done a good job of salvaging the last couple of games," said Lance Lynn, who earned the win with a strong start that ultimately got lost amid the barrage of runs.

"For me, I have a chance to ride a loss or a win from the night before," he said. "That's always my motto. Whatever happened the night before I want to get the team going."

Calhoun and Joey Gallo each homered among their four hits, and Danny Santana also had four knocks, though some of that damage came off a utilityman. Royals manager Ned Yost wanted to save his bullpen for an upcoming road trip, so he called Owings off the bench in the eighth inning.

"I told him, 'Look, don't be stupid,'" Yost said, "but he did a great job of saving our 'pen."

Lynn (5-3) allowed a run in the first but little else over the next six innings as the Rangers won their first road series in nine tries. Their last one came last September in San Diego.

Homer Bailey (4-4) allowed six runs, eight hits and four walks in an all-around dismal day for the Kansas City pitching staff. Brad Boxberger coughed up three runs in relief of him as the Royals lost the rubber game of a series for the 13th consecutive time dating to last season.

Kansas City actually struck in the first when youngster Nicky Lopez, capping a solid debut series, hit the first of his two doubles and Adalberto Mondesi followed with a sacrifice fly. But Lynn and the Rangers controlled the game the rest of the way.

They pulled even on Gallo's homer to left leading off the fourth, then battered Bailey and the bullpen by sending five runs across during the decisive fifth inning.

It started with a leadoff walk to Isaih Kiner-Falefa, continued with consecutive singles by Danny Santana, Calhoun and Nomar Mazara, and included two more walks by Bailey that sent in a run.

The veteran right-hander was finally yanked from the game, and Brad Boxberger appeared to have the Royals out of the inning when he induced Odor to hit a groundball. First baseman Ryan O'Hearn was able to field the ball cleanly but threw it away, keeping their misery going.

"There was a couple of hits. We missed being in the right spot cutoff-wise, trying to hold the game right there," Yost said. "Brought in Boxberger and throwing error broke it open for them."

Texas pushed across three more runs in the sixth, drawing a trio of walks off Boxberger and former closer Willy Peralta. It was the second straight inning the Rangers batted through the order.

"It's kind of what we've been doing all year," Rangers manager Chris Woodward said. "It was a 1-1 game going into the fifth. Homer Bailey was doing OK at that point. Those at-bats (in the fifth) kind of set the tone for the rest of the game. Big hits, big walks. That's something we pride ourselves on. If you get a good pitch, take a rip. If not, let the next guy do it."

NICE JOB, NICKY

Lopez was the Royals' lone bright spot. Along with an RBI double, the 24-year-old rookie doubled in the third and drew a walk in the sixth while playing solid defense at solid second base.

STATS AND STREAKS

The Rangers have won five of six against Kansas City. They also have won nine of their last 11 at Kauffman Stadium. ... Texas had lost 15 of 20 on the road. ... The Royals had committed a league-low 14 errors before O'Hearn's miscue in the fifth inning. ... Owings allowed four runs in six batters, giving him a 21.60 ERA for his career.

# Warriors rally from 15 down at halftime, hold off Blazers

By JANIE McCAULEY

AP Sports Writer

OAKLAND, Calif. — These Golden State Warriors have long been able to score in fabulous, jaw-dropping flurries. Down by eight to the Portland Trail Blazers at home with 4½ minutes to go, they needed every last burst, perfect pass, driving layup and dunk.

"Our experience really paid off for us tonight having a bunch of guys who just won't quit," said Draymond Green, who was right smack in the middle of it all.

Stephen Curry scored 37 points, and the Warriors rallied from a 15-point halftime deficit before holding off Portland on the final possession for a 114-111 win Thursday night and a 2-0 lead in the Western Conference finals.

Golden State coach Steve Kerr insisted his team stole this game with a sensational final few minutes and another, familiar third-quarter outburst.

Counterpart Terry Stotts of the Trail Blazers considered it a "lost opportunity" on the road.

CJ McCollum missed a driving jumper with 32 seconds left and Green scored on the other end for the Warriors, giving Portland one final chance with 12.3 seconds to go. Andre Iguodala then blocked a 3-point attempt by Damian Lillard on the left wing.

"They stole it, but they earned it down the stretch," McCollum said.

Seth Curry, Steph's little brother, scored 16 points and put Portland ahead on a 3-pointer with 1:03 left before Kevon Looney's dunk on the other end put Golden State back on top at 112-111. Seth tried to "distract" his brother at the free throw line late, or so the story went from Steph, who called Seth a "pest" on defense.

"This was like the coolest experience I think I've ever had playing against him. You talk about the stage, he was amazing tonight," Stephen Curry said. "For my parents, I know we've talked about it the whole series, these last two games it's probably nerve-wracking as heck for them. It worked out perfectly tonight. He played well and we won."

Stephen Curry shot 11 for 22 and made all 11 of his free throws — three



AP photo

Golden State Warriors center Kevon Looney, top, reaches for the ball over Portland Trail Blazers guard Damian Lillard during the second half of Game 2 of the NBA basketball playoffs Western Conference finals in Oakland, Calif., Thursday, May 16.

with 2:01 left — to post his third straight 30-point performance while Splash Brother Klay Thompson needed a half to heat up, scoring 13 of his 24 points in the Warriors' 39-point

third period. It was reminiscent of those old third-quarter runs that have defined this group.

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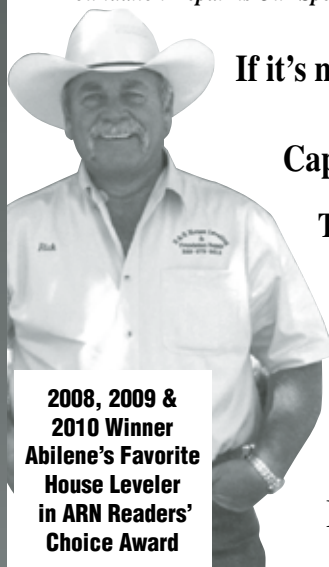
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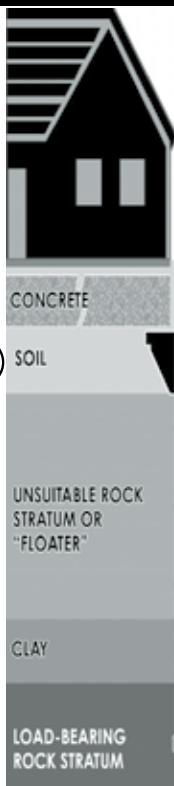
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