

# BIG SPRING HERALD

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**Upcoming Events**

**Oct. 4**  
*Prarie Dog Fly-In*  
Movie Night featuring "Planes"  
8 p.m.

**Oct. 5**  
*Prarie Dog Fly-In Breakfast*  
8 a.m.  
McMahon-Winkle Airport  
Free for pilots

**Oct. 5-6**  
*Cowboys and Heels Trade Show*  
Downtown Big Spring

**Oct. 19-20**  
*A Joyful Season Fall Shopping Expo*  
Dorothy Garrett Coliseum  
Opens 9 a.m. Oct. 19

Every Friday in October at 8 p.m. from the Train Car, Ghost Tours will take place Downtown Big Spring.

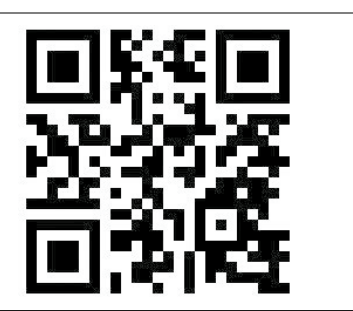
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## DAV sets up for Forget-Me-Not fundraiser

**Herald staff report**

Keeping the memories alive, ensuring the next generation knows the value behind what Veterans have given, is the focus behind the DAV Forget Me Not fundraiser campaign. This Friday and Saturday, the DAV Chapter 47 members will be at Wal-Mart, for the biannual Forget-Me-Not Drive.

"Forget-Me-Not flowers have long been associated with remembrance, dating back to



HERALD file photo

**The DAV Forget-Me-Not fundraiser will take place Friday and Saturday at Wal-Mart, at both doors.**

WWI when they were used to commemorate the lives of soldiers lost in the fighting," Ed Meiser, DAV Chapter 47

Commander, said. "The first time DAV members offered little blue Forget-Me-Nots to the public was on February 24, 1926 and it's a tradition we look forward to continuing here in Big Spring."

According to Meiser, the hardy flowers, which can flourish in even the harshest climates, symbolize strength and courage and served as the inspiration for songwriter Bud Davidge's song, "The Little Blue Forget-Me-Not." The flower soon became the accepted

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## Last day to register to vote, Oct. 7

### Mail out ballots coming out soon

**By AMANDA DUFORAT**

Managing Editor  
One last call for those looking to get registered to vote in the November Election is being issued. The last day to get registered is Oct. 7.

"In the last couple of weeks, several outreach events took place in the community and resulted in about 100 new voters in Howard County," Jodi Duck, Elections Administrator, said.

During the Howard County Fair, the Elections Office set up a booth for the community to see the new equipment and even take a test run by voting on the the favorite parts of the fair. According to Duck, there were 25 who registered to vote during fair weekend. The National Voter Registration event at the Heart of the City Pavilion resulted in seven new registrations.

"The National Voter Registration Day event was the last outreach in the community until after the November Election," Duck said. "All in all, it was a good week."

The Elections Office visited each of



HERALD photo/Amanda Duforat

**Through recent local outreach efforts, there are about 100 new registered and relocated voters in Howard County. The last day to register is Oct. 7 and mail-out ballots will be going out soon.**

the area school districts and helped with Homecoming elections, which allowed the students to get first hand experience at voting on the new equipment. Area students were also given the opportunity to register to vote, and

64 Howard County students took advantage of the opportunity.

Now that outreach activities have wrapped up, the Election Office staff

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## Making memories, raising awareness

### Local family walking to end Alzheimer's



**By AMANDA DUFORAT**

Managing Editor

Alzheimer's is a disease that steals memories and takes the lives of loved ones, with no cure at this point. However, through the dedication of thousands across the nation, awareness for the disease and fundraising efforts are increasing with hopes of finding a cure. Local resident Dana Rodriguez and her family chose to use a day of memories - her wedding day - to take a moment and raise awareness.

"As many families we have been affected by the disease with my mother, Leighrene Kohl, who is in the final stages of this terrible disease taking her life," Dana Rodriguez, said. "Due to the disease she wasn't even able to attend my wedding, but we found a way to honor her and the many others who are fighting this battle, by joining together and walking a mile ... 2,000 steps she is no longer able to take."

According to statistics, between 2000 and 2017, Alzheimer's related deaths increased

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**Dana Rodriguez and her family gathered, the morning of her wedding, and walked to help raise awareness for Alzheimer's. The family joined together and walked 2,000+ steps that Dana's mother can no longer take.**

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## Police Report

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **CHRISTOPHER ALAN DECKER**, 42, of 710 E. 13th St. was arrested on an outstanding warrant from another agency.
- **JOSEF GABRIEL CORDOVA**, 20, of 813 N. Hwy N, Clinton, Missouri, was arrested on charges of walking on highway with traffic-no sidewalks, and resisting arrest, search or transport.
- **TYLER MICHAEL ROACH**,

26, of 1002 N. Main, #38, was arrested on a warrant for abandoning or endangering a child criminal negligence, and three outstanding warrants from other agencies.

- **JODY WAYNE DAWDY**, 55, of 1511 Sycamore St, Apt. B, was arrested on warrants for criminal mischief (\$100 to \$750), and possession of marijuana (less than two ounces).
- **THEFT** was reported in the 3600 block of W. Hwy 80.

## Sheriff

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

Note – Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 91 inmates at the time of this report.

- **JUAN MANUEL CHAVEZ**, 24, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- **JOSEF GABRIEL CORDOVA**, 20, was arrested by BSPD on charges of walking on highway with traffic-no sidewalks, and resisting arrest, search or transport.

- **JODY WAYNE DAWDY**, 55, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant for criminal mischief (\$100 to \$750), and a charge of possession of marijuana (less than two ounces).
- **CHRISTOPHER ALAN DECKER**, 42, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant for failure to appear-possession of marijuana.
- **TREYCEE LYNN FAIRMAN**, 39, was arrested by HCSO on a warrant for a parole violation.
- **MARC ALEC MARTINEZ**, 33, was arrested by BSPD on a

## Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2500 block of March. No transport was required.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 400 block of College. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 800 block of E. 14th St. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 800 block of S. Nolan.

One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1600 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1900 block of N. Hwy 87. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported at CR 57 and Hwy 350. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

## Take Note

- Howard County Field Day will be October 8. The focus of field day is brush control. Registration will open at 8 a.m. for the program, and participants will meet at G.C. Broughton Ag Complex at Howard College, 2411 Echols. Admission is free. Lunch is sponsored by Corteva.

- The Coahoma Lions Club will be hosting their Annual Pancake Supper on Monday, Oct. 21, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Coahoma Elementary Cafeteria. Proceeds from this Pancake Supper will help fund scholarship opportunities for Coahoma High School graduating seniors.

- The Salvation Army will be taking applications for Christmas assistance (Angel Tree) on Monday, Oct. 21 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 24 from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday, Nov. 4 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Thursday, Nov. 7 from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. The Angel Tree program is for children ages 13 and under and for seniors age 60 and up.

Applications will be taken at the Salvation Army office building located at 811 W. 5th St. To apply for Christmas assistance, you will need to provide the following: • Picture ID of applicant • Proof of Guardianship for each child, which can be birth certificates, birth facts from the hospital, or other legal documents • Proof of income which will include any government assistance information, food stamps, SNAP, household bills, and check stubs • Ages of all recipients, and clothing and shoe size of children/seniors who will receive gifts.

We look forward to serving you

this Christmas season.

Seniors age 60 and up may also apply. Please do not bring children to the registration. For more information, please contact Lieutenant Charlsie Godwin at 432-267-8239.

- VFW Post 2013 meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. New members are being sought. The Post is located at 500 Driver Rd. Qualified veterans, those who have served in a foreign war, who are interested in joining the VFW are encouraged to attend a meeting to find out more information.

- A fund has been set up in order to assist Brent Fowlkes with medical expenses. Brent is the husband of Ashley Martin Fowlkes, CEO of Big Spring Education Employees Federal Credit Union. If you would like more information or would like to make a donation, please stop by the credit union located at 1110 Benton, or call 432-263-8393. Please see the tellers to make a donation. Thank you to everyone for your kindness and support during this difficult time.

- DivorceCare is a biblical support group for those facing divorce or separation. Each DVD session features nationally respected experts, such as Christian Counselors and Pastors. Small group discussions and workbook exercises help participants apply the information to their own situations. We cover pertinent issues like: • Will I survive? • How to get out of debt. • How do you know when you are ready for a new relationship? •

- **BURGLARY OF A BUILDING** was reported in the 1500 block of Bluebird St.

- **STOLEN VEHICLE** was reported in the 100 block of Jonesboro Rd.

- **WELFARE CONCERN** was reported at Old Mill Road.

- **ASSAULT** was reported in the 1800 block of N. Hwy 87.

- **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 1800 block of Donley St.

charge of possession of marijuana (less than two ounces).

- **TYLER MICHAEL STEEN ROACH**, 26, was arrested by HCSO on warrants for abandoning or endangering a child criminal negligence.

- **CHRISTIAN ANTHONY TORRENCE**, 33, was arrested by DPS on a warrant for possession of marijuana (less than two ounces), and charges of unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon, and theft of a firearm.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1000 block of E. 20th St. 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.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3700 block of Wasson Rd. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

How to lessen the impact of divorce on your children. • Is reconciliation possible?

There is no charge for attendance. 13-week seminars are held two times per year on Tuesday evenings from 6 to 8 p.m. at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Visit the DivorceCare Ministry of TBC Facebook page for information. You can also call Donna Burcham at 267-6344 for information on seminar dates and how you can register to attend.

- Food2Kids will again be providing sack lunches to children in the Big Spring area who do not receive adequate food over the weekends. Members of the community can be a part by volunteering to sack the food. It takes just a couple of hours of your time, and the work is very rewarding. The next sacking event of this 2019-2020 school year will be Monday, Oct. 7 and Tuesday Oct. 8, and they will continue throughout the year on the first Monday and Tuesday of the month. To volunteer, just show up at Lakeview High School located at 1107 N.W. 7th St., at 5:30 p.m. You can follow their Facebook page for additional information <https://www.facebook.com/food2kids/>.

- O'Neai-Kunkie, Chapter #47 of the Disabled American Vets (D.A.V.), meets the third Monday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at 2204 Runnels Street. For more information, please contact Norman Witcher at 432-413-6663.

## Obituaries

### Geneva "Doylean" Shanks



Geneva "Doylean" Shanks, 88, formerly of Big Spring, died Monday, Sept. 30, 2019, in Tyler. Funeral services will be 10 a.m., Friday, Oct. 4, 2019, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 3, 2019, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

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

## 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. at 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); there is no charge for attendance. 13-week seminars are held three times per year on Thursday evenings, 6 to 8 p.m., at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Visit the GriefShare Ministry of TBC Facebook page. You can also call Vivian Gordon at 432-466-3583 for information on seminar dates and how you can register to attend.

### 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

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; newcomers meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

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# Weather



**Today:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 88. Southeast wind 5 to 10 mph.

**Tonight:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 64. East wind 10 to 15 mph.

**Friday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 86. Northeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming southeast in the afternoon.

**Friday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 66. Southeast wind 5 to 10 mph.

**Saturday:** Sunny, with a high near 90. South wind 5 to 10 mph.

**Saturday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 64.

**Sunday:** Sunny, with a high near 87.

**Sunday Night:** A chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 55.

**Monday:** A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny, with a high near 75.

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

# DAV

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symbol for commemorating those who had fallen in war. This small flower says, "Please, don't forget me" for those who had come home as well as those who had given their lives.

"It's an appropriate symbol to continually remind us of the service and sacrifice that make our way of life possible. This symbol of living history is a legacy that continues to serve veterans of all eras today, as it did in the aftermath of WWI," Meiser said.

This symbol of remembrance has been the staple of chapter-level fundraising efforts which provides assistance to our local heroes such as: local initiatives that help veterans receive their benefits, prevent homelessness, provide transportation for

medical appointments, and a wide range of volunteer programs and services that show our nation's gratitude to those who sacrificed on our behalf.

"Your support of the DAV Mission, through the Forget Me Not fundraiser and other efforts, honors our heroes and makes our grassroots service initiatives possible. Thank you for your remembrance and helping us fulfill our promises to the men and women who served," Meiser said.

One hundred percent of all Forget-Me-Not funds are used locally and earmarked for service to veterans only. Donations-by-mail may be sent to: DAV Chapter 47, 2405 Carleton Dr., Big Spring, TX 79720. For more info, please contact Cmdr. Ed Meiser at 432-213-2154 or email at [echomike70@outlook.com](mailto:echomike70@outlook.com). You may also contact Sr. Vice Cmdr. Mike Tarpley at 432-556-2227 or email at [tmbr27@yahoo.com](mailto:tmbr27@yahoo.com). Monthly Chapter meetings are held at 2204 Runnels St. on the third Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m.

# VOTE

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is working on processing the mail ballots so they can be ready to go out this week.

"We all should know that every election is important, but this election pertains directly to our state constitution. Howard County has been holding this election every November of odd years since 1883," she said.

For those who are curious

about some of the propositions on the ballot this go round, Duck offers a piece of advice to help understand them a bit better. "We have the second biggest constitution in the propositions and I offer one piece of advice, start each measure with the words 'I support ...' If you can agree with the way it sounds then choose For and if you disagree choose Against."

Early voting will begin Oct. 21 at the Howard County Courthouse

and continue for two weeks. The last two days, will have extended hours of 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

According to Duck, those who are wanting to see a sample ballot can pick one up from the Elections Office. The sample ballots can be mailed, E-mailed or faxed if needed.

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# WALK

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145 percent, and is ranked as the third leading cause of death in the United States. Statistics are projecting that more than 16 million Americans will be living with this disease by 2050 and almost two-thirds affected by the disease are women.

"My mom is one of the many living with an irreversible, progressive brain disorder that is slowly destroying her memory and thinking skills," Rodriguez said. "Her brain is basically forgetting to tell her body organs how to function. She can no longer carry out normal daily tasks."

Statistics show, in the United States every 65 seconds someone develops Alzheimer's and this year, it will cost the U.S. 4290 billion, a number that is only expected to drastically increase by 2050 to

more than \$1.1 trillion.

"My mother has been married to my father, who she doesn't even know who he is, for 61 years and has four children, eight grandchildren and two great grandchildren of whom she can not identify," she said. "She wasn't able to see her last two grandchildren graduate high school or the last five graduate college. She may not know it, but we are still here. We are here for her," she said.

In addition to gathering at Comanche Trail Park the morning of her wedding, the family requested instead of gifts that donations be made to benefit the Alzheimer's Association.

To find out more about Alzheimer's and find out how to help, visit [www.alz.org](http://www.alz.org).

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# Submit Halloween Safe Spots



*Editor's Note:* The Big Spring Herald will be publishing a list of Halloween Safe Spots, during the month of October. If you would like to have your business or organization listed on our Safe

Spot list please send in the following information: Name of Business, location, times, and any additional information you would like to include (special activities, cost, etc.)

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Sofia Rodriguez, 73, died Sunday. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. tonight at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

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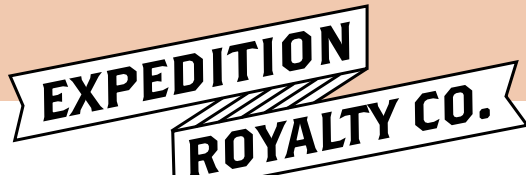


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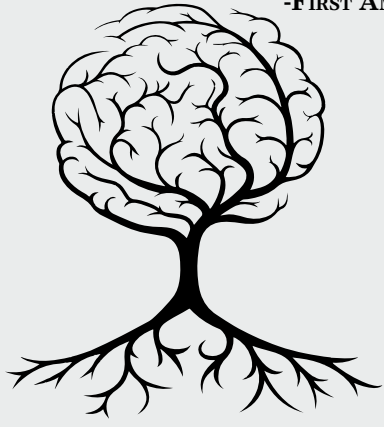
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# Opinion

*“Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.”*

—FIRST AMENDMENT



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### Medicine for the Soul

## The fire within

**H**as anyone planted a garden with good intentions, but then forgot to water it, and then wondered why it died?

Have you ever gone camping and made a fire because it was freezing and despite all your efforts slowly watch it go out? Motivation and determination are like planting a seed, lighting a fire, and having a dream, and then, being able to help that seed grow, ensure that the fire blazes for days and possibly, even years.

Motivation is what you need to reach your goal. Motivation is what you need to fuel your fire within; to water and nurture that seed you planted until it grows into the large beautiful tree or flower you expected.

Mohamed Ali once said what you are thinking is what you are becoming.

If you are striving for a goal, but can't have a positive mindset about what you can accomplish

or see what you have accomplished, you will place a barrier in your own way. Once that barrier is placed it is highly unlikely you will ever reach your goal.

That barrier will begin to diminish the flame you started with, your fire will go out, and the seed to your dreams won't be able to grow.

There was a saying that said: You can knock and push on the door of success so many times without it opening, but you forget that door only opens from within.

Therefore, what I am saying is the secret to having and maintaining the motivation to reach any goal or dream is to open that door within yourself. Open the door and don't let it close. Inspire yourself, don't let others fan out your flame, but instead focus on the inner voice pushing you forward.

Everyone has to find their own potential within themselves, and find something they enjoy doing. Once you find that, do the work.

I repeat; do the work until that potential is mastered.

To do the work, you have to have the motivation to keep everything going to learn what you

have to learn. Once you believe in yourself then you can do anything.

You can raise that family, feed your baby, and raise your children. You can go to that challenging job every day and work like you have never worked before, until the end of the day or the end of your shift.

If you believe in yourself you can become that motivated student in high school or college that not only can, but will graduate and achieve your dreams.

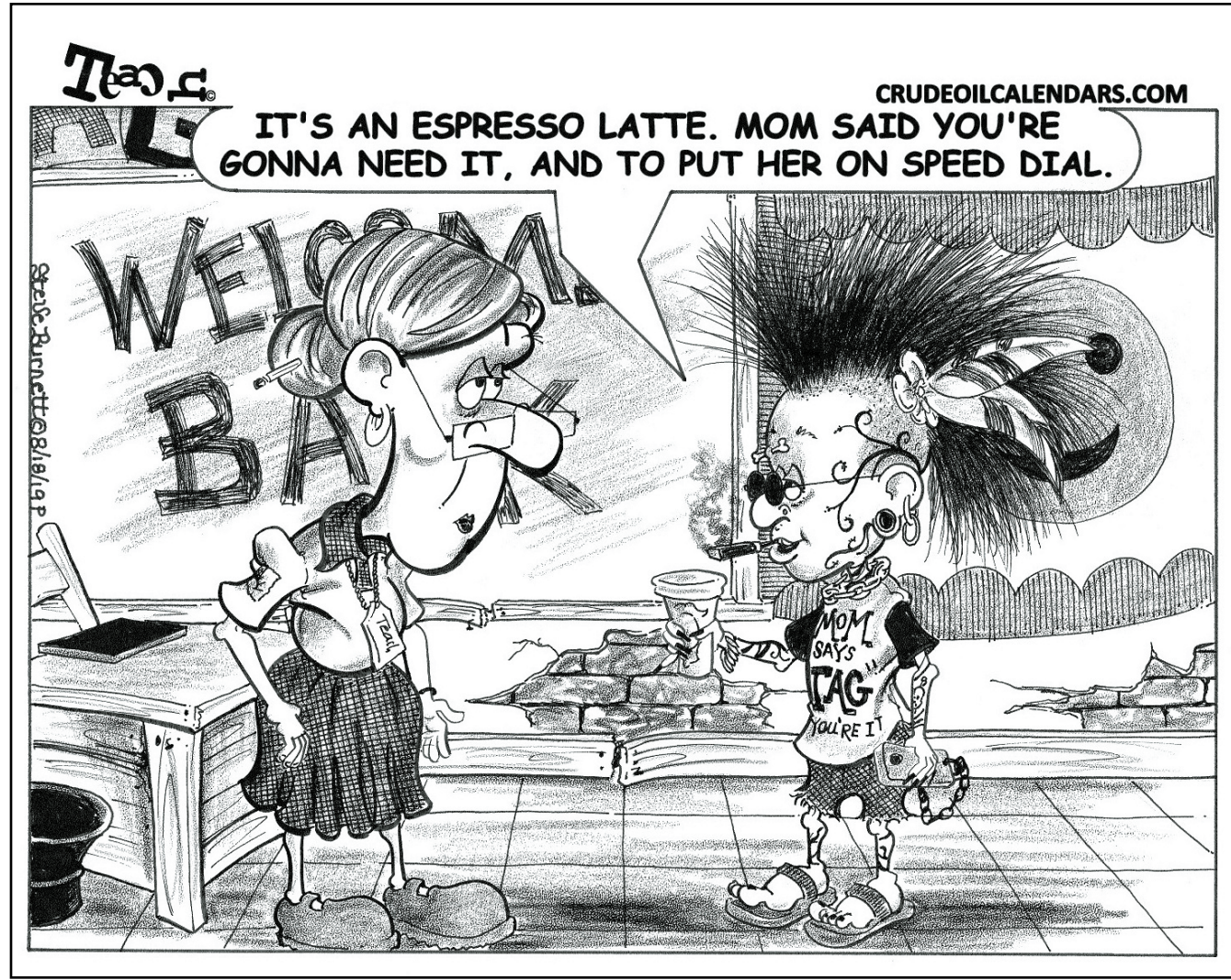
My take home message is this, in order to be able put in the work to achieve your dreams, to raise your family, to work any job from the janitor up to the CEO, to the President of the United States, you have to have that motivation.

Where do you get that motivation to become the best mother, father, worker, Doctor, Lawyer, Nurse you can possibly be?

How do I keep that fire burning or that seed from dying?

The answer my friends is this - the fire has to come from within you.

The spark is there, but if you allow it, the world will fan it out. Don't let them. Fan your flame within and make it grow for all the world to see.



## The Postscript: Blooming Late

**I** realized that I might be a late bloomer—a little late, naturally.

I love hearing about proteges: the five-year-old drummer or the sixteen-year-old activist. I love hearing the nine-year-old who sings like an old soul and reading about the 14-year-old who just completed a master's degree.

I marvel at all these amazing accomplishments. I am impressed with the laser-like focus of these children and teenagers that enables them to change the world in awe-inspiring ways.

I was never one of them. I showed no promise on any musical instrument. I didn't learn to read when I was especially young. I struggled with math, had no artistic talent to speak of, and played tennis so poorly the instructor sent me to the nurse to have my vision checked. My vision was fine.

As I got older, I was not one of those young women with terrific style. I never knew what to do with my hair. I had no signature look. I had no original ideas.

Instead, the things I have been good at are rather dull. I am good at starting over. I am good at not getting discouraged. I am good

at asking for advice. I am good at sticking to a plan even if it takes a lot longer than I thought it would. These are not glamorous skills.

But lately, in addition to all the stories of prodigies and wunderkinds, I've been hearing more stories about late bloomers: the woman who gets her first book published at eighty, the fellow who goes back to college and graduates with his grandson, the singer who records her best album three decades after she was supposed to be "finished."

I love these stories as well and I think there is a place in this world for late-life achievements.

I'm hoping to be a late bloomer. Late bloomers don't need to worry about reaching thirty and thinking their best days are behind them. Late bloomers don't have people comparing their new work with what they did in the past.

Late bloomers might get told that they are too late—that it's too late to start that new thing they want to do—but late bloomers are no longer young so they can ignore the doubters and go ahead, under the radar. Nobody's paying attention to them anyway.

In just a little more than 100 years, human beings have dou-

bled their lifespan. I think if there were some kind of plant that was suddenly living twice as long, scientists would be studying it. "What will it do with all this extra time?" "Will it grow some new fruit or become twice as large?"

This is what I've been wondering about all the late bloomers out there.

Instead of getting one great talent, one terrific skill, late bloomers have had time to learn a lot of things and now—later in life—we can figure out how all the things we've learned can work together.

We might be starting from scratch, but we've got a head start. We might be trying something new, but we get credit for time served.

I know the news will continue to be dominated by the young, and maybe that's the way it should be.

Neither youth nor fame lasts long. I'm just happy I get to try new things now, I'm delighted with any extra time I get to grow a little more, produce some sort of crazy new fruit. I'm just happy I get this chance to bloom in whatever way I can—even if my blooming comes a little late.

*Till next time,*  
Carrie

Carrie Classon's memoir, "Blue Yarn," was released earlier this year. Learn more at [CarrieClasson.com](http://CarrieClasson.com).

## DAILY PRAYER

*You, Lord, enrich our lives with both Your expected and unexpected blessings.*

*Amen*

# Forgiveness, anger after ex-Dallas cop sentenced to 10 years

DALLAS (AP) — A white Dallas police officer who said she mistook a neighbor's apartment for her own and fatally shot him in his living room was sentenced to a decade in prison in a stunning courtroom scene that included the dead man's brother and the black judge embracing the sobbing officer. People outside of the courtroom reacted angrily to the sentence given to Amber Guyger in the death of Botham Jean, believing it was too lenient. But Jean's brother addressed her directly from the witness stand.

Brandt Jean told Guyger that his brother would have wanted her to turn her life over to Christ, and that if she asks God for forgiveness, she will get it. "I love you as a person. I don't wish anything bad on you," he said to the 31-year-old Guyger, before asking the judge, "I don't know if this is possible, but can I give her a hug?"

The judge said he could, and Brandt and Guyger stood up, met in front of the bench and embraced while Guyger cried. Judge Tammy Kemp also hugged Guyger before she was led from the courtroom Wednesday.

The shooting in September 2018 drew widespread attention because of the strange circumstances and because it was one in a string of shootings of unarmed black men by white police officers.

Guyger, arrested three days after the shooting and later fired, was convicted of murder Tuesday. The jury, which was largely made up of women and people of color, could have sentenced her to up to life in prison or as little as two years. But prosecutors asked them to send her to prison for 28 years, which is how old Botham Jean would have been if he were still alive.

She will be eligible for parole in five years, after serving half of her sentence.

As video of the dramatic hearing circulated online, critics blasted the judge, saying her hug was inappropriate for the jurist overseeing the case. Meanwhile at a Dallas church where the Jean family gathered to worship and Botham Jean used to lead congregation singing, video of Brandt Jean embracing Guyger in court drew applause and "amens" when showed Wednesday night.

Dallas County District Attorney John Creuzot, a former trial judge, called Brandt's embrace of Guyger "an amazing act of healing and forgiveness that is rare in today's society ... especially for many of our leaders."

If Jean's 18-year-old brother "can heal and express healing in that fashion, in his words and in his deeds, I would hope that the greater community, not just Dallas but all of Texas and all of the United States, could gain a message from that," he told reporters.

Dallas Mayor Eric Johnson issued a statement saying he would "never, ever forget the incredible examples of love, faith and strength personified by Botham, Brandt and the entire Jean family."

Dozens of demonstrators marched through parts of downtown Dallas on Wednesday night to protest the sentence. One woman was taken into custody after she appeared to disregard police orders not to obstruct traffic.

Guyger's attorney had asked jurors to show mercy, pointing to the good she did for people, including some who spoke at the sentencing hearing.

Among them was officer Cathy Odhiambo, who described Guyger as a longtime friend who dreamed of being a police officer when they waited tables at a TGI Fridays.

She said the two of them went through the academy and then came through the police ranks together.

"Everybody that knows her knows that Amber is the sweetest person," Odhiambo said.

Odhiambo, who is black, was not asked about text messages that prosecutors said indicated a lack of sensitivity by Guyger toward black people. However, another fellow officer, Thomas MacPherson, said some of those texts sounded "out of character" for Guyger, whom he described as "someone you could depend on."

When a sniper opened fire on police during a rally in downtown Dallas three years ago, killing five of them, Guyger was "so brave," MacPherson said. He said the two of them ran toward the gunfire and helped panicked citizens along the way.

LaWanda Clark, who is black, said was struggling with a crack cocaine addiction when she met Guyger during a drug house bust. She said Guyger, while ticketing her, told her it could be the catalyst for turning her life around. She said Guyger treated her as a person, not an addict, and that she's sober now.

Jean's father told jurors about how his son's death upended his life back in St. Lucia. Bertrum Jean said that after his son left their Caribbean island for college in Arkansas, he would call home every Sunday after church to catch up with the tightly knit family. Now, he said, his Sundays "have been destroyed."

"How could we have lost Botham? Such a sweet boy. He tried his best to live a good honest life. He loved God. He loved everyone. How could this happen to him?" the father said, breaking into tears.

After the hearing, Jean's mother, Allison Jean, criticized the investigation into her son's death and the police training to shoot to kill.

If Guyger "was trained not to shoot in the heart, my son would be alive today. He was no threat to her. He had no reason to be a threat to her, because he was in his own apartment," Allison Jean said.

The basic facts of the shooting were not in dispute. Guyger, returning from a long shift that night, parked on the wrong floor and mistook Jean's apartment for her own, which was directly below his. Finding the door ajar, she entered and shot him, thinking he was a burglar. He had been eating a bowl of ice cream before she fired.

In the frantic 911 call played repeatedly during the trial, Guyger said "I thought it was my apartment" nearly 20 times. Her lawyers argued that the identical physical appearance of the apartment complex from floor to floor frequently led to tenants going to the wrong apartments.

But prosecutors questioned how Guyger could have missed numerous signs that she was in the wrong place. They also asked why she did not call for backup and suggested she was distracted by sexually explicit phone messages she had been exchanging with her police partner, who was also her lover.

## Texas officer says leading man by rope would look 'bad'

HOUSTON (AP) — A white Texas police officer could be heard twice on a body camera video saying that leading a homeless black man by a rope down city streets while he and his partner were on horseback would look "bad," according to the footage.

Two Galveston police officers arrested 43-year-old Donald Neely on Aug. 3, accusing him of criminal trespass. Galveston is about 50 miles (80 kilometers) southeast of Houston.

Images shared online of the two white officers leading Neely using a rope tied to his handcuffs — reminiscent of pictures showing slaves in chains — sparked public outrage. This led to a Texas Rangers investigation and a Galveston County Sheriff's Office review.

Protesters last month demanded that the officers' body camera footage be released.

On Wednesday, officials in Galveston released two videos — one from each body camera worn by Officers Patrick Brosch and Amanda Smith.

In the footage from Brosch, he could be heard asking Smith whether she should go get their truck so they don't have to make Neely walk. Smith said their sergeant would not approve of the officers separating.

Brosch could then be heard saying, "This is gonna look really bad."

Then just before the officers started leading Neely away, Brosch can again be heard saying, "This is gonna look so bad."

An attorney for Neely didn't immediately return a call seeking comment.

In the videos, the two officers can be heard asking Neely, who had prior arrests for criminal trespass, why he keeps sleeping in buildings. The officers seemed mostly cordial as they

led Neely.

At one point in the videos, Neely, who was wearing a welding mask that he had asked Brosch to place on his head, apparently had trouble seeing because of the mask.

The mask was one of several personal belongings that Neely had asked to bring with him.

"We're walking. Let's go. Stand next to me because I'm going to drag you if not. You have to stand next to me," Smith told Neely after Brosch took off the welding mask.

As they continued on horseback, Brosch asked Smith if she wanted to go on a street with less traffic.

"Yeah, I want the less eyesight," Smith said.

On the videos, cars could be seen driving by the two officers and Neely and people could be seen walking on the sidewalks. At one point, a group of people asked the officers for directions.

The two officers led Neely for several blocks until they reached a parking lot where their truck and horse trailer were located.

In Brosch's video, Neely could be seen standing in the parking lot for more than 10 minutes until a third officer arrived and loaded him into a vehicle.

Galveston police Chief Vernon Hale, who is black, said after the arrest that the officers on horseback are trained to use such techniques in crowd control situations but the officers displayed "poor judgment."

## Methane sensors put on planes, trucks in oil production zone

SANTA FE, N.M. (AP) — Methane sensors will be put on planes, trucks and atop towers in the West Texas and southeastern New Mexico desert in a new effort to gauge the extent of greenhouse gas emissions from surging oil and natural gas production, advocates with the Environmental Defense Fund announced Wednesday.

The yearlong project in the Permian Basin petroleum production region involves researchers from Pennsylvania State University and the University of Wyoming, and low-flying planes from a Colorado-based atmospheric research company.

The new methods will be used because traditional estimates of methane emissions have not kept up with the rapid expansion petroleum exploration in the area spanning roughly 85,000 square miles (220,000 square miles), said Environmental Defense Fund Regulatory Affairs Director Jon Goldstein.

The Permian Basin is by many measures the country's most active basin for oil and gas development, he said.

"What we don't have is a tremendous amount of information about is what that means in terms of emissions and waste," Goldstein said.

Data from the study organized by the Defense Fund will be made public while research is still in progress. Results will include a map of emissions across the region. Organizers expect scientific work to be submitted for peer review.

The goal is to produce useful measurements for the oil and gas industry as it strives to reduce waste as well as for regulators and observers who are concerned about climate pollutants, Goldstein said.

Methane, the main component of natural gas, frequently leaks or is intentionally released during drilling operations.

It traps far more heat in the atmosphere than carbon dioxide, doing 25 times the damage over the long term despite surviving for less time, according to the EPA.

On New Mexico's side of the Permian Basin, state regulators are developing new oilfield rules to limit methane emissions, even as the administration of President Donald Trump reduces federal oversight.

Democratic New Mexico Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham already has sought technical suggestions from the oil industry and hopes to use satellite data to analyze air pollution with the help of local supercomputing company Descartes Labs.

  
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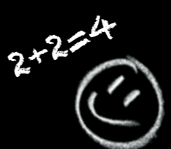
  
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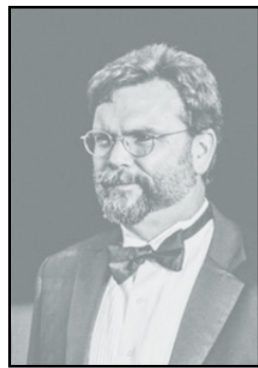
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## THE LASSO

### Postcard

from Big Spring High School

It was another full week of good things happening at Big Spring High. Students went on excursions in different directions, made things to help others learn, planned for coming events, had their photos taken in new ways, and even hosted a photo party at Hotel Settles.



Col. Allen Morris

The FCCLA, or Family, Career and Community Leaders of America, leadership team went on an educational outing as did many of the seniors. The seniors went to Texas State Technical College (TSTC) in Sweetwater to learn more about career options and schools that are available to them beyond high school.

There has long been a need for professionals like doctors, lawyers, and school teachers and there seems to be no end in sight for such, but the demand for skilled labor outstrips the professionals three to one. That is, there are three times more people working in high paid skills jobs today than there are professionals.

According to Vonnie Anderson, Career and Technical Education Director at Big Spring High, "TSTC provides an opportunity for students in the surrounding area to learn about and be exposed to potential future trade schools and universities. It's always nice when these outside entities come to the local communities."

Then in the Communications Department, the students made short videos that are designed to help elementary students the world over learn the alphabet. That is, the short videos contain photos of the shapes of letters as found in nature or everyday things. The photos are then arranged in order of the alphabet along with depictions of what the letters look like in capital and lowercase. These 50+ videos will be uploaded to a YouTube channel and made available to elementary teachers to help their students better learn the alphabet. Next the students are working on Numbers in Nature. Later the YouTube link will be made available in another postcard from the high school.

Then the Rotary version at the high school, Interact, met and planned several activities for the coming year. The ambitious list will need to be thinned, but it included things like: host a Halloween Dance complete with a Haunted Hallway, host a Sadie Hawkins dance as well as a Valentine's dance. Host a Christmas Party

for area youth who might not otherwise have a nice Christmas and help the Scouts with the Haunted Hayride. Additionally, the Interact students wanted to host a Movie Night on the football field and set up times when they could read to elementary students.

Then the Yearbook team photographed over half of the students for the yearbook. The head shots are being done a new way this year and it is expected that it will work well once the kinks get worked out. The students are busy solving new problems with the new process.

The underclassmen are being photographed in-house and digital copies will be emailed to parents upon request along with places where the photos can be printed at a greatly reduced charge. There is no fee to receive the head shots for the underclassmen. If you have an underclassman and you would like to receive the photo, please send an email to me, Colonel.Allen.M.Morris@gmail.com and put the student's full name in the subject line. Once the photos have been taken and processed, they will be emailed to you along with details on how to get them printed.

The Seniors are being photographed in-house this year and those packages will be available too. Those details are being worked out now and will be announced very soon. Thank you for your patience.

And finally, but not the last good thing that is happening at Big Spring High, Hotel Settles hosted the Junior Class and a handful of Seniors for a "Picture Party" as organized by Olivia Bancroft of the class of 2021. It was a great success and a fantastic kick-off to the new and improved yearbook.

This year's yearbook will come out in chapters throughout the school year. First there will be a chapter for the class of 2023, otherwise known as The Freshmen and then successive chapters will follow until the Class of 2020 gets its chapter in May

Each chapter will be specific to the class with the exception of the Activity Chapter that will show up in May. Additionally, each chapter is targeted to come in at just \$19.95, which is much less than the most recent price of \$80.

Your comments, questions, and suggestions are welcome, encouraged, and always appreciated. You can write to me at Colonel.Allen.M.Morris@gmail.com

### Academic Star Student of the Week Brant Gartman, Coahoma High School Class of 2020

Brant Gartman, the son of Dean and Misty Gartman, is a senior at Coahoma High School. Brant's hard work during his high school years has landed him in the number eight academically ranked position in his class. He is also a member of the National Honor Society. As an all-around athlete, Brant excels at sports. He plays on the varsity football, baseball, track, and basketball team. He was named Honorable Mention Defensive Back and given the CHS Athletic Department's "Details Matter" award in 2018.

Following graduation, Brant plans to attend Texas Tech University where he will major in geophysics and hydrology. He wants to pursue a career as a geophysicist.



### Congratulations, Brant!

## Little Buffs

### What's happening at Forsan Elementary School? Learning about Native American culture



Courtesy photos

Mrs. Tonn's fifth graders at Forsan Elementary School recently learned about Native American cultures, and crafted their own mini totem poles at the end of the unit.

## The Buffalo Bulletin

### Looking for a good read? Pick a book from the board...



Courtesy photo  
The bulletin board in Mrs. Evans' 7th-grade reading and English classes at Forsan Junior High features images of books to give her students ideas of what to read during the year.

Special to the Herald  
"Reading one book is like eating one potato chip." - Diane Duane

Mrs. Evans' seventh grade reading and English classes at Forsan Junior High have a great new bulletin board to view each day, but this particular board serves as more than just something pleasing to look at during class. "We are working on filling our board

with books that we read during the school year," Mrs. Evans said. "When a student says, 'I don't know what to read next,' I send them to the board. This is a great way to showcase what is being read and encourage others to read."

Other teachers have seen and loved Mrs. Evans' bulletin board, and they are hoping to be able to imitate the idea for their own classrooms.

## Buffalo Spirit Week



Courtesy photos  
Last week was Spirit Week in Forsan, and students and faculty at Forsan High/Middle School and Forsan Elementary School dressed up as superheroes, in pajamas, as tourists, and other fun and wacky characters.



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### Annie's Mailbox

#### Cutting Family Ties

**Dear Annie:** I have an abusive mother, and for many years I put myself in her path. Any time I opened up to someone about her behavior, I heard, "But she's your mum," or "She means well," or "You only have one mother," much like the letter writer "Chosen Family."  
All that did was to cement my mother's accusation of my nastiness.  
I do know why she is the way she is. My grandfather was a horrible man who was very uninterested in a daughter. But I also learned about narcissists (her) and how they use scapegoats (me).  
I understand it is not me. But just because I understand doesn't mean I will put myself in a situation where I could be abused again. And, more importantly, I will not allow my daughter to be subjected to the same judgment I have heard her spout about my nieces. I will not allow this toxicity to hurt another generation. As for all those who are lucky enough to not understand, I look them in the eye and unashamedly tell them that my mother is a nasty woman and I don't see her. Just because she's

my mum doesn't mean much. -- Staying Away

**Dear Staying Away:** I am sorry that you didn't have a mom who was as loving, accepting and nurturing as you deserved. Sadly, you are correct that not everyone gets a good mother. Your awareness about why your mother treated you the way she did is commendable.  
The next step would be to see your mom as a victim of abuse from her father, and then, with time, you can forgive her for the way she treated you. Forgive her, not for her sake, but for yours. Holding onto that

anger for years can be toxic to you and your daughter. Thank you for sharing your story.

**Dear Love to Cook:** Cooking classes are a great idea! They could be a fun and healthy activity for the couple to do together. Thank you.

**Dear Annie:** I am reacting to "Kitchen Confidential" and the problem with her boyfriend who doesn't eat a healthy diet. He has no history of proper meals, and she really can't expect him to suddenly change. In order to learn, and to spend fun time as a couple, I suggest that they take cooking lessons together. She said they are now living in a larger city, so there are likely to be several options available. Not only will he -- and she -- learn good cooking and eating options, but they will also have a great time. -- Love to Cook

**Dear Wise Words:** Thank you very much for your kind words. Your fourth-grade teacher sounds like a very astute person.

Send your questions for Annie Lane to [dearannie@creators.com](mailto:dearannie@creators.com).

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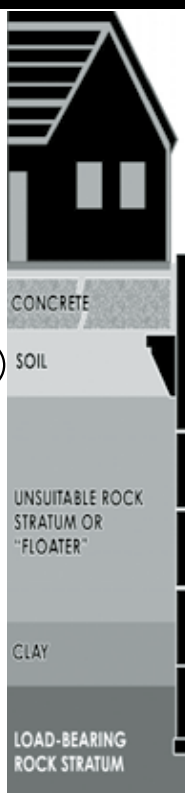
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**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** When you measure your work against a standard that means something to you, it doesn't matter if you please people, get good reviews, sales or a high dollar amount... what matters is that you meet your standard.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** You assign meaning to even the smallest universal signs and you're not about to let the big moments go by without being present to their purpose. It could take a while to sort out and soak in though, so don't rush to answers.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** Here comes a parade of short-term temptations you're expected to forego in favor of long-term goals that you're not even sure will gratify you half as much. Trade environments. Get out of temptation's way. The day gets easier.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** The brain is a high-energy organ fueled by a steady supply of blood sugar. Though that's not its only energy source. It needs nutritious thoughts, too, as well as beliefs and other inspiration to keep the intellect sharp and clear.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** Why settle for merely being different when you have the chance to do something that's much better than what others are doing? How you're different will become irrelevant when you leap to a whole

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

none of this is worth stressing about today.



new level of unquestionable excellence.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** When the future is less certain, the present becomes a far more interesting place where pleasures are tasted now, opportunities are swept up immediately and risks are gladly taken today.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** What works today might not work for others, and it might not work for you forever. Take the win for today. Who said it had to make sense? Accept the bounty of the moment.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** You have nothing to be afraid of. Something to remember here: Historically, you've always bounced back from mistakes and done even better than if they hadn't happened. So take a risk. Even if you lose, you'll win.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** Do the thing that contributes to a lighter, brighter attitude. Even if it seems like an indulgent choice, it's probably the healthier one because

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** As the saying goes, it's best to fix the roof when the sun is shining. You're in for a stint of good emotional weather and would be wise to reinforce the structures that bring you protection, peace and happiness.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** Oscar Wilde said that it was absurd to divide people into good and bad. "People are either charming or tedious." You're charming, seeking the same.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** The more convinced you are that you're headed toward a beautiful destiny, the less reactive you'll be to little inconveniences. These aren't catastrophes. If a thing can be fixed with money, then it's not a real problem.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Oct. 3).** This is no time to back down. You're well on your way to becoming a master. Your ability develops with every assignment you take on, so seek the teachers and situations that will throw a lot at you. The time you invest in loved ones will be the source of your strength, pride and best moments. Capricorn and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 20, 6, 30 and 44.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Points, schmoins

South dealer.  
East-West vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♠ 8 4  
♥ 9  
♦ A K Q J 9 3  
♣ K J 6 2

**WEST**  
♠ Q J 7 6  
♥ K 6 5 4 2  
♦ 5 2  
♣ 8 4

**EAST**  
♠ K 9 3 2  
♥ A Q J 10 7  
♦ 8 6  
♣ 10 7

**SOUTH**  
♠ A 10 5  
♥ 8 3  
♦ 10 7 4  
♣ A Q 9 5 3

The bidding:  
South Pass West Pass North 1♦ East 1♥  
2♣ 2♥ 4♥ Pass  
4♠ Pass 4NT Pass  
5♥ Pass 6♣

Opening lead — four of hearts.

When a side has 33 or more high-card points, it should nearly always reach a slam. But the fact is that the great majority of slams are made with fewer than 33 points in high cards, mainly due to distributional factors, and it is this rather large family of hands that challenges the bidding skill of a partnership.

Consider this deal where North opened the bidding third-hand with

one diamond, East overcalled with one heart, South bid two clubs, and West bid two hearts. Since North was looking at only 14 high-card points and his partner had passed initially, a slam might seem out of the question.

But North placed a high value on his singleton heart, and this, in conjunction with his solid diamonds and excellent support for clubs, induced him to try for a slam despite his shortage of high cards. Accordingly, he jumped to four hearts — a "splinter" bid indicating club support and a singleton (or void) in hearts.

South realized that although his 10 points were about as little as the law allowed for his two-club bid, his A-Q-A were golden cards that might produce a slam opposite North's singleton-showing bid. So he cuebid his ace of spades to show first-round control of that suit.

North needed no further encouragement. He checked for aces via Blackwood and carried on to six clubs after South showed two. (North would have passed and played in five diamonds if South had shown only one ace.)

Twelve tricks proved to be lay-down after East won the opening heart lead — even though North-South had only 24 high-card points between them.

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.

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1	8	2	6	4	7	9	5	3
6	1	3	7	5	4	2	9	8
4	9	8	2	1	6	3	7	5
2	5	7	6	8	9	6	1	4
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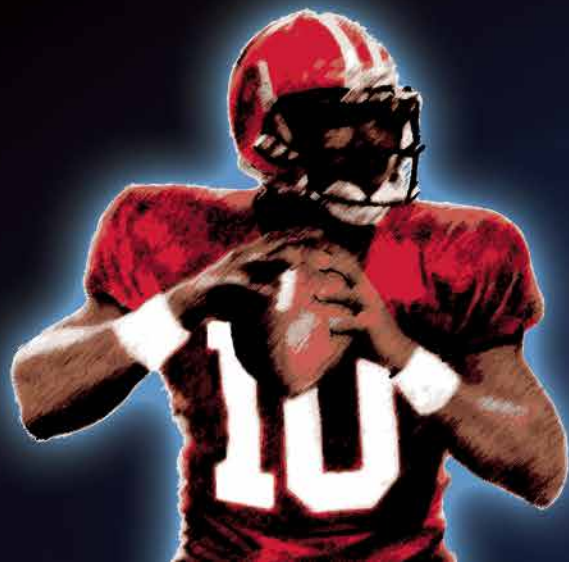
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# FRIDAY NIGHT UNDER THE LIGHTS

High School Football In Howard County

## Steers hit the road to take on Canyon *Recovering from last week's shut out 0-40*

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**  
Managing Editor

The Big Spring Steers are coming off a tough defeat from the Wall Eagles, but it hasn't diminished their Steer Pride and their desire to bring home a win.

The Steers have been hitting the practice field hard, working on their technique and gearing up to take on Canyon. The team has been looking at placement on the field and proper execution of plays.

The Wall Eagles may have swooped in and taken control of the game last week, but Big Spring is ready to make the Canyon Eagles take flight as they aim to bring home the win this week.

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*Courtesy photo/Tony Claxton (claxtonphotography.com)*  
**Big Spring Steers Chance Dickerson and Abel Clark join forces to make the tackle in last week's game against the Wall**



## Bulldogs take a breather with open week

By **LYNDEL MOODY**  
Herald Contributing Writer

It's back to basics for the Coahoma Bulldogs who are brushing up on game fundamentals during their bi-week, but the Dawgs also know district begins next week.

"I feel like our kids at Coahoma are creatures of habit, so we are keeping everything the same this week," said Bulldogs Head Football Coach Chris Joslin. "We are lifting at the same time we always do, we are practicing at the same time. We are not getting into a goofy schedule because we are off. We are keeping them in the same routine because it's been going pretty good."

However, on the forefront of their minds is the first district game against Idalou, Joslin said.

"Those kids are already asking for film for our next opponent. That tells you a lot," he said. "They are not just sitting back taking the week off."

"We stressed to them after the ball game the other night that good teams still want to come in and prepare even though it's an off week," Joslin continued. "Average teams just look for the off week to just skate by. Our kids are out there trying to learn about their next opponent and that says a lot."

The Bulldogs begin district facing two very tough teams — Idalou and 5th Ranked Abernathy — back-to-back. For right

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*Courtesy photo*

**Tony Hagins, No. 7, catches a pass from Zack Schneider and heads down field to gain some long yardage for the Coahoma Bulldogs during the varsity game against Iraan held Friday, Sept. 27.**

## Buffaloes seek 4th straight win against Wink

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**  
Managing Editor

Forsan Pride was high as the Buffaloes wrapped up Homecoming Week and claimed their third straight win of the season against Reagan County.

The Buffaloes were going to celebrate regardless, with Homecoming festivities and the announcement of Homecoming Royalty, but the victory over the Owls made the celebrations even sweeter.

The Buffalo herd came out roaring and ready to trample the Owls. The Buffs made their first statement less than three minutes into the

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*HERALD photo/Amanda Duforat*

The Forsan Buffaloes showed what playing with heart, teamwork and the desire to win can do. The Buffaloes brought home the third straight win for the season, as they defeated Reagan County.



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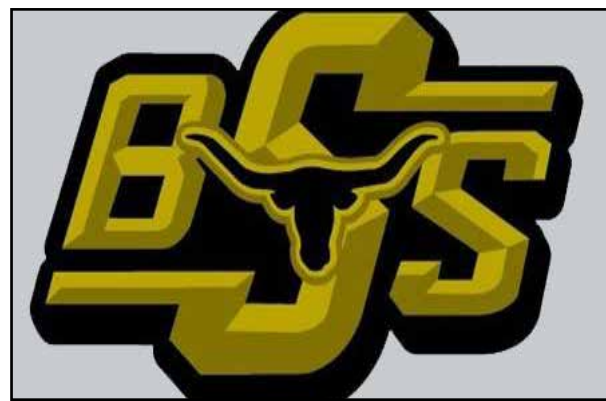
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Pictured above: The Big Spring Steers Nick Gomez goes in for the tackle to take down the Eagles from gaining yardage during last Friday's game at Memorial Stadium. Pictured left: Zephaniah Nelson takes to the field and runs the ball, gaining yardage in an attempt to get the Steers up on the scoreboard, during last Friday's game.

## STEERS

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Last week the Steers showed the drive they have as they entered the second half with a renewed energy and fight that was almost non-existent in the first half. One of the hard felt absences from the roster for the



Steers was Orlando Sanchez, who had suffered an injury in the Homecoming game against Pecos. The Steers will take to the road this Friday for a non-conference game with kick off set for 7 p.m. in Canyon. The community is invited to travel to the game and cheer on the team, form the rally cry and show that Steer Pride won't be defeated.

## CHS

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now, Joslin said the coaches and players are focusing on one game at a time to reach their two main goals which are to qualify for playoffs and earn the highest seed possible. "We divide the football season into four seasons," Joslin explained. "Two-a-days was the start. That went well. We were way ahead of where we were last year. The second season was the pre-district games, and we felt like we did well coming out with 4-1 record. "Now it's down to district season, which is the most important time because if you don't take care of that you don't get the fourth season — playoffs," Joslin said. "Our number one goal is to get into the playoffs. After that our next goal is to get the highest seed we can get." Which is why, Joslin added, the team focuses on one game at a time. "We just have to focus on the here and the now, and that's Idalou in the next two weeks," he said. "When you start looking ahead is when you start messing up and get beaten."

Courtesy photo

Tony Hagins, No. 7, marches down the field to place the Coahoma Bulldogs in good field position after catching a pass from quarterback Zack Schneider on Friday night. Coahoma shut out the Iraan Braves 48-0.



**Defensive Player of the Week**  
Taylor Barnes and Patrick Gutierrez  
Two Bulldog defensive players had an outstanding day during the Iraan game. Taylor Barnes made a number of tackles and played a lot of minutes in the game. Patrick Gutierrez played two different defensive positions. In the first half, Patrick continued his excellent coverage as a linebacker, and he brought back that workman ethic with him in the second half as an outside linebacker. (See photos on 3B)

**Offensive Player of the Week**  
The Bulldog offensive linemen: Jonathan Schneider, Keegan Dobbs, Garrett Anderson, Grayson Glidewell, Cutter Atkins, and Travis Mitchell.  
The Bulldog offensive linemen went to work in the Iraan game opening up holes for the running backs and providing excellent pass protection for their quarterback. "We had six different people score during the game, and it was because of those offensive linemen," said Bulldog Head Football Coach Chris Joslin. "These guys do all the blocking for us but hardly get any credit for the integral work they do to make us a successful team." (See photos on 3B)

## BUFFS

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game with the first touchdown and the tone for the evening was set. The Owls kept attempting to soar, but with several flags on plays throughout the first half, their chances at a victory took a slow start. The Owls were able to get 6 points up on the board before the end of the first half, ending the half with a 12-6

score and a push for the Buffaloes to come out fighter a little bit harder. The Buffaloes are enjoying the victory, but haven't backed off on the practice strategy. The Buffaloes have seen the result of consistency, determination and hard work. According to Coach Phillips, the team rushed for over 300 yards and held the Owls to less than 100 yards. This week they are gearing up to head back on the road and travel to Wink, with a new found confidence.

The Buffaloes are focusing on building on the lessons that have already been learned this season and once again placing their all on that field when the first whistle blows and not stopping until the final buzzer. Wink is a team that carries a great football tradition and plays hard, physical football. Coach Phillips said this will be a good test for the Buffaloes before they head into their bye week. Kick off is set for 7:30 p.m. at Wink.



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The Forsan Buffaloes set up for the next play ready to score another touchdown. The Buffaloes came out with the third straight victory last Friday against Reagan County.

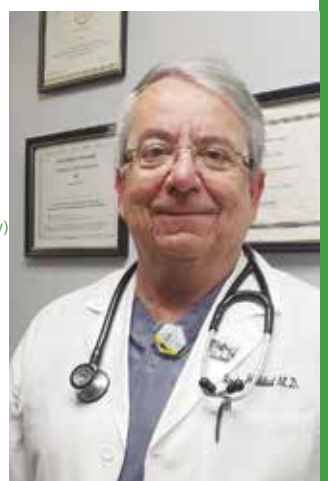
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# West Texas Score Board

District 2-6A	Record	PF	PA
Amarillo Tascosa	4-1-0	187	92
Midland Lee	5-0-0	287	87
Wolfforth Frenship	4-1-0	225	104
Odessa	2-3-0	135	197
Midland	1-4-0	100	209
Odessa Permian	2-3-0	152	160

**Last Week:**  
Wolfforth Frenship 38, Canyon Randall 10; Odessa Permian 56, Los Fresnos 14; Odessa 44, Harlingen South 33; Harlingen 49, Midland 13; Midland Lee 63, San Benito 12; Amarillo Tascosa 55, Brownsville Hanna 7.

District 2-5A	Record	PF	PA
Abilene Cooper	5-0-0	186	97
Lubbock Monterey	2-3-0	193	190
Amarillo	2-2-0	98	109
Amarillo Caprock	1-4-0	125	187
Amarillo Palo Duro	2-3-0	82	162
Lubbock	1-4-0	132	183
Lubbock Coronado	2-2-0	140	112

**Last Week:**  
Amarillo Caprock 35, Amarillo Palo Duro 14; Abilene Cooper 70, Lubbock Monterey 49; Lubbock Coronado 45, Lubbock 14.

District 3-5A Div. 2	Record	PF	PA
Canyon Randall	1-4-0	73	144
Lubbock-Cooper	4-1-0	1202	143
Wichita Falls Rider	2-3-0	168	177
Abilene Wylie	0-5-0	45	195
Plainview	1-4-0	83	176
Wichita Falls	1-4-0	71	135

**Last Week:**  
Lubbock Estacado 45, Wichita Falls 3; Wolfforth Frenship 38, Canyon Randall 10; Herford 28, Plainview 7; Lubbock-Cooper 48, Clovis (NM) 28; Dumas 47, Wichita Falls Rider 35; Brownwood 33, Abilene Wylie 0.

District 2-4A	Record	PF	PA
San Angelo Lake View	3-2-0	139	157
Seminole	4-1-0	121	87
Andrews	4-1-0	211	100
<b>Big Spring</b>	<b>1-4-0</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>168</b>

**Last Week:**  
Andrews 45, Clint Mountain View 17; Wall 40, Big Spring 0; Llano 41, San Angelo Lake View 21; Seminole 7, Denver City 0.

District 1-4A Div. 2	Record	PF	PA
Fort Stockton	5-0-0	188	61
Midland Greenwood	5-0-0	221	70
Lamesa	0-5-0	62	258
Monahans	1-4-0	85	154
Pecos	2-3-0	97	141
Snyder	0-4-0	62	194
Sweetwater	1-4-0	144	249

**Last Week:**  
Fort Stockton 35, Pecos 13; Monahans 54, Lamesa 13; Midland Greenwood 57, Sweetwater 28.

District 1-3A	Div. 2	Record	PF	PA
Alpine		3-2-0	130	113
Anthony		2-3-0	113	184
Crane		5-0-0	278	65
Reagan County		0-5-0	39	172

**Last Week:**  
Crane 56, Stanton 7; Forsan 35, Big Lake Reagan County 13; Alpine 27, Kermit 24; San Alizario 35, Anthony 29.

District 2-3A	Record	PF	PA
Abernathy	4-1-0	177	62
<b>Coahoma</b>	<b>4-1-0</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>59</b>
Idalou	3-2-0	157	109
Stanton	2-3-0	51	109
Colorado City	0-5-0	31	198
Lubbock Roosevelt	1-4-0	80	180

**Last Week:**  
Isalou 45, Muleshoe 16; Crane 56, Stanton 7; Coahoma 48, Iraan 0; Lubbock Roosevelt 28, Floydada 25; Clyde 54, Colorado City Colorado 0; Abernathy 38, Littlefield 21.

District 3-2A	Record	PF	PA
Hawley	4-1-0	196	93
Stamford	4-1-0	161	116
Winters	3-2-0	166	110
<b>Forsan</b>	<b>3-2-0</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>119</b>
Ozona	4-1-0	243	33

**Last Week:**  
Hawley 73, Windthorst 20; Ozona 61, Junction 0; Forsan 35, Big Lake Reagan County 13; Stamford 38, De Leon 37; Christoval 34, Winters 24.

District 1-2A Div 2.	Record	PF	PA
McCamey	2-3-0	135	180
Iraan	0-5-0	26	277
Van Horn	2-3-0	153	149
Wink	2-3-0	114	141

**Last Week:**  
Seagraves 48, Van Horn 26; Wink 48, New Home 19; Eldorado 62, McCamey 32; Coahoma 48, Iraan 0.

UIL Six Man	Record	PF	PA
District 6-1A			
Borden County	5-0-0	297	137
Klondike	4-1-0	256	127
O'Donnell	2-2-0	166	96
Grady	2-3-0	161	225
Sands	0-5-0	104	275

**Last Week:**  
Gail Borden 66, White Deer 37; Westbrook 46, Lenorah Grady 0; Wellman-Union 49, Ackerly Sands 33; Lamesa Klondike 53, Imperial Buena Vista 0; Anton 46, O'Donnell 32.

# Players of the Week



**Nick Gomez**



**Zephaniah Nelson**



**Taylor Barnes**



**Patrick Gutierrez**



**The Bulldog offensive linemen: Jonathan Schneider, Keegan Dobbs, Garrett Anderson, Grayson Glidewell, Cutter Atkins, and Travis Mitchell.**



**Chris Mendez**



**Ely Matthies**

**Forsan Buffalo Chris Mendez** was one of the Defensive Line who made one of several interceptions in the game against Reagan County, last Friday. He made his way up the field aiding in several of the plays that earned Forsan touchdowns and helped carry the team to another victory. His teamwork and determination earned him Defensive Player of the Week.

**Forsan Buffalo Eli Matthies** made his mark on the game as part of the Offensive line and aided in the team acquiring 398 rushing yards, against the Reagan County Owls. His hard work and hustle paid off, and helped the team gain a victory. He was an all around team player and positive impact during the game, gaining him the title of Offensive Player of the Week.

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