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## Big Spring High hosting Howard County Sheriff's forum Saturday

### Upcoming Event

Jan. 25  
*Silver Wings Ball*  
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*Open Art Studio fundraiser*  
BSHS Art Room

*Sheriff Debate*  
BSHS at 11 a.m.  
More details to come

Jan. 27  
*Quilt of Valor presentation*  
Honoring first responders  
Dora Roberts Community Center  
6 p.m.

Feb. 1  
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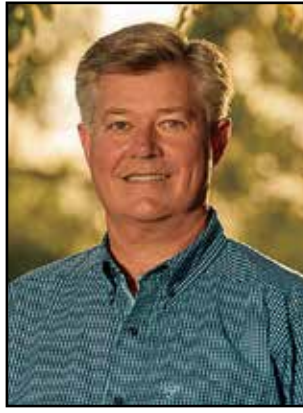
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By **AMANDA DUFORAT**  
Managing Editor

The students at Big Spring High School are gearing up for the upcoming Sheriff Forum, set for Jan. 25 at 11 a.m. inside the BSHS library. The forum is open to the public and will be an opportunity to hear from both candidates who have placed their name on the ballot – Stan Parker and Tad Ellis.

“Not only will our students learn, grow and mature by participating with this event, but the citizens of Howard County will get to see and hear what the candidates for the top law enforcement position have to say,” Colonel Allen Morris, Forum Organizer, said. “The students will become more civic-minded and anyone listening will be able to make a better, more informed decision.”

Big Spring High School students hosted their first community forum



Stan Parker



Tad Ellis

The Sheriff Forum will be hosted by Big Spring High School students. The Forum is set for Saturday, at 11 a.m. in the library.

during last election season, featuring the Mayoral candidates. The forum served as a learning experience for the students and allowed them to see the in-

ner workings of a political debate, from beginning to end. The knowledge gained from that particular forum will be used to improve upon the upcoming debate on Saturday.

“Please attend. The office of Sheriff is one of the most important positions in the county. This forum can provide you with a good opportunity to find out the experience and plans for the future,” Parker said. “I feel that people need to know who they are hiring to do a job for them; ask questions and compare the candidates.”

Sheriff Candidate Tad Ellis added, “This forum will present the general public with the opportunity to ask questions and compare and contrast the two candidates running for the position that in some form or fashion affects the quality

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## Culinary students cooking it up in a new kitchen

*Big Spring High School CTE program preparing for the future*

By **SAVANNAH GEER**  
Staff Writer

The Culinary program has been at the high school for many years, but did not have a designated commercial kitchen type lab space. It operated out of the original “Home Economics” foods lab/classroom. It has been time for an update.

Culinary Arts is part of the CTE program at Big Spring High School. This course is beneficial for career readiness as it is providing hands-on experience for jobs in this field. The students are able to take what they have learned and cook for their families.

“I have had several students do this with great feedback from parents,” Jennifer Caudill, CTE Adviser said.

Culinary Arts focuses on more than just preparing food. Students are taught safety and sanitation, as well. In addition to preparing delicious foods they also provide knowledge on proper knife skills, measurements and conversions. The program currently only has four students in the Advanced Culinary Arts program which takes place in the Culinary Lab; Sa’Quan Fizer sophomore; Hannah and Hayden Bell sophomores; Naia Martinez, junior.

“I have three Introduction into Culinary classes as well that will assist in building the Culinary program as this is a prerequisite to the class,” said Caudill.

These students will be competing in the High School BBQ Competition in Lubbock March 20 and 21.

Mrs. Caudill says the students representing the CTE program have been very receptive to this course and seem to be

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Courtesy photo

Culinary students work together to create biscuits for the recent School Board Appreciation dinner.

## Coahoma ISD board of trustees to meet Thursday

**Herald Staff Report**

The Coahoma ISD Board of Trustees will be holding a regular scheduled meeting on Thursday at 6 p.m. , in the Faculty Dining Room at Coahoma Elementary, located at 400 Ramsey Street in Coahoma.

The meeting will begin with an opportunity for an open forum allowing those attending to address the board. After the Open Forum has concluded, the board will proceed into the agenda.

There will be a TAPR – Texas Academic Performance Report public hearing at the beginning of the meeting, following by School Board Appreciation and Student Recognition. January is National School Board Appreciation Month.

The Board will also discuss and possibly take action to Call School Board of Trustees Election set for May 4, 2020. In the upcoming election, according to the Howard County Elections Office, there are two at-large positions on

the ballot for CISD Board of Trustees.

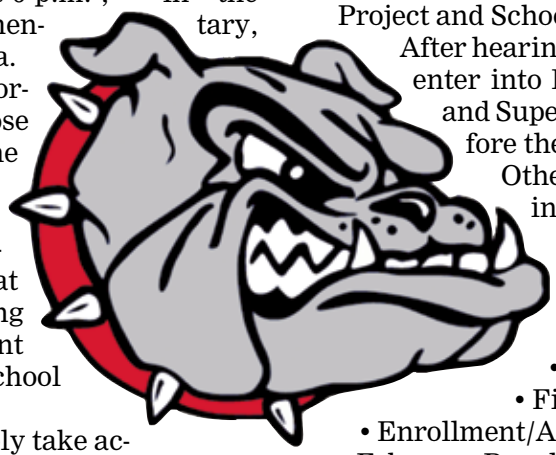
As part of the Information Items, on the agenda will be the Superintendent Report which will offer updates on the Bond Project and School Calendar Guidelines.

After hearing the Information Items, the board could enter into Executive Session to discuss Personnel and Superintendent Evaluation and Contract, before the meeting will adjourn.

Other items included on the January Meeting Agenda include:

- Approve minutes
- Approve Budget Amendments
- Approve Interlocal Agreement with West TX Food
- Update 114 on 18 items
- Financial Reports
- Enrollment/ADA/WADA Report
- February Regular Meeting

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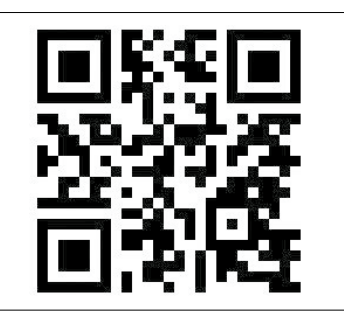


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## Obituaries

## Bettie Sue Taylor



Bettie Sue Taylor left this life on Sunday, Jan. 19, 2020.

Bettie was born Jan. 24, 1928, in Sipe Springs, Texas to Lewis Dunn and Ethel Chambers Dunn. In 1934, the family moved to her grandparents' ranch on the Mitchell, Scurry County line.

Bettie attended Ira School, graduating in 1945. She had plans to enter the Army nurses training in the fall but R. K. Taylor, the young sailor she was pen pals with, came home on survivors' leave and they were married June 13, 1945, in Rockwall, Texas. After raising her family she fulfilled her dream of becoming a nurse, graduating from Howard College School of Nursing in 1973.

She was preceded in death by her husband R. K. Taylor, an infant daughter Cody Gay Taylor, her parents and a sister, Mary Lew Rhea.

She is survived by a son, Lewis Taylor and wife Betty of Big Spring, a daughter, Suzanna Wilson

and husband Jimmie of Ira, three grandchildren, Rebel Royall and wife Cynthia, of Garden City, Kirtis Taylor, of Big Spring and Wendy Scott and husband Kyle, of Westbrook. Also surviving are five great-grandchildren, Kirstie Rostro and husband Tero, of San Angelo, Chapman Royall of Levelland, Rafe Royall of Lubbock, Peyton Royall of Garden City, Gunner Scott of Westbrook.

At Bettie's request, there will be a graveside service Thursday, Jan. 23, 2020, at Ira Cemetery with Reverend Rocky Alexander officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home. A meal will be served for the family at noon at Ira Church of God annex building.

Pallbearers will be grandsons: Rebel Royall, Kirtis Taylor, Tero Rostro, Kyle Scott, Gunner Scott, Chapman Royall, Rafe Royall and Peyton Royall

No visitation is planned.

Online condolences may be posted at [www.bell-cypertseale.com](http://www.bell-cypertseale.com) Bell-Cypert-Seale 3101 College Avenue Snyder Tx 79549 Phone: 325 573 5454 Fax: 325 573 6001 Email [cypertseale@yahoo.com](mailto:cypertseale@yahoo.com)

*Paid Obituary*

## John Glenn Allen III

John Glenn Allen III was born Oct. 21, 1958, in Big Spring, Texas, to Dr. J. Glenn Allen, Jr., and Wanda Simpson Allen. He died Jan. 12, 2020, at his home in Arkadelphia, Arkansas, at the age of 61.

He was preceded in death by his father Dr. J. Glenn Allen, Jr. and his grandparents.

John is survived by his mother, Wanda Allen; his four sisters Joann (Bob) Decker of Ft. Worth, Texas; Julie (Gary) Bailey of Waco, Texas; Catherine (Tims) Edwards of Oden, Arkansas, and Martha (Paul) Bryant of Arkadelphia, Arkansas; 11 nieces

and nephews; 13 great nieces, and nephews, many cousins and two aunts Mary Jo Flatte of Mt. Ida, Arkansas and Evelyn McQueen of Little Rock, Arkansas.

Graveside funeral services were at Rest Haven Memorial Gardens Cemetery on Thursday, Jan. 16, 2020, at 11 a.m. Memorials may be made to the Clark County Humane Society, 627 Walnut St, Arkadelphia, AR 71923 or charity of your choice. Arrangements are entrusted with Ruggles Wilcox Funeral Home visit our online guest book at [www.ruggleswilcox.com](http://www.ruggleswilcox.com)

*Paid Obituary*

## Mildred L. Holeman

Mildred L. Holeman, 92, of Midland, passed away Jan. 18, 2020.

The family will receive guests from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Friday, Jan. 24, 2020, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home in Midland.

Funeral service will be held at 9:30 a.m., Saturday, Jan. 25, 2020, at Cotton Flat Baptist Church, with interment following at Resthaven Memorial Park.

All floral offerings may be delivered to Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory in Midland.

## Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

• **REBECCA LYNN COMSTOCK**, 36, of 509 S. Johnson St., was arrested on charges of criminal trespass of a habitation or shelter.

• **MARGARET MICHELLE NIX**, 50, of 321 W. 22nd St., Apt. 3, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• **RICKY LYNN WALTENBAUGH**, 42, of 3509 E. I-20, #14A, was arrested on charges of assault causing bodily injury to a family member, and assault family violence threat or offensive touch.

• **ACCIDENT MINOR** was reported in the 800 block of E. I-20, and the 2600 block of Gregg.

• **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 1400 block of S. Runnels St., and the 3500 block of E. I-20.

• **THEFT** was reported in the 2300 block of Wasson Rd., and the 8500 block of W. I-20

• **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 2700 block of Carol Dr.

• **ACCIDENT MAJOR** was reported in the 700 block of E. Borden Rd.

• **ASSAULT** was reported in the 1600 block of Martin Luther King.

## Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 400 block of Abrams. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1900 block of Simler 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.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 400 block of Driver Rd. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 800 block of Creighton. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3700 block of Dixon. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported at mile marker 186 on I-20. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1800 block of N. Hwy 87. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported at Bowden and Dawson Rd. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

## Sheriff

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 84 inmates at the time of this report.

• **CYNTHIA MARIE ALDERSON**, 33, was arrested by HCSO on a warrant for motion to adjudicate-possession of a controlled substance penalty group 1 (less than one gram).

• **RICHARD DEAN ANDERSON**, 53, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant for terroristic threat causing fear of imminent serious bodily injury.

• **DONALD CRAIG BAKER**, 47, was arrested by DPS on charges of driving while intoxicated-second offense, and assault of a public servant.

• **REBECCA LYNN COMSTOCK**, 36, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of criminal trespass.

• **ERIC EDWARD CORONADO**, 24, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of operating a vehicle under improper registration.

• **BRANDON COURTNEY**, 42, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of assault causing bodily injury to a family member.

• **TYSON EVAN ENTERLINE**, 39, was arrested by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated-third or more offense.

• **MICHAEL JAMES FLORES**, was arrested by DPS on a charge of driving with invalid license with previous conviction or suspension.

• **BRENDEN GARCIA**, 18, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of evading arrest or detention, and warrants for accident involving damage to vehicle, two counts of no drivers license, and

failure to control speed.

• **BEN GARZA SR.**, 65, was arrested by DPS on warrants for rider not secured by a safety belt, expired drivers license, violating promise to appear, and a parole violation.

• **REBECCA GOMEZ**, 30, was arrested by BSPD on warrants for criminal mischief-impairing, interrupting or diverting public water, and credit or debit card abuse.

• **SCOTT HERRERA**, 48, was arrested by HCSO on warrants for issuance of bad check, and driving with invalid license.

• **MARCHALL LATON HORN**, 27, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of assault causing bodily injury to a family member.

• **KELSI SHALYIN KIRK**, 31, was arrested by HCSO on a warrant for a parole violation.

• **ROBERT ADAM MATA**, 33, was arrested by BSPD on warrants for burglary of a building, and criminal mischief (\$750 to \$2,500).

• **NATANIE MARIE MIERS**, 21, was arrested by HCSO on a warrant for bail jumping and failure to appear.

• **MARGARET MICHELLE NIX**, 50, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.

• **RAYMOND EARL OVERTON JR.**, 40, was arrested by DPS on warrants for five counts of bail jumping and failure to appear.

• **DALTON PHILLIPS**, 23, was arrested by BSPD on charges of driving while intoxicated-second offense, and unlawfully carrying a weapon.

• **CHAD LEE PUGA**, 35, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant for driving with invalid license.

• **PATRICK AARON RAMIREZ**, 28, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of driving with invalid license with previous conviction or suspension.

• **ERIK SANCHEZ**, 26, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of assault family violence threat or offensive touch, and a warrant for displaying expired registration.

• **ANTHONY ELIZANDRO SOLIS**, 28, was arrested on warrants for burglary of a habitation intending another felony, and violating a protective order with bias or prejudice.

• **RICKY LYNN WALTENBAUGH**, 42, was arrested by HCSO on charges of assault causing bodily injury to a family member, and assault family violence.

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# FORUM

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of life of all citizens within the county.”

According to Morris, both candidates will have an opportunity to speak to the community. Whether you have decided who you will be voting for or still undecided, the forum can be an educational platform to allow voters to make an informed decision regarding the position of Sheriff.

“In today’s political climate I believe it is more important than ever to ensure your local representatives morals, ethics, and beliefs most closely align with your own. It is my hope that this forum will give the people the opportunity to make that determination by listening to the candidates’ answers to each of the questions,” Ellis said. “The office of Sheriff is a constitutionally elected office and is the citizens’ last line of defense in upholding

the principles set forth in the Constitution of the United States and the State of Texas.”

Parker added, “I hope to meet people and have a conversation, and be able to openly discuss issues and programs we currently have in place so people can have a better understanding of what we do.”

The forum will be moderated by Big Spring High School students and both candidates will have an opportunity to answer the submitted questions, according to Forum Organizer Allen Morris. The event is expected to last about an hour; following the event both candidates will be available for one-on-one questions.

“I would like to encourage everyone to submit questions, come out and actively participate in the political process,” Ellis said. “I am very excited for the opportunity to meet with the people of Howard County and share my vision on how a County Sheriff’s Office could be operated in a more efficient and effective manner.”

Those unable to attend the event can watch a live

stream on Facebook – Big Spring High School or local media – or watch the forum in its entirety on the Big Spring High News Channel on YouTube. The recording will also be posted on the High School’s website and other local media platforms, after the debate has concluded.

Those wanting to submit questions to the candidates can email Nolan Dominquez at [nmdominquez1999@gmail.com](mailto:nmdominquez1999@gmail.com) as soon as possible to be considered for the forum. Additional comments and questions regarding the forum can be sent to Colonel Allen Morris at [colonel.allen.m.morris@gmail.com](mailto:colonel.allen.m.morris@gmail.com).

The students will also be holding another forum in the spring for the City and School Board elections.

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## Weather



**Today:** Mostly cloudy, then gradually becoming sunny, with a high near 67. South wind around 15 mph becoming west in the afternoon.

**Tonight:** Mostly clear, with a low around 40. West wind 5 to 10 mph becoming north after midnight.

**Thursday:** Sunny, with a high near 59. North wind 5 to 15 mph.

**Thursday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 35.

**Friday:** Sunny, with a high near 62.

**Friday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 37.

**Saturday:** Partly sunny, with a high near 65.

**Saturday Night:** Mostly cloudy, with a low around 41.

**Sunday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 66.

**Sunday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 42.

**Monday:** Sunny, with a high near 70.

**Monday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 45.

*(Weather courtesy National Weather Service via [forecast.weather.gov](http://forecast.weather.gov))*

## COOK

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enjoying it, especially since their school work is edible.

“I feel the students, and I have learned so much from each other,” she said.

Culinary Students will have to renew or obtain their Food Handler’s Certification at the end of the semester, although most received this last year in their prerequisite class.

“We have joined with Greater Big Spring Rotary Club for their homecoming fundraiser as well as

with United Way helping with Empty Bowls,” Caudill said.

By getting involved and partnering with local organizations, this gives Culinary students opportunities to showcase skills and have hands on community experiences. The community members or organizations can help support the students by contacting Jennifer Caudill, CTE Adviser at 432-264-3641 in regards to assisting with events.

*Savannah Geer is a staff writer at the Big Spring Herald. To contact email Reporter@bigspringherald.com or call 432-263-7331.*

## Take Note

• Support Kayln Whitehead get to Europe, as part of Team Texas, for an opportunity to play volleyball. On Jan. 25 - until food runs out - Kalyn and her family will be outside Walmart offering brisket burritos, as a fundraiser. There will also be more information on other fundraising opportunities and how to donate to the upcoming trip.

• The Big Spring Amateur Radio Club will be hosting a Ham Radio Training Course for Technician Class Certification. The class will meet Monday and Thursday nights from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The dates are: Monday, Jan. 20, Thursday, Jan. 23, Monday, Jan. 27, and Thursday, Jan. 30. Upon completion of the classes, a testing date will be scheduled to accommodate those in the class. For more information, email Henry Hunter at [hhunter@poka.com](mailto:hhunter@poka.com), or Pepper Sullivan at [wpsull911@sbcglobal.net](mailto:wpsull911@sbcglobal.net).

• 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.

• 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? • 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, Feb. 3 and Tuesday Feb. 4, 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. 7<sup>th</sup> St., at 5:30 p.m. You can follow their Facebook page for additional information <https://www.facebook.com/food2kids/>.

• O’Neal-Kunkle, 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.

• Senior and/or mature adults are invited to come to a dance every first and third Friday each month at the Dora Roberts Community Center, located at 100 Whipkey Drive. Come two-step the evening away, or just mingle with old friends and make new friends. Dances are from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. with live entertainment. No alcohol or smoking permitted. Cost is \$5 per person.

• Home Hospice is looking for volunteers (18+) and junior volunteers (9-16 years old). Applications can be picked up at the Home Hospice office, located at 111 E. Seventh Street, Suite A between 8 a.m and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Adult volunteers will need to complete a training and must be able to pass a background check. Volunteer duties will include home visits; junior volunteers will be helping with office work, community events and holiday activities. More information can be obtained by calling 264-7599 or 432-967-0901.

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January 10, 2020

An Open Letter to my clients:

After more than 45 years of practicing law I have determined that it is time to begin the process of closing my law office. It will take awhile to finish up, but to those of you who have pending cases with me I will continue on it until it is completed. We need to get together to determine exactly where we are on your case, therefore, it will be necessary for you to contact me so that we can discuss your case and its status.

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During last week's School Board meeting at BSISD, board members were presented with thank you baskets along with Steer artwork for their office or home. Pictured left to right: Melissa Miller (right) is presented with her basket by Becky Otto, BSJHS Principal and Jay McWilliams, Superintendent; Manny Chaveria (right) is presented with his basket by Washington Principal Kaitlyn Jeffrey and Jay McWilliams, Superintendent; Maria Padilla (middle) is presented with her basket by BSHS Principal Mike Richey and Jay McWilliams, Superintendent. Pictured far left: Julie Harris (right) is presented with her basket by Marcy Principal Dana Pannell and Jay McWilliams, Superintendent. Pictured left: Fabian Serrano was presented with his basket by Moss Principal Carman Wommack and Jay McWilliams, Superintendent.



*HERALD photos/ Amanda Duforat*

Pictured above left: Keep Big Spring Beautiful showed their appreciation for the Big Spring Herald staff and their partnership throughout the past year with Toasty Tuesday's and other community events. Pictured above right: Christy Brownfield (far right) with Big Spring Center for Skilled Care delivered ice cream to the Big Spring Police Department and Howard County Sheriff's Office to show appreciation for the dedicated service provided by law enforcement in the community of Big Spring and Howard County.

# National Rubber Duck Day celebration at Parkview



*Courtesy photos*

Parkview residents enjoyed a little splash, splashin' with rubber ducks in celebration of Rubber Ducky Day. The residents were able to act like a kid again for a few hours and enjoyed the festivities with families, fellow residents and staff.



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# Boy accused in killing 4 not cooperating

GRANTSVILLE, Utah (AP) — A boy accused of shooting and killing four members of a Utah family and wounding a fifth surrendered peacefully following the Friday night slayings, but has since refused to speak with detectives trying to piece together a possible motive, police said Monday.

Police in the small town of Grantsville released the names of the victims, who ranged from 14 to 52 years old, and said the boy was related to them. But authorities declined to specify the suspect's age, his relation to the victims or release his name at the request of the district attorney until formal charges are filed.

The father of the family was released from the hospital after being treated for a gunshot wound and was talking with investigators, said Police Sgt. Rhonda Fields. She added that the killings were the first homicides in two decades in the town of 11,000 about 35 miles (55 kilometers) west of Salt Lake City.

"The biggest question everybody has is 'why' and, while we may not be directly able to answer that, we hope to be able to gather some information to be able to help people in future to be able to prevent something like this or offer support to those who may need it," Fields said.

"We don't have a lot of crime," she added. "It's hard to accept that something like this has happened in our community

Investigators were trying to put together a timeline of the shooting to help figure out what happened, Fields said, adding that no other details were being released at this time.

Hundreds of people gathered Monday night for a candlelight vigil for the family where some expressed compassion for the boy arrested.

"On so many levels this is so tragic for our community," family friend Diane Passey said, according to the Deseret News. "Not just for the mother and the four lives lost, but also for the poor young man who was in such a dark place."

Relatives of the victims asked for privacy as they awaited results of the investigation. Patty Deakin-Daley, a realtor who started a fundraising campaign to help cover the victims' funeral expenses, said she had been in touch with a brother and a son of the injured father, Colin Haynie, 50.

A statement from the Haynie family that Deakin-Daley read at the vigil expressed both their deep sorrow and their appreciation of the outpouring of love.

"It is our hope and prayer that at this difficult time we focus on the positive moments that we have shared together. We are finding for ourselves that as we mourn, it is beneficial - if not necessary - to cheer our spirits with good memories, and even a bit of laughter," it said.

Police responded to a call of shots fired inside

the family's home at approximately 7 p.m. Friday. When officers arrived, they found the bodies of Consuelo Alejandra Haynie, 52, her daughters Alexis, 15, and Maylan, 14, and son Mathew, 14, Fields said.

The shooter and his father were gone, she said. Authorities later discovered that a person who arrived at the house after the shooting drove the suspect and the surviving victim to a nearby hospital, Fields said.

Authorities said they had not been called to the house in the past.

Officers arrested the boy at the hospital. He faces four counts of aggravated murder, one count of attempted aggravated murder and multiple firearms charges and was being held at a youth detention facility pending an expected court appearance.

Officials said he is the only suspect. The person who drove them to the hospital was not involved in shooting, she said.

It appears to be the largest mass shooting in Utah since 2007, when a shotgun-wielding gunman killed five people and himself at Trolley Square mall in Salt Lake City.

Tooele County School District officials will offer counseling to students this week. Counselors will also be at the city library for anyone else in the community who needs to talk about the killings, Grantsville Mayor Brent Marshall said.

## News Briefs

### Phoenix police: 3 children found dead, mother arrested

PHOENIX (AP) — A Phoenix woman has been arrested on suspicion of killing her three children after they were found dead inside the family home, authorities said Tuesday.

The 22-year-old mother, whose name has not been released, "has admitted to harming her three children, which caused their demise," Sgt. Mercedes Fortune told reporters outside the home.

"We are comfortable in saying now that the mother is responsible for the death of the children," Fortune said.

The home is in a sparsely developed working class neighborhood of southern Phoenix. The area is mostly made up of small older wooden houses and mobile homes. There is also a white Spanish-style church nearby. But there is some new construction, with a housing development of single-family homes priced at more than \$500,000.

The mother was in the process of being booked on three counts of first-degree murder. There was no information on whether she had an attorney who could speak on her behalf.

A relative who lives at the residence called police late Monday. Responding officers found a 7-month-old girl, 2-year-old girl and 3-year-old boy in a living room area, authorities said. The children were pronounced dead after officers administered CPR and fire officials provided first aid.

Police were still interviewing the 30-year-old father and a 49-year-old relative who lives in the home, according to authorities. There was no obvious trauma to the children, and relatives indicated illness may have been a factor, police said.

They said the family had recently moved to the area from Oklahoma.

It's too early to determine how the children died, police said. The investigation remains ongoing.

### Police fatally shoot man who held frying pan, cleaver

DENTON, Texas (AP) — A police officer in north Texas fatally shot a man at an apartment complex early Tuesday after the man refused to drop a frying pan and cleaver that he was holding, officials said.

One officer was stabbed in the melee but officials said the injuries aren't life-threatening.

The officers responded just before 3 a.m. to an apartment complex in Denton, about 35 miles (55 kilometers) north of Dallas, after several people called 911 to report a man was banging on doors and shattering light fixtures in a hallway of the complex, Denton city officials said in a press re-

lease.

Police used a Taser on the man but it was ineffective, so an officer opened fire, striking the man, the press release said. The man was pronounced dead at a hospital.

Officials have not released the names of the officers involved or the man who was killed, but the city said the officer who shot the man had six years of service with the Denton Police Department.

### Man arrested in San Antonio bar shooting argues self-defense

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A 19-year-old man arrested in a San Antonio shooting that left two people dead and wounded five others said he was acting in self-defense when he opened fire during a concert at a bar.

Kiernan Christopher Williams is expected to face capital murder charges for the Sunday night shooting at Ventura on the Museum Reach portion of the San Antonio River Walk, police said Monday.

As Williams was taken into custody Monday, he promoted his own Instagram account and described himself as "an upcoming artist."

He told reporters that another person threatened to kill him because Williams had bumped into him at the bar.

"I regret everything that I did, no lie," Williams said.

Jail records do not list an attorney who could speak on Williams' behalf.

The medical examiner's office identified the men killed as Robert Martinez and Alejandro Robles, police said. A 46-year-old woman and four male teens between the ages of 16 and 19 were hurt but are expected to survive their injuries, police said.

Police have said the shooting was "not a random incident" and that at least one of the seven victims knew Williams.

"It's nothing more complicated than an argument that occurred inside the club with someone pulling out a firearm," San Antonio Police Chief William McManus said Sunday night.

Robles, who was killed in the shooting, had gone to Ventura with his wife to support a childhood friend who was performing that night, family members told the San Antonio Express-News. His father, James Huff, said he did not believe his son knew Williams.

A since-deleted Facebook event indicated Sunday night's concert at the Ventura was "Living the DREAM," a showcase featuring multiple performers, and the Express-News reported that a flyer listed Williams as one of the scheduled

performers. An email to the apparent promoters wasn't immediately returned.

It was not the only shooting at an entertainment venue Sunday night. Two people were shot and killed and at least 15 were injured in a shooting outside a bar in Kansas City, Missouri, just before midnight. Police believe the shooter is one of the two who was killed

### Iranian attending college in Boston is denied entry to US

BOSTON (AP) — An Iranian student attending college in Boston was denied entry to the U.S. and ordered to immediately fly back to his native country, despite a court order temporarily staying his removal, immigration lawyers and civil rights groups said Tuesday.

Shahab Dehghani, a student at Northeastern University, arrived on a flight into Boston on Monday with a valid student visa but was detained by U.S. Customs and Border Patrol at Logan International Airport, according to the American Civil Liberties Union of Massachusetts, which is among the groups representing him.

The organization said customs officials insisted Dehghani, whose full name is listed as Mohammad Shahab Dehghani Hossein on federal court filings, leave on the next available flight.

Dehghani's attorneys filed an emergency lawsuit Monday night seeking to hold off his removal, which a federal judge approved, pending a court hearing Tuesday.

But Judge Richard Stearns on Tuesday said the case was moot and out of his jurisdiction since Dehghani had taken a flight out of the country that night.

Dehghani's attorneys confirmed he had taken a flight to Paris but disputed the judge's assertion.

They also disputed federal prosecutors who argued that Dehghani was removed from the country before the emergency order was issued Monday night.

Kerry Doyle, one of Dehghani's lawyers, argued in court that he had not boarded his flight when the order was issued.

She and other supporters said after the brief hearing that they are weighing their legal options.

Doyle and others also said customs officials in Boston have a "pattern" of ignoring court orders, citing other recent cases of people from Middle Eastern countries denied entry at Logan since President Donald Trump issued a ban on travelers from several predominantly Muslim countries in 2017.

Northeastern University said it has been in touch with federal officials to try to help Dehghani.

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### Steers notch season-high in points in 85-78 win over Sweetwater Mustangs



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Pictured above left: Head Coach Kris Hise goes over a play late in the fourth quarter on Tuesday night. Pictured above right: Forward Abel Clark lines up at the charity stripe for a free throw attempt.

By SHAWN MORAN

Herald Sportswriter

SWEETWATER — In a high-scoring, high-intensity matchup between two district rivals on Tuesday night, the Big Spring Steers (17-9) came out with a 85-78 victory over the Sweetwater Mustangs (11-17).

“I thought we could score, but I didn’t think we’d allow them to get that many,” Showtime Steers Coach Kris Hise said. “Our defense didn’t look very good tonight. We couldn’t keep anybody in front of us.”

The Steers scored a season-high in points but also allowed the Mustangs to keep themselves in the game through great shooting from their starting five. The Mustangs had two players, guard Darian Carr and forward Damen Atkins, to score over 20 points. Four total players for the Mustangs scored in double-digits in a game that looked to never be out-of-reach for either team.

Big Spring was led by junior guard Kyler Seymore and senior guard Zeph Nelson. Seymore totaled 40 points in the game while Nelson made plays all over the court on both sides of the ball. Nelson grabbed four steals by being a menace throughout the Mustangs’ passing lanes the entire game. On offense, the senior knocked down three shots from beyond the arc and scored 15 total points in the team’s first district win in their first district game of the season.

“He’s done that all year,” Hise said. “He’s a great senior for us this year. He stepped up big in big moments and hopefully continues to do that.”

Nelson added, “I think I played great because of my teammates. They brought the energy so I

brought the energy.”

At halftime, the Showtime Steers led by a score of 43-39 after a second quarter which included a combined 49 points scored by both teams. It appeared to be a game of runs where the Steers would seemingly pull away before the Mustangs stormed back into the game. Seymore scored a stealthy 22 points in the first half by knocking down threes, midrange jumpers, and drives to the hoop.

“He can put a ball in a net at anytime so it’s nice to have him,” Hise said.

The Steers led the Mustangs by a score of 67-62 with eight minutes left to go in the game following another high-volume third quarter that included a combined 47 points from both teams. Big Spring continued to hustle hard throughout the game and it was not hard to see how badly they wanted to pull out the district win.

After closing out the game strong, the Steers headed home with a big win heading into Friday night’s home matchup against Greenwood. After allowing the Mustangs to score at will on Tuesday night, Hise knows they must do better and will surely be working on defense in practice the next couple of days. Hise believes his group will have no problem scoring on the Rangers, but will want to see improvement out of his defense.

The next time these two district

rivals meet next month, Nelson even threw out a guarantee that will firmly instill confidence in his team.

“We wanted to beat them by 40,” Nelson said. “When they come to our home, we’re doing it.”

UP NEXT: The Showtime Steers will be hosting the Greenwood Rangers on Friday night at 8:00 p.m. at Big Spring High School.

Shawn Moran is the sports editor at the Big Spring Herald. To contact him, email sports@bigspringherald.com or call 432-263-7331.

#### NCAA Men’s Basketball Top 25

Ranking	Team	Overall	Points	Prev
1	Baylor	15-1	1591	2
2	Gonzaga	20-1	1588	1
3	Kansas	14-3	1470	6
4	San Diego St	19-0	1422	7
5	Florida State	16-2	1335	9
6	Louisville	15-3	1303	11
7	Dayton	16-2	1139	13
8	Duke	15-3	1065	3
9	Villanova	14-3	1055	14
10	Seton Hall	14-4	1034	18
11	Michigan St	14-4	1004	15
12	Oregon	15-4	886	8
13	Butler	15-3	867	5
14	West Virginia	14-3	758	12
15	Kentucky	13-4	755	10
16	Auburn	15-2	637	4
17	Maryland	14-4	525	17
18	Texas Tech	12-5	399	23
19	Texas	13-5	398	NR
20	Memphis	14-3	394	22
21	Illinois	13-5	280	24
22	Arizona	13-5	225	NR
23	Colorado	14-4	154	20
24	Rutgers	14-4	152	NR
25	Houston	14-4	151	NR

#### RECEIVING VOTES:

Wichita State (94), LSU (83), Michigan (73), Northern Iowa (42), Ohio State (36), Stanford (28), Wisconsin (28), Penn State (24), Liberty (21), Florida (21), Arkansas (19), Virginia (13), Creighton (13), Duquesne (13), Purdue (9), East Tennessee State (6), Indiana (6), USC (4), Marquette (2), BYU (2), Harvard (1)

#### DROPPED FROM RANKINGS:

Wichita State (16), Michigan (19), Ohio State (21), Creighton (25)

#### NCAA Women’s Basketball Top 25

Ranking	Team	Overall	Points	Prev
1	S. Carolina	17-1	741	1
2	Baylor	15-1	725	2
3	UConn	16-1	665	4
4	Oregon	15-2	658	6
5	Louisville	18-1	641	5
6	Stanford	16-2	599	3
7	Oregon State	16-2	545	8
8	NC State	17-1	530	9
9	Mississippi St	16-2	504	10
10	UCLA	16-1	497	7
11	DePaul	17-2	425	14
12	Kentucky	15-3	378	11
13	Gonzaga	18-1	366	16
14	Florida State	15-3	358	13
15	Texas A&M	15-3	345	12
16	Arizona State	15-4	297	18
17	Indiana	14-4	221	15
18	Arizona	15-3	214	21
19	Iowa	15-3	186	22
20	Maryland	13-4	184	20
21	Arkansas	15-3	156	23
22	Northwestern	16-2	118	NR
23	Tennessee	14-3	116	24
24	South Dakota	17-2	110	25
25	West Virginia	13-3	63	17

#### RECEIVING VOTES:

Missouri State (42), Rutgers (31), Princeton (28), LSU (5), Florida Gulf Coast (2)

#### DROPPED FROM RANKINGS:

Missouri State (19)

### Lady Steers win second straight game 46-33 over Sweetwater

By SHAWN MORAN

Herald Sportswriter

SWEETWATER — The Big Spring Lady Steers won their second straight district game on Tuesday night when they stormed into Sweetwater and left town with a 46-33 win over the Lady Mustangs.

“There’s still a lot of little things that we need to work on,” Lady Steers Coach Krystle Jim said. “I thought our rebounding was good. There’s a lot of little things, such as not turning the ball over so much, and just other little lackadaisical things that we need to get wrinkled out.”

Both teams started off slow and combined for only eight points in the first quarter. Big Spring guard Tristan Smith scores four of her five points in the first quarter while the Lady Mustangs managed only two points on two free throws. With the Lady Steers leading 6-2 heading into the second quarter, the offensive production picked up for both squads. Turnovers plagued each team in the first half and it was a defensive battle throughout.

The Lady Steers came up with a pair of big blocks in the first half. Forward Madison Kuykendall notched one of her four blocks in the first half and was a force in the paint all-night long. Kuykendall led Big Spring with 16 points in the game and was able to consistently score on second-chance opportunities.

“She’s played big for us,” Jim said. “She got rebounds, she concentrated on finish-



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Pictured above: Daniah Wrighter puts up a shot from the post during Tuesday night’s win.

ing, and I thought she played well tonight.”

Big Spring led Sweetwater 18-12 at the start of the third quarter and was able to extend their lead to nine points by the end of the third. The Lady Steers led for the entire game and seemed to keep their confidence by never letting the Lady Mustangs get within striking distance.

The Lady Steers scored 28 points through the first three quarters of their district rivalry on Tuesday night. Holding onto a comfortable lead, Big Spring exploded for 18 points in the final eight minutes of regulation. After the game, Jim was thrilled with the way

her team was able to close out the game.

“I was most pleased with our finish,” Jim said. “Our third and our fourth quarters were a lot stronger than our first and our second. Again, I’m still waiting on us to put four whole quarters together.”

Jim and her squad will be looking forward to the next district challenge and improving the next time they take the court at home on Friday night.

UP NEXT: The Lady Steers will be hosting the Greenwood Lady Rangers on Friday night at 6:30 p.m. at Big Spring High School.

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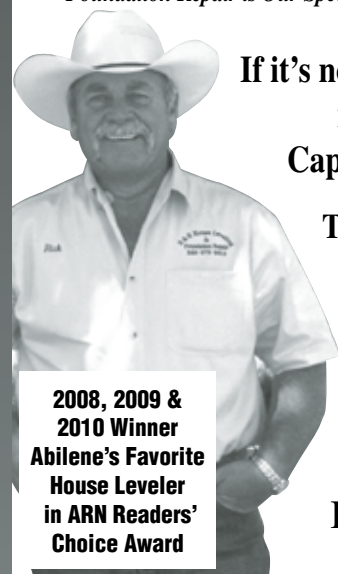
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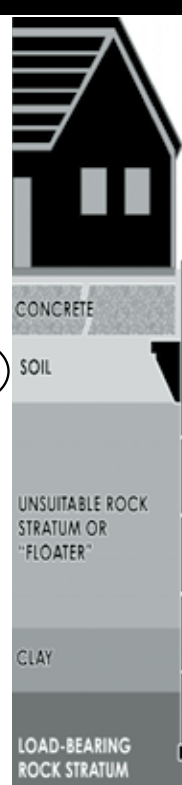
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**Tomorrow's Horoscope**

**The Perils of Sun Square Uranus**

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** There are times to push yourself, give yourself tough-love talks and do the heavy lifting it takes to be an emotional powerlifter. Not today. You'll go much further with gentle compassion and encouragement.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** Today's life path is like a 17th-century stage-coach route, and you're being jostled accordingly. Try and relax into the bumpy rhythm knowing that this mode is what's available now; it's as good as any; and you'll arrive soon enough.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** It sounds like a platitude, a mediocre Pinterest infographic that gets shared in moments of halfhearted solidarity. But what if it also happens to be just plain true? You really do deserve more.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** People don't automatically deserve to get all of you. There are parts of your personality that you put on hold when you're around people who don't react well to them. This is self-protection and completely within your right.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** The burning question: Whatever gave you the idea that your life should be anything other than how it is? The faster you can stamp "WRONG" on that, the more empowered, creative and capable of change you will be.

**BY HOLIDAY MATHIS**



the situation.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** There's this friction going on between thinking and feeling. Seems simpler to give the reins over to one school or the other. Alas, it won't work. The mind and heart must each hold a strap or this thing won't gallop.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** Plan A probably won't work, but the alphabet has 25 more letters, give or take, depending on your preferred language. If there's anything to get better at now, it's switching to the next plan without much fuss.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** You have no intention of talking about things that other people don't understand, and yet it will happen unless you keep checking in to be sure that the last thing computed.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Jan. 22).** Kurt Vonnegut said, "Everything is nothing with a twist." You savored many wins last year, but there were also losses that you're still deciding how to handle. You're so close to turning them into loads of good fortune that all you need is said "twist." The year brings brilliant creativity and personal achievement. Sagittarius and Capricorn adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 50, 33, 21 and 18.

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**Contract Bridge**

By Steve Becker  
The magic number is 13

South dealer.  
North-South vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♠K 13  
♥Q 84  
♦K 72  
♣K 8 5 3

**WEST**  
♠9  
♥AJ 10 9 7 5 2  
♦10  
♣7 6 4 2

**EAST**  
♠Q 8 7 6 4 2  
♥3  
♦Q 9 6 5 4 3  
♣—

**SOUTH**  
♠A 10 5  
♥K 6  
♦A J 8  
♣A Q J 10 9

The bidding:  
South West North East  
1♣ 3♥ 3NT Pass  
6♣

Opening lead — ace of hearts.

the trick with the king.  
Declarer can count 11 tricks at this point and sees that he can score a 12th by taking a successful finesse in either spades or diamonds. But if that is as far as his thinking goes, he is not trying hard enough. The fact is that declarer is sure to make the slam if he plays correctly, and he does not have to subject himself to the element of chance usually associated with a finesse.

At trick two, South learns that West started with seven hearts, and he also learns at the same time — from East's failure to ruff the second heart lead — that West has all four missing clubs. Eleven of West's 13 cards are thus accounted for, and declarer's only remaining task is to find out how many spades and/or diamonds West holds.

Accordingly, South plays four rounds of trump and then cashes dummy's king of diamonds. After West follows suit, declarer next plays dummy's king of spades. When West follows suit again, the picture of his original hand is complete. He obviously started with seven hearts, four clubs, one spade and one diamond.

The rest of the play is easy enough. Declarer cashes dummy's queen of hearts, discarding either a spade or a diamond, and takes a finesse in the other suit, knowing for certain that it will succeed.

Tomorrow: A day fit for a queen.

One way attempting to change a mediocre bridge player into a good one is to convince him that learning to reason things out is far more important in the long run than expending energy on trying to master complex bidding conventions or fancy plays that come up once in a blue moon.

Take this case where South is in six clubs. West leads the ace of hearts, East following suit, and continues with the jack of hearts, East discarding a diamond as South wins

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6 1 8 2 7 4 9 5 3  
5 7 2 9 6 1 4 8 6  
1 9 6 8 2 3 7 4 1  
1 9 6 2 8 6 7 9 7  
7 2 9 1 7 6 8 9 8  
8 7 5 7 9 9 1 6 2  
9 8 7 6 4 9 2 6 1  
9 8 1 9 2 7 6 6 8 8  
2 6 4 8 1 8 5 7 9

ANSWER

**Back Down, Mama Bear**

**Dear Annie:** Every December, my ex-mother-in-law organizes a holiday party for all of the women from her side of the family. It's a fancy dinner, and they have a \$15 Secret Santa gift exchange.

As a rule, all attendees must be 16, and my daughter was thrilled that she was able to attend for the first time. She asked that I bring her to an upscale gift store so she could buy (with her own money, I might add) a really nice gift.

After hours of browsing, she wound up purchasing an array of lovely smaller gifts, which totaled slightly more than \$15. She came home and wrapped it so beautifully; she was so proud of herself as she headed off to the party with her present in hand. I couldn't help but think about how much she reminds me of my ex-mother-in-law, who is also very artistic and crafty and takes great pride in her gift-giving as well. My daughter is the definition of a chip off the old block.

**Annie's Mailbox**

When my daughter returned from the party, she said she had a nice time but that her gift was not well-received. Apparently, a few of the ladies were making fun of it.

According to my daughter, everyone was asking whose it was, but my daughter didn't speak up. At the time, we laughed about it and didn't really think of it as a big deal, until six months later.

My daughter comes home from a visit with the ex-in-laws and tells me that my ex-mother-in-law, and a few other family members, figured out that the gift from the party was from my daughter, and, while at a family gathering in front of everyone, came right out and accused my daughter of "regifting" her gift.

They had the audacity to accuse her of picking random stuff from her own bedroom, wrapping them up and regifting them. The whole family joined in and made a joke of it, and my daughter was crushed and extremely embarrassed.

My daughter put a ton of

thought and effort into her gifts and really felt that whoever got it would love them. Instead, she was humiliated and shamed into not wanting to be around that side of her family anymore.

Clearly, my ex-mother-in-law is in the wrong, and I desperately want to give her a piece of my mind. But my daughter has forbidden me from addressing it and said she just won't go to the annual party any more.

This isn't OK with me. I am Mom. I am supposed to protect my kids and stand up for them, but my daughter doesn't want me to, and I want to respect her wishes. However, it's harder than I thought, and I feel like I really should stick up for her.

Annie, should I ignore my daughter's wishes and confront my ex-mother-in-law about the regifting (with the receipt from the store), or should I just let it go? -- Feeling Useless in CT

**Dear Feeling Useless**

in CT: Wanting to protect our children and stand up for them is a natural motherly instinct. But the real gift you can give your daughter is to help her develop her own ability to protect herself and stand up for herself. Encourage your daughter to talk with your ex-mother-in-law about how her accusations of "regifting" were hurtful. I doubt your ex-mother-in-law would have participated in the teasing if she knew that her granddaughter would be so pained.

If your ex-mother-in-law is still nasty about it to your daughter, remind your daughter that she knows in her heart that she did the right thing. It's her reaction to others, not what they say or do, that's important and how she'll find self-esteem and peace of mind.

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