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**Man and Woman of the Year:
 Jody Nix and Lisa Brooks**



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The Man and Woman of the Year was announced at the Taste of Big Spring's annual event, Friday night. Also recognized were the 5 Under 55 recipients and H-E-B was recognized with the Russ McEwen Community Award. Pictured above left is Raul Marquez presenting Jody Nix with his award. Pictured above right is Lisa Brooks receiving her award during the Taste of Big Spring.

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**
 Managing Editor

If you've ever wondered about the business network that is Big Spring and Howard County, the Taste of Big Spring - the annual Chamber Extravaganza event - was the place to be Friday night. More than 20 businesses set up booths and re-introduced themselves to the community, as part of one of the biggest networking functions of the year. In addition to creating new connections amongst business professionals, recognition was given to those who have

invested back into the community over the past year, with the announcement of Man and Woman of the Year, presentation of Russ McEwen Community Award and recognition of the first 5 Under 55 nominees.

"We want to offer opportunities for local business leaders to form a supportive network that will benefit them throughout the year," Debbye Val-Verde, Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce, said. "In addition to networking, we were also able to honor a great group of people who have given

back so much to our community over this past year. Positive progress is being made and we need to recognize that. This is one night where we can come together as a business community and recognize those efforts, encourage each other, and find new ways to grow together."

Before the evening concluded, the biggest announcement of the evening was made: Man and Woman of the Year 2019.

The Woman of the Year is not home-grown, but one wouldn't notice with as
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Howard County Commissioners to address RV/Man Camp subdivision rules on permanent variance

By **SAVANNAH GEER**
 Staff Writer

The following items of business will be discussed and possible action taken in a regular meeting of the Howard County Commissioners' Court on Feb. 10, 2020, at the Howard County Courthouse on the third floor at 3:30 p.m.

There is a budget workshop meeting being held at 3 p.m. in the conference room located on the second floor of the courthouse before the regular meeting begins. Topping the agenda is discussion on a permanent variance to the subdivision rules for an RV/Man camp within a larger property.

Howard County Judge Kathryn G. Wiseman, will be discussing and taking possible action on the counties bad weather policy, and pre-approval of county travel. Judge Wiseman will also give a presentation of 2020 Eminent Domain Report Confirmation.

Routine agenda items, including approving invoices, approving purchase requests, and the approval of the budget amendments by Jackie Olson, County Auditor will also be discussed, with possible action.

Sharon Adams, County Treasurer will hold a discussion on sick leave pool balance, and personnel consideration. Adams will also be discussing the Treasurers Monthly payroll report.

Brian Klinkiek, Road Administrator will end the meeting with discussion on permanent variance to the subdivision rules for an RV/Man camp within a larger property. He will also provide roadway maintenance updates.

Savannah Geer is a staff writer at the Big Spring Herald. To contact her, e-mail reporter@bigspringherald.com or call 432-263-7331 ext. 235.

Black History Month - remembering legacies

By **ANNA GUTIERREZ**
 Staff Writer

The 13th Amendment to the Constitution abolished slavery in the United States. That amounted to approximately four million people who faced a lot of uncertainty. Although slavery had been outlawed, many African Americans had no where to go and could not obtain jobs for a fair wage. Many were left working for the same plantations.

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People was founded in February, 1909, 100 years after the birth of Abraham Lincoln. 50 years after then end of slavery, historian Carter G. Woodson and minister Jesse E. Moorland founded the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History (ASNLH). This organization was founded in order to find and promote

achievements by Black and African Americans. Today, this organization is known as the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH).

ASNLH sponsored a national Negro History Week for the first time in 1926. The second week in February was chosen in order to coincide with the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass; both of those dates were honored by the Black community. It was hoped that during this week, schools and communities would hold celebrations and study the history of black people and their accomplishments.

Negro History Week gained popularity over the decades. Black History Month was first proposed in February 1969 by the organization Black United Students at Kent State University, and the first celebration took place the fol-

lowing year from Jan. 2 1970 to Feb. 28, 1970. By 1976, Black History Month was being celebrated all across the country and was officially recognized by President Gerald Ford. President Ford urges the country to "seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of Black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history." Since then, the month of February has been known as Black History Month.

Other countries in the world also celebrate Black History Month. It was first celebrated in the United Kingdom in 1987, and this celebration was organized by Akyaaba Addai-Sebo, who is from Ghana, and who served as a coordinator of special projects for the Greater London Council. In Canada, Black

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Obituaries

Jeff "Dunk" Dunkleberger



Jeff "Dunk" Dunkleberger, 56, of Big Spring, passed away Wednesday, Feb. 5, 2020. Funeral services will be 2 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 9, 2020, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel.

The family will receive friends 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 8, 2020, at the funeral home.

Jeff was born Sept. 5, 1963, to Paul and Brenda Dunkleberger in Nashville, Tenn. He was a devout

family man, always putting family first. He loved his job at Walmart as produce manager and loved all his co-workers.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Rawls; his daughter, Laura Rawls and husband, Gary; brother, Kent Dunkleberger and wife, Lindsay; grandchildren, Rebecca Rawls and Wayne Rawls; and great-grandchildren, Brianna, Alianna, and Lilianna.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory. Online condolences may be made at www.npwelch.com.

Paid Obituary

Beth M. Stasey



Beth M. Stasey, 85, of San Angelo, formerly of Big Spring, passed away Friday, Feb. 7, 2020. Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Monday, Feb. 10, 2020, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel in Big Spring, Texas. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

She was born June 3, 1934, in Big Spring to Thomas and Bertha Green McGinnis.

Beth attended Big Spring schools, graduating in 1952. While in school she met Wendell Stasey and they married right after high school. She attended Abilene College for two years and studied voice and dance. Beth later took a job in real estate sales with Wendell. She enjoyed gardening, playing bridge, religious studies and

visiting with family and friends.

Survivors include two sons, Kenneth Randell "Randy" Stasey and John Paul "Mickey" Stasey and wife, Stasey; four grandchildren, Jay Dillon Stasey, Kendell McCall Stasey, Stephanie Holly Whisenhunt and husband, Cody, and Bonnie Lace Stasey; two step-grandsons, Jason French and Justin French; five great-grandchildren, Hallie Lace Whisenhunt, Callie Grace Whisenhunt, Angel Whisenhunt, Itzhel Ruiz, and Damian Couthern Jr.; brother-in-law, Don Green; nephew, Donny Green and wife, Debbie; great-niece, Alix Green; and several great-great-nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and her loving sister, Betty Lou Green.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory. Online Condolences can be made at www.npwelch.com

Paid Obituary

Inez Petty McGee



Inez Petty McGee, 78, of Big Spring died Tuesday, Feb. 4, 2020. Committal service will be Saturday Feb. 8, 2020, at 3:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Episcopal Church with reception following at the church. A memorial service will be held for the family at 5 p.m. Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel.

Inez was born on July 7, 1941. She worked 33 years at Sam's

Package Store. She was an active member of St. Mary's Episcopal Church, and she loved art, especially painting.

Inez is survived by four children, Jamie Galis, John Petty, Joe Petty, and Joy Petty.

Inez was preceded in death by her two husbands, James Russell Petty, and Michael McGee; and one daughter, Barbara Ervin.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com.

Paid Obituary

Patricio Nieto



Patricio Nieto, 75, ended his journey on Wednesday, Feb. 5, 2020, in Lubbock, Texas.

Patricio was born on March 1, 1944, to Guadalupe and Sofia Benavidez. Patricio worked as a mechanic for most of his life working for John Deere Taylor Implement and later owning his own gas station, Nieto's Chevron. Patricio also worked at Holland Cotton Seed until his illness. An avid fisher, Patricio enjoyed fishing and could often be seen at Comanche Trail Lake.

Patricio is survived by four daughters, Maria Alicia Saracho and husband, Tony of Big Spring, Gracie Buchanan and husband, Robert of Lubbock, Linda Nieto and her partner, Luis Martinez of Big Spring, and Teresa Collins and husband, Matt of Big Spring.

Patricio is also survived by 14 grandchildren, Anthony Saracho, Nicholas Saracho, Elena Mia Saracho, and Layla Saracho, Patrick Buchanan, Erin Buchanan, Kate Buchanan, and Ella Buchanan, Breanna Martinez, Ray Martinez, and Robert

Christopher Martinez, Adrianna Flores, Aleyas Bland, and Jermiah Collins. Ten great-grandchildren, Beau Saracho, Artemis Rodriguez, Alora Martinez, and Amias Martinez, Salem Martinez, Eden Martinez, and Charlotte Martinez, Athena Martinez, Kristofer Gunderson, and Matthias Gunderson.

Patricio is also survived by three brothers, Camilo Nieto, Sirilo Nieto, and Marcelino Nieto; and three sisters, Maria Torres, Teresa Robin, and Teresa, and Janie Rivera; as well as multiple nieces and nephews.

Patricio is preceded in death by his parents, Guadalupe and Sofia Nieto; his son, Patricio Nieto Jr.; and his sister, Angelita Nieto.

Pallbearers will be Anthony Saracho, Nicholas Saracho, Ray Martinez, Robert Christopher Martinez, Aleyas Bland and Jermiah Collins.

Vigil services will be at 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 9, 2020, at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral mass will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

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Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported on I-20 mile marker 192. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 200 block of Refinery Rd. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical

Center.

• **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported at S. Hwy 350 and Benton St. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

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

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1700 block of Lancaster. No transport was required.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2600 block of Apache. No transport was required.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1600 block of E. 11th Place. No transport was required.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

• **NICHOLAS DANIEL SANCHEZ**, 31, of 423 S. 2nd St., Coahoma, Texas, was arrested on an outstanding warrant from another agency.

• **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 400 block of S. 2nd St., Coahoma, Texas.

• **ASSAULT** was reported in the 1200 block of Mulberry Ave.

Sheriff

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

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

• **CYNTHIA JO AINSWORTH**, 60, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of evading arrest or detention with a vehicle, and a warrant for a parole violation.

• **THOMAS LEE ATKINSON**, 33, was arrested by HCSO on a warrant for assault causing bodily injury to a family member.

• **EDUARDO CABRIALES**, 30, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• **VANESSA CAZARES**, 24, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• **MARCUS LAMON COLE**, 33, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of criminal trespass.

• **LEONSO ESPINOZA JR.**, 33, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• **RANDAL KIRK KIRKHAM**, 29, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of no driver's license, and a warrant for criminal trespass.

• **ROBERT PAUL NEWTON**, 41, was arrested on BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• **CESAR RUEDA**, 34, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant for terroristic threat causing fear of imminent bodily injury.

• **NICHOLAS DANIEL SANCHEZ**, 31, was arrested by HCSO on a warrant for a parole violation.

• **LEVI JAMES SEVERSON**, 26, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• **ANDREW VALLES**, 23, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

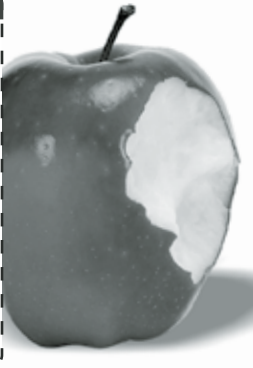
• **ARNOLDO CORONADO VELASCO**, 51, was arrested by BSPD on warrants for expired driver's

license, operating an unregistered motor vehicle, failure to maintain financial responsibility, two counts of driving with invalid license, accumulated items-first offense, junk vehicle, violating promise to appear, and four counts of failure to appear.

• **JIMMY ALBERT VILLANUEVA**, 37, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• **JOHN MICHAEL WILKINSON**, 34, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

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much as she's invested into her community. Some have described her as having a foot in every pie, and one who does her share quietly. She has been involved in her church through teaching RCIA, has served as Vice President of the Chamber Board, moderated town halls and baby beauty pageants. She has served on or been involved in: the Big Spring Woman's Club, Alon Cap, Big Spring Symphony, and Keep Big Spring Beautiful.

Many people know her and have benefitted from her drive and desire to ensure an idea she brought from Tacoma took off in Howard County – Relay For Life.

"We can do Relay For Life right here in Big Spring. We can do this!" she said.

Since she came back and made that statement Big Spring has not only been doing it, but has done it big. Her idea has served not only as a great project for a worthy cause, but one that drew in many walks of life in Big Spring.

Woman of the Year for 2019 is a mother of two sons, David and Chris, and the wife of the owner, Greg, of The Jewelers; she is Lisa Brooks.

Man of the Year, while he has deep roots in Big Spring and Howard County, it is hard to find him actually in town. He spend most of his time on the road representing the community that helped raise him, throughout the United States. When he isn't traveling, its no secret he is in town. He can be found stirring up dust on Saturday nights, in a well-known landmarked Texas dance hall. While his talent has earned him worldwide fame across the United States, he has earned respect in our community through his generosity across the city. He has been part of the United Way of Howard County, is an active member of First Baptist Church and has served on the Howard County Fair and Big Spring Rodeo boards.

After graduating from Coahoma High School, he planted his roots in the country north of town. His father was a farmer who made a name for himself as a musician. He has been placed in almost every

Hall of Fame for western musicians and has played with most of the top names. He started out playing drums in his dad's band in 1960 and has been making a mark in music ever since. For more than 22 years, his music could be heard at the Big Spring Rodeo, for 24 years at the Howard County Fair and numerous other rodeos across the State of Texas.

This year's Man of the Year was inducted into the Western Swing Hall of Fame in Sacramento, California in 1996 and to most here, is a neighbor and a friend; he is Jody Nix.

"I am very humbled, and honestly had no idea," Jody Nix said.

Honoring those who are making a difference is the main focus behind the creation of the Russ McEwen Community Award. Years ago, under the direction of Russ McEwen, the idea was born to recognize those businesses and individuals who gave back to the community on a regular basis.

"This isn't an award we give every year, which makes it even more special," ValVerde said. "This is an award that goes to local businesses who instill a culture of volunteerism in their organization or to an individual who spurs that atmosphere in their organization. This year we recognize a business who has been serving Big Spring since 1992 and has continued to strive to make their community better."

The Russ McEwen Community Award was presented the 164 partners who make up H-E-B. Throughout the organization, at the local level, partners are involved in numerous non-profits, through donations, volunteering, and innovative ideas allowing the organization to give back to Big Spring residents. For almost 15 years, H-E-B has been hosting a Safe Stop allowing the youth to take part in fun activities on Halloween Night. In recent years, H-E-B has taken their giving up a notch by bringing Feast of Sharing to Howard County. Their investment into the community doesn't just focus around food, even though they are a grocery store; they have been supporting literacy by handing out books at the Howard County Fair and supporting education through H-E-Buddy visits around town. In an effort to increase their level of customer service, this past year, they also added Curbside Ser-

vice which has helped many residents be able to get their grocery shopping done faster and more efficiently.

In keeping with tradition, the gavel was passed from the outgoing Chamber president, Randy Johnson, to the incoming president, Mark Richardson.

"My word for this coming year is 'action'," Richardson said. "I have five goals for this year and this time next year, I want you all to be able to tell me if I accomplished those goals. If I do then I did my job..."

As part of his goals this year, Richardson said he plans on focusing on fixing the Chamber website, finding non-Chamber members and finding out why they aren't members, continue the focus of Thank You Presentations and Ribbon Cuttings, make effective use of Chamber e-mail blasts, and strengthen our reputation among new residents of all the areas we serve so they can rely on the Chamber to find restaurants, shops and resources.

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Shannon Lee Boudreaux, 43, died Wednesday. A gathering will be at 1313 Lindbergh on Sunday at 2 p.m.

HISTORY

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History Month was first celebrated in 1995, but it did not become officially recognized by the Senate until 2008. In the late 19th century, Cork, in the Republic of Ireland, was a leader in the abolitionist

movement. Ireland began recognizing Black History Month in 2010.

The theme for 2020 Black History Month is, "African Americans and the Vote". 2020 is the 150th anniversary of the 15th Amendment which granted black men the right to vote. It is also 100 years since the pass-

ing of the 19th Amendment, which granted the right to vote to women. It is encouraged for everyone to register and make your voice heard through your vote.

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cake pops, cookies and various plush items. All proceeds will go to the Scenic Mountain Medical Center Volunteer Gift Shop. For more information, please call April Arms at 432-268-4906.

• The 38th Annual Midessa Boat, RV, Sport and Gun Show will be held at the Ector County Coliseum Complex in Odessa, Texas, on February 7-9, 2020. Those attending can see the new 2020 model RVs and boats and receive the best buys of the season. Visit the new, expanded gun show.

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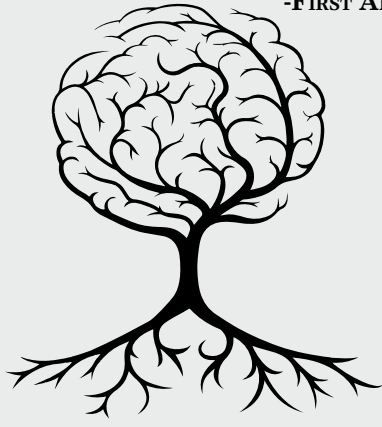
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Bill hit a target three miles away

Bill Poor owns Flatland Forge near Tuscola, Texas. He has won several international awards for his blacksmith work and manufactures tools for blacksmiths. His items go all over the world. "When we're not doing that we're shooting in precision rifle competitions," says Bill. "There are lots of those in Texas. We rally like to play shoot 'em up. I think it's just part of being a Texan. We try to have a good time, that's for sure."

He has set a record of shooting a bullet a long distance. "I did shoot a bullet 3 miles. I'm one of only a few guys to shoot a bullet that far. There's one other guy that has beat me. He's up there in Michigan and hit a target nearly 3 and a half miles away. But I was the first one to shoot a target 3 miles away."

He says you need a good telescope mounted on your rifle to be able to shoot that far. "You have to have good glass, good optics.

Leopold has some of the best optics out there and they sponsor me. That's a really good scope that enabled me to see the target that far and get it sighted in."



TUMBLEWEED SMITH

You don't shoot a bullet 3 miles in hilly country. "That's why I go out to Midland and Odessa to make a shot that long. I have a couple of buddies who have ranches that are more than 4 miles long. You've got to have a pretty flat place to shoot that far."

He enters all types of competitions. "A lot of them are in Midland and Odessa. We have a couple here; we have a new range out here almost to Winters, Texas that's a thousand yards long. We do some pistol competition at the Coleman County Gun Club. Abilene has some short range shooting events. I've entered a competition in Raton, New Mexico where we shoot at targets 2 miles away."

He had a special rifle built to shoot a bullet 3 miles. The bullet

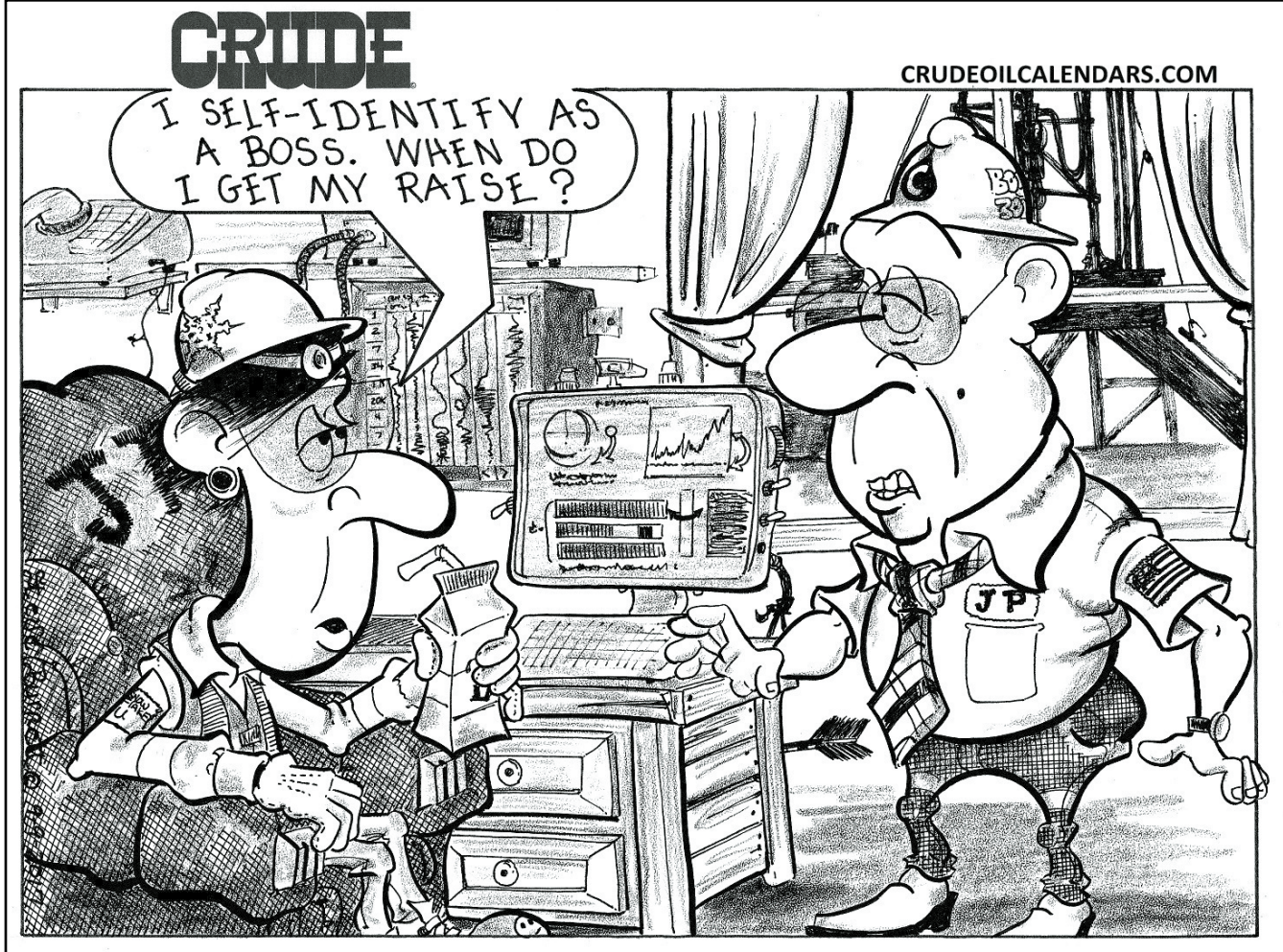
looks like a missile. He showed it to me. "That's a 400 grain solid copper bullet moving at 3200 feet per second when it leaves the barrel. It goes supersonic. I shot it with a 408 military style rifle built by Robert Vestal who makes custom guns in Virginia."

Windage and other factors are available at his fingertips using his cell phone. "We have all this modern technology that tells you what you need to know. I use a 30-dollar app called a ballistic app. When you give it the information about where you are, the air, wind, humidity, elevation, altitude and environment it'll tell you what you need to do to hit the target."

To say that Bill is a good shot is an understatement. We stood outside his gunroom and saw a bird fly up about 50 yards away. He got it with a pistol. He has a selection of powerful guns and uses them on hunting and shooting ranches around the state.

Bill shoots bows and arrows, too and wants to set a world record with a crossbow, shooting an arrow 700 yards.

"I'm working on it. I've had a couple of goes at it and I keep improving."



Hither and Yawn

From time to time, I resort to writing about short, unrelated topics that some folks have described as "Mother Hubbard" columns. This reminds them of ministers who preach "Mother Hubbard" sermons.

Poke a little further into this comparison and the truth hits dead center, or very nearly. These columns (and sermons) are so named because of yesteryear's "Mother Hubbard" dresses. Such frocks "covered everything but touched nothing."

One might understandably take such an admission to mean that sometimes the urge to write flags, but deadlines don't take "no's" for answers. In many cases, however—such as this piece—I'll cover varied topics briefly. They're as unrelated as paint colors thrown on canvases, oozing downward to create what some folks call "modern art." You are forewarned that these thoughts may elicit "hohum" responses, if not provide ample reason for nap-taking, whatever the hour. Here goes:

The name "Manning" has been a familiar one on national sports pages for about a half-century, beginning with Archie Manning's football lore at Ole' Miss and professionally for the New Orleans Saints in the 1960s. Then, sons Peyton and Eli starred at the Universities of Tennessee and Mississippi, respectively; each owns a pair of Super Bowl rings. They are remembered for Peyton's quarterbacking professionally

for the Indianapolis Colts and Denver Broncos, and Eli's tenure as signal caller for the New York Giants. (Father and sons rang up a total of 49 NFL years.)

Eli, recently retired, was a "no non-sense" man who carried himself with class, both on and off the field. His generosity to charitable causes has been remarkable, and in many cases, without fanfare. I'd rank him as "Roger Staubach class" by all measures.

Upon retirement, he mentioned his determination not to say—or necessarily do—what was expected, but instead always to "be himself." He said what fans got was "pure, unadulterated Manning." Maybe there'll be another "footballing Manning" one day. Eli, father first to three daughters, now has a son, born on Super Bowl Sunday, 2019.

If colorblindness meant a life of "black and white," I'd probably be "down" about such a condition at times. Surely I would occasionally have played the "poor me" card to make sure my friends were aware of my being "devoid of living color."

They'd answer with smart remarks about already knowing about my "drab" existence, with more hoots and catcalls thrown in.

My friend Chris Liebrum is a "black and white" guy visually, but I didn't learn of his colorblindness until recently....

He says when he feels "short-changed," it is usually when he's driving, thus often dealing with intersections where traffic lights

are expected to assure orderly control and safe traffic flow.

"Before arrows, assorted other symbols and flashes, traffic lights weren't particularly challenging," he says. "Red was at the top, caution in the middle and green at the bottom. I simply accelerated when the 'go' lens was illuminated."

It's tougher now for several reasons, he explains. "Nowadays, lights run horizontally instead of vertically. This is challenging, so I simply remain stopped until drivers behind me start honking." (In 18 years of column writing, I squirm upon writing the words "horizontally" and "vertically," feeling readers might rightly realize that I'm geometrically challenged.)

I enjoy ABC News each evening, feeling that David Muir is about as "good as it gets" these days in the world of "talking heads" that bring us news.

What will he do, however, if he ever faces a day when major news fails to "just as we come on the air?" It's not likely, though, that the record for days with breaking news occurring precisely at news time will be broken.

Reference to news personalities reminds me of how much ABC's radio giant, the late Paul Harvey, is missed. February marks the 11th year of his passing. He was enthusiastic about the living of each day, and his close was classic: "Good Day!"

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DAILY PRAYER

Please, Lord, take our hand and lead us.

Amen

Pet Connections: Lost and then found

By **MELANIE CARR GAMBRELL**

Pet Care Specialist

March 2017 some of you might remember seeing the article in the Big Spring Herald, about the recovery of my lost dog Richard. If any of you have every lost a pet, and I mean a pet that has gone missing or run off, it's a horrifying feeling wondering if you will ever see them again. The feeling of not knowing was the most heartbreaking for myself and Ted Morally, not knowing if Richard our Catahoula was ok, if Richard was alive or dead!

Time is very crucial for any lost pet, the quicker you can notify the public your pet is missing the more eyes you have out looking for your beloved animal. You want to advertise, in our case, our local paper, The Big Spring Herald was the key to finding our dog. Run an ad and for me as a rule, I will always offer a reward. Most kind hearted people who find your pet are just as happy as you are to reunite you with your pet and very rarely does anyone every accept the reward. Offering a reward is the best way to get the public interested in helping find a lost pet.

Contacting as many agencies that deal with pets is also a necessity, contacting the local Animal shelter, local Veterinarians and Humane Society/Rescues. Share your post on Facebook and ask your friends to share. Remember time is possibly running out for your lost pet and the more people who know the better. When Richard was missing I stopped any and every vehicle I came in contact with and gave them a color reward poster with his

picture on it. I contacted the Post Office, county road workers, Pumpers, Chemical Treating Companies, and neighbors. Through the disappearance of Richard, I came in contact with PetAmberAlert and Paw Booster. PetAmberAlert has different packages you can purchase and they will make phone calls to residents in your area up to four times a day with their phone data bank for a fee. Paw Booster for another fee will contact and post your lost /found pet information on Facebook to people who are not on your friend's list, along with Animal shelters, rescues, and Veterinarians in your area. I found Facebook was a very helpful tool with all the different lost/found sights for our area and surrounding areas. The pet community is a very giving and dedicated group of pet loving people, all trying to reunite a pet with an owner.

When making your posters and getting your information out to the general public, always use a current or recent picture of your pet. A puppy picture isn't much help or even useful when looking for an adult dog. Show as much of your pet as you can, face, distinct markings, anything that will help someone recognize your pet. If your pet was wearing a collar, describe that collar and if you had tags, list who the tags are with, and if your pet is micro chipped. Sadly with so many microchipped pets, the chip has not been registered or your address and phone number have changed or the pet has a new owner. These things must be updated.

I never give out the name of my pet and that is for the safety of my beloved pet. By giving out a pet's

name, if someone did have an idea of keeping your pet they now have the pet's name and ownership might be harder to prove. Give out the area that your pet went missing from, your home address or a landmark. Give the date of the disappearance, and a time line. This information helps those who are constantly on the lookout for lost and founds, it gives us an area to start our search. Any other information that might be useful to a stranger about your pet. Will it come to me, is it shy and stray away from strangers, does the animal bite, and other pertinent information.

Now what do you do if you find a lost pet? Remember, this isn't your pet to give away or rehome, if you can't keep it in a safe location, contact your Animal Control or Local Animal Rescue. Recently on a lost/found site a gentleman posted he had found a dog, but wouldn't give out any information. Several of us who had lost our dogs, were in a panic wishing and hoping that it might be ours, our hopes were hanging on a returning message. Sadly, it took days for him to respond to those of us who were missing pets and unfortunately what he was trying to do, as he said, "weed out the yahoo's", backfired. When locating a found pet, give out the area of where you found the pet. Then give a breed description. This will eliminate people who are missing a Dachshund, Golden or Sheltie from contacting you. If you can post a picture of the found dog that would be very helpful. Remember, we all want to get these animals back to their See **PET**, Page 10A

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Steers stifle Sweetwater for 76-61 win



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Pictured above left: Team leading scorer and rebounder on Friday night, Kyler Seymore, snags a rebound away from a larger Sweetwater player. Pictured above right: Junior guard Deqourian Gordon inbounds the ball from the near sideline.

By SHAWN MORAN

Herald Sportswriter

The last time the Big Spring Showtime Steers (18-13, 2-3) and Sweetwater Mustangs (12-20, 1-5) met a little more than two weeks ago, the Steers scored a season-high 85 points in a high-scoring, high-intensity win. Following a competitive first half on Friday night the Steers pulled away for another win over their district rival. This time around it was a 76-61 victory caused by a huge third quarter from the hometown team.

“Playing hard covers up a lot of different things,” Big Spring coach Kris Hise said.

Big Spring had a plan to get team leading scorer Kyler Seymore involved early and often following his 40-point outburst the last time these two teams met. This time around the junior guard struggled to get his shots to consistently fall and shot only 2-for-10 from the field during the opening quarter. Seymore had a better second quarter and had nine points at the halftime break in addition to a team-leading six rebounds from his backcourt position.

Sweetwater was led by the two-headed monster of forward Darian Carr and Daimon Atkins throughout the first half. That did not stop the rest of the Mustangs supporting cast from getting involved in the scoring game as all five starters notched at least

one point in the first 16 minutes.

The Showtime Steers outscored the Mustangs 20-9 in the second quarter by knocking down 4-of-8 shots from downtown. Five players would record a three-point field goal for Big Spring in this district rivalry that would ultimately be won by the Steers ability to be more productive than their opponent from deep.

“It was about time,” Hise said. “I think we went 4-for-31, 4-for-30, and 5-for-21 in the last three games. We needed to hit those and I’m glad we did. We’re going to shoot them so they’re eventually going to fall.”

The long-range shots continued to fall one after another on Friday night.

The third quarter completely belonged to Big Spring as they outpaced the Mustangs by a score of 26-18 across eight minutes of action. Multiple Steers were able to convert on their long-range shots after halftime.

This included senior guard Gabriel Gomez, who was able to drain a shot from three-point land while being fouled that got the entire gym on its feet. This gave the hometown Steers a 55-37 advantage as they charged into the final quarter on Senior Night.

Big Spring was able to close out the game strong with their physicality and hustle. Atkins got hot from the field in the final eight minutes but it was too

little, too late for the Mustangs. Both teams started to collect fouls and slowed the pace of the game down but the Steers were able to keep their strong offensive game going until the final whistle.

Seymore would finish the game with a team-high 26 points and finished the season with 66 combined points against the Mustangs.

On a night where the seniors were honored pre-game, the Steers experience and heart was shown on the court. Even when momentum seemed to swing in the other direction, Hise’s squad kept their head and confidently finished the game.

“Our guys came out and played hard,” Hise said. “I’m going to miss our seniors. They’re all guys that have played for me for three years now and they just know the system and what we’re trying to do and when we’re trying to do it.”

“They’re going to be missed.”

UP NEXT: The Steers will travel to Greenwood High School to take on the Rangers in the second meeting of district opponents next Tuesday night at 6:30 P.M. Big Spring lost the first game by a score of 64-49.

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Lady Steers sweep season series with Sweetwater



Courtesy Photo/Tony Claxton (claxtonphotography.com) Senior forward Madison Kuykendall puts up a shot during Friday night’s win. She led the Lady Steers in scoring with 17 points.

By SHAWN MORAN

Herald Sportswriter

Big Spring (8-17, 4-3) swept the pair of district regular season games against the Sweetwater Lady Mustangs (4-25, 2-6) following Friday night’s 50-36 win over their district rival.

Each starter recorded at least one assist, a duo of Lady Steers combined for 32 points with only one made shot from beyond the arc, and the team outscored Sweetwater 25-14 in the second half to pull away for their second win in-a-row.

“We’ve been trying to work on being disciplined and getting easier shots instead of firing away right away,” Lady Steers coach Krystle Jim said.

Sweetwater was able to quietly keep themselves in the game in a first half that appeared to be dominated by the Lady Steers.

Daniah Wrighter came off the bench for the Lady Steers and grabbed five rebounds in the first quarter while patrolling the paint. She would finish the game with double-digit rebounds while also notching seven points. Her front-court partner, Madison Kuykendall, led the team with 10 points in the first half by outworking the competition in the low-post.

“They’ve gotten progressively better throughout the year with their post moves and I think we were able to find them from the guard’s perspective to get them more touches on the inside,” Jim said.

Big Spring additionally managed to get to the free-throw line consistently throughout the first two quarters and had plenty of opportunities to cushion their lead. Although, shooting from the line is where the consistency seemed to slip from Big Spring’s playmakers. Outside of starting forward Baylot Trevino, who converted on 4-of-4 of her first-half free throws, the Lady Steers converted on only 1-of-7 other attempts from the charity stripe.

In contrast, Sweetwater had a plethora of players that got involved on the offensive-end. Seven Lady Mustangs recorded at least one point in the first half and seemed to concentrate on a quality-over-quantity approach to shooting the ball.

Both teams had a strong game plan coming into the rivalry game and were not allowing the other to gain an inch. The Lady Steers went into halftime holding a 25-22 lead following 16 minutes of hard-fought basketball.

The third quarter was filled with more back-and-forth attacks and the Lady Steers being able to increase their lead to seven points heading into the fourth. Big Spring senior forward Trinity Galloway scored six points fresh out of the halftime break. She stepped up her game after a quiet first half and finished second on the team with 15 points.

The team captain was responsible for a home crowd eruption following a baseline-to-baseline drive where she used a euro-step to gain separation near the basket. She was also accountable for one of Big Spring’s five blocks in the game that brought the crowd to their feet and com-

pletely swung momentum in the home team’s direction.

Kuykendall continued her great performance through the entire game and finished with a game-high 17 points. Her tremendous inside game paired with Big Spring’s strong defense that limited the Lady Mustangs to only five fourth quarter points were the driving factor in the Lady Steers’ fourth district win of the season.

“All of the hard-work that they have put in through the whole year and the tough schedule that we’ve had have definitely helped them out by showing them the challenge at the beginning was worth it all in the end,” Jim said.

UP NEXT: The Lady Steers will travel to Greenwood High School to take on the Rangerettes in their last regular season game next Tuesday night at 6:30 P.M.

NBA All-Star Teams

Team Giannis

Player	Position	Team
Giannis Antetokounmpo	F	Bucks
Joel Embiid	C	76ers
Pascal Siakam	F	Raptors
Kemba Walker	G	Celtics
Trae Young	G	Hawks
Bam Adebayo	C/F	Heat
Brandon Ingram	F	Pelicans
Jimmy Butler	F	Heat
Rudy Gobert	C	Jazz
Donovan Mitchell	G	Jazz
Kyle Lowry	G	Raptors
Khris Middleton	F	Bucks

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Player	Position	Team
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Anthony Davis	F/C	Lakers
James Harden	G	Rockets
Kawhi Leonard	F	Clippers
Luka Doncic	F/G	Mavericks
Chris Paul	G	Thunder
Damian Lillard	G	Trail Blazers
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MOMMA

BY MELL LAZARUS

WELL, WELL, HERE COMES A CONSCIENCE-STRICKEN SON WITH A GUILTY LOOK ON HIS FACE!

NEXT TIME I'LL VISIT MOMMA BEFORE MY REGULAR DATE.

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Agnes
by TONY COCHRAN

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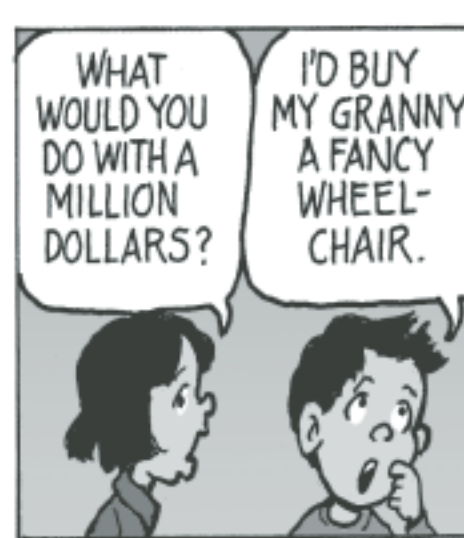
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I WOULD NEVER SAY THAT... EVER!

OH... WELL, MAYBE WE SHOULD BEFORE OUR BEAUTY BUDS INTO IMPOSSIBLE PROMISES WE CAN'T KEEP.

SPEAK FOR YOURSELF. I'M ALREADY FLOWERING.

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Check this out, at the library this week

If you were unable to attend the Job Fair you can still check out our Job & Career Resources on our website to get your resume ready. This week on Tuesday we have Babytime at 10:30 a.m. and Brown Bag History at Noon. On Wednesday we have Storytime at 10:30 a.m. and Thursday we have Code Club session 1 at 10:30 a.m. and session 2 at 5:30 p.m.

This week's reviews are fiction titles. Line producer Danny Byrd is well-known in Hollywood for being someone who gets things done on time and under budget in "Unscripted" (F BUN D) by David Bunn. But when his reputation takes a beating after his partner, and former best friend, makes off with their investors' money, Danny has but one chance to redeem himself and restore his ruined career. LA lawyer Megan Pierce has sacrificed years of her life proving herself to her impossible bosses only to find herself disgusted at their snobbery and their specious business practices. When an opportunity to actually make a difference comes her way, she knows she has to grab it, even though she's not entirely clear what "it" is. Danny and Megan are each other's best hope for redemption. What they never could have imagined was that they might also be each other's best hope for love.

Following his vision of the coming Messiah in "The End Of The Magi" (F CAR P) by Patrick W. Carr, the prophet Daniel calls forth a select group of men who will count down the calendar until the arrival of Israel's promised king. Centuries later, as the day nears, Myrad, a young magi acolyte, flees for his life when his adoptive father and others are put to death by a ruthless Parthian queen. Equipped with very little in haste Myrad escapes the city, and searching for a way to hide from the soldiers scouring the trade routes, tries to join the caravan of the merchant Walagash. The merchant senses that Myrad is keeping secrets, but when the young man proves himself a valuable asset, an epic journey filled with peril, near captures, and dangerous battles begins. With every day that passes, the calendar creeps closer to the coming Messiah. And over everything shines the dream of a star that Myrad can't forget and the promise that the world will never be the same.

Luke Schrock is a new and improved man after his stint in rehab, though everyone in Stoney Ridge only remembers the old Luke in "Mending Fences" (F FIS S) by Suzanne Woods Fisher. They might have forgiven him, but

nobody trusts him. He has been allowed to live at Windmill Farm under two conditions. First, he must make a sincere apology to each person he's hurt. Second he must ask each victim of his mischief to describe the damage he caused. Simple Luke thinks. Offering apologies is easy. But discovering the lasting effects his careless actions have caused isn't so simple. It is gut wrenching. And his list keeps growing. Izzy Miller, beautiful and frustratingly aloof, also boards at Windmill Farm, and Luke's clumsy efforts to befriend her only insult and annoy her. Eager to impress, Luke sets out to prove himself to her by locating her mother. When he does, her identity sends shock waves through Stoney Ridge.

Warsaw, 1939. The German blitzkrieg has shattered the city in "The Medallion" (F GOH C) by Cathy Gohlke. As Sophie Kumiaga awaits news of her husband, deployed with the Polish Air Force, she is determined to keep her unborn baby safe. She didn't count on being drawn into the dangerous and all-consuming plight of her neighbors. Rosa and Itzhak Dunovich never imagined welcoming their longed for the first child in the Jewish ghetto or letting anything tear their family apart. But Rosa soon faces a terrifying reality: to save their daughter's life, she must send her into hiding. Her only hope of finding her after the war if any of them survive is the half medallion she places around her daughter's neck. Inspired by true events of Poland's darkest days and brightest heroes, The Medallion paints a stunning portrait of war and its aftermath, daring us to believe that when all seems lost, God can make a way forward.

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people, but you've got to give some information out. You can however make those looking for a lost pet identify the sex of the dog, intact or not, or possibly describe the color of the collar on the pet.

However, you must remember this isn't your pet should not offer the animal up for rehoming or adoption until every reasonable effort has been made to find the owner. That would be placing and ad in the Big Spring Herald for three days, notifying the Animal Control, you must show were you made an effort to locate the owner. If you are unable to keep the found pet, safe and secure and the pet does not have any tags on, especially from the vet then contact Animal Control or your local Humane Society/Rescue, at least the pet will be safe from danger and can be easily located.

It's always in the best interest to spay and neuter, microchip and keep a collar and tags on them at all times. For those of you looking for your pet, or those who have found a lost pet, it's my sincere hope you are reunited with your babies. I know first hand how devastating and heart wrenching it is. Richard was gone for eight days, so there is always hope of them coming home.

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Art Smart

4th grade-Karli Wooldridge, Elyssa Amaro, Khylnyn Leonard, Kaelyn Foust-Coach: Debbie Seal
1st Place-Karli Wooldridge
2nd Place-Elyssa Amaro
3rd-Khylnyn Leonard
4th-Kaelyn Foust
1st Place Team



Art Smart

5th Grade-Bryson Roberts, Sydni Sayles, Kennedy Johnson, Makayla Garza, Cade Cunningham-Coach: Sherrlyn Welch
1st Place-Bryson Roberts
2nd Place-Sydni Sayles
3rd Place-Kennedy Johnson
4th Place-Makayla Garza
5th Place-Cade Cunningham
1st Place Team



Chess Puzzle

2nd Grade-Laurel Higginbotham, Lynleigh Harrison, Carter Wash, Kinsler Wash-Coaches: Nancy Rhodes and Samantha Hollandsworth
2nd Place-Laurel Higginbotham
5th Place-Lynleigh Harrison
2nd Place Team



3rd Grade-Finley Strickland, Feliz Flores, Matthew Pickett, Matthew Weaver-Coach: Stacy Cole
1st Place-Matthew Pickett
3rd Place-Finley Strickland
4th Place-Matthew Weaver
1st Place Team



4th Grade-Landon Harrison, Cooper Sedberry, Kade Tucker, Kaden Bratcher-Coach: Melissa Walker
1st Place-Kade Tucker
2nd Place-Landon Harrison
3rd Place-Kaden Bratcher
1st Place Team



5th Grade-Brady Janssen, Cade Cunningham, Bryson Roberts, Sydni Sayles-Coach: Whitney Gressett
3rd Place-Cade Cunningham
3rd Place Bryson Roberts
2nd Place Team



Creative Writing

2nd Grade-Eliana Davis, Laila Petrowski, Blake Godwin, Haylea Elliot-Coach: Tammi Jones
2nd Place-Eliana Davis



Dictionary Skills

5th Grade-Lexie McWilliams, Zoe Teston, Emily Austin, Amanda Rossiter-Coach: Stacey Park



Listening Skills

5th Grade-Cooper Partlow, Brandyn Pena, Elizabeth Raffini, Aaralyn Roman-Coach: Tonya Teston
4th Place-Cooper Partlow
5th Place-Aaralyn Roman
6th Place-Elizabeth Raffini
2nd Place Team



Maps, Graphs, and Charts

5th Grade-Coy Evans, Matthew Blakeney, Halen Kemper, Emily Austin-Coach: Regina Tonn
2nd Place-Coy Evans
4th Matthew Blakeney
6th Emily Austin
1st Place Team



Music Memory

2nd Grade-Laila Petrowski, Haylea Elliot, Addi Ward, Ryleigh Harrison, Maddie Gaston-Coach: Cheridan Fulgham
1st Place-Laila Petrowski
1st place Addi Ward
2nd Place Team



3rd Grade-Janine Gato, Garrett Roach, AJ Hernandez, Feliz Flores, Isabella Medrano-Coach: Cheridan Fulgham
2nd Place-Janine Gato
4th Place-AJ Hernandez
6th Place-Isabella Medrano
2nd Place Team



4th Grade-Jules Nichols, Marley Walker, Lexi Mondragon (not pictured) Cooper Sedberry-Coach: Cheridan Fulgham
1st Place-Cooper Sedberry
2nd Place Team

5th Grade-Kenlei Magby, Elizabeth Raffini, Emily Orn (not pictured), Makayla Garza-Coach: Cheridan Fulgham
5th Place-Makayla Garza
6th Place-Emily Orn
2nd Place Team



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Tuesday: Breakfast: Pancake on a stick, diced peaches, 1% white milk Lunch: Cheeseburger, campfire beans, diced pear cup, 1% white milk

Wednesday: Cinnamon mini bagel bites, applesauce, 1% white milk Lunch: Chicken nuggets, tater tots, diced peach cup, 1% white milk

Thursday: Breakfast: Apple cinnamon muffin, diced peaches, 1% white milk Lunch: Pork riblette sandwich, romaine salad, fresh apple slices, 1% white milk

Friday: Breakfast: Berry French toast, applesauce, 1% white milk Lunch: Fun on the Run, fresh apple slices, whole baby carrots, 1% white milk, Valentine's Day Treat

Big Spring Elementary

Monday: Breakfast: Pop tarts with graham crackers, whole orange, 100% juice box, assorted milk Lunch: Bagel pepperoni pizza lunchable, hot chicken tenders and cheese wrap, sun butter and jelly sandwich, fresh orange, mixed fruit cup, French fries, corn, fresh grape tomatoes

Tuesday: Breakfast: CocoPuff pastry, whole apple, 100% juice box, assorted milk Lunch: Walking taco, chicken Caesar salad with roll, fresh cantaloupe, cinnamon applesauce, cucumber coins, garden salad, baked beans

Wednesday: Breakfast: Cereal with string cheese, flavored applesauce cup, 100% juice box, assorted milk Lunch: Corn dog, turkey chef salad with roll, fresh apples, diced peaches, baby carrots, green beans, garden salad

Thursday: Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, fresh apple slices, 100% juice box, assorted milk Lunch: Chicken sandwich, soft beef taco, tater tots, fresh grapes, rosy applesauce, corn, fresh celery sticks, garden salad

Friday: Breakfast: Pop tarts with graham crackers, whole orange, 100% juice box, assorted milk Lunch: Fun on the Run, fresh apple slices, carrot coins, Valentine's Day treat

Big Spring Intermediate School

Monday: Breakfast: Apple frudel, Cinnamon Toast Crunch cereal, fresh apple slices, cherry star juice Lunch: Bacon cheeseburger, meat lover's pizza, chicken patty sandwich, fresh oranges, mixed fruit cup, seasoned fries, fresh grape tomatoes, garden salad

Tuesday: Breakfast: Cinnamon sugar donut holes, Honey Nut Cheerios cereal, fresh oranges, fruit juice Lunch: Waking taco, cheese pizza, spicy chicken patty, cantaloupe, pears, corn, fresh cucumbers, tater tots

Wednesday: Breakfast: Strawberry banana yogurt, animal crackers, Cinnamon Toast Crunch cereal, applesauce, orange juice Lunch: Chicken crispito, chicken patty sandwich, sweet tater bites, fresh apples, diced peaches, fresh zucchini squash, garden salad

Thursday: Breakfast: Apple cinnamon muffin, Honey Nut Cheerios cereal, fresh bananas, pineapple juice Lunch: Chicken snack wrap, meat lover's pizza, spicy chicken sandwich, fresh grapes, applesauce cup, campfire beans, seasoned fries, garden salad

Friday: Breakfast: Sausage kolaches, Cinnamon Toast Crunch cereal, fresh grapes, apple juice Lunch: PBJ Uncrustable sandwich, baby carrots, apple slices, sun chip snack mix, assorted milk, Valentine's Day treat

ange juice Lunch: chicken crispito, chicken patty sandwich, sweet tater bites, fresh apples, diced peaches, fresh zucchini squash, garden salad

Thursday: Breakfast: Apple cinnamon muffin, fresh grapes, fruit juice Lunch: Chicken snack wrap, meat lover's pizza, spicy chicken sandwich, fresh grapes, applesauce cup, campfire beans, seasoned fries, garden salad

Friday: Breakfast: Sausage kolaches, fresh banana, apple juice Lunch: PBJ uncrustable sandwich, baby carrots, apple slices, sun chip snack mix, assorted milk, Valentine's Day Treat

Big Spring High School

Monday: Breakfast: Apple frudel, waffles with blueberries, sausage patty, Cinnamon Toast Crunch cereal, egg sausage and cheese burrito, refried beans, fresh apples, diced pears Lunch: Line 2 Daily Special: Chicken nuggets with a roll

Tuesday: Breakfast: Cocoa Puff pastry, pancakes with blueberries, sausage patty, Honey Nut Cheerios cereal, egg sausage and cheese burrito, refried beans, fresh oranges, mixed fruit cup Lunch: Line 2 Daily Special: Spaghetti and meat sauce

Wednesday: Breakfast: Apple cinnamon muffin, waffles with blueberries, sausage patty, egg sausage and cheese burrito, refried beans, Cinnamon Toast Crunch cereal, fresh cantaloupe, applesauce Lunch: Line 2 Daily Special: Salisbury steak with mashed potatoes and a roll

Thursday: Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, pancakes with blueberries, sausage patty, egg sausage and cheese burrito, refried beans, Honey Nut Cheerios Cereal, fresh banana, pineapple tidbits Lunch: Line 2 Daily Special: Chicken fried steak with mashed potatoes, gravy and a roll

Friday: Breakfast: Sausage kolaches, waffles with blueberries, sausage patty, egg sausage and cheese burrito, refried beans, Cinnamon Toast Crunch cereal, fresh grapes, diced peaches Lunch: Line 2 Daily Special: Pizza cheese sticks with dipping sauce

Line 1 Made to order: Hamburgers, Sub-style sandwiches, chicken sandwiches, assorted fruits, assorted vegetables, assorted snacks, assorted milk, assorted drinks

Line 2: Pepperoni Pizza, cheese pizza, specialty pizza, assorted fruits, assorted vegetables, assorted snacks, assorted milk, assorted drinks

Line 3 Made to order: Nachos, burritos, tacos, assorted fruits, assorted vegetables, assorted snacks, assorted milk, assorted drinks

Coahoma ISD

Monday: Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, 100% fruit juice, fruit, milk Lunch: Corn dog, tater tots, baked beans, apple-pineapple delight, milk

Tuesday: Breakfast: French toast with sausage, 100% fruit juice, fruit, milk Lunch: X-Treme burrito, corn, salsa, tomato cup, peaches, ice cream cup, milk

Wednesday: Breakfast: Power breakfast biscuit, gravy, eggs, bacon, 100% fruit juice, fruit, milk Lunch: Crispy chicken sandwich, hamburger, garnish, oven fries, zesty cucumbers, fruity gelatin, milk

Thursday: Breakfast: Pancake wrap or sausage kolache with yogurt, 100% fruit juice, fruit, milk Lunch: Pizza, carrots, garden salad, fresh fruit, cookie, milk

Friday: NO SCHOOL

Forsan ISD

Monday: Breakfast: Waffles with sausage patty or cereal, Mandarin oranges, fruit juice, milk Lunch: Steak fingers with roll, chicken 'n' waffles, turkey and cheese sub sandwich, tots, baby carrots, applesauce, fresh fruit, milk

Tuesday: Breakfast: Egg and maple sausage tornado or cereal, applesauce cup, fruit juice, milk Lunch: Chicken boneless bites (JH/HS), Chicken nuggets (elementary), Asian bowl, turkey and cheese sub sandwich, French fries, green beans, snowball salad, fresh fruit, milk

Wednesday: Breakfast: French toast with sausage patty or cereal, Mandarin oranges, fruit juice, milk Lunch: Pizza or turkey and cheese sub sandwich, fresh veggie cup, garden salad, applesauce, fresh fruit, milk

Thursday: Breakfast: Breakfast pizza or cereal, strawberry cup, fruit juice, milk Lunch: Mini corndogs, Wild Mike's cheese bites, turkey and cheese sub sandwich, corn, baby carrots, grapes, fresh fruit, milk

Friday: Breakfast: Mini powdered donuts with sausage or cereal, applesauce cup, fruit juice, milk Lunch: Garlic French bread pizza, tamale plate, sunbutter and jelly sandwich, ranch style beans, tots, strawberries, fresh fruit, milk

Sands CISD

Monday: Breakfast: Breakfast taquito, fruit, fruit juice, milk Lunch: Asian bowl, rice, egg roll, garden salad, grapes, milk variety

Tuesday: Breakfast: Waffles, bacon, fruit, fruit juice, milk Lunch: Chicken 'n' waffles, hash browns, fresh veggie cup, fruit cup, milk variety

Wednesday: Breakfast: Cereal bar, yogurt, breakfast parfait, fruit, fruit juice, milk Lunch: Chicken tortilla soup, tomato cup, green bell peppers, corn bread, applesauce, Ricky Krispy treat, milk variety

Thursday: Breakfast: Sausage kolache, yogurt, fruit, fruit juice, milk Lunch: Hamburger, garnish, cucumber slices, baby carrots, diced pears, milk

Friday: Breakfast: Donuts, bacon, fruit, fruit juice, milk Lunch: Turkey and cheese melt, multigrain chips, tomato cup, white potatoes, strawberries, milk variety

Senior Center

Monday: Spaghetti with meatballs, green beans, lettuce tomato and fat free dressing, pudding, garlic bread, milk

Tuesday: Chopped steak with gravy, mashed potatoes, peas and carrots, peaches, break, milk

Wednesday: Chicken pot pie with mixed vegetables, tossed salad with tomatoes, fat free dressing, cake, crackers, milk

Thursday: Tamales with chili, Spanish rice, salad, fat free dressing, cookies, milk

Friday: Corn dog, mustard, baked chips, baked beans, muffin, milk



Big Spring Junior High

Monday: Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, fresh apples, wango mango juice Lunch: Bacon cheeseburger, meat lover's pizza, chicken patty sandwich, fresh oranges, mixed fruit cup, seasoned fries, fresh grape tomatoes, garden salad

Tuesday: Breakfast: Pancake on a stick, fresh oranges, pineapple juice Lunch: Walking taco, cheese pizza, spicy chicken patty, cantaloupe, pears, corn, fresh cucumbers, tater tots

Wednesday: Breakfast: Cinnamon Toast Crunch cereal, string cheese, applesauce, or-

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Number Sense

4th Grade- Kaelyn Foust, Trysten Webb, Hadley Phillips, Kyla Holloway-Coach: Christy Vedder



5th Grade-Kenlei Magby, Hadley Fowler, Emily Orn (not pictured), Colt Stockton-Coach: Tandi Stockton



Oral Reading

4th Grade-Elyssa Amaro, Kolbi Wright, Hadley Phillips-Coach: Erica Melton
2nd Place-Elyssa Amaro
6th Place-Kolbi Wright



5th Grade-Hadley Fowler, Kennedy Johnson, Carlie Melton-Coach: Heather Hirt
1st Place-Hadley Fowler
4th Place-Kennedy Johnson



Ready Writing

3rd Grade-Garrett Roach, Barrett Grigg, Finley Strickland, P'Jae Yabes-Coach: Jean Kelso
3rd Place-Garrett Roach
6th Place-Barrett Grigg



4th Grade-Khynlyn Leonard, Kaelyn Foust, Hadley Phillips, Paislee Jackson-Coach: Hayle Cunningham
3rd Place-Kaelyn Foust
6th Place-Khynlyn Leonard



5th Grade-Emily Austin, Elizabeth Raffini, Hadley Fowler, Emily Orn (not pictured)-Coach: Hayle Cunningham
5th Place-Emily Austin



Story Telling

2nd Grade-Juan Mendoza, Haiden Lloyd, Kai Brosig, Addi Ward-Coaches: Tresa Barclay and Diane Davis
5th Place-Juan Mendoza



3rd Grade-Camden Hefner, Finley Strickland, Allie Olson, Reese Fernandez-Coach: Kim Bridges
3rd Place-Camden Hefner
4th Place-Finley Strickland



Spelling (left)

3rd Grade-Barrett Grigg, Isabella Medrano, Matthew Pickett, Finn Rigdon-Coach: Jean Kelso
1st Place-Finn Rigdon
2nd Place-Isabella Medrano
3rd Place-Matthew Pickett
1st Place Team



(Right)4th Grade-Landon Harrison, Paislee Jackson, Hadley Phillips, Paxton Skaggs-Coach: Jean Kelso
2nd Place-Landon Harrison
4th Hadley Phillips
2nd Place Team



Social Studies
5th Grade-Emily Orn (not pictured) Bryson Roberts, Kennedy Johnson, Elizabeth Raffini-Coach: MaryEllen Schafer(not pictured)
2nd Place-Elizabeth Raffini
3rd Place-Emily Orn
3rd Place-Bryson Roberts
1st Place Team



5th Grade-Elizabeth Raffini, Cade Cunningham, Dadrian Arzate, Brady Janssen-Coach: Jaime Nichols (not pictured)
1st Place-Brady Janssen
2nd Place-Cade Cunningham
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Oil and Gas Industry Contracts, Production Still Increases in Texas in 2019

Special to the Herald

2019 was a year of contraction in the Texas upstream oil and gas economy according to the Texas Alliance of Energy Producers Texas Petro Index. The index achieved its cyclical peak in February and declined for 10 straight months to finish the year at 193.6 in December, down 9.1% from the December 2018 TPI of 213.1. Through December, the Texas Petro Index has lost 9.4% of its value since the February cyclical peak. "The TPI was actually first knocked off its growth track in the fourth quarter of 2018 with sharp declines in crude oil prices, but then recovered in early 2019 before embarking on a sustained decline for the balance of the year," said Karr Ingham, Alliance Petroleum Economist and creator of the Texas Petro Index. Ingham released the results of the year-end 2019 Texas Petro Index at a news conference in Houston on Tuesday.

The year was characterized by lower well-head prices for crude oil and natural gas compared to 2018, a declining rig count, decreases in drilling permits issued, and lower numbers of oil and gas well completions. Total statewide industry employment is down as well, though curiously oil and gas "extraction" employment – employees on the payrolls of operating and producing companies – continued to increase through year-end, with the sharp employment declines coming in the "support activities" sector, which includes service and drilling companies.

"Unlike the previous two contractions, crude oil prices actually stabilized in 2019, helping to sustain higher levels of E&P activity than would otherwise be the case in a sharply declining price environment, and this helped to sustain industry employment on the operating/producing side of the industry employment ledger," said Ingham.

Ingham noted that in 2008-2009, crude oil prices peaked and then fell by over 70% in just eight months. In 2014, the price of crude oil peaked in June before

entering into a 20-month, roughly 80% decline (in terms of daily prices).

In 2019 the annual average WTI posted price was down by about 13% compared to 2018, but following the sharp decline in the fourth quarter 2018 prices recovered to above \$50 and were steady for the balance of the year. "It was simply a year of stable \$53-54 oil, and while that's obviously not the recipe for industry expansion, one can easily imagine a scenario much worse because we've seen it the past two downturns," said Ingham.

Activity levels increased steadily through October 2018, with crude oil prices climbing to over \$67 on average that month (and over \$70 daily pricing early in the month). Crude oil prices in 2019 were effectively \$15-20 lower compared to those peaks, and that will always push the rig count lower along with per-



mits, completion, and industry employment, said Ingham. Other factors weighed on activity levels as well, said Ingham, most notably the associated gas issues that only worsened in 2019 as operators struggled to find disposition solutions for the undesired natural gas. In some cases, that simply meant the crude oil wells were never drilled in the first place, pushing activity levels yet further downward, he said.

The statewide rig count averaged 463 in 2019 down about 10% from the 2018 annual average of 514. The December monthly average rig count of 406 was down by over 23% compared to 531 rigs on average in December 2018. The number of drilling permits issued was down by over 12% for the year, while crude oil well completions were off by some 18%.

"At the heart of the issue are petroleum markets that are simply well-supplied, negating the need for higher prices that would in turn push activity levels upward," said Ingham.

"Even as prices, the rig count, and well completions have declined production has continued to increase," he said, noting that crude oil production in Texas grew by an estimated 15%, on top of a 26% increase in 2018. Crude oil production in the state continued to set records, surpassing the 5 million barrel per day mark in July, and exceeding 1.85 billion barrels for the year.

Operators in Texas supplied some 41% of US national crude oil production in 2019, with daily production at yearend comprising about 42% of US total production.

"Declining prices and activity levels will surely affect Texas production, and in fact have already done so by slowing the rate of growth in statewide crude oil production," Ingham said. "But will production peak in the near term and decline by a significant degree, which is the implied outcome necessary to move crude oil prices higher? Recent history says 'no.'" In the 2014-2016 downturn, daily production in Texas ultimately declined by 13-14% in the face of 75-80% declines in the price of crude oil, a 75% decline in the rig count, a 70% decline in the number of drilling permits issued, and the loss of over 115,000 industry jobs in the state, said Ingham. Current conditions are not nearly so severe, and \$50-plus crude oil pricing suggests the maintenance of high levels of production for the foreseeable future.

That means Texas and US consumers will continue to be the beneficiary of plentiful, affordable energy, says Ingham. The remarkable efficiencies achieved by the upstream oil and gas industry in Texas mean record and growing production with fewer employees and rigs. The implications of this changing scenario are altering the connection between the industry and the statewide economy. However, says Ingham, that connection is still strong; the upstream oil and gas economy remains an economy-moving component of the broader statewide economy and that will not change anytime soon.

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 Nicole Preston, 1605 E 11th place, Big Spring
 Jacquelin Dannon Ramey, 1404 E 6th St. Big Spring
 Gilbert P. Ramirez, 1614 Settles, Big Spring

See **RECORDS** Continued on page 5B

State Sales Tax Revenue totaled \$3 Billion in January

Special to the Herald

(AUSTIN) — Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar today said state sales tax revenue totaled \$3.08 billion in January, 8.9 percent more than in January 2019.

"Growth in state sales tax revenue was led by receipts from the retail trade and information services sectors, while receipts from oil- and gas-mining were down from a year ago," Hegar said. "January retail trade sector collections were higher than a year ago in part because more Christmas shopping days fell in December. Collections also were slightly boosted by marketplace providers and remote sellers, who first began collecting Texas sales taxes in October."

The majority of January sales tax revenue is based on sales made in December and remitted to the agency in January. Total sales tax revenue for the three months ending in January 2020 was

up 6.6 percent compared to the same period a year ago. Sales tax is the largest source of state funding for the state budget, accounting for 57 percent of all tax collections.

In January 2020, Texas collected the following revenue from other major taxes:

- motor vehicle sales and rental taxes — \$471.0 million, up 10.6 percent from January 2019;
- motor fuel taxes — \$308.9 million, up 1.3 percent from January 2019;
- natural gas production taxes — \$131.0 million, down 14.4 percent from January 2019; and
- oil production taxes — \$395.7 million, up 44.1 percent from January 2019.

For details on all monthly collections, visit the Comptroller's Monthly State Revenue Watch. For an extensive history of tax policy developments and fees since 1972, visit our updated Sources of Revenue publication.

RECORDS

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Byron Roberts, 2206 Alabama St Big Spring
Michael Robinson, 801 Anne St., Big Spring
Juan Romero, 2504 March CR, Big Spring
Veronica Romero, 103 Becker Rd., Big Spring
Yuri Lozano Rubio, 421 Cedar, P.O. Box 173, Colorado City
Polly Ann Rusk, 4201 W Hwy 80, Big Spring
Elizabeth Salazar, 1808 Hearn, Big Spring, Texas
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Derrick Dewayne Smith, 703 West 16th, San Angelo, Texas
Leon Torres, 1500 Lincoln, Big Spring
Michael Ray Watson, 1503 Tucson Rd., Big Spring
Tamara Ruth Whitt, 1909 Morrison, 2526 Fairchild, Big Spring
Jamie Wiggins, 1905 Wasson Rd., Apt. #28, Big Spring

Marriage Licenses

Bruce L. Curtis Sr., 65, and Linda Sellers, 62, both of Big Spring
Chase Dillon Moore, 23, and Destiney Shae Patterson, 23, both of Big Spring

District Court Filings

Plaintiff: Debra Wallace
Defendant: Big Spring Hospital Corporation
Type of Case: Civil-other
Date: Feb. 4, 2020

Plaintiff: Judy White
Defendant: PMC Commercial Trust
Type of Case: Injury/Damage-other
Date: Feb. 4, 2020

Plaintiff: Steven Wright
Defendant: Glenda Wright
Type of Case: Divorce-no children
Date: Feb. 4, 2020

Plaintiff: Jim Coker
Defendant: Harry Logistics, Texas Department of Motor Vehicle
Type of Case: Civil-other
Date: Jan. 30, 2020

Plaintiff: Brad Rodriques
Defendant: Sandra Rodrigues
Type of Case: Divorce-no children
Date: Jan. 31, 2020

Plaintiff: Cosden Federal Credit Union
Defendant: Ellese Hernandez, Librado Hernandez
Type of Case: Contract-consumer/commercial/debt
Date: Jan. 31, 2020

Plaintiff: Glen Clark II
Defendant: Alyssa Clark
Type of Case: Divorce-children
Date: Feb. 3, 2020

Plaintiff: Donnie Edmondson
Defendant: Rosanna Edmondson
Type of Case: Divorce-children

Date: Feb. 3, 2020

Plaintiff: Jefferson Capital Systems LLC
Defendant: Fortunado Barrientes
Type of Case: Contract-consumer/commercial/debt
Date: Feb. 3, 2020

Plaintiff: Johnna Marriott
Defendant: Scott Marriott
Type of Case: Divorce-no children
Date: Feb. 4, 2020

Warranty Deeds

Grantor: Susan Lucille Gleason Williams, Sandra GleasonCrockett, Lindsay Joanne Gleason Sayles, heirs of Jean Gleason, deceased, and Walter R. Gleason, deceased
Grantee: Secretary of Housing and Urban Development
Property: Lot 14, Blk. 24, College Park Estates
Date: Sept. 25, 2019

Grantor: Ashlie Simmons, Independent Executrix of the Estate of Dennis Shelton Simmons, deceased
Grantee: Bobby Powell
Property: 3.0 acre tract out of SW/4 of Section 7, Blk. 30, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: Jan. 24, 2020

Grantor: Venture Royalty Partners LLC
Grantee: Canaan Meadows RV Park LLC
Property: South 4 acres out of 14.40 acre tract out of 29.40 acre tact in NW portion of Section 32, Blk. 33, T-1-N, Howard County Survey
Date: Jan. 28, 2020

Grantor: 4Front LLC
Grantee: Canaan Meadows RV Park LLC
Property: 4 acres out of S/4 acres out of 14.40 acre tract out of 29.40 acre tract located in NW portion of Section 32, Blk. 33, T-1-N, Howard County Survey
Date: Dec. 26, 2019

Grantor: Glen Alton Holley, heir of Sandra Kay Holley, deceased and Sherrian Gaye Crittendson and Susan Diane Crawford and Sylvia Anne Money and Paul Daniel Clark and Patricia Nicholson, heirs of Lillie Evelyn Clark, deceased
Grantee: Susan Crawford
Property: 7.38 acre tract out of W/2 of the NW/4 of Section 6, Blk. 31, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: Jan. 29, 2020

Grantor: John Purcell and Stacie Purcell
Grantee: Luis Daniel Ramirez and Andrea Levario Ramirez
Property: 5.0 acre tract out of 10.0 acres out of SW/4 of Sectin 3, blk. 32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: Jan. 29. 2020

Grantor: Michael Allan Price Jr. and Amelia Rodriguez
Grantee: Brenda Solis and Noelia Rojo
Property: Tract 1: Lot tract or parcel situated in Blk. A of Boydston Addition; Tract 2: Lot tract or parcel situated in Blk. A of Boydston Addition
Date: Jan. 29, 2020

Warranty Deeds with Vendors' Liens

Grantor: J. Hopper Homes, Inc.
Grantee: Trevor R. Muir
Property: 2.23 acre tract out of NE/4 of Section 6, Blk. 31, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: Jan. 31, 2020

Grantor: Tropical Paradise LLC
Grantee: Patrick Rodriguez and Allison Rodriguez
Property: East 180.30' of Lot 33, Tract 4, Foster Sub-division out of Section 47, Blk. 31, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: Jan. 31, 2020

Grantor: Gregory Kernick and Rhonda Kernick
Grantee: Pink Grigg and Michelle Grigg
Property: 9.498 acre tract out of NW4 of Section 1, Blk. 32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: Jan. 31, 2020

Grantor: Joann Abrego
Grantee: Kassie Abrego
Property: 0.5 acre tract out of Section 37, Blk. 31, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: Jan. 30, 2020

Grantor: Pink Grigg, aka, Pink A. Grigg and Michelle Grigg
Grantee: Doretta Hays
Property: 19.97 acres out of NW/4 of Section 31, Blk. 32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: Jan. 31, 2020

Grantor: Leslie Harbin and Lara Harbin
Grantee: Natasha Hipp
Property: W/2 of Lot 3, and the E/2 of Lot 4, Blk. 20, Edwards Heights Addition
Date: Jan. 31, 2020

New research shows how indole can reduce inflammation, fatty deposits

By Chaodong Wu, M.D., Ph.D.

Special to the Herald

A new study led by Texas A&M AgriLife Research scientists shows how a natural compound found in many well-known and widely consumed vegetables can also be used to fight fatty liver disease.

The study demonstrates how non-alcoholic fatty liver disease, or NAFLD, can be controlled by indole, a natural compound found in gut bacteria – and in cruciferous vegetables such as cabbage, kale, cauliflower and Brussels sprouts. It also addresses how this natural compound may lead to new treatments or preventive measures for NAFLD.

The study was recently published in Hepatology and can be found on PubMed.gov.

“Based on this research, we believe healthy foods with high capacity for indole production are essential for preventing NAFLD and are beneficial for improving the health of those with it,” said Chaodong Wu, M.D., Ph.D., a Texas A&M AgriLife Research Faculty Fellow and principal investigator for the study. “This is another example where altering the diet can help prevent or treat disease and improve the well-being of the individual.”

About NAFLD and indole

NAFLD occurs when the liver becomes “marbled” with fat, sometimes due to unhealthy nutrition, such as excessive intake of saturated fats. If not properly addressed, this condition can lead to life-threatening liver disease, including cirrhosis or liver cancer.

Many diverse factors contribute to NAFLD. Fatty liver is seven to 10 times more common in people with obesity than in the general population. In addition, obesity causes inflammation in the body. Driving this inflammation are macrophages, types of white blood cells that normally battle infection. This inflammation exacerbates liver damage in those with liver disease.

Gut bacteria can also have an effect – either positive or negative — on the progression of fatty liver disease. These bacteria produce many different compounds, one of which is indole. This product of the amino acid tryptophan has been identified by clinical nutritionists and nutrition scientists as likely having preventive and therapeutic benefits to people with NAFLD.

The National Cancer Institute also notes the benefits of indole-3-carbinol found in cruciferous vegetables, including their anti-inflammatory and cancer-fighting properties.

A comprehensive and multi-level study on fatty liver disease

The present study examined the effect of indole concentrations on people, animal models and individual cells to help determine indole’s effect on liver inflammation and its potential benefits to people with NAFLD. It investigated the extent to which indole alleviates non-alcoholic fatty liver disease, incorporating previous findings on gut bacteria, intestinal inflammation and liver inflammation.



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The Colorado River Municipal Water District, regional raw water supplier for the Permian Basin, is accepting applications for following position in Big Spring.

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CITY OF BIG SPRING PUBLIC NOTICE

On **Tuesday, February 18, 2020 at 5:30 PM**, the City of Big Spring Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a Public Hearing in the Big Spring Convention and Visitors Bureau meeting room located at 113 E. 3rd St. to consider recommendation for approval of a zone change (Z20-03) from Single-Family (SF-2) to Light Commercial (LC) located at 1601 W. 11th Place being approx. 21.1384 acres in Sec. 1, Block 33S in Big Spring, Howard County, TX.

The Planning and Zoning Commission will forward their recommendation to the Big Spring City Council for a second Public Hearing on **Tuesday, February 25, 2020 at 5:30 P.M.** in the City Council Chambers at 307 E. 4th St.

#10452 Feb. 9, 2020
NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 59, TEXAS PROPERTY CODE, AMERICAN SELF STORAGE WHICH IS LOCATED AT 3314 E. FM 700, BIG SPRING, TX 79720 WILL HOLD A PUBLIC AUCTION OF PROPERTY BEING SOLD TO SATISFY A LANDLORD'S LIEN. SALE WILL BE AT 11 O'CLOCK A.M. ON February 29, 2020 AT 3314 E FM 700 BIG SPRING, TX 79720.

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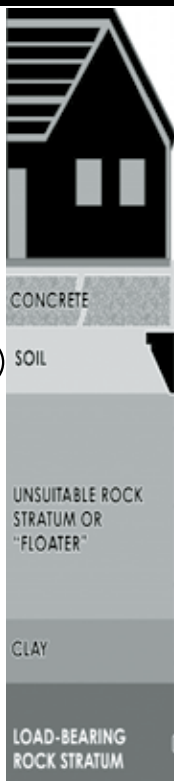
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Legals
CEASED were issued on January 7, 2020, in Cause No. P-14981 pending in the County Court of Howard County, Texas, to JANUS CAVIN.

The residence of JANUS CAVIN is 205 Jefferson Street, Big Spring, TX 79720.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and manner prescribed by law.

DATED the 7th day of January, 2020.

/s/Janus Cavin
JANUS CAVIN

#10449 Feb. 9, 2020

NOTICE

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF RUSSELL KENT ROBINSON, DECEASED:

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Lloyd Scott Robinson, c/o Alan H. Meyers, Law Offices of Alan H. Meyers, P.C., 505 N. Big Spring, Suite 104, Midland, Texas 79701, within the time prescribed by law.

#10451 Feb. 9, 2020

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Wanda Geraldine Hull, Deceased, were issued on January 14, 2020, in Cause No. P-14980, pending in the County Court of Howard County, Texas, to: STEVEN MICHIEL HULL.

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DATED the February 3, 2020.

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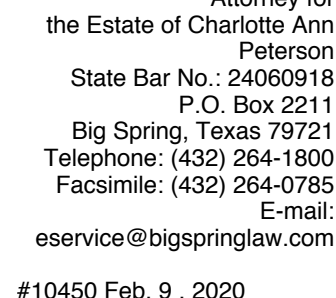
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Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Charlotte Ann Peterson, Deceased, were issued on January 30, 2020, in Cause No. P-14988, pending in the County Court of Howard County, Texas, to: Larry Peterson.

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Annie's Mailbox

Sisterly Signals Crossed

Dear Annie: I'm 68; my sister is 66. We live far apart. She prefers talking on the phone. I prefer texting with her.

When we text, it's a back-and-forth conversation. When we talk on the phone, she talks; I listen. She dumps all her stress, problems and anxiety on me for an hour and says the same things over and over. I have tried to not absorb her feelings, but after our conversations, I'm usually frustrated and upset. My reaction is to offer suggestions to make her happier. But she hates that. She just wants to dump.

In the past, when she did this with our mother, Mom put down the phone and let my

sister go on and on without listening to the "dump."

Once, in person (yes, she does this in person, too), I told her that I feel like she doesn't know me because she doesn't ask about me or listen to what I say. At first, she was mad at me for saying that, but later started asking, "How are you?" That's not what I meant; I want a real interaction -- a back-and-forth conversation.

Obviously, we communicate differently. Now she has refused to text with me. She only wants to talk on the phone. I feel like I can't take any more. How do I take care of myself and keep my sister? -- An Earful

Dear Earful: To quote the ancient

Greek philosopher Epictetus, "We have two ears and one mouth so that we can listen twice as much as we speak." More than 2,000 years later, it seems that most people still haven't gotten the memo. What a shame for your sister to go through life a verbal dump truck. Her compulsive need to talk likely deprives her of richer relationships, growth and personal development.

But to her credit, she did at least try to course-correct when you brought it up (after some initial defensiveness). This tells me that she's open to feedback. Express to her again your desire for more equitable conversation. Don't hesitate to gently point it out when she starts unloading. And if all

else fails, limit your phone calls with her to once per week or however much you can manage.

Dear Annie: Regarding "Wedding Present Problems," who wrote to you about a couple who split up after just one month of marriage: I think that if a couple split as soon as this couple did, they should return the gifts to the givers. The couple described in the letter were living with their respective parents, and all the houseware items they were given from their registry were never used. That's just my two cents. -- Krista

Dear Krista: I agree that returning the gifts would be the most gracious way for the couple to handle

this unfortunate situation. Let's hope the couple in question sees it that way, as well.

Dear Annie: I am a huge, lifelong fan of your column in all its iterations, but I am worried that your recent response to "Younger Self" is too simplistic and that it suggests that healing and moving forward requires them to gain perspective on their abuse by understanding their parents better. Empirically supported conceptual paradigms suggest that the most important thing for the letter writer would be to understand that their abuse and neglect were wrong and that it was not in any way their fault or under their control. As an aside, it may be that

the writer's expressed guilt is protective and it prevents them from potential triggering. Trauma-informed psychotherapy is the gold standard in the field for moving forward and it is multidimensional and multifaceted. Thanks for all you to do promote health and happiness among your readers. -- Janine S.

Dear Janine: And thank you for articulating these nuances, which I'm printing for "Younger Self" and anyone else who's struggling to process past abuse from their parents.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

The climb to Mount Everest

South dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ A K 8 5 3
♥ J 7 2
♦ A K Q 6 4
♣ —

WEST
♠ 9 6 2
♥ 10 5 4
♦ 9 8 7 3
♣ Q J 10

EAST
♠ 4
♥ Q 6 3
♦ J 2
♣ A 9 8 6 5 3 2

SOUTH
♠ Q J 10 7
♥ A K 9 8
♦ 10 5
♣ K 7 4

The bidding:
1♠ Pass 3♦ Pass
3♥ Pass 3♠ Pass
4♣ Pass 7♣ Pass

Opening lead — queen of clubs.

The bidding was not what you'd call scientific — it is simply recorded here the way it took place in a rubber-bridge game. North was obviously a member of the optimist's school of bidding.

Actually, his hand was very tempting for grand-slam purposes. From North's point of view, South might have had both missing aces and a king, in which case seven spades figured to be a virtual laydown. Or South might have held the jack of

diamonds plus many combinations including the ace of hearts that would yield all the tricks.

Whether all these factors were given full weight in North's calculations is not known, but he did have a marked propensity for bidding grand slams. Besides, North knew he'd get good service from South in the play of the cards.

Nor did declarer let him down. He ruffed the club lead in dummy, drew trump, then cashed the A-K-Q of diamonds, discarding a heart. Next he ruffed a diamond, establishing dummy's six, and ruffed the club seven with dummy's last trump.

By this time, dummy consisted of a good diamond and the J-7-2 of hearts, while South had the A-K-9 of hearts and king of clubs. East was down to the Q-6-3 of hearts and ace of clubs.

When dummy next cashed the six of diamonds, East ran into a severe discarding problem. If he parted with a heart, declarer would throw his club and score the remaining tricks with the A-K-J of hearts. And if East discarded the ace of clubs instead, South's king of clubs and A-K of hearts would win the last three tricks.

Whatever East did, there was no escape, and North's optimism was vindicated.

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ANSWER:

Tomorrow's Horoscope

By HOLIDAY MATHIS



Modeling Moon

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You are a rescuer. By needling and kidding your love ones, and by laughing at yourself, you will save the world from the deadly disease of self-seriousness.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Settle yourself down and suddenly you're headed toward a sort of wise passivity -- a state of mind in which you will be able to observe what's going on with very little interference from your own preferences or fears.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Ambiguity doesn't have to cause stress. Yes, there are a few different ways to read the day, but they are complimentary interpretations, the trajectories will be similar, whichever you believe.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Giving feels right to you. Most of the day will be spent caring, helping and doing. However, when presented with the

opportunity to relax, don't miss out on some well-deserved enjoyment.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You are not a tram on the road of life -- an engine that moves in predestined grooves. You are free to make the turns, merge to the onramp, leave the town or country and know new lands.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). When things get a little tense, it might help to think of this as an adventure, or the movie you're starring in. If you take a moment to sense it, you'll get the feeling there's an invisible audience out there rooting for you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Many gifts are impossible to repay, though there's some nobility in trying. And so you'll go about it today in a way you know is not enough, though you can rest assured, most people don't even attempt this at all.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The joys of

reuniting are not possible if you never part ways. So while you can't be with your loved ones at all times, you'll hold in your heart the wonderful anticipation of being together again soon.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). It takes many years to know yourself well enough to pace yourself. Of course, this is different depending on the particular endeavor and your time of life. When you overdo it, just know that it's part of learning.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Plato suggested the measure of a man is what he does with power. Sometimes you don't feel like you

have enough of it to tell really, though you have more than you exercise. ground step by step. TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Feb. 9). Your dreams swirl into a desire to be of service, producing some of your best ideas yet. The practical help and mentorship you seek in the next 10 weeks land at the intersection of usefulness, creativity and commerce. A thriving relationship will spread joy all over your life. See new places in May and August. Aries and Virgo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 5, 40, 7, 33 and 28. FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD: Once upon a Valentine's Day, the entire village threw a party in the name of love, and the party featured a lottery, and singles were paired up by chance, their names being drawn together, which made about as much sense as any method concocted since. Well, maybe the day wasn't exactly named Valentine's Day, it was called Lupericalia. But it happened mid-February, and romance, such as it was, remained

ground step by step. a theme, just as it is a theme this week, hundreds of years later. Love is a hard theme to beat. The days leading up to this Valentine's Day include a companionate and artistic Libra moon. Libra is the sign associated with partnerships of all kinds and is represented by The Lovers card in the tarot, so there isn't a more positive moon to lead into the festivities that will be officiated in turn by the Scorpio moon which is as sizzling, tantalizing and soulful a lunar influence as could be wished for. Things change after this week. Mars changes. Mercury goes retrograde. And whatever spells were cast, for better or worse, during the week of Valentine's, it won't be long before they dissipate or break. Such is the intoxication of romance!

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