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## Planning and Zoning ordinances; updates on weather related outages on City Council agenda

By AMANDA DUFORAT

Managing Editor

The Big Spring City Council will convene Tuesday for a regular meeting inside the Big Spring City Council Chambers at 5:30 p.m.The meeting can be attended in person or online at http://mybigspring.com/224/Channel-17-Live or on Channel 17 through Suddenlink.

The Tuesday meeting will kick off with a presentation of the Planning and Zoning Commission's Final Report to

City Council concerning amendments to the Big Spring Zoning Ordinance regarding carports and accessory uses. travel trailers, recreational vehicles and manufactured housing and shortterm rentals.

Three public hearings will take place following the presentation of the report. The public hearings will focus on the proposed amendments to the City's Zoning Regulations regarding carports and accessory uses; recreational vehicles and mobile/manufactured homes; and short-term rentals.

Once the public hearings conclude City Manager Todd Darden will provide an update on the Winter Storm Issues including power outages and water lines, along with an update on Large Item Pickup for District 2. The large item pick up was rescheduled due to the recent weather that swept across Howard County and all of Texas.

As the Council moves to the Consent Agenda, Council will look hear a final reading of an ordinance amending

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## Life Center hosting annual fundraiser luncheon

#### **Herald Staff Report**

The Life Center of Big Spring is hosting a Fundraiser Luncheon in efforts to raise monies for their work and future growth for the development of their center that serves Big Spring and the surrounding area. The Fundraiser Luncheon will take place Tuesday, Feb. 23 at 11:45 a.m. at the Trinity Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. "The event is a fundraiser that supports The Life Center's

work to empower and equip individuals and families to choose life and sexual wellness through our education and support programs services," The Life Center of Big Spring Director Tracy Watson said. The Fundraiser Luncheon will feature a catered lunch

from Cafe Venture and an engaging and informative talk by Dr. Kathy Koch. An invitation to participate and support The Life Center will also be given at the luncheon. "We want to inform the public about The Life Center's

future growth," Watson said. The Life Center was created in Howard County to support mothers and fathers experiencing pregnancy, offer practi-

impact in the community and raise funds for the continued

cal educational tools, spiritual support, and overall embody a valuable pregnancy resource center for its' community.

There are various services offered by The Life Center, some of which include educational support through prenatal classes, learning to care for a new baby, SIDS, and CPR classes. There are other spiritual and physical services The Life Center provides to Howard County such as sonograms and baby supplies.

"The Life Center's mission is critical for people who have a deep desire to stand in the gap for the life of a child and mother," she said. "The audience is inspired by stories of lives transformed through the process of education, mentoring, and connecting the parents to life-affirming resources within the community. The audience will know the powerful community value The Life Center brings to Big Spring."

At the Fundraiser Luncheon, the Founder and President of Celebrate Kids, Inc. Dr. Kathy Koch will be speaking to guests as the keynote speaker. Koch is an internationally celebrated speaker and workshop leader, with an ample amount

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#### A moment in time

## Piner/Davis House - 1400 Scurry

Editor's Note: The Heritage Museum is a local preserver of local history and each week shares a small piece of history from the foundational years of our community. For the past several weeks we have been visiting a few noteable houses in the community - some of which are no longer standing. For more historical information about Howard County take a moment and visit the Heritage Musuem.

#### By TAMMY SCHRECENGOST

Heritage Museum

"Built in 1906" was the date documented on one of the rafters in the attic of the high-pitched roof at 1400 Scurry. The house was built by R.T. Piner, a lothe home for a short time before selling to Charles Davis in 1911.

Two of the four Davis daughters were born in the house. The Davis' had homesteaded land in Pecos during the early 1900's. They sold the land which paid for the purchase of the six-room home in Big Spring.

The Davis girls liked the large upstairs room where they often slept in the summer and spent many hours playing paper dolls that had been cut from the catalogs. Mrs. Davis recalled that she usually

rode the buggy eleven blocks to the Methodist Church. she also remembered that the girls walked to school, "I



cal banker/Realtor, who only lived in The Piner/Davis House is one of the many in our community that holds history which served as a foundation for our community. More information on these homes can be found by visiting the Heritage

> could stand in my front yard and watch them walk over two ravines to arrive safely at South Ward School."

Mrs. Davis added "there was time and need for neighbors and we often relied upon the Morgan, the Halls and others in the area."

The house was sold in 1942 to the A.B. Wades, who had rented it for several years prior to purchasing it. Their daughter, Mrs. Maureen Terrell continued to live in the home for the duration

of her life. Mrs. Terrell taught piano in

her home for several years and rented

out a spare room to help supplement her meager social security. The house had started to need a lot of repairs that Mrs. Terrell could not afford.

Tragically, the home was broken into on March 5, 1984. Mrs. Terrell was severely beaten by a former "handy man" and his accomplice.

She passed away three days later in a Lubbock hospital at the age of 81. The little house on Scurry remained

vacant before it was eventually torn down.

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## **Take Note**

- The Big Spring Symphony Association has kicked off the 39th season. The concerts will take place at the Big Spring Municipal Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. Tickets will be sold at the door, but patrons are strongly encouraged to purchase tickets in advance online at www.bigspringsymphony.org or local ticket vendors: H-E-B, Heritage Museum, The Karat Patch or the CVB office. Students are admitted free. Perforamance adjustments have been made due to Covid-19 to assure the health and safety of everyone. Patrons are asked to arrive early and ushers will seat them in six foot social distance format. Everyone needs to wear a mask upon entering the facility. There are still two performances left: March 20 will be the Music of Queen 'Bohemian Rhapsody' featuring Jeans n' Classics and April 24 will be Pops Extravaganza The Texas Tenors
- The City of Big Spring has reopened all indoor rentable facilities as of Monday, February 1, 2021 for normal operations. We still request that individuals holding events and persons attending events adhere to the following: Please wear a mask when not eating or drinking anything; Make sure to wash and/or sanitize your hands regularly; If you are not feeling well, running a fever, or have been exposed please do not attend events.
- All City of Big Spring offices have reopened to the public effective January 19, 2021. We ask citizens to act responsibly and follow all health precautions and sanitizing guidelines. We strongly recommend that citizens continue to practice social distancing, wash your hands frequently, stay home if you're sick, and wear a mask when in public areas.
- West Texas Centers will be hosting the 2021 Mental Health First Aid training classes in February. Adult mental health virtual class will take place Feb. 17 from 8:30 a.m. until 2 p.m.; in-person adult mental health first aid class will take place Feb. 23, at 3205 Hwy 87 from 8:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m.; and the final class in the series will take place Feb. 25 from 8:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. virtually.
- A GoFund me page for Ed Flores, who recently tested positive for coronavirus and was recently transferred to Lubbock. Donations are requested to help with medical bills and travel expenses so his wife can be close with him. Ed worked with Shroyer for about 25 years and 87 Auto Sale as a mechanic; he has always been willing to help out people even when they didn't have enough money to pay him. Donations can be made at GoFundMe by Monica Medina. For more information on how to help, e-mail jessemonica1234@gmail.com or call 432-517-7675.
- The Howard County Courthouse will only be open by appointment. All doors except the handicapped entrance located on the west side of the building will be locked. All who enter will be screened following Covid guidelines. Face masks are required for all who enter.
- Forsan Food Pantry will be open twice a month from 4:15 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. Families who are in need can pull up to the front doors of the Junior High/ High School and receive a free box of pre-packed meals. If you have any questions or need to pick up a box at a different time, contact Kaci Wash at 432-457-2223 ext 821 or Jenny Sayles at jennysales@ vahoo.com.
- Cub Scouts meet Monday from 6:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. at Naz Family Church, located at 1400 S. Lancaster.
- Howard County Republican Club meets the second Monday of each month in the Cactus Room at Howard College. The next meeting is Jan. 20 and will be held in the newly renovated Cactus Room. Everyone is welcome. The meeting takes place at Noon. For more information call 432-213-7628.
- A new group named Taking Care of Business has started in Howard County. It is made up of people of all ages and genders who want to be better than they are. The focus of the fledgling organization is to engage in meaningful discussions that promote personal growth. Additionally, the organization will plan and execute worthwhile activities within the community. There is no membership fee and attendance is not taken. The only requirements are that you be positive or want to be more positive than you are, consider yourself to be a good person but want to be better than you are, and that you have a desire to help others be better too. Childcare is available during the discussion time if you let us know. Topics to be avoided include Religion and Politics, though we can dance around them.

Taking Care of Business is being sponsored by the local Masons and it meets in the Masonic Lodge on the court square. It is not necessary that you have any masonic affiliation to participate in this Growth Group. All Covid-19 safety protocols will be followed as defined by local, state, and federal authorities. At this time refreshments will not be served but you are welcome to bring your own and not share. The meetings take place at 219 South Main Big Spring, Texas. For more information write to Colonel.Allen.M.Morris@Gmail.com or just come to the meeting.

- The Life Center in Big Spring is helping moms and dads with a Diaper Day Giveaway! Call for a five minute phone appointment and a pickup time for free diapers, wipes and formula. 432-606-5041.
- The Howard County Library meeting rooms will be opening up – at limited capacity – on Feb. 1. There will only be five people allowed in the small room and 15 in the large room and can only be used by appointment only by community organizations.

No parties or social gatherings will be allowed at this time. For more information, call the Howard County Library.

- The Senior Supper Club has come out of hibernation to resume its normal Tuesday evening dinners. The Come-One-Come-All group will be meeting on Tuesdays at 5 p.m. and orders will be placed around 5:30 p.m. after much socializing from a distance. The group will be meeting at Cowboys this week; Feb. 16 at Hunans and Feb. 23 at Spanish Inn. The Senior Supper Club is an informal group of folks from Howard County who meet at least weekly and sometimes more for Dutch-Treat food at different area restaurants. Sometimes the group also meets for cards, dominoes, or desserts and fellowship. For more information, contact Colonel. Allen.M.Morris@Gmail.com.
- St. Vincent de Paul will be open the following dates beginning November 2020. Food distribution will take place the second Thursday of each month from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and other assistance will be suspended at this time, but will resume on Dec. 17. Distributions will take place at 1009 Hearn at SVDP Building. In December 2020, the food distribution will continue the 2nd Thursday as scheduled. SVDP will be closed from December 18 through January 7, 2021.
- Permian Basin Multiple Sclerosis Support Group for information, encouragement and support. The group meets monthly on the Second Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Express at 5321 John Ben Sheppard Parkway, Odessa. If you or someone you know has been touched by MS, or if you are just interested in more information please feel to contact Gary Tidwell at garylteagle1987@gmail.com.
- 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 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 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.
- 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 at 432-413-6663.
- 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.
- Keep Big Spring Beautiful meets at noon the first Monday of every month. We meet at Howard College in the Cactus Room. Our vision is that every Big Spring citizen will take individual responsibility for making Big Spring the most beautiful city in Texas. Visitors are always welcome. For more information call Tammy at 432-935-0057. Toasty Tuesday is also a weekly clean up effort that takes place around town at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday.

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## **Obituaries**

Nancy Brownfield
Nancy Brownfield, 84, of Big Spring, died Tuesday, Feb. 16, 2021. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

### Jerry Reid

Jerry Reid, 68, Big Spring, died Friday, Feb. 19, 2021. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Fu-

## **Support Groups**

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

#### **TUESDAY**

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; newcomers meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.
- A six-week course in Wellness and Quality of Life with Chronic Pain will be held at Spring Creek Fellowship at the Spring Town Plaza, 1801 E. FM 700. There is no charge for the course, and a workbook will be provided. Contact Steve Purdy at 432-517-4840 for more information.
- Caregivers Support Group, sponsored by the Area Agency on Aging, meets the second Tuesday of every month at 10:30 a.m. The meetings are held at the Senior Citizens Center located at 100 Whipkey Drive. These meetings are open for any caregiver, whether medical professional or family member. For more information, please call Becky Letz at 267-1628.
- Al-anon family group meets at 8 p.m. at 615 Settles.
- 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. The next session beging Sept. 3, 2019. 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.

#### WEDNESDAY

 Celebrate Recovery meets at First United Methodist Church Youth Hall, 400 Scurry, from 6-8 p.m. Hurts, habits and hang-ups. Leave message for Joyce Webb at 325-212-860

#### **THURSDAY**

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open discussion noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Newcomers' meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.
- Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. Weigh-in is confidential and you don't have to talk if you don't want to. Flexible payment options.
- Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder support group meeting is at 6:30 p.m. at the VA Medical Center Veteran's Healing Center.
- Bring Everyone Into The Zone, or BEITZ Support Group, is a veteran-based peer group. The purpose of the group is to provide peer-to-peer support to service members, veterans and families, especially those suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), traumatic brain injury (TBI), military sexual trauma (MST) and other traumatic events in their lives. BEITZ meets every Thursday at 6 p.m. at 501 Birdwell Lane.

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# Governor Abbott declares Power System Winterization, related funding as emergency items, provides update on winter weather response

AUSTIN - Governor Greg Abbott today provided an update on the state's response to winter weather and power outages. As part of his update, the Governor declared a new emergency item for this legislative session. The Governor is asking the Legislature to mandate the winterization of Texas' power system and for the Legislature to ensure the necessary funding for winterization.

In addition, the Governor announced he is requesting a Major Disaster Declaration — which includes Individual Assistance, Public Assistance, and the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program — from the White House. This declaration will allow eligible Texans to apply for assistance to help address broken pipes and related property damage. The Governor previously requested a Federal Emergency Declaration from the White House which was granted on Sunday.

Power has been restored to nearly 2 million homes across Texas since vesterday's briefing. This number continues to climb, and there are no more outages due to a lack of generation.

Every available repair truck in Texas has been dispatched to address downed power lines that are causing continued outages. Earlier today, the Governor held calls with power and water providers to develop strategies that will increase access to additional power, as well as restore water and expedite additional clean water in communities across the

The state is also working to distribute food, water, generators, and additional supplies to Texas communities. Additionally, more warming centers continue to be established every day. For winter

weather resources, including a map of warming centers and ways to help Texans in need, visit: https://open.texas.gov/winter

'The past several days have been beyond challenging, but with every passing hour we are restoring power and water for families across Texas,"

said Governor Abbott.

"We are doing all we can to make it through this challenge, and the state continues to deploy resources and personnel throughout the state. I want to thank the men and women who are working around the clock in harsh conditions to get the power up and running again, and I ask all Texans to keep them in their prayers. Texans should continue to take proper precautions and follow local guidance to stay safe and warm. We will get through this together."

## Check this out, at the library this week

By SANDRA VERDIN

Howard County Library

February is National Library Lovers Month, learn how you can sign up for a library card on our webpage under the "About Us" section or sign up from the catalog page. Use your card to take advantage of our digital collections, check out activity kits, movies, and Launchpad for kids. Navigate our website to see our available services from curbside pickup to mobile printing and take advantage of online resources like our web and research resources. Visit our Facebook page and website for any updates about the

This week's reviews include large print western.

Throatlatch, Wyoming, is a sinister town that preys on travelers in "No Name, The Story of a Ghost Town' (LP W WHE R) By Richard S. Wheeler. One of them is No Name, a drifter who lives his life without purpose. Something about the little town obsesses No Name, and he finds himself drawn into a whirl of evil, murders and cruelties all done in the name of virtue. No Name soon discovers that Throatlatch is the home of a cult that wants to bring paradise to earth. Will No Name resist? Or will Utopia kill him. too?

West of New Mexico's Pecos, men

called him the Cholla Kid, a dashing cowboy with a devil-may-care air and a merry twinkle in his gray eyes that could grow steely in "The Cholla Kid" (LP W COL J) By Jackson Cole. skylarking, however, brought trouble in his wake and he decided it best to drift from his home range for a while. Then trouble began in earnest in the Comal Valley he rode into, where he got more than he had ever imagined could come to one wandering cowboy in search of adventure. He found Hondo, the desert cowtown of far-flung ill repute, where he was framed for bushwhacking and robbery and for the killing of the father of the only girl he had ever met whose voice could tug his heart strings. For Sanna's sake, for her revenge on evil doers, he fought single handed battles, swift enough in fiery action. Men died swiftly and without warning in the bullet-torn Comal Valley. Yet for the sake of one wistful-eyed, sorrowing girl, the Cholla Kid was willing to champion the short-odds end of an ugly range war.

Jim Silcott was filling in as editor of the Powder Horn Sentinel after the former editor and owner, Carl Rogers, had been shot down from ambush because he dared to buck the mighty Hat T gang in "Trail's End" (LP W RAI W) by William MacLeod Raine. Jim was carrying on Rogers's fight against dictatorial Russell Mosely in the feud over the conflicting land grants to former Spanish landholders which affected the lives of nearly all the settlers on Tincup Creek. He had carried it to the point where his own life was worth not much more than a dime. Pretty Anne Eliot, slender and spirited and a complete lady, as well as Carl Rogers's niece, arrived in Blanco just in time to see Jim Silcott engage in an unequal gunfight with three Hat T roughnecks. After she learns some of the recent history, Anne decides to take over the Sentinel and run it herself. For a time, she is undecided whether Jim Silcott, who is reckless and daring and charming, or Russell Mosely, who looks like a Greek god and speaks with a silver tongue, is in the right. Anne soon comes to the conclusion that Mosely is a Greek bearing gifts, and from there the explosive action moves through gunplay, dynamiting, drygulching, and on the historic Santa Fe for the crashing climax.

The Jensen boys, Ace and Chance, find themselves on the wrong side of the law in "Rope Burn: Those Jensen Boys!" (LP W JOH W) By William W Johnstone. They find themselves at the raw end of justice inside the meanest, dirtiest prison in the Arizona territory. When a barroom brawl lands Ace and Chance Jensen in jail,

it's just the beginning of a nightmare that will never end. Their jail mates are army deserters. Even worse, their jailers assume Ace and Chance are deserters, too. Which earns them even more hard time on a brutal prison chain gang. Things go from bad to worse awfully fast. One prisoner tries to escape and gets blasted in the back. Others face horrific torture at the hands of sadistic renegades. And the whole operation is run by a maniacal army major who's working the deserters to death for his own profit. Ace and Chance have no choice but to bust out of this miserable hellhole or die trying.

The ability of writers to imagine what is not the self, to familiarize the strange and mystify the familiar, is the test of their power." -Toni Morri-

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Chapter 32 of the Big Spring City Code entitled "licenses, taxation and miscellaneous business regulations" Section 32-58 "Definitions" to include shortterm rentals and bed and breakfast definition of Hotel in order to require payment and collection of hotel occupancy taxes from short-term rentals and bed and breakfast within the City; amending Section 32-63 to require establishments subject to the tax to register with the City's Convention and Visitor's Bureau; amending other sections to authorize the CVB Director to collect the tax and process registrations; providing a penalty of \$500; and subjecting commercial short-term rentals to commercial rtes for water and sewer utilities and trash collection; and providing for severability; providing for publication and providing and effective date. The Council will also be considering a final read-

Manager Darden's appointment to the Civil Service Commission. Following, Big Spring Police Chief Chad Williams will deliver the racial profiling analysis for 2020.

ing authorizing the City Manger or Mayor to enter into a contract with Allison, Bass & Magee, LLP for professional services related to redistricting following the 2020 Census. As part of new business Council will hear City

Mayor Shannon Thomason will bring the first reading of a resolution requesting on behalf of the

citizens of Big Spring that the Texas Department of

Transportation perform a study and subsequently

authorize the placement of traffic light at the inter-

section of FM 700 and E. 11th Place.

A first reading of an ordinance declaring the unopposed candidate in the May 1, 2021 General Election for City Council member, District 6; canceling the General Election for City Council position for City Council Member District 6

Public Works Director Shane Bowles will bring the first reading of an ordinance amending the Big Spring Zoning Ordinance, Article 4 entitled "Development Standards" Section 4-6 "Special Carport Exception" subsection (e) to remove certain restrictions on Front Yard Carports; amending Article 8 entitled "Supplemental Use Standards" Section 8-1 "Accessory Uses" subsection (d) to regulate carports in the side and rear yards. Bowles will also bring the first reading of an ordinance amending the Big Spring Zoning Ordinance, Article 2 entitled "Definitions" Section 2-1 "Definitions of words and terms "Travel Trailer or Recreational Vehicle" to prohibit travel trailers and recreational vehicles at living quarters except with a specific use permit; amending article 7 "Special Applications" by adding a new section 7-5 "Mobile/Manufactured Homes" to establish regulations concerning mobile and manufactured homes by amending the Title of the Section and prohibiting temporary use permits for mobile homes; and amending Section 8-7 "Temporary Use Permits for Travel Trailer or recreational vehicles as living quarters" subsection (a) to clarify permitted uses of manufactured homes and prohibiting mobile homes. Lastly, Bowles will bring the first reading of an ordinance amending the Big Spring zoning ordinance article 2 "Definitions" Section 2-1 "Definition of Words and Terms" by adding a new definition "Short-Term Rental" and amending Arti-

cle 7 "Special Applications" Section 7-2 "Specific use permits" Subsection (b) 8 to add short-term rentals to those uses requiring a specific use permit.

Before Council members adjourn into Executive Session there will be a moment for Council input.

While in Executive Session Council members will discuss litigation matters and discuss and deliberate Economic Development Negotiations. Once discussion has concluded, the Council will reconvene in open session and take any necessary action as deemed appropriate in the City Council's discretion regarding the litigation matters and Economic Development Negotiations.

For those wishing to address the Council, there will be a public comment section at the beginning of the meeting. Each person is allotted five minutes to address the Council. For those who are unable to attend the meeting in person, but would like to speak, a call in line is available at 432-264-2411 during the public comment section.

Other items on the agenda include:

Vouchers for 02/12/2021 and 02/19/2021

Approval of City Council minutes for Feb. 9,

 Final reading of a resolution authorizing and appointing City Manager to submit an application to the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program to secure funding for department operations/media data management network serv-

Tabled business still includes the first reading of

a resolution amending the Big Spring Economic Development Corporation.

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of experience in children's and spiritual work. Koch is also a published author with several books written about parenting and the inner workings of caring for a child.

"She has influenced thousands of parents, teachers, and children in 30 countries through keynote, messages, seminars, chapels, and other events," Watson said. "Dr. Kathy's engaging and humorous speaking style

draw raves wherever she speaks." The Fundraiser Luncheon will take place at Trinity Baptist Church Fellowship Hall located at 1701 E. 700. The dress is business casual. To reserve a table or seat, contact The Life Center at 432-606-5041 or

visit their Events tab on their Facebook Page. There will be COVID-19 measures in place to ensure a safe en-

vironment at the event. Mask wearing will be in accordance with the city's recommendations.

The Life Center is located at 1801 S. Main Street and can be reached at 432-606-5041 or by visiting www.thelife-









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# **Martin County Hospital**

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Forsan Lady Buffaloes Basketball team falls to Sundown Roughnecks in playoff game





The Forsan Lady Buffs Basketball team traveled to Seminole to take on the Sundown Lady Roughnecks in a playoff game that took place Thursday, Feb.18. The Bufflaoes lost a hard fought game 43 to 52.

#### By DUSTIN POPE

Herald Sports Writer

In a week filled with unparalleled weather issues, the like has not been seen too often in this area. The Forsan Lady Buffalo Basketball team took on The Sundown Lady Roughnecks in a second-round playoff game in Seminole Thursday, Feb.18. The Lady Buffs didn't have any chance to practice this week due to power outages and lack of water. The young ladies lost to Sundown 43 to 52, closing out a fantastic year for the young team.

On a cold Thursday in Seminole, Texas. The Lady Buffalos took on the Lady Rughettes of Sundown. As the first period tipped off, the Sundown team was able to break through, making the first bucket of the game. Both teams were a little off to start the game due to a lack of practice time on both ends. As the first period rolled through, both teams would start to find the bottom of the basket. Regan Phillips hit three, 3 pointers in the first, accounting for all of Forsan's scoring to end the first period tied with Sundown nine to nine.

When the second period got rolling, the Lady roughnecks took charge, opening an eleven-point lead at one point. Forsan would continue to battle and fight to hang in the game. As both teams fought to keep their playoff dream alive, it was Sundown who would take the lead in at the half, with a score

To start the second half, both teams held serve with one another. Forsan came within six at one time, but every time they would close the gap, the team from Sundown had an answer and would stretch the lead back out. After a back and fourth third period, Sundown maintained its eight-point lead from the half with a 34 to 26.

The fourth and final period started with the Lady Buffs showing they would not go away quietly. The lady Buffalos would stay within striking distance for most of the last period; both teams had found their grove as the scoring stepped up for both teams. Forsan showed its toughness and resiliency clawing within six points, making it a two-possession game with .55 sec. left on the clock. Unfortunately, a comeback was not in the Forsan girls'

cards as they fell to the Lady Roughnecks 52 to 43.

Forsan was lead in scoring by Regan Phillips, who had 17 points, followed by Rylee Evans, who chipped in 14. Both young ladies are Seniors this year, so this will be the last time they put on the Forsan Buffalo jersey. Both young women left it all on the court.

Coach Seth Johnson is so proud of his team. "This season started with COVID and ended with 'snow-vid', but if you walked into practice on any given day, you'd never know anything was out of the ordinary. The girls showed up with a smile on their faces, ready to go to work. That speaks to the character of this team. They will each have big opportunities outside of basketball because of their work ethic, dedication, and ability to roll with the punches. We were all thankful to have a full basketball season this year. It was a good distraction from 2020, and these girls, especially the seniors, have worked so hard to compete at a high level. We are also thankful to our Administration for finding and implementing safety protocols which allowed us to have a safe and healthy season."

## Big Spring Steers defeat San Angelo Lakeview to face off against Sweetwater Mustangs, but fall short in the end



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The Big Spring Steers huddle before heading back out on the court to face off against Sweetwater. Pictured at right: Keegan Mitchell drives to the basket in Saturday's game.

#### By DUSTIN POPE

Herald Sports Writer

The Big Spring boys Basketball team traveled to Snyder Saturday, Feb. 20, to make it to the playoffs. For their playoff dream to become a reality, they would have an arduous task ahead of them; The Steers would have to win two games the same day. They opened up the day playing the San Angelo Lakeview Chiefs, winning 56 to 42. They had only 90-minutes of downtime before having to play The Sweetwater Mustangs. The Steers fell a bit short in the second game losing by a score of 52 to 45.

The steers showed up in Snyder, knowing to have any chance at the playoffs. They would first have to take care of business in their first game against the San Angelo Lakeview Chiefs.

The first period tip-off made it evident both teams showed up to play. The Steers would hang blow for blow with the Chiefs, going basket for basket. It was a close challenging period ending with the young Steer team taking a 1-point lead of 16 to 15.

Starting the second period, Big Spring put its foot on the gas peddle and did not let go. The full-court pressure defense started to take form, causing multiple turnovers. The Steers would go on a 12-0 run. With great shooting by the boys and the lock down defense, San Angelo was out matched by the Big Spring boys' speed and athleticism. They would close out the first half of the game with an 11 point lead of 33 to 22.

The start of the second half was much more of the same for the Steers as they kept creating confusion and turnovers against San Angelo Lakeview's Chiefs. Big Spring kept up its high intensity of play on both ends of the floor to close out the third period with a score of 43 to 33

With only one period to play, it was apparent that the Steers were the superior team on the court as the defense kept up the pressure it showed all day long, creating turnovers that lead to easy baskets. The steers would pull away and put the game away, winning their first game of the day, 56 to 42.

They were lead in scoring by a dominant performance by Sa-Quan Fiser, who had himself a game by scoring a game-high 14 points; he was followed by



fellow Steer Gavin Greathouse, who had a good game himself, finishing with 10 points.

Having won the first game, the young Steers now would get a 90-minute break before they had to take the court to battle the Sweetwater Mustangs for a spot in the playoffs. The teams had already played twice earlier in the year, splitting the series one apiece.

As the start of game two for the Steers kicked off, both teams struggled in the first few minutes to find the bucket. As the period rolled on, it was the Sweetwater Mustangs who were able to jump out to an early lead ending the first period up over the Steers 11 to 15

As the second period started, it became evident that playing two back-toback games was taking its toll on the young Steer team. Even with tired legs, this team kept fight and playing hard. Sweetwater was the fresher team being able to hold the lead ending the second half by 20 to 25.

When the second half kicked off, the Sweetwater Mustangs were again taking control of the game. The Mustangs were able to build a lead of 10 at one point in the period. Still, just like the Steers have played all season long, the heart and determination of this team were evident in every single position of the game. Unfortunately, they would still be behind at the end of the third 36 to 27.

With the final period in the game, and maybe the season on the horizon, It was the heart of the Steers that took the stage in the fourth period. The team showed their grit battling with everything they had left in the tank. No matter how tired they may have been, nothing would stop the effort these young men were putting forward. The Steers battled to the end; it was just not enough in the end as they fell to the Sweetwater Mustangs 52 to 45, ending not only the day but the season.

This team has been through so much this year, and the way they responded is something to behold. Their love of the game and pure determination to get better was on full display. These young men had a season to remember. This team has no reason to hang its head; in fact, they should hold their heads high because they made this school and town proud.



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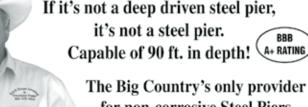
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ARIES (March 21-April 19). You know you're doing the right thing for you if it happens to feed your soul even when it's not feeding your wallet. As you give to others, you will be evermore fulfilled.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You are no stranger to being a stranger. As you visit the unfamiliar, you expect a certain inelegance to color your interactions. In fact, you welcome it as the evidence that you have something to learn, and that you're doing it.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Your business card is but a narrow definition of who you are and what you do. Titles are like keys that get you into certain doors. Once inside, you'll expand to take up as much energetic space as feels appropriate to you.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Arguably, your influence and creations are entities that outlive you. Today, you'll make sure of it. This you'll do mostly unconsciously as you carry the intention of serving, helping and committing the right action.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The winds have changed direction. It is not necessary to learn all about this change. You'll learn plenty by sticking your sail into the air and moving it around until something catches. Then, suddenly, you're off.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Standard agreements make sense to everyone and fit almost no one, perhaps because there is no such thing as a "standard person." For the best chance at coming to a successful agreement, ask for and expect modifications.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Money starts out as well-printed but essentially meaningless paper that we, as a society and on the individual level, give rich meaning indeed through what we do with it. You'll use your dollars in an inspired way today.

### Tomorrow's Horoscope

#### By Holiday Mathis



SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Those foggy feelings count for something. A phenomenon doesn't have to be defined to be relevant to your mood or to how you contribute. Dare to push into formlessness and discover it as you go.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You could keep envisioning the dream that requires you to climb a staircase, ladder or mountain to get somewhere. Or you could set your sights on an equally lovely scene located at an elevation within coasting distance.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You are pinning your happiness on something you could lose, but don't worry. You're in cosmic accordance. Happiness, beauty, infatuation, thrills of all kinds... the very nature of these states is, in a word, fleeting.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). It is said that you are only free if nothing holds you back. Also, things will tug at you -- tethers of emotion, habit, perceived responsibility. It only counts as a limitation if it actually restrains you.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). As you tend to and spring for the details that are sure to impress, just be honest about how much of this is necessary. None of it, really. You could just show up as you are, an approach that is relatable and comfortable.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Feb. 21). Here come elated moments, disciplines change and shared

interests forwarded. In a humorous cosmic twist, the money arrives after you've stopped waiting. Meanwhile, prizes untold come in surprising packages you wouldn't have guessed could hold such gifts of feeling. Professional development happens in March. Scorpio and Virgo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 6, 35, 22, 1 and 39.

FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD: In the first blushes of this intuitive Pisces season, and with the green light of Mercury guiding the higher Aquarian purposes, we have a chance to place our energy wisely and make excellent progress. So how do we know if a thing is worthy of our attention? Its attractiveness is a clue, though many attractions, because of their dangerous or time-wasting potential, are best noted and explored hypothetically, within the examination and thought experiments of an interior and a private world instead of by interacting with the attractive force in real life.

As Mars and Pluto triangulate, people will stand behind their decisions because they have to. Their egos disallow any speculation. Smaller egos make for better decisions because objectivity is available to those who can detach and process data through a lens that's free of the distortions and particulars of personality, identity, tribalism, pride, etc. Other things that color decisions include feelings, morality, politics and more. Some of these influences are useful and helpful, and others are apt to stop progress in its tracks.

To make a decision based on who you were in the past is not advised. You could make a decision based on what you learned back there, but even that is thinking too small. When you instead base your decisions on who you want to be and who you are becoming, those choices will meet up with you in the future and feel, in that moment, like a natural and brilliant fit.

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By Steve Becker

## A false sense of security

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♦ K J ♣AK42 The bidding:

West North East South Pass 2 NT Pass 3 NT Opening lead — three of clubs. Playing hastily in bridge is analo-

gous, in many ways, to the ancient proverb about marrying in haste and repenting at leisure. Today's deal provides a case in point. Assume you're in three notrump

and West leads a club. Dummy's six holds the first trick, and you apparently have nine sure tricks consisting of a spade, a heart, four diamonds

and three clubs. Lulled by this false sense of secu-

rity into thinking that it's all over but

the shouting, you try for an overtrick

by taking a heart finesse at trick two, losing the queen to the king.

West returns the ten of hearts, and about this time it begins to dawn on you that there's some doubt about making nine tricks. The four diamond tricks you counted at the start are much easier to count than to cash. If you take the K-J, there will be no way to reach dummy's A-Q, while if you cash the king and then overtake the jack with the queen, you will make only three diamond tricks unless the ten falls. (In the actual deal it doesn't, so you finish down one.)

To make matters worse, you now realize where you went wrong. The fault goes back to trick one, when you won the club lead with dummy's six and should have won with the ace! You could then have played the king of clubs, cashed the K-J of diamonds and led another club toward dummy's J-9. Whether West took his queen or not, the jack of clubs would be an entry to the A-Q of diamonds, and nine tricks would be assured.

Obviously, it's clear in retrospect that winning the opening club lead with the ace is correct, but you must give yourself enough time to think of it. If you play too hastily at trick one and allow dummy's six to win, you will, as the proverb says, have lots of time later to repent at your leisure.

**Tomorrow:** Famous Hand.

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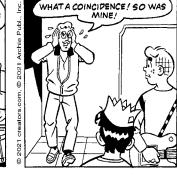
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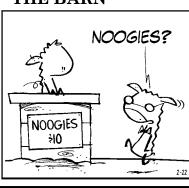
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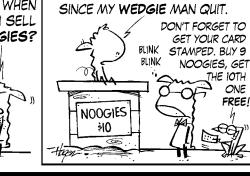




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## This Date In History

#### **Today in History**

Today is Monday, Feb. 22, the 53rd day of 2021. There are 312 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 22, 1980, the "Miracle on Ice" took place in Lake Placid, New York, as the United States Olympic hockey team upset the Soviets, 4-3. (The U.S. team went on to win the gold medal.)

In 1732 (New Style date), the first president of the United States, George Washington, was born in Westmoreland County in the Virginia Colony.

In 1889, President Grover Cleveland signed an enabling act paving the way for the Dakotas, Montana and Washington to become states.

In 1959, the inaugural Daytona 500 race was held; although Johnny Beauchamp was initially declared the winner, the victory was later awarded to Lee Petty.

In 1967, more than 25,000 U.S. and South Vietnamese troops launched Operation Junction City, aimed at smashing a Vietcong stronghold near the Cambodian border. (Although the communists were driven out, they later returned.)

In 1984, David Vetter, a 12-yearold Texas boy who'd spent most of his life in a plastic bubble because he had no immunity to disease, died 15 days after being removed from the bubble for a bone-marrow transplant.

In 1987, pop artist Andy Warhol died at a New York City hospital at

In 1997, scientists in Scotland announced they had succeeded in cloning an adult mammal, producing a lamb named "Dolly." (Dolly, however, was later put down after a short life marred by premature aging and disease.)

In 2004, consumer advocate Ralph Nader announced he was running again for president, this time as an independent.

In 2005, Buckingham Palace said Queen Elizabeth II would not attend the civil marriage ceremony of her son Prince Charles and Camilla Parker Bowles — but that her absence should not be interpreted as a snub.

In 2010, Najibullah Zazi (nahjee-BOO'-lah ZAH'-zee), accused of buying beauty supplies to make bombs for an attack on New York City subways, pleaded guilty to charges including conspiring to use

weapons of mass destruction. (Zazi faced up to life in prison but spent nearly a decade after his arrest helping the U.S. identify and prosecute terrorists; he was given a 10-year sentence followed by superviséd release.)

In 2017, the Trump administration lifted federal guidelines that said transgender students should be allowed to use public school bathrooms and locker rooms matching their chosen gender

In 2019, a California couple pleaded guilty to torture and years of abuse that included shackling some of their 13 children to beds and starving them. (The couple would be sentenced to up to life in prison.) Producers of the Fox TV show "Empire" announced that actor Jussie Smollett's character would be removed from the final two episodes of the season after his arrest on charges that he staged a racist, anti-gay attack on himself.

Ten years ago: A defiant Moammar Gadhafi vowed to fight to his "last drop of blood" and roared at supporters to strike back against Libyan protesters to defend his embattled regime. A magnitude-6.1 earthquake in Christchurch, New Zealand, killed 184 people. Somali pirates shot to death four Americans taken hostage on their yacht several hundred miles south of Oman. Former White House chief of staff Rahm Emanuel was elected mayor of Chicago.

Five years ago: President Barack Obama sent lawmakers an official \$1.9 billion request to combat the spread of the Zika virus in Latin Âmerica and the U.S. (Congress passed a \$1.1 billion package in Sept. 2016.) The City Council of Charlotte, North Carolina, voted 7-4 to pass a new law allowing transgender people to choose public bathrooms that corresponded to their gender identity. Country singer Sonny James, 87, died in Nashville. British cinematographer Douglas Slocombe, 103, died in London. The Lady Vols' streak of 565 consecutive weeks in The Associated Press women's basketball poll ended as Tennessee fell out of the Top 25.

One year ago: A dozen towns in northern Italy effectively went into lockdown after the deaths of two people infected with the coronavirus. South Korea reported an eight-fold jump in viral infections, with more than 400 cases mostly

Answer to previous puzzle

GENOESE MARSBAR AVIATES ACETONE
SILKCAP REGATTA
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PASADENA OIL
BREAKDANCERS
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linked to a church and a hospital. Bernie Sanders scored a resounding win in Nevada's presidential caucuses, cementing his status as the Democrats' front-runner. Selfstyled daredevil Mike Hughes, 64, died after a rocket in which he launched himself crashed into the ground near Barstow, California; he had said he wanted to fly to the edge of outer space to see if the world is round. Barbara Smith, known as "B." Smith, a top Black model who went on to open restaurants and launch a home products line, died at the age of 70 at her suburban New York home after being diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease. British boxer Tyson Fury beat Deontay Wilder in their rematch in Las Vegas to win the heavyweight title for a second time.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Paul Dooley is 93. Actor James Hong is 92. Actor John Ashton is 73. Actor Miou-Miou is 71. Actor Julie Walters is 71. Basketball Hall of

three-wheeler

**63** Poems of praise

furniture

**64** Cravings

1 Impartial

3 Have an

aroma

4 Eventually

became

2 Cajun veggie

unpleasant

**6** Anything edible

9 Small rug at an

8 Bun or bagel

7 Largest continent

entryway's floor

DOWN

Famer Julius Erving is 71. Actor Ellen Greene is 70. Former Sen. Bill Frist, R-Tenn., is 69. Former White House adviser David Axelrod is 66. Actor Kyle MacLachlan is 62. World Golf Hall of Famer Vijay Singh is 58. Actor-comedian Rachel Dratch is 55. Actor Paul Lieberstein is 54. Actor Jeri Ryan is 53. Actor Thomas Jane is 52. TV host Clinton Kelly is 52. Actor Tamara Mello is 51. Actor-singer Lea Salonga (LAY'-uh suh-LONG'-guh) is 50. Actor Jose Solano is 50. International Tennis

Hall of Famer Michael Chang is 49. Rock musician Scott Phillips is 48. Singer James Blunt is 47. Actor Drew Barrymore is 46. Actor Liza Huber is 46. Rock singer Tom Higgenson (Plain White T's) is 42. Rock musician Joe Hottinger (Halestorm) is 39. Actor Zach Roerig is 36. Actor Daniel E. Smith

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#### **ACROSS**

- 1 Golfer's shout
- 9 Sound of a dog's 62 Schoolroom
- 13 Occupied, as a
- **14** Just adequate
- sound
- 17 Farmer's ground
- a car floor
- 21 Vehicle in
- 22 Topper on an "i"
- 23 Shades of color
- 24 Disposable
- 28 Jeans fabric
- 31 Ready to serve
- 32 Value of a nickel
- 37 Gem surface
- 39 Ungracious
- competitor

- 42 Mile-a-minute
- 43 Pep rally cry
- **47** Guys
- behind
- 56 A Great Lake
- 58 Weighing

## **Newsday Crossword**

**61** Tot's

#### 59 Close to **60** Bygone time

- **5** Remote place to
- 'worship from"
- bark
- seat
- 15 Rebound, as a
- 16 Showed on
- television
- 18 Tilt to one side
- 19 Slowing lever on
- grocery stores

- hanky
- from a keg
- 36 And others:
- Abbr.
- 38 Castle's watery ring
- 41 Impulsive speed
- speed
- 44 Parking-lot spot
- 48 Drag from
- 49 Foliage on a forest floor
- 57 Holler
- machine

#### FOUR ON THE FLOOR by Sally R. Stein Edited by Stanley Newman

- 10 Atlantic, for instance
- 11 Chicago airport 12 Typefaces
- 13 Bar bill 20 Writer Edgar
- Allan 23 Game's first X
- or O
- 24 Tips of shoes 25 Delve
- (investigate)
- 26 Principal performer 27 Employee on a
- store's floor
- **28** Risky, informally 5 Desirable feature 29 At any time
  - 30 Tennis court
  - barrier
  - 32 Quickly
  - 33 Odor-sensing organ

- www.stanxwords.com 34 "Bye-bye!"
  - 35 Flower stalk **37** Supposedly sly

animal

- 40 Be untruthful 41 Truthfulness
- **43** Hair salon goo 44 Make purchases 45 Turn to mush in
- a blender 46 Criminal's false
- name **47** Thaws
- 49 Mistake in print, for short
- **50** Sit with a book 51 Otherwise
- 52 Real estate measure
- 53 Egotistical
- 54 Large antlered animals
- 55 Get a look at
- 10

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