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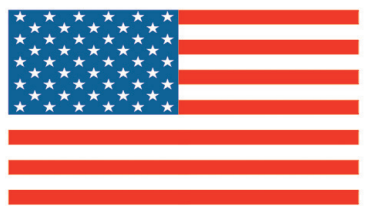
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Upcoming Events

SMMC Back to School Health Splash
Aug. 5
6-8 p.m.

Stargazing Event Big Spring State Park
Aug. 14
More information to come soon

Toasty Tuesdays take place every Tuesday at a different location around town. Community invited to come out and help; Next week will be at 6:30 p.m. at the DK on the corner of Wasson and Randolph.

Russ McEwen Aquatic Center is now open; closed Mondays for private parties

Share your news and sports photos, e-mail editor@bigspringherald.com & sports@bigspringherald.com

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Toasty Tuesday - Canceled for Tuesday, Aug. 3



Courtesy photo
This past week, the intrepid volunteers of Toasty Tuesday, Keep Big Spring Beautiful's litter cleanup program, picked up refuse and litter at the intersection of Wasson Road and Randolph Boulevard, shown at left. Although this week's Toasty Tuesday litter cleanup had been slated for the area near Marcy Elementary School on Wasson Road, posts on the group's Facebook page indicate those plans have been canceled. In addition, Keep Big Spring Beautiful's monthly meeting scheduled today has also been canceled. The page indicates the next Keep Big Spring Beautiful meeting will be held Sept. 13 in the Fireplace Room at Howard College.

Isaiah 58 changes food distribution hours

By **ROGER CLINE**
Herald Staff Writer

Isaiah 58, the charitable food source in Big Spring, is changing its hours... but COVID variant concerns have prompted organizers to keep their present drive-through distribution setup. "Our hours, before COVID ever came to us, were Monday and Tuesday from 4 to 6 (p.m.)," said Isaiah 58 CEO and President Nancy Stinson. "When COVID came in and crashed us down, our hours changed to all different times and days until we found one that was right for us, which was Tuesday mornings from 9 to 11 a.m. Then everything began to die down and it looked like we would be going back to some kind of normality - a new normality - we were going to have our days be Monday and Tuesday from 4 to 6 but have people come in six

at a time." Unfortunately, fears of a resurgence in the COVID pandemic due largely to variants of the disease have led Isaiah 58 to keep the car lines, at least for now. "We've got to stay with the drive through, but our hours are still going to be 4 to 6, and it will be every 30 days, they can come in and get their food," she said. "We would love for our numbers to go up, having two days and times during the afternoons. That way we could get more people in and fed." Stinson said there's no need to make a reservation ahead of time. "No, they just come and do the same lines that they've been doing," she said. "We do ask that they have to have their face mask. If they don't have a face mask, we're unfortunately going to have to ask them to leave the line and go find

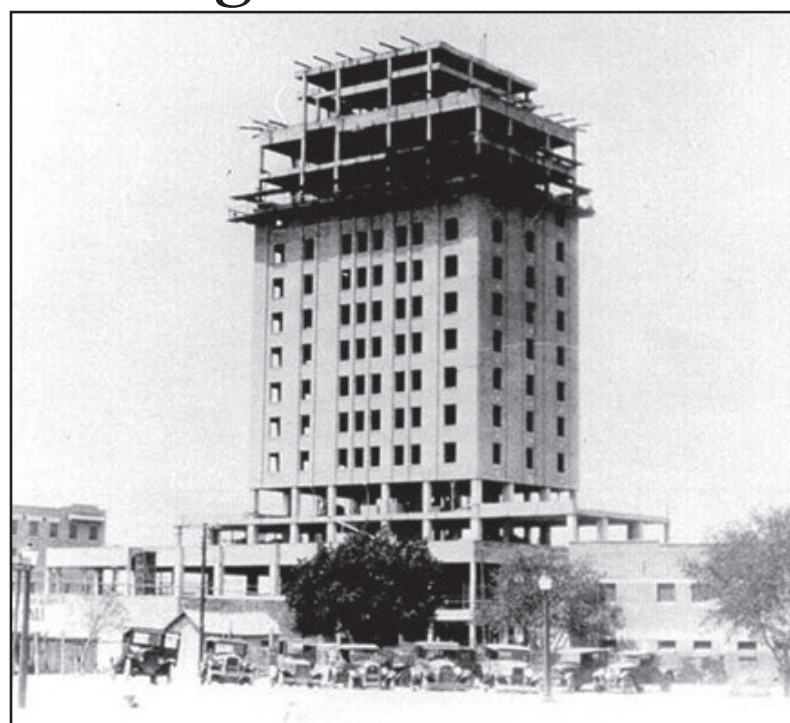
a mask, just because it is getting so serious and we have to protect ourselves. And I need everybody to bring some form of ID. I don't care if it's 20 years old as long as it still looks like you. I just need something that shows me your address and this is you." Those new to Isaiah 58 should additionally bring a proof of address. "I don't care if it's something from the mail...a bill, if they get junk mail, say for instance it's a magazine and it has their name and their address on it, I don't care," Stinson said. "A lease. It doesn't bother me how it gets here. I just need to socialize it with them, and they can get food that same day." Isaiah 58 is located at 508 S. Scurry in Big Spring. For more information about their services or requirements, call 432-263-4758.

A moment in history: Building the Settles Hotel

Editor's Note: The Heritage Museum is the holder of the historical stories pertaining to Howard County for the past 50 years. Each week, the Heritage Museum shares a piece of the community history. To find out more history tidbits, visit the Heritage Museum Tuesday through Saturday.

By **TAMMY SCHRECENGOST**
Heritage Museum

In 1894, William R. Settles married schoolteacher Lillian Greer. William had bought land south of Big Spring, and the couple decided to live there while William raised Hereford cattle. Years later William was injured after he fell from a windmill he was repairing. In 1924, the couple decided it was time to move into town. By 1927, oil had been discovered on the W.R. Settles ranch, catapulting the unassuming couple into the limelight, where they were now being chauffeured in a Buick rather than the horse and buggy they had driven previously. In adversity or prosperity, the couple was always cheerful, trusting, and faithful to mankind. The Settles said they had faith in



Construction on Big Spring's Settles Hotel began in 1928 to and was completed in 1930.

God, faith in each other and in humanity. M.L. Tinsley was employed as a gauger for the oil company on the Settles property. He befriended the Settles and soon became the elderly couple's "business manager." Tinsley refused to be interviewed during a 1930 interview by the *Big Spring Herald*. The Settles told the reporter that Tinsley was too modest, and they wanted to give credit to Tinsley for his massive undertaking of the project. Mrs. Settles said, "Mr. Tinsley chose the site, bought all materials used in the project, supervised the building from start to finish, and purchased all furniture, draperies and linens. The building and plans were carried out smoothly and without a single hitch, thanks to Mr. Tinsley."

By 1929, A.J. Crawford had decided not to add another wing onto the Crawford Hotel as he had initially planned. The Settles, acting through M.L. Tinsley, offered to build a hotel incorporating the recreational and public service facilities which had not been provided by the Crawford. Tinsley stated to the Chamber of Commerce that if Big Spring citizens subscribed for \$100,000 in first mortgage bonds, it would represent the only debt on the property. Shortly after construction began, the price of oil started to decline. To help finance the landmark hotel, a deed of trust was signed on June 10, 1930. The Settles used their ranch and mineral rights as collateral for the \$200,000 promissory note. The total cost for building the hotel reached over \$500,000. Two corporations were then formed, The Settles Hotel Corporation as owners of the hotel and the Settles Hotel Company as operator. David S. Castle Co. of Abilene was the architectural engineer firm which designed the Settles. Mr. and Mrs. W.R. Settles, along

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