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What exactly is Veterans Day about?

By **DUSTIN POPE**
 Managing Editor

Today is November 11, which means it is Veterans Day. Veterans Day gives Americans the opportunity to celebrate the bravery and the sacrifice of all the United States Veterans. However, some of us seem to confuse this holiday with Memorial Day. What's even more is that some of us don't know why we celebrate Veterans Day on November 11. So, I figured I would give you a brief breakdown of the meaning of Veterans Day and how it is different from Memorial day so that we can all honor our former service members properly.

Well, let us begin with a bit of the history of Veterans day, shall we? Veterans Day



was initially known as Armistice Day, originally set as a legal holiday to honor the end of World War 1, which officially took place on November 11, 1918. However, the legislation was passed in 1938 that Nov 11 would be "dedicated to the cause of world peace and to be hereafter celebrat-

ed and known as Armistice Day." So this holiday honored all World War veterans.

By 1954 had rolled around the United States had already been involved in World War II and the Korean War, so the 83rd U.S. Congress, at the urging of the veterans' service organizations, amended the Act of 1938 by taking out the word "Armistice" and inserting "Veterans." After the approval of this legislation on June 1, 1954, November 11 became a day to honor all American veterans. Later in 1968, the Uniforms Holiday Bill ensured three-day weekends for all Federal employees by celebrating four national holidays on Mondays: Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day, Veterans Day,

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Veterans Day events and closures

By **ROGER CLINE**
 Herald Staff Writer

Local governmental entities and businesses have announced their schedule surrounding Veterans Day, which is Thursday.

- The Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez State Veterans Home, located at 1809 U.S. Hwy. 87 will hold a Veterans Day observance at 8:45 a.m.
- Moss Elementary School will hold a Veterans Day Celebration including a performance by the school's second-graders at 9:15 a.m.
- Scenic Mountain Medical Center will host a luncheon for Howard County veterans, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Thursday. The meal will be served in the first floor classroom at the hospital, located at 1601 W. 11th Place.
- Goliad Elementary School will hold a Veterans Day Celebration at 2 p.m.
- City of Big Spring offices will be closed Thursday, according to a press release issued by City Public Works Director Shane Bowles. All city offices,

including the Sanitation and Landfill offices, will be closed all day Thursday, and will reopen at 8 a.m. on Friday.

For those whose garbage is usually collected on Thursdays, crews will collect their garbage on Wednesday this week.

City police, fire and EMS will continue to provide law enforcement and emergency services, though offices for those departments will be closed.

• County Judge Kathryn Wiseman issued a similar press release relating to Howard County. According to the release, the county will close all offices on Thursday, and those offices will reopen as usual on Friday.

According to the county press release, the administrative offices at the Howard County Sheriff's Department will be closed, but the Sheriff's Department will continue to provide law enforcement services as normal.

• Labor Day is a U.S. Post Office holiday; mail will not be delivered Thursday, and the post office counter will be closed, although the lobby, with access to post office boxes and mail slots will

remain open.

- All Howard County schools will remain open, including Big Spring, Coahoma and Forsan public schools; local private schools including Runnels Academy, New Hope Christian Academy and Pre-School, and Maranatha Baptist Academy; and Howard College.
- Most Howard County banks and credit unions will be closed Thursday, but hold normal hours both Wednesday preceding, and Friday following, the holiday. This includes Citizens Federal Credit Union, Big Spring Education Federal Credit Union, Cosden Federal Credit Union, Wells Fargo, State National Bank, Western Bank, Prosperity Bank, Lone Star State Bank, and PNC Bank.
- Two local financial institutions report they will remain open Thursday: Complex Community Federal Credit Union, and Woodforest Bank (located inside Wal-Mart).
- Wal-Mart, H-E-B and Porter's grocery stores will remain open with regular hours on Thursday.

Commissioners canvass Nov. 2 election results

By **ROGER CLINE**
 Herald Staff Writer

At a special meeting Wednesday morning, Howard County Commissioners canvassed the votes in the Nov. 2 general election, and ratified the election results.

Commissioners canvassed Howard County's returns for both the eight State of Texas propositions and the one Howard County proposition on the ballot.

During the meeting, County Judge Kathryn Wiseman read the county's vote totals for and against each of the propositions, before commissioners unanimously voted to ratify the results.

According to the numbers presented by Elections Administrator Jodi Duck, who was present at the meeting, all eight state propositions passed both in the county and across the State of Texas, and will become law. The Howard County proposition failed.

The local proposition – which received 176 votes in favor and 331 votes against – would have created the Howard County Assistance District, funded by a two-cent sales tax in the unincorporated areas of the county. The money would have been used to fund public works projects around the county.

Wiseman said the county's goal in proposing the Assistance

County redistricting hearing Friday

Editor's note: The following article was inadvertently run last week in the Big Spring Herald, a week early. The meeting will actually be held this Friday, Nov. 12.
 By **ROGER CLINE**
 Herald Staff Writer

Redistricting is the lone item on the agenda for a special meeting of the Howard County Commissioners, called for 9 a.m. Friday. The meeting will take place in the second-floor Judge's Conference Room of the Howard County Courthouse, 300 S. Main Street.

County Judge Kathryn Wiseman will first open a public hearing on the county's redistricting plan, and members of the public will

have the opportunity to express their opinions about the plan to shift the borders of county precincts based on population changes since the precinct borders were last set.

"The thing is, our Precinct 1 (northwest part of the county) was underpopulated by quite a bit. Our Precinct 2 (southeast part of the county) was overpopulated by quite a bit," said Wiseman. "But the problem is, they don't touch each other. That was a real problem. So we had to shift some precinct lines in all the precincts – 1, 2, 3 and 4 – to shift things just over enough so that we could get a more equal

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Take Note

• Food distribution at Three Angels Food Pantry is held every third Thursday of the month at the Big Spring Seventh-Day Adventist Church, located at 4319 Parkway Rd. Food is provided by the West Texas Food Bank. People will need to bring ID and plastic bags, and answer a few questions to pick up food. The food pantry also has a Facebook page where they will post any updates. <https://www.facebook.com/healthynuggetsofgold44>.

• Senior Citizens Dances are held every other Friday at 7 p.m. at the Dora Roberts Community Center. The next dance is Nov. 19. Music will be Western style. Entry fee is \$5 and includes a snack. For more information contact Cotton Mize at 270-5060.

• The Big Spring Art Association is looking for community businesses to display pieces of their artwork. In an effort to build awareness for the importance of the arts and highlight local talent, the Big Spring Art Association displays different art pieces across the community. If you would like a piece of art work displayed in your business lobby contact any member of the Big Spring Art Association.

• City of Big Spring offices remain open by appointment and electronic means only. These offices include: City Hall (432-264-2401); Finance Department (432-264-2513); Public Works Department (432-264-2501); Human Resources Department (432-264-2346); Code Enforcement/Permits (432-264-2504); Water Utilities (432-264-2392); Community Services Office; Convention and Visitors Bureau (432-263-8235); facilities (432-264-2322); Cemetery (432-264-2323); Police Department (432-264-2550); Fire Department (432-264-2304); Municipal Court (432-264-2530).

Citizens who have an appointment in a City office will be asked to wear a face covering and present valid identification upon arrival. The identification can be as simple as a utility bill. The City of Big Spring Water Office is open to the public; no appointment is necessary. The Big Spring Senior Center remains closed to congregate meals, but those who wish to pick up a to go order can call 432-267-1628, for more information. Rentable facilities including the Dora Roberts Community Center

will remain open, however, users are requested to maintain social distancing and other COVID-19 precautions. For any questions or concerns please contact the City Manager's Office at 432-264-2401.

• The Big Spring Art Association meets the third Saturday of the month, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon, in the basement of the Howard County Library. Come join us, we would love to have you. For more information, call 432-263-4155; Michelle Worthan at 325-227-3911; Kay Smith at 432-213-1153; or Ruby Bruns at 432-664-1943. The November featured artist/special speaker will be Denise Malm. The next meeting is Nov. 20.

• The Big Spring Symphony is celebrating 40 years. Shows remaining this season include: Dec. 8 "Holiday Spectacular"; Jan. 22: "The Music of Queen"; Feb. 19 "Winter Wonderland"; and Spring Pops Concert on April 23. The remaining concerts will all take place at the Big Spring Municipal Auditorium.

Tickets can be purchased in season passes or per concert. For updates and general information, follow The Big Spring Symphony Facebook page or go to www.bigspringsymphony.org.

• The Great Courses history video lecture series is taking place each Wednesday in the Theater Room in the First Presbyterian Church, located at 701 Runnels Street. No charge for the lectures.

• Howard County Community Health Center is offering the Moderna – a two dose and Janseen – a single dose, Covid-19 vaccine to those over the age of 18. Businesses, churches, groups or organizations of 10 members or more who would like the vaccine can schedule a time to have a mobile vaccine clinic.

The staff will to the business, church, or organization to administer the vaccine. For ore information, call 806-894-7842 ext 178 or 124 or e-mail Covid19@sprhs.org

• Interim HealthCare is looking for volunteers. Those who would like to find out more about becoming a volunteer can cal 432-263-5999.

Sheriff

Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the following activity:

Note – Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 107 inmates at the time of this report.

• KAMRON ALLEN BETTS, 22, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of assault causes bodily injury.

• JOSEPH MATTEW-ANTHONY BUCKNER, 25, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• CYNTHIA LYNN HERNANDEZ, 41, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of display expired license plates, violate promise to appear, theft of service

over \$100 less than \$750.

• PRIMO TARIN, 43, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of driving with license invalid.

• CRYSTAL THREATS, 30, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of aggravated assault with deadly weapon (x2), deadly conduct discharge firearm (x2).

• RYAN COLE WALKER, 33, was arrested by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

• JIM BOB WHITE, 54, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of expired drivers license, violate promise to appear, driving while license invalid (DWLI).

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1000 block of E 21st St. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

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

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 300 block of Veterans Blvd. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1900 block of Hearn. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3200 block of Hwy 87. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

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

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 800 block of W I-20. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1900 block of N Hwy 87. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1000 block of Baylor. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1900 block of Morrison. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **FIRE CALL** was reported in the 600 block of Caylor Dr. Outside trash, fire contained.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 7000 block of Lenderman Dr. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1200 block of Sycamore. No transport was required.

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

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Support Groups

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• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles. Open discussion is from noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Newcomers' meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

• Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. Weigh-in is confidential and you don't have to talk if you don't want to. Flexible payment options.

• Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder support group meeting is at 6:30 p.m. at the VA Medical Center Veteran's Healing Center.

• Bring Everyone Into The Zone, or BEITZ Support Group, is a veteran-based peer group. The purpose of the group is to provide peer-to-peer support to service members, veterans and families, especially those suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), traumatic brain injury (TBI), military sexual trauma (MST) and other traumatic events in their lives. BEITZ meets every Thursday at 6 p.m. at 501 Birdwell Lane. For more information, email francisco.garza@wtcmhmr.org, or call 432-268-3003.

• GriefShare is a biblical support group that focuses on helping people who are dealing with a loved one's death. Each DVD session features nationally respected grief experts and real-life stories, followed by small group discussion about the topics presented (with workbook support); there is no charge for attendance. 13-week seminars are held three times per year on Thursday evenings, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Visit the GriefShare Ministry of TBC Facebook page. You can also call Vivian Gordon at 432-466-3583 for information on seminar dates and how you can register to attend.

FRIDAY

• Reformers Unanimous International is a faith-based addictions program helping people find freedom from addiction. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. Fridays at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Enter at the main entrance of the church.

• AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

SATURDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m. Covered dish supper at 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous closed meeting from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

MONDAY

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and Columbus Day. Under this bill, Veterans, the day was then moved to the fourth Monday of October. Many states, however, disagreed with this ruling and continued to celebrate the holiday on its original date.

On September 20, 1975, President Gerald R. Ford signed a new law that returned the annual observance of Veterans Day back to its original date of Nov. 11, which began in 1978. Since that day, Veterans Day has been observed on November 11.

If the November 11 holiday falls on a weekend, the Federal Government observes the holiday on Monday. Federal government closures were established by the U.S. Office of Personnel Management. State and local closings are determined locally, and non-government businesses can choose to close or remain open as they see fit.

On August 4, 2001, the United States Senate Resolution 143 passed to designate the week of November 11 through 17 as National Veterans Awareness Week. In addition, this resolution calls for educational efforts directed at elementary and secondary school students concerning veterans' contributions and sacrifices.

So what is the difference between Veterans Day and Memorial Day? Memorial Day honors service who have lost their lives in favor of this great Country. Deceased Veterans are also remembered on Veterans Day. Still, the day is mainly set

aside to thank and honor a living veteran who served honorably in the military in war or peacetime.

President Eisenhower's letter to Harvey V. Higley, Administrator of Veterans' Affairs, designated him Chairman, Veterans Day National Committee.

*The White House Office
October 8, 1954
Dear Mr. Higley:*

I have today signed a proclamation calling upon all of our citizens to observe Thursday, November 11, 1954, as Veterans Day. It is my earnest hope that all veterans, their organizations, and the entire citizenry will join hands to ensure proper and widespread observance of this day. With the thought that it will be most helpful to coordinate the planning, I am suggesting the formation of a Veterans Day National Committee. In view of your great personal interest as well as your official responsibilities, I have designated you to serve as Chairman. You may include in the Committee membership such other persons as you desire to select and I am requesting the heads of all departments and agencies of the Executive branch to assist the Committee in its work in every way possible.

I have every confidence that our Nation will respond wholeheartedly in the appropriate observance of Veterans Day, 1954.

*Sincerely,
DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER*

Ok, So now we know a bit of the history of Veterans Day, so now I'll give you some facts that you may or may not know about this holiday. It's "Veterans Day," not "Veteran's Day," for a good reason. The lack of the apostrophe might seem like a semantic choice, but it has deliberated meaning behind it. You see, Veterans Day is

not a day that belongs to the veterans; it's a day for honoring vets directly in front of us right now.

Veterans Day used to be celebrated on the fourth Monday of October, but of course, if you have been reading this, then you already know that one.

Marines celebrate their service birthday and Veterans day with a 96-hour liberty. November 10 marked the 246 years of the Marine Corp; as always, the event was celebrated by a traditional ball and a cake cutting ceremony. However, since the memorable day falls before Veterans Day, many Marines get to celebrate both holidays together with 96-hour liberty.

Once a group tried to rename the then Armistice Day "Mayflower Day." Following the start of WWII and the revelations that World War I did not end all wars, the idea of celebrating Armistice Day began to fall out of favor with a small group of Americans. A group led by Dr. Francis Carr Stifler of the American Bible Society. The group proposed that Armistice Day officially be replaced with Mayflower Day since the signing of the Mayflower Compact took place on November 11, 1620. In addition, the group argued that the name would be far better since the Mayflower Compact was the cornerstone upon which the Deceleration of Independence and the Bill of Rights were founded. But, of course, the group's idea never caught on, and Armistice day eventually became as we know it now Veterans Day.

Well, that's a brief history of what today's holiday means. Veterans Day is an important day for you to show thanks for all that the veterans have done protecting your freedoms and rights. So, if you know a veteran, please go up and give them a firm handshake and tell them to thank you.

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Larry Oster, 82, died Thursday. Graveside memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Trinity Memorial Park.

Patsy Miranda, 91, died Friday. Visitation will be 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. with vigil service 7 p.m. Sunday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral service will be 10 a.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

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District was to use the income from the sales tax to fund necessary county projects and help ease high property taxes for county residents.

"We were hoping to use those tax dollars to help repair our roads and keep them in better shape. Our roads have just been beaten to pieces. At one time we had something like \$68 million of damage to our roads, mostly from oilfield traffic. This small two-cent increase in tax in the unincorporated areas would have helped us get those roads repaired."

The funds would have also helped fund ambulance service in rural areas of Howard County, said Wiseman, adding that she hopes to resubmit the item for voter approval as soon as possible.

"We'll try to do a better job of helping people to understand, out in the rural areas, what this sales tax would have meant to the county," she said.

The state propositions canvassed by the commissioners include (vote totals given are for Howard County):

- Proposition 1: Allows professional rodeo charitable foundations sanctioned by the Professional Rodeo Cowboy Association or the Women's Professional Rodeo Association to hold raffles. Locally: 1,180 for, 237 against. Statewide: 84 percent for, 16 percent against.

- Proposition 2: Adds counties to the list of political entities that can issue bonds or notes to pay for development or redevelopment of transportation or infrastructure in unproductive, underdeveloped or blighted areas. Locally: 810 for, 609 against. Statewide: 63 percent for, 37 percent against.

- Proposition 3: Prohibits state or local governments from disallowing or limiting religious services. Locally: 1,102 for, 321 against. Statewide: 63 percent for, 37 percent against.

- Proposition 4: Requires that candidates for Texas Supreme Court, Court of Criminal Appeals and regional Courts of Appeals be licensed in Texas for at least 10 years. Additionally, during the 10-year period, the candidate's law license must not have been revoked or suspended. Locally: 841 for, 554 against. Statewide: 59 percent for, 41 percent against.

- Proposition 5: Extends the power of the State Commission on Judicial Conduct to accept, investigate, and take action on alleged misconduct by judges to include similar alleged misconduct by judicial candidates. Locally: 856 for, 543 against. Statewide: 59 percent for, 41 percent against.

- Proposition 6: Allows residents of nursing homes and similar facilities to name a person as their "essential caregiver." With passage of the proposition, visits from their caregiver becomes a constitutional right of each resident. Locally: 1,248 for, 171 against. Statewide: 88 percent for, 12 percent against.

- Proposition 7: Allows a limit on school district property tax to surviving spouses of disabled persons. The spouse must be at least 55 at the time of the disabled person's death, and still live in the couple's home to maintain eligibility. Locally: 1,290 for, 133 against. Statewide: 87 percent for, 13 percent against.

- Proposition 8: Extends an exemption from property taxes to surviving spouses of military members killed "in the line of duty." Previously, the exemption was limited to spouses of military members killed "in action." A death "in the line of duty" means their death was due to injuries not related to combat, but still sustained as a result of their military duties. Locally: 1,301 for, 117 against. Statewide: 88 percent for, 12 percent against.

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distribution not only of the population, but of the ethnic and racial populations."

Following the public hearing, commissioners will discuss and consider adopting the plan.

After they vote on the plan, commissioners will have the opportunity to suggest items for inclusion on future meeting agendas before Judge Wiseman adjourns the special meeting.



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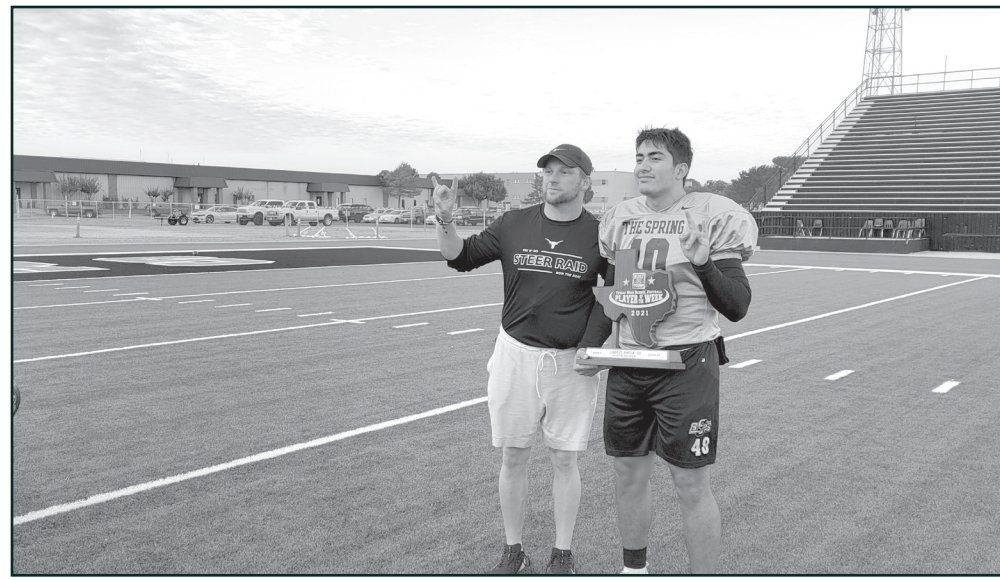
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Baeza receives his Built Ford Tough Player of the Week trophy ahead of first round of the playoffs



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Big Spring Star quarterback Gabriel Baeza received his Built Ford Tough Player of the Week for week six at practice this Wednesday. Baeza and his team will open up the playoffs tonight in Fort Stockton when they take on El Paso Riverside. This game will be the opening round of the playoffs, and the Steers, after having a great week of practice, will be looking to take care of business. The game will be in Fort Stockton, and they have set kickoff for 7:00 p.m.

Howard Hawks mens Basketball team dominates Southwest Junior Varsity

By STEVE BELVIN

Special to the Herald

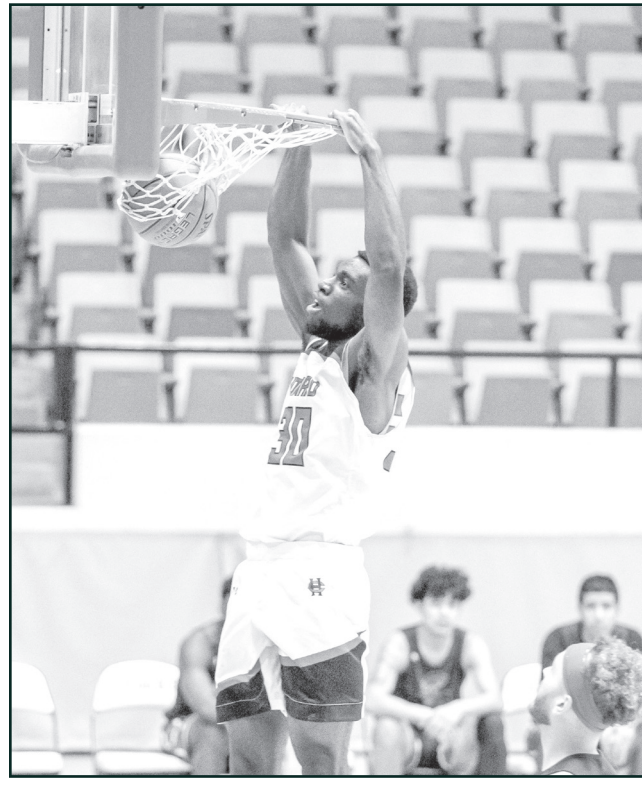
For a team playing on back-to-back nights, the Howard College Hawks showed no signs of fatigue. Wednesday night the Hawks handed the College of the Southwest junior varsity a 112-64 whipping, at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Sure it was a win over a Division III junior varsity team, but it came off the heels of a 69-57 win over a highly regarded Ranger JC team in Ranger Tuesday night.

"This game tonight was a lot of fun," said Howard coach Scott Raines. "It gave us a chance to give all the kids playing time. A lot of these kids don't get to play that much and it gave them time to get in rhythm."

Howard was in rhythm from the start, clearing outclassing their smaller opponents. COS held the lead one time, Jessie Martinez made a three to give the visitors a 3-2 advantage a minute into the game. D'Mari Wiltz then collected two steals, leading to four points and Howard never looked back. When Markell Hood made two free throws with 12:11 left in the half, Howard had built up a 29-8 lead. The Hawks went into halftime leading 62-31.

Wiltz was the catalyst in Howard's success, handing out 10 assists. The sophomore guard from New Orleans also contributed two steals. Reaping the benefits were his teammates who saw everybody on the roster score at least four points. Leading the way was Jacoby Bishop who scored 21



Courtesy Photo/ Tony Claxton

Bonny Udoh slams home the ball in a dominate victory 112-64.

points, including 5 of 9 from the three point line. In fact, six Hawks scored in double figures.

"You know maybe they (Hawks) weren't su-

per intense this. You just don't want them to lose their minds. Concentrate. We wanted them to concentrate on toughness and defending well," Raines said.

Raines said the win over Ranger was big. "Ranger went to the Final Four last year. The last three years they've went far in the tournament," said Raines. "We got off to a bad start (against Ranger. But went up by two at halftime. We took care of business in the second half and got the win."

Howard, now 5-0 for the season, will play again Friday at 2 p.m. against Trinity Valley College in Plano.

COS - Harlan Gilbert 1 0 2; Ceasar Fernandez 3 2 10; AJ Lackley 2 2 6; Jessie Martinez 3 0 7; Jermeiah Vigil 1 1 3; Tristen Moore 5 4 15; Jayden Terrell 1 1 3; Zaid Hernandez 3 0 9; Javier Arocho 1 2 4; Tarren Barrola 0 2 2; totals 29-58, 15-19 64.

HOWARD - Rahkiem Petterson 6 2 15; D'Mari Wiltz 2 0 4; Jacoby Bishop 8 0 21; Ciro Baeza 5 0 11; Bonny Udoh 5 0 10; Markell Hood 4 1 9; Ognjen Lacmanovic 4 2 13; Morrison Hsu 4 0 9; Nestor Dyachok 6 3 16; Milos Kovacevic 2 0 4; totals 46-78, 7-10, 112

Individual leaders

Rebounds - HC 32, (Dyachok 6, Petterson 5, Bishop 5, Udoh 5); COS, 13 -(Terrell 3); Assists - HC -(Wiltz 10, Hsu 3); COS (Virgil 3); Steals - HC (Hsu 3,) COS (Terrell 2); Three Pointers - HC (Bishop 5, Lacmanovic 3); COS - Hernandez 3, Fernandez 2).

HALFTIME - Howard 65, COS 31.

MAC says no to expansion after MTSU decides to stay in C-USA

By RALPH D. RUSSO

AP College Football Writer

The Mid-American Conference announced Wednesday it will stand pat with its membership after examining expansion, just hours after Middle Tennessee State made known it was sticking with Conference USA.

"Following analysis and evaluation by the membership, it has been determined our best interests are served in the conference remaining at 12 full member institutions," Commissioner Jon Steinbrecher said in a statement. "While a number of institutions have expressed interest, we never requested any institution to apply for membership nor did we have a formal or informal vote concerning any institutions."

The decisions by the MAC and MTSU appear to bring an end to a wave conference realignment at the FBS level of Division I that was triggered this summer by the Southeastern Conference inviting Texas and Oklahoma to leave the Big 12 and join the league.

The trickle down led the Big 12 to swipe three schools from the American Athletic Conference, which then turned to Conference USA for six new members. The Sun Belt also added four new schools, three from C-USA.

Middle Tennessee and fellow C-USA member Western Kentucky had ex-

plored the possibility of leaving the conference.

MTSU and WKU would have extended the Midwest-based MAC farther south.

But after C-USA announced last week the addition of four new members starting in 2023, Middle Tennessee State decided it was best to stay put in a conference that will now have nine schools, stretching from Virginia to New Mexico.

President Sidney McPhee said in a statement posted on the school website Wednesday that they've watched the Division I landscape for athletics change in the past several weeks. McPhee said MTSU appreciated the interest that other conferences showed in its program.

"Working with our four remaining members, as well as our new partners, Conference USA is poised to rebrand itself as a premier conference in the Group of 5," McPhee wrote.

Commissioner Judy MacLeod said C-USA remains a great fit for Middle Tennessee and Western Kentucky with the incoming members.

"We are very pleased that they have decided to reaffirm their commitment to C-USA as we continue to move forward as a conference," she said in a statement. "While several institutions have indicated interest in joining our league, we will use this time to be deliberate and strategic in exploring any potential additional expansion."

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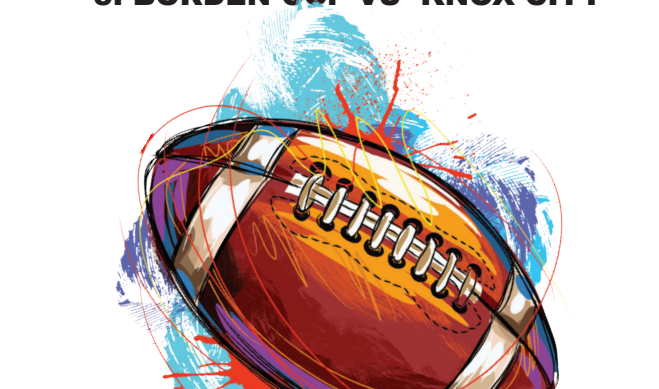
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8th Grade

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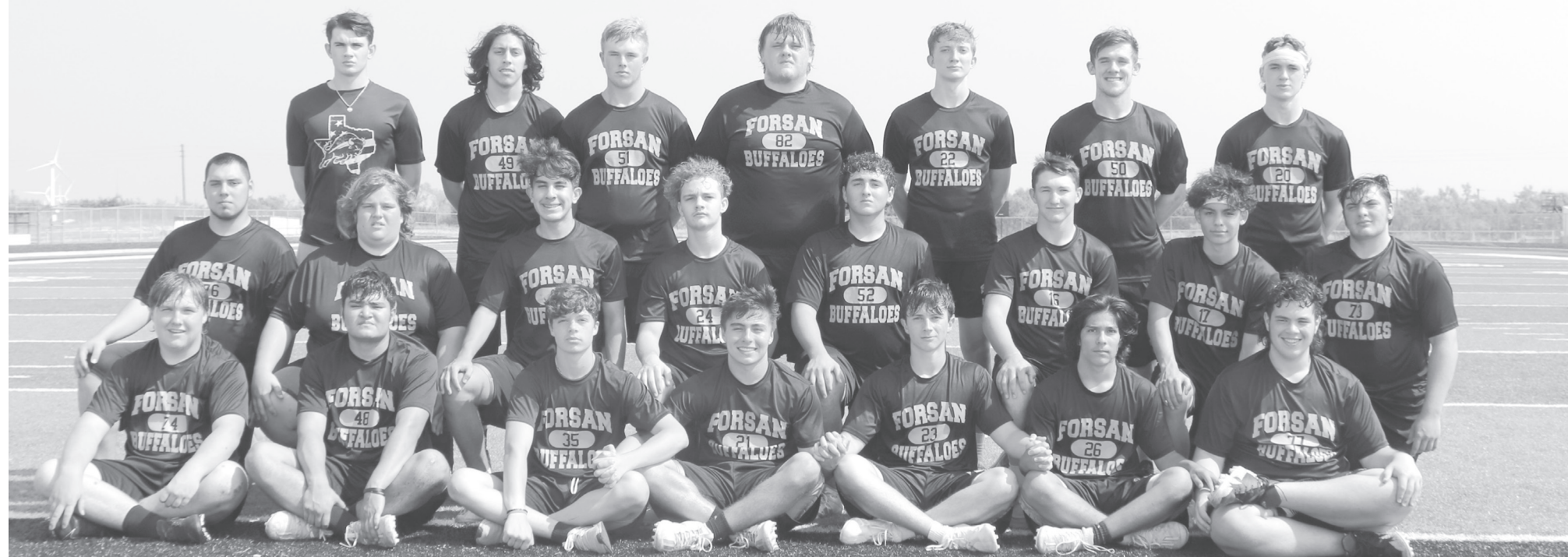
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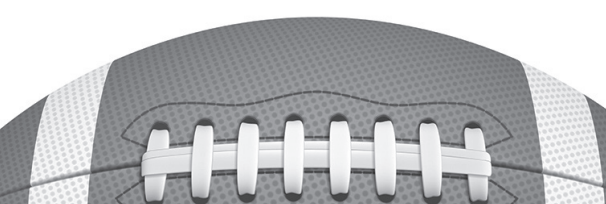
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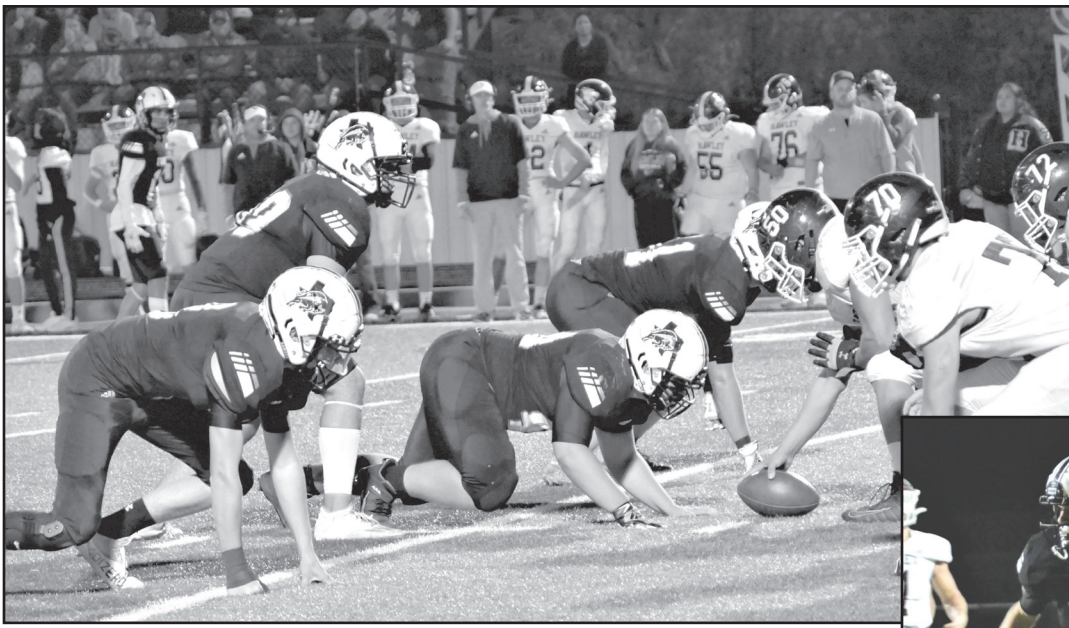
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While people

are encouraged to thank veterans throughout the year, Veteran's Day is a particularly poignant time to show your appreciation for the men and women of the military.

Veteran's Day takes place on November 11 and marks an important moment in history. On November 11, 1918, World War I, known at the time as "The Great War," unofficially ended when an armistice, or temporary cessation of hostilities, took place between Germany and the Allied nations on the eleventh hour of

the eleventh day of the eleventh month.

World War I ended on paper when the Treaty of Versailles was signed on June 28, 1919. In November 1919, President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed November 11 as the first commemoration of Armistice Day, according to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

Armistice Day became a federal holiday in the United States in 1938. However, after subsequent wars, including World War II and the Korean War, veterans' service organizations lobbied for Armistice Day to be revised so it would be more inclusive of all veterans.

On June 1, 1954, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed legislation to strike the word "Armistice" from



the holiday's name in favor of "Veterans." Since then, November 11 has been known as "Veterans Day" and has honored veterans of all wars.

Veterans Day was moved to the fourth Monday in October for roughly seven years under the Uniform Monday Holiday Act, which sought to ensure three-day weekends for federal employees by celebrating certain

national holidays on Mondays. But since November 11 bore such significance, many states disapproved and continued to observe the holiday on November 11.

In 1975, President Gerald Ford signed legislation to return the observation of Veterans Day to November 11 beginning in 1978. Should the day fall on a Saturday or Sunday, the federal government

observes the holiday on the previous Friday or following Monday, respectively, according to History.com. The United States isn't the only country to celebrate its veterans.

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Dear Annie: My 30-year-old grandson is incarcerated right now on charges of drug possession and shoplifting. This is one of many drug possession charges he has faced in the past two years, and he has multiple court cases coming up in November. While I have done everything I can to support and help him, nothing has worked. His behavior has caused a lot of grief and pain to me and my daughter. He stopped talking to me a couple of months ago, and it really hurts me. I'm at a loss as to what to do at this point. I'm seeing a counselor right now, which helps. -- Grieving Papa

Dear Grieving Papa: I'm so sorry about your grandson. One of the toughest pills to swallow is that we can't help people who don't want to help

themselves. Stay close to your daughter and continue to show your grandson your unconditional love.

Hopefully, one day he sees the light.

Dear Annie: I have been married for the past 15 years and have three children (one adult, two teenagers). I cheated on my husband 10 years ago and have apologized, and I thought we had worked through it.

My husband is not perfect. He has problems with alcoholism and has had multiple DUIs in the past and even spent time in jail.

I am at a breaking point. He is still throwing the cheating in my face daily. He is upset because his grown children have a lot of memories of him yelling at them. He says he yells at them because he is angry at me. My husband does not trust me,

and I have no friends and never go out or do anything on my own. However, he can go out whenever he wants.

He says that he is just going through the motions to get through the day. I said if he is still that angry and dwelling on the past, then we should get a divorce because that is no way to live. He says if we get divorced, then no one wins, and the kids will be affected. I'm not sure how much more of the berating and verbal abuse I can take. I feel like a prisoner in my own home with nowhere to turn and everything I do is wrong. Please help. -- Stuck

Dear Stuck: It sounds like your husband has some deep-seated issues with anger and alcoholism. It's a bit of a chick-en-or-the-egg scenario -- a toss-up as to which came first -- but one is surely adding fuel to the other's fire.

Yes, you broke a marriage vow. But it sounds like you're willing to work hard at repairing the relationship, looking forward rather than dwelling on the past.

Your husband, on the other hand, is keeping you both trapped in an arrangement where nothing is addressed, nothing is overcome and nothing is resolved. He clearly cares about his family -- but he never processed the betrayal he felt from your cheating, nor is he able to cope in healthy ways. Find a couples therapist you both like to address the root of the problem.

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Ageless oldies but goodies defying Father Time around NFL

By DENNIS WASZAK Jr.

AP Pro Football Writer

Gray hair, don't care. Even if the geriatric jokes keep the locker room laughing.

Age is a funny thing in the NFL, where many players are considered "over the hill" in their 30s. And even younger, depending on the position you play.

The number of candles on the birthday cake increases, production on the field decreases — and retirement becomes a dreaded reality long before most of us can even dream of talking about the good 'ol days while collecting our pensions and Social Security benefits.

And then there's Tom Brady, of course, who is the king of aging gracefully. The Buccaneers quarterback is 44, looks like he's 30, leads the NFL with 25 touchdown passes and appears driven as ever to bring back-to-back Super Bowl titles to Tampa Bay.

He's the oldest player in the league, and still one of its best. Shuffling into the sunset seems at least a few years off.

"I'm going to play as long as I can," Brady told Jim Gray for the "Let's Go!" podcast last month. "And when I feel like I'm not a championship-level quarterback and I'm able to prepare at a championship level, then I'll try something different."

Brady is not alone in being able to play — and excel — at an "advanced" age. There are 26 other active players 36 or older, with most having key roles on their squads.

Yep, there are plenty of oldies but goodies.

Sure, the facial hair and hair on their heads — if they still have any — might be speckled with gray. And the body might not bounce back as quickly as it once did. But these guys are driven by a passion for football.

Gameday is still the best day, when the office is a jam-packed stadium and "Get off my lawn!" means keeping opponents out of the end zone.

"I just love the game," said 39-year-old Bears left tackle Jason Peters, the NFL's third-oldest active player. "When you stop loving the game, you're going to let it go. Right now, I still love doing it. It's fun to me. Going out on Sundays, my nephews and family watch me. So it's just still fun to me. I like the camaraderie with the guys and stuff, the locker room.

"You don't get that nowhere else but here."

So, raise a glass of Metamucil to these old guys of the gridiron: 40 AND OLDER

This is a category of one right now, and it's all Brady.

But he'll have some company soon: Rams left tackle Andrew Whitworth turns 40 on Dec. 12, fittingly an NFL Sunday. And Los Angeles is off that day with a Monday night game at Arizona, so Whitworth can celebrate with a few naps and then get to bed early.

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Like Whitworth, Peters will be leaving his 30s soon. He'll turn 40 in January, right after the regular season ends.

Pittsburgh quarterback Ben Roethlisberger is also 39 and his best statistical days might be behind him, but Big Ben is no grandfather clock. He has the Steelers at 5-3 after his 50th career winning drive and 38th fourth-quarter comeback beat Chicago on Monday night.

A trio of punters have legs that defy Father Time: Atlanta's Dustin Colquitt, Arizona's Andy Lee and Baltimore's Sam Koch.

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Washington quarterback Ryan Fitzpatrick will graduate to the next age category in two weeks — Nov. 24 — but FitzMagic is still going, even if an injured hip — hey, no old jokes! — has him on the sideline for at least a few more weeks.

San Francisco kicker Robbie Gould, just back from a groin injury, will also turn 39 next month.

Las Vegas offensive lineman Richie Incognito, the league's other 38-year-old, is on injured reserve with a strained calf and hasn't played this season.

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Green Bay quarterback Aaron Rodgers, who turns 38 next month, made headlines last week after testing positive for COVID-19. Before contracting the virus, last season's league MVP was off to another outstanding start with 17 TD passes and just three interceptions.

Packers teammate Mercedes Lewis also just keeps on chugging. The big tight end isn't the productive pass catcher he once was (10 catches for 107 yards), but he's still a punishing blocker.

Also 37: Cincinnati long snapper Clark Harris and a trio of kickers: Arizona's Matt Prater, Green Bay's Mason Crosby and New England's Nick Folk.

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This is a big group, with running back Adrian Peterson — fifth on the NFL's career rushing list — the latest to join after going from unemployment to Tennessee's backfield. And his debut with the Titans last Sunday was capped with his 125th career touchdown.

Atlanta quarterback Matt Ryan is still going strong with 15 TD passes through eight games, putting him on pace for his most since throwing 35 in 2018.

Among the league's other 36-year-old players: Seattle offensive tackle Duane Brown, Houston wide receiver Danny Amendola, Chargers long snapper Matt Overton, Cincinnati punter Kevin Huber, New England special teams ace Matthew Slater, Dallas offensive tackle Ty Nsekhe, and backup quarterbacks Joe Flacco (New York Jets), Chad Henne (Kansas City) and Brian Hoyer (New England).

San Francisco center Alex Mack turns 36 next week, and Tampa Bay defensive tackle Steve McLendon and Carolina long snapper J.J. Jansen join the group in January.

"I'm just going to live in the moment and enjoy it," Peterson said last week, probably echoing the sentiments of fellow veterans, "and do whatever they ask me to do."

Just like old times.

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