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Weather

Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 10. Wind chill values as low as -2. North wind 10 to 15 mph.
Friday: Sunny, with a high near 33. North wind 5 to 10 mph.
Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 11.
Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 40.
 Source: weather.gov

Phil has spoken: Six more weeks of winter

By **MATTHEW TRIPONEY**

The Punxsutawney Spirit

PUNXSUTAWNEY, Penn. — Whether you're enjoying the winter weather of late or are counting down the days until it's over, you'll have to hunker down at least six more weeks, as a shadow greeted Punxsutawney Phil upon emerging from his stump on Gobbler's Knob Wednesday morning.

The Seer of Seers, Prognosticator of Prognosticators, seemed to anticipate the dismayed reaction of the crowd gathered in the cold morning.

"Winter has been bleak dark and bereft of hope," Tom "Shingle Shaker" Dunkel, vice president of the Groundhog Club Inner Circle, read from the scroll prepared in the event of a winter prediction, after Phil told President Jeff Lundy what he had seen in the traditional Groundhog-ese.

However, Pennsylvania's most famous groundhog had words of comfort for his faithful followers.

"Winter is just another step in the cycle of life," Dunkel read. "As I look over the faces of the true believers from around the world, I bask in the warmth of your hearts. I couldn't imagine a bet-



Courtesy photo

Tom "Shingle Shaker" Dunkel, vice president of the Groundhog Club Inner Circle in Punxsutawney, Penn., holds weather-predicting groundhog Punxsutawney Phil as he discusses the rodent's glimpse of his shadow with a news reporter.

ter fate."

The shadow he cast, he said, signifies a "long, lustrous six more weeks of winter."

And though not everyone will be pleased by the news, there was plenty to

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COVID-19
 in Howard County:
Feb. 1, 2022
 Confirmed Cases: 2,583
 Probable Cases: 2,758
 Fatalities: 160
 (note: new COVID-19 numbers were not available by press time.)
 Source: dshs.texas.gov

Daily Quotes

"The way people deal with me - they'll go overboard in trying to be politically correct and make a mess of it. Everyone's so worried about what they're saying to everyone else, that they don't talk very much."
 — **Warwick Davis**

"Eisenhower had about the most expressive face I ever painted, I guess. Just like an actor's. Very mobile. When he talked, he used all the facial muscles. And he had a great, wide mouth that I liked. When he smiled, it was just like the sun came out."
 — **Norman Rockwell**

"There ain't no answer. There ain't gonna be any answer. There never has been an answer. That's the answer."
 — **Gertrude Stein**

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Dene Sheppard receives 23rd company car
 It's not Mary Kay's famous pink Cadillac, but it's pretty, says Sheppard



HERALD photo/Roger Cline

Big Spring Mary Kay representative Dene Sheppard, left, poses with her new Chevrolet Equinox Tuesday at Pollard Chevrolet. With Sheppard are Cory Contreras, Anna Trevino and Londa Henry.

By **ROGER CLINE**

Herald Staff Writer

Big Spring's Dene Sheppard is nearing 40 years as a representative selling Mary Kay products, and Tuesday afternoon was presented by the company with her 23rd car. Although the company has become famous for its representatives tooling around in pink Cadillacs — and Dene has had a few of those — her latest ride is a dark gray Chevrolet Equinox, em-

blazoned on the door with the company's name.

"Dad gum, that Equinox is a pretty car!" Sheppard enthused during her reception Tuesday at Pollard Chevrolet where the vehicle was presented. "I've driven a Mary Kay car for 38 years. I've been in Mary Kay for 39. You don't win them, you earn them. You have to have a certain production, and then you keep up with that production. You keep it for two years. Then, in two years, whatever your production, then you do it again. Most of my cars were Cadillacs, the pink Cadillacs. I turned 86 this year, and I love my Mary Kay business. It's just the best thing for a woman."

Sheppard said she started working as a Mary Kay distributor at the young age of 47, after previous careers at Webb Air Force Base and at Big Spring's VA Hospital, after her husband Bill suffered a stroke.

"My husband had an aneurysm burst in his brain. They didn't think he would live overnight, and he lived. Then they didn't think he would ever be able to walk, and he did. But during that time was when the oil bust in 1982, and we lost everything but the house and car," she said. "So I had to become the full support. I could go back to work for the VA, but they wanted me to transfer, so that wouldn't work. So I started my Mary Kay business."

The gig wasn't supposed to be a permanent one.

"I was really just starting it until I could find a job. I didn't know anything about sales. I grew up when you had an 8-5 job and you finished that, and if you didn't get your work done, you took it home, and at the end of the month you got a check," she said. "I didn't know that you could generate repeat income. So I got started and it was just a blessing to me."

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AAA: How to go on ice and snow

Drivers should delay trips when especially bad weather is expected

Editor's note: The Big Spring Herald received the following story as a press release from AAA.

Special to the Herald

Winter weather is predicted to impact many areas of the Lone Star State in the coming days. AAA Texas reminds drivers that traveling in winter conditions such as ice or snow can be challenging. During winter weather, drivers are encouraged to stay tuned to weather forecasts prior to a long-distance road trip and before driving in rural areas.

Drivers should delay trips when especially bad weather is expected. Before departing, people should let others know their intended route, destination and estimated time of arrival.

Preparing your vehicle for driving in bad weather:

- To optimize visual clarity, clean the outside and inside of your windshield at least once a week.
- Keep your car's windshield and rear-window defrosters in good working condition.
- Keep your windshield wiper blades fresh. Many drivers change them every six months, especially before driv-

ing in bad weather.

• Clear all snow and ice from the vehicle's windows, roof, hood, trunk lid and any other covered areas. This will reduce risk, because it increases your visibility. Additionally, drivers around you won't be blinded by snow blowing off your vehicle.

• Use an ice scraper to remove snow and ice from your windshield and all windows, including side and rear windows. This will improve your ability to see other roadway users that may move into your path of travel.

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Scenic Mountain Medical Center Vaccine clinic canceled due to weather
Special to the Herald

Because of the ongoing inclement winter weather, the drive-through vaccine clinic planned for today at Scenic Mountain Medical Center has been canceled.

The next drive-through vaccine clinic at the hospital is scheduled for February 10.

Check SMMC's Facebook page for more information.

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Obituaries

Maria Perez

Maria Perez, 80, died Tuesday, February 1, 2022. Visitation will be Friday 9 AM until 9 PM with vigil

Sandy Crump Mayfield

Sandy Crump Mayfield, of Denton Texas, age 71 passed away Thursday Jan. 27th, 2022, while at home sleeping peacefully with her family by her side.

Sandy was born March 11, 1950, in Lamesa Texas to Verner (VW) and Mildred Smith Crump. She attended and graduated from Lamesa High School in 1968. On July 6th, 1968, she married her High School Sweetheart Gary Mayfield, and the incredible journey of 53 years began. After their wedding they moved immediately to West Germany where Gary was in the Army. Following his tour of duty, they returned to Texas where they would live together for the rest of her life. Sandy was a life long Dental Office Manager in the towns of Lamesa, Big Spring, Lubbock and The Woodlands, Texas.

Sandy was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother and sports enthusiast. She loved to watch and cheer for her boys' playing sports and the enthusiasm continued with her grandchildren. She enjoyed

service at 7 PM at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass will be Saturday at 10 AM at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with burial at Mt. Olive Cemetery.

camping, lake life and traveling. Sandy was always the life of the room she entered with an infectious laugh and smile would light up any room. Sandy never met a stranger, just a friend she had not been introduced to. Sandy was a spiritual woman involved with her local Bible Study Fellowship at the First Baptist Church of Denton. She will be deeply missed by her family, friends and anyone that knew her.

Sandy is survived by her loving and devoted husband of 53 years, Gary Mayfield; her son Brian Mayfield of Flower Mound, TX, his wife Pam and two children Paige and Blake; Her son Neal Mayfield of Denton, TX, his wife Holly and son Easton. Also survived by her Sister Pam Lincycumb of Abilene, TX and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews. She is predeceased by her parents, Vernon and Mildred Crump, her brother Richard Crump and her sister Nita Burney Owings.

Sandy may be gone from our earth but will never be forgotten.

No services are scheduled at this time. A Celebration of Her Life will be celebrated later for family, friends and acquaintances.

Paid Obituary

Support Groups

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. 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.

- 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

- 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. 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

Submit your Support Group information to be included or updated. Email information to editor@BigSpringherald.com or call 432-263-7331.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **MANDOLYNN DAWN CANTU**, 39, of 607 Holbert St was arrested on a charge of theft of property less than \$750, possession on controlled substance more than 4g less than 200g, possession of drug paraphernalia.

- **LATASHA QUIVETTE WOODSON**, 42, Transient was arrested on a charge of warrant from another agency, criminal trespass.

- **EMMANUEL COLUNGA**, 34, of 116 N Bryant St, Garden City was arrested on a charge of warrant from another agency.

- **SHAWN MICHAEL SMITH**, 24, of 6107 N Service Rd #11 was arrested on a charge of assault family violence threat or offensive touch.

- **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 1600 block of Martin Luther King Blvd.

- **HIT AND RUN** was reported in the 3600 block of Parkway.

- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 3300 block of E I20.

- **UNWANTED SUBJECT** was reported in the 500 block of Westover Rd.

- **ACCIDENT MINOR** was reported in the 200 block of W FM 700.

- **ASSAULT** was reported in the 2600 block of Wason Rd.

- **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 6100 block of N Service Rd.

- **ASSAULT** was reported in the 3600 block of W Hwy 80.

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 900 block of Angela Rd. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 300 block of E 20th St. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 400 block of S First. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1700 block of S Johnson. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the MM 168 I20. No transport was required.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3300 block of W Hwy 80. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 900 block of Aylesford. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 900 block of Donley. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

Sheriff

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 102 inmates at the time of this report.

- **MANDOLYNN DAWN CANTU**, 39, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of theft of property more than \$100 less than \$750, possession of controlled substance more than 4g less than 200g, possession of deer in closed season.

- **ANGELICA ROSE CERVANTES**, 17, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

- **EMMANUEL COLUNGA**, 34, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid.

- **SHAWN MICHAEL SMITH**, 24, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of assault family violence.

- **LATASHA QUIVITTIE WOODSON**, 42, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of parent contributing to nonattended, criminal trespass.

Take Note

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celebrate as the Groundhog Club made the 136th annual trek to the Knob — particularly as the festivities were back in person, after 2021's events were forced to go virtual due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Lundy joked that he had presided over the largest one-year increase in attendance ever seen on Groundhog Day. But on a more serious note, he declared that Wednesday had drawn the largest-ever midweek crowd to Gobbler's Knob.

"You people have proven something to the world," he said, "that 10,000 people can get together at 3 a.m. and have fun and music, and nothing but fun and music, and God bless you for that."

He then led the crowd in a chant to draw Phil from his burrow.

Virtual options were still available for Groundhog Day 2022, and according to the Associated Press, livestreams drew as many as 15,000 viewers worldwide at one point.

As always, the hours prior to the prognostication were fun-filled to keep the gathered crowd awake and excited. Dave "Thunder Conductor" Gigliotti and Dan "Moonshine" McGinley led the entertain-

ment, with help from other members of the Inner Circle, a number of bands, Phil's Dancers and Miss Pennsylvania 2021 Meghan Sinisi. They took a moment to remember Chris Lash, a former Inner Circle member and pioneer of the Groundhog Day stage show, who passed away in November of last year.

Emeritus members of the Groundhog Club who were in attendance were recognized as well, including past president Bill Deeley, Butch Prushnok and Dr. Paul Johnston, who at 95 years old has been a 49-year member of the club. McGinley did the math and estimated that his total treks to the Knob now total 5.5 miles.

SHEPPARD

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The thing I like so much — there are so many things about Mary Kay — but the thing I really appreciate is the sisterhood. I have grown exponentially through Mary Kay because I have been around women who learn and be around other women and other people, reading books, and all kind of...you never quit learning. You're always learning something."

Sheppard discussed the the company she represents.

"Mary Kay, we've been open since 1963, and she was even recognized as the Woman of the Century, because when she opened our

company, women were not even allowed to get loans or anything like that. Everybody said it wouldn't work, but she knew what she was doing. Now, we are in 40 countries," she said. "Mary Kay is a family-owned business. Her family still runs it and it's family owned, completely debt-free. So when the pandemic hit, our staff realized — because we usually have clients in our home or we go to their home — but we set everything up and now we work virtually. So I can be sitting in my house in Big Spring, Texas, and I can be hosting a facial and spa thing and all of that, and have someone in Washington state, and Florida, and Odesa, and all of that. So our company is really on the ball about being futuristic."

AAA

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AAA Texas and Discount Tire have teamed up to remind drivers about the importance of well-maintained tires, which are critical to maintain traction on wet roads:

• **Inflate Tires to the Correct Pressure.** Check your tires' air pressure when the tires are cool, because heat (from driving or the ambient temperature) can increase tire pressure readings by several pounds per square inch (psi). Check the Tire Pressure Often. Tires lose pressure naturally—typically 1-3 psi per month—because a tire's sidewall is permeable. Low tire pressure results in poor handling and braking, reduced gas mileage, and excessive wear. So be sure to check your car's tire pressure at least once a month—especially before a long trip.

• **Check the Tread Depth.** A tire's ability to stop within a safe distance becomes compromised when its tread depth reaches 4/32 inch. An easy way to determine if a tire is worn out is to place an upside-down quarter (not a penny) in a tire tread. If you can see the top of George's head, it's time to replace the tire.

• **Rotate Your Tires Regularly.** Ideally, rotate your tires every 5,000 miles—which, coincidentally, is a required service interval for many cars today.

• **Check the Tread Pattern.** If you've kept your car's wheels balanced and aligned and its tires rotated and properly inflated, the tread should wear evenly across the width of the tire. Check your tires periodically for uneven wear patterns and replace tires if necessary.

• **Know the Tire's Age.** As a tire ages, its rubber becomes hard and brittle, losing elasticity and strength. Therefore, the older a tire, the higher the risk for failure. We recommend replacing any tire that's six years old or older.

• **Check Your Trunk.** An increasing number of new vehicles today come with

tire-inflation kits instead of spare tires; some vehicles are equipped with run-flat tires and no spare tire. Check to see which option your vehicle has. If it does have a spare tire, make sure to keep it properly inflated. Small temporary spare tires—a.k.a. donuts—typically have the correct pressure stamped on the side of the tire.

• **Don't Overload Your Vehicle.** The combination of underinflated tires and an overloaded a vehicle is one of the most dangerous conditions, because the tires can overheat and possibly fail. Check your car's owner's manual for your vehicle's gross vehicle weight rating, which is its maximum operating weight, including the weight of the vehicle, passengers, and cargo (but excluding a trailer).

On the road:

• **Make sure your headlights are on.** In fact, it is a good idea to turn on your headlights any time you drive, because you will increase your visibility in any condition.

• **Reduce your speed and leave plenty of room to stop.** You should allow at least three times more space than usual between you and the vehicle in front of you.

• **Brake gently to avoid skidding.**

• **Do not use cruise control on any wet, snow-covered or icy roads.**

• **Be aware of possible icy roads.** Be especially careful on bridges and overpasses, which freeze sooner than roads. And even at temperatures above freezing, if conditions are wet, you might encounter ice in shady areas or on exposed roadways like bridges.

• **Be careful on infrequently traveled roads,** which may not be cleared as often as other roads.

Leaving the roadway:

• **If you must pull off the road,** wait for a safe opportunity and pull off the road as far as you can.

• **It is best to pull into a rest area or parking lot,** rather than on the road's shoulder. Know when to brake and when to steer:

• **Some driving situations require abrupt**

action to avoid a crash or collision and in winter conditions the decision to steer or brake can have very different outcomes. When traveling more than 25 mph, AAA Texas recommends steering over braking to avoid a collision in winter-like conditions, as less distance is required to steer around an object than to brake to a stop. In slick conditions, sudden braking can lead to loss of vehicle control.

• **However, sometimes steering is not an option.** Braking on slippery surfaces requires you to look further ahead and increase following and stopping distances. Plan stopping distances as early as possible and always look 20-30 seconds ahead of your vehicle to ensure you have time and space to stop safely.

Stay in control through a skid:

• **Even careful and experienced drivers can skid on slippery surfaces.** When a vehicle begins to skid, it's important not to panic and follow these basic steps:

• **Continue to look and steer in the direction you want the car to go.**

• **Avoid slamming on the brakes as this will further upset the vehicle's balance and make it harder to control.**

Additional Winter Driving Safety Tips from AAA Texas:

• **Use your seatbelt every time you get in the vehicle.**

• **Never warm up a vehicle in an enclosed area,** such as a garage. In fact, modern vehicles do not require idle time prior to driving.

• **Make sure the exhaust pipe isn't clogged with snow, ice or mud.** A blocked exhaust could cause deadly carbon monoxide gas to leak into the passenger compartment with the engine running.

• **Never leave your vehicle unattended with the engine running.**

• **Keep your gas tank at least half full to avoid gas line freeze-up.**

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• New Life senior/mature adult dances are held the third Friday of every month from 7 to 10 p.m. at the Dora Roberts Community Center, 100 Whipkey Drive. Music is Western swing style. Entry fee is \$5 and refreshments are provided. For more information call 517-9097.

• 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.

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Clyde McMahan, Jr., 84, died Friday, January 28, 2022. Graveside service will be Friday 2:30 p.m. at Trinity Memorial Park.

Jacqueline "Jackie" Whetsel, 78, died Sunday, January 30, 2022. Private graveside service will be Monday at 11 a.m. at Trinity Memorial Service.

Allen Parrish, 73, died February 1, 2022. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Maria Perez, 80, died Tuesday. Visitation Friday 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. with vigil service at 7 p.m. at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass Saturday at 10 a.m. at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with burial at Mt. Olive Cemetery.

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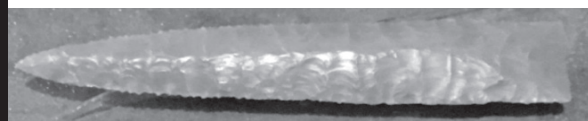
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The Big Spring Steers win close game over the Snyder Tigers on home court



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Left: #3 Gavin Greathouse goes up for an easy layup for his Big Spring Steers. Right: #5 Isaiah Holloway sores above the players for an easy bucket. The Steers faced district rival the Snyder Tigers Tuesday 2-1-22 at the Steer gym. The game was a close back and forth affair, with the Steers coming out on top 39-37.

By STEVE BLEVIN

Contributing Writer

Evidently the Snyder Tigers are a tough matchup for the Big Spring Steers. For the second time in district play the Steers squeaked out a two point win over them.. The First time it was 46-44 in Snyder. This time it was 39-37 here Tuesday night

The win keeps Big Spring in second place in league play (6-1) and one victory away from a 20-win season.

Just like the first meeting, it was a fight to the end. Snyder utilized its two 6-foot-5 post players and tried to contend with Big Spring's quickness. It made for a great game - if you liked defense. Both teams were patient on offense, sometimes taking close to a minute to settle for a shot.

It was Snyder trying to take away Big Spring's outside game and the smaller Steers trying to fend off the Snyder duo of Dyllan Angeley and Eber Murillo. Angeley was the most efficient, making 8 of 10 shots for 18 points. Murillo was 5 of 9, finishing with 11 points.

The Big Spring outside production came from the ever present Chris Martinez who did everything from scoring 20 points and getting four steals to listening in on a Snyder team meeting. The Snyder coach called his players to the sideline while the referees were discussing a call. There was no official timeout and the Snyder players had to stay on the court while their coach had to remain on the sideline. Martinez calmly walked over and listened to the conversation, the Snyder coach didn't realize it until 15 seconds later. So goes the

legend of Chris Martinez.

The Steers trailed 35-30 with four minutes left in the game. That's when Big Spring got back control of the game. Martinez made two free throws and then promptly got a steal off the press and nailed a three from the corner. He then followed it up with another steal and layup and all of a sudden Big Spring led 37-35 with just over three minutes left.

It then turned into free throw shooting contest. Big Spring got made free throws from Kaegen Mitchell and Snyder missed twice on the front ends of one-and-ones and that was the difference in the game.

Mitchell, not normally known for his scoring, came through big, connecting of 5 of 8 shots to finish with 12 points.

Big Spring will be on the road Friday in Levelland at 7:30 p.m.

BIG SPRING (19-11,6-1) Chris Martinez 7 3 20; Gavin Greathouse 1 0 3; Isaiah Holloway 0 1 1; Kaegen Mitchell 5 2 12; totals 13-30, 7-14 39.

SNYDER (9-18, 1-5) - Dallahy Angeley 8 2 18; Hunter Stewart 1 0 2; Eber Murillo 5 1 11; Jared Smith 2 0 5; Easton Stewart 1 0 2; totals 16-28, 3-6 37.

Big Spring - 04-14-07-14 - 39.

Snyder - 09-12-07-09 - 37.

Turnovers- BS 11, Snyder 21, Rebounds - BS 16 (Saquan Fizer 6); Snyder 17 (Angeley 5, Murillo 5); Three Pointers - (Martinez 3, Greathouse 1); Snyder (Smith 1); Assists - BS (Greathouse 4); Snyder (H. Stewart 3); Steals BS (Martinez 4, Greathouse 3, Mitchell 2); Snyder (H. Stewart 3); Blocked Shots Snyder (Murillo 2).

JV - Big Spring 60, Snyder 32.

Big Spring Lady Steers drop a tough district game to the Snyder Lady Tigers



Courtesy Photos/ Tony Claxton

Left: Tristan Smith attempts a off balance shot this Tuesday against the Lady Tigers of Snyder. Right: Abby Delgato fights for a loose ball.

By STEVE BLEVIN

Contributing Writer

For the Snyder Lady Tigers, it was a case of the size of the fight in the dog. Tuesday night at Steer Gym the undersized Lady Tigers pulled off a big upset in District 3-4A play by downing the Big Spring Lady Steers 40-33 at Steer Gym

The loss for Big Spring drops the team out of second place in the league behind unbeaten Levelland and 6-2 Lubbock Estacado. It was surprising because Big Spring had beaten Snyder 48-35 in Snyder. This night however belonged to Snyder who fielded a squad full of players that were 5-foot-3, 5-4 and 5-5, much shorter than their opponent.

You couldn't tell the size differential by rebounding. The hustling Snyder squad out rebounded Big Spring 25-17 and its full court, press forced takeaways. Snyder managed to take Big Spring's outside scoring duo of Alex Enriquez and Tristan

Smith out of their game, limiting each to eight points on a combined 5 of 21 from the floor.

The only Lady Steer to take advantage of her height was senior post player Ryen Terrazas who scored eight points and got 11 rebounds. She was the only Lady Steer to shoot well, making three of five field goals.

Another thing that doomed big Spring were its free throws. It made just 10 of 22 attempts compared to 19 of 32 for Snyder.

It was a brutal second quarter for Big Spring and the turning point for Snyder. Big Spring led 10-2 in the first four minutes of the game. Snyder fought back and trailed 11-9 after one. The Lady Tigers limited Big Spring to four second quarter points and their offense came alive behind the play of reserves of Abby Benitez and Ivy Castillon who combined for 17 of Snyder's 25 first half points.

Snyder never lost its lead the rest of the game. It led 29-25 going into the fourth period. Big Spring

got as close as 33-32 with 3:32 left via two Katelyn Haynie free throws but Snyder made more free throws than Big Spring down the stretch to come away with the victory, keeping itself in the playoff hunt.

The Lady Steers will finish out the regular season on the road with away games against Levelland and Sweetwater.

BIG SPRING (17-12,5-3) - Abby Delgado 1 1 3; Kortney Moore 1 0 2; Katelyn Haynie 1 0 2; Alex Enriquez 3 2 8; Ryen Terrazas 3 2 8; Tristan Smith 2 4 8; totals 9-36, 10-22, 33.

SNYDER (16-15,3-5) - Jaci Medrano 0 4 4; Taryn Nobles 1 7 9; Amy Martinez 1 0 3; Abby Benitez 5 5 15; Ivy Castillon 3 3 9; totals 10-38, 19-32 40.

Big Spring - 11-04-10-08 - 33.

Snyder - 09-16-04-11 - 40.

Turnovers - BS 26, Snyder 21, Rebounds - BS 10 (Terrazas 11); Snyder 25 (Medrano 5, Nobles 5, Amy Martinez 5, Benitez 5); Three Pointers - BS Enriquez 1); Snyder (Castillon 2); Steals - BS (Mya Blanco 2, Smith 2, Terrazas 2); Snyder (Benitez 3, Castillon 3); Blocked Shots - BS (Moore 1, Enriquez 1, Terrazas 1).

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Lady Mustangs survive scare from a game Bordon County Coyotes team winning 36-30



Courtesy Photo

Left: #5 Briana Plata drives the ball down the court past a Bordon County defender. Right: #20 Elysa Martinez goes above the Bordon County team to tip in a basket. The Lady Mustangs hung against an adamant Bordon County Coyote team, winning a close one 36-30. The win pushed the Sands Lady Mustangs to an incredible 27-3 record on the year. The win helps the girls maintain that #1 ranking for Division 1A.

The Sands Mustangs fall to the Bordon County Coyotes by a final score of 42-30



Courtesy Photos

Left: Aiden Gutierrez takes a shot against the Bordon County Coyotes. Right: Davis Klassen elevates above a few Bordon County defenders to attempt a shot in a game. The Boys team fell to an excellent Coyote team by a final score of 42-30. The loss drops the boys' Mustangs record to 2-14 on the year.

Shuster to become 1st curler to carry US flag at Olympics

By **BERNIE WILSON**

AP Sports Writer

BEIJING — Before he throws a stone at the Beijing Games, John Shuster will become the first curler to carry the American flag in an Olympic opening ceremony.

That's a big deal for a sport that's becoming more popular in the United States thanks to Shuster's Olympic exploits.

The defending gold medalist and five-time Olympian was elected by his fellow American athletes to lead the United States into the Bird's Nest on Friday along with Brittany Bowe. Bowe, a three-time Olympian, was the first runner-up and will walk in place of bobsledder Elana Meyers Taylor, who tested positive for COVID-19.

The announcement of the flag bearers came shortly after competition at the Beijing Olympics began Wednesday with the opening games of mixed doubles curling at the Ice Cube, the reconfigured venue where Michael Phelps won a record eight swimming gold medals at the Summer Olympics 14 years ago.

Chris Plys and Vicky Persinger finished off a big night overall for the Americans by holding on to beat Olympic newcomer Australia 6-5 when Tahli Gill's final stone whizzed past an American rock in the house.

Howard County Junior College District STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION Year Ended August 31, 2021

REVENUES	
Operating revenues	
Tuition and fees (net of discounts of \$5,392,836)	\$ 3,808,803
Federal grants and contracts	6,124,630
State grants and contracts	407,409
Local grants and contracts	17,762
Nongovernmental grants and contracts	984,727
Sales and services of educational activities	380,608
Auxiliary enterprises (net of discounts of \$797,821)	168,766
Other operating revenues	747,961
Total operating revenues	12,640,666
EXPENSES	
Operating expenses	
Instruction	9,542,921
Public service	1,439,936
Academic support	1,942,821
Student services	3,061,594
Institutional support	9,451,030
Operation and maintenance of plant	4,053,341
Scholarships and fellowships	3,920,747
Auxiliary enterprises	2,637,759
Depreciation	2,379,442
Total operating expenses	38,429,591
Operating loss	(25,788,925)
NON-OPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)	
State appropriations	12,077,327
Property taxes for operations	11,717,614
Property taxes for debt service	1,733,596
Payments in lieu of taxes	100,200
Federal revenue, non operating	4,478,124
Investment income (net of investment expenses)	57,471
Interest on capital related debt	(657,323)
Loss on disposal of fixed assets	(399,720)
Other non-operating revenues	730,088
Net non-operating revenues	29,837,377
Income (loss) before other revenue	4,048,452
Other revenue	
Capital contributions	83,086
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Durable foods to stock for emergencies

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a stock of emergency provisions just in case weather or another adverse situation compromises their ability to get the items they need to survive.

Different types of foods spoil at different rates depending on how they are stored. While there is no such thing as an entirely nonperishable food, packaging foods in air-tight containers can

increase their life expectancy. Here's a look at which nonperishable foods to keep on hand for emergencies.

Protein sources

Protein can provide sustained nutrition and energy, but many protein sources in raw forms require refrigeration to prevent spoilage. However, canned and freeze-dried meats, seafood and poultry have extended shelf life. Freeze-drying, also known as lyophilization, is a water-removal process typically used to preserve perishable materials, according to Millrock Technology, a company that produces freeze dryers.

Canned or freeze-dried chicken, tuna,

salmon, and beans are durable protein sources. Vegetarians will find that navy beans are high in protein. Freeze-dried items are more common in pre-packaged, bulk emergency food supply kits sold at popular retailers, including Costco. However, they also can be purchased at camping retailers or Army/Navy stores.

Fruits and vegetables

Fruits and vegetables are necessary to ensure your body gets essential vitamins and minerals. Fresh items will spoil in a matter of days, so canned varieties are better for stocking up. Canned vegetables and fruits come in many varieties. The healthiest

canned fruit options are those packed in their own juices rather than heavy syrups. Root vegetables like potatoes, turnips and parsnips can endure in cool areas of a home, but canned equivalents may be more practical.

Whole grains and other carbohydrates

A balanced diet consists of a healthy mix of proteins, fruits and vegetables, and carbohydrates. According to Kelly Jones, MS, RD, a board-certified sports dietitian, whole grains are vital sources of carbohydrates and fiber, and most come in dried, non-perishable forms. Oats, rice, quinoa, barley, and whole-grain dried pastas can be used in emergency

food kits. Packaged granola or trail mix bars also are good to have on hand.

FEMA and the American Red Cross advise keeping food in a dry, cool, dark spot. Carefully open resealable containers so they can be closed tightly after each use. Nuts, dried fruits and sugar packets can be put into air-tight canisters for protection from pests. Inspect cans for bulging, denting or corrosion before use.

During a disaster, it is wise to eat at least one well-balanced meal every day. Remember to also stock bottled water with emergency foods supplies.

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1:30	General Hospital	Amor eterno	The People's Court	The Talk	En casa con	Blast	Dollars Caled	Cyber Pink	The First 48	Relative	Friends	Supernatural	This Just In	College Football	World Poker	Law & Order: SVU	Secrets of Playboy	Airplane Repo	
2:30	Rachael Ray		Judge Mathis	Let's Make a Deal	En casa con	Ellen DeGeneres	Light of Southwest	Elinor	Monk	Jerry Jerry	Friends		Bones	NBA Today		Law & Order: SVU	Secrets of Playboy	Airplane Repo	
3:30	Jdg Judy	El gordo y la flaca	FamFeud	Kelly Clarkson	(2-58) Al rojo vivo	Dr. Phil	Light of Southwest	Donkey Curious	Chicago Fire	Divorce	Friends	Bones	NFL Live	The Point	Live on the Line	Law & Order: SVU	The First 48	BattleBots	
4:30	You Bet Jeopardy!	Primer impacto	Two Men	CBS 7 News	En casa con	News Inside Ed.	Creation Con	Almas Xavier	25 Words	25 Words	Sheldon	Bones	Around Pardon	NFL Live	The Rally	2022 Winter Olympics: Women's Hockey	The First 48	BattleBots	
5:30	Big 2	Noticiero	Big Bang	CBS 7 News	Tele	News	The Behind	Molly Hero	King	Nick Cannon	Big Bang	Bones	SportsCenter	Daily Wager	Women's College Basketball		The First 48	BattleBots	
6:30	ABC News	Noticiero	Big Bang	CBS 7 News	Noticias	News	HaYesod	Wild Kratt	Last Man	Fam. Guy	Big Bang	Tip-Off	Pro Bowl Skills	College Basketball: Memphis at Cincinnati.	Women's College Basketball		The First 48	BattleBots	
7:30	Wheel	Rosa de Guadalupe	Sheldon	CBS 7 News	Exatón Estados Unidos (SS)	News	House	Wild Kratt	Last Man	Fam. Guy	Big Bang	NBA Basketball: Phoenix Suns at Atlanta Hawks.	College Basketball: UCLA at Arizona.	College Basketball		2022 Winter Olympics	The First 48	BattleBots	
8:30	Screen Queens	Soltero con hijas	J. Millionaire	Sheldon	Ghosts	2022 Winter Olympics: Freestyle Skiing, Figure Skating.	Light of Southwest	Arthur	Chicago P.D.	Legacies	Go-Big Show		NBA Basketball: Lakers at Clippers	Women's College Basketball	C'boys Sports	2022 Winter Olympics	Taking the Stand	BattleBots	
9:30	Malcolm X	Vencer el pasado	Kat	Big Brother	Hercal: amor y venganza (SS)		Light of Southwest	Cyber Pink	Mike Mike	News Gold	Go-Big Show		NBA Basketball: Lakers at Clippers	Women's College Basketball	College Basketball: USC at Arizona State.	College Basketball	2022 Winter Olympics: Women's Hockey	(:04) The First 48	
10:30	Promised Land	Madre	FOX 24 News at 9	Bull		News	Hidden	Donkey	CBS 7	black-ish	Sheldon	Inside the NBA	SportsCenter	Around Pardon	UIL Realign-ment Show	2022 Olympics	(:03) The First 48	BattleBots	
11:30	Jimmy Kimmel Live!	Noticiero	Pawn	Late Show- Colbert	Noticias	News	Freedom	Tiger	Minute	Minute	Sheldon	NBA Basketball: Lakers at Clippers	SportsCenter	NFL Live	UIL Realign-ment Show	2022 Olympics	(:05) The First 48	BattleBots	
12:30	Nightline	Contacto deportivo	Mod Fam	James Corden	Programa	2022 Olympics	Being	Almas	Holly	Creek	Wipeout		SportsCenter	UFC Archival	UIL Realign-ment Show	2022 Olympics	(:05) The First 48	BattleBots	
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From “yard” to “favorite gathering place” – Woodcraft offers tips for spring home projects

Customize your outdoor living space and enhance your home’s curb appeal with a new landscaping plan, colorful door treatments, more furniture, or a fresh coat of paint for outdoor structures. Woodcraft can help you with tools, supplies and how-to resources

to create an appealing and functional family “hangout.”

Build a potting bench to be headquarters for designing and planting flower gardens and bushes at strategic locations to mark dining, relaxing and playing sections of the yard. Build more outdoor furniture and game boards if needed to “furnish” these areas. Paint exterior doors to add a touch of color. Accent door/entryway areas with benches or garden planters. Repair, clean, and finish or paint porches, railings and fences to refresh their look.

Products for building

• Woodcraft Magazine Classic Project Plans are detailed guides for building furniture and accessories, including the Full Service Potting Bench pictured here, along with chairs, tables, benches, planters, and more. For a different Adirondack chair design, see “The Haycock Adirondack” project in Woodcraft Magazine Issue 101 (June/July 2021). Plans and Issue 101 are available at woodcraft.com. Helpful how-to articles on woodcraft.com include <https://bit.ly/RestoreOutdoor> and <https://bit.ly/OutdoorWoodProjects>.

• Kreg 720PRO Pocket-Hole Jig — The latest innovation in pocket-hole joinery, this jig was engineered with

features like one-motion Automaxx clamping, which automatically clamps and sets the material thickness setting for pieces 1/2”- to 1 1/2”-thick, GripMaxx anti-slip material construction and a steel-reinforced spine.

• Bosch Barrel Grip Jigsaw — A powerful 7.0 amp, variable-speed motor with Constant Response circuitry maintains the desired speed. Features include an ergonomic body, a tool-less blade-change system, and a blade ejection lever.

• FESTOOL T18 Easy Cordless Drill Plus Set — Expand your drilling capabilities with features like the new generation brushless EC-TEC motor and electronic torque setting for precise screw driving and drilling wood or steel. A metal keyless chuck allows for the use of most drill bits, from 1/16”- to 1/2”-diameter.

• Porter-Cable 5” Random Orbit Sander — This lightweight sander is ideal for surface preparation for smoothing seams and for removing paint, varnish and old coatings. Accepts 5” 8-hole hook-and-loop paper.

• WoodRiver Panel Cart — Move large sheets of material from a truck bed or trailer to your table saw with minimal effort using this handy cart. Tilting carriage and frame are

adjustable.

Doors and other finishing options

Make exterior home doors and furniture the center of attention with colorful paint that brightens even cloudy days. Refresh the look of garage doors, porches, shutters, railings, fences, and storage buildings with a new coat (and maybe color) of paint.

• GENERAL FINISHES Milk Paint in 33 premixed colors works well for wood doors and furniture, as well as other structures. Be sure to add GENERAL FINISHES Exterior 450 Varnish in satin, gloss, semi-gloss, or flat to enhance the milk paint’s durability.

• GENERAL FINISHES Outdoor Oil Finish is ideal for exterior weather conditions and may be used over other brands of exterior oil stain or exterior clear oil finishes for additional protection.

• System Three Marine Spar Varnish is designed for exterior surfaces and provides long-lasting protection against water and marine environments.

• System Three Clear Epoxy Sealer S-1 is a two-part clear, penetrating, waterproof, epoxy sealer. It is completely waterproof and suitable for use above and below the waterline.

• Waterlox Original Marine Finish and Original Marine Sealer: These premium tung oil-based products work together to penetrate and waterproof wood that lives in the outdoors. Both go on easily with brush, lamb’s wool applicator, cloth roller, or a sprayer.

• U.C. Coatings Corporation Nano-Guard Premium Wood Sealer is a clear, non-film forming sealer that allows the wood to age naturally without decay. It deeply penetrates the wood’s surface to protect and stabilize wood against weather and caustic conditions.

• To apply coverings by hand, consider Redtree Onyx White China Bristle Brushes (solvent-based finishes) or Redtree Matey Synthetic Bristle Brushes (water-based finishes) available in three sizes.

• For spraying, the EARLEX® Super Finish Max features a built-in 450-watt sprayer, eliminating the need for a hose or motor to move around. Spray milk paint, chalk-style paint, latex paint, enamels, primers, urethanes, stains, and varnishes. To learn more about these and other products, visit your local Woodcraft store, call (800) 535-4482 or visit www.woodcraft.com.



Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker
Every card tells a story

East dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
 ♠ 9 6
 ♥ 10 3
 ♦ A J 10 5
 ♣ A J 9 8 4

WEST
 ♠ A 10 8 7 3
 ♥ J 7 4
 ♦ 8 4
 ♣ 5 3 2

EAST
 ♠ K J
 ♥ Q 9 8 6 2
 ♦ 7 6 3 2
 ♣ K 6

SOUTH
 ♠ Q 5 4 2
 ♥ A K 5
 ♦ K Q 9
 ♣ Q 10 7

the defense, and South made four notrump.

What’s wrong with this picture, you might ask? The play and the outcome seem entirely normal, yet the fact remains that East almost surely would have defeated the contract he had defended differently. Instead of playing the king of spades at trick one, he should have played the jack!

Had he done this, allowing declarer to win the first trick with the queen, three notrump would have gone down one. Sooner or later, South would have attempted the club finesse, losing to the king, and East’s king-of-spades return, overtaken by West with the ace, would have settled declarer’s hash.

How can East know at trick one that he should violate the general rule of playing third-hand high? Because he knows from the Rule of Eleven that South has only one spade higher than the seven West led.

If South’s high spade is the ace, he would undoubtedly hold it up until at least the second round of the suit, so that East will not be able to return a spade later.

If the high spade is the queen, though, declarer is very likely to take the first trick, after which he will be fighting a losing battle.

The bidding:
 East South West North
 Opening 1 NT 7 3 NT
 Pass lead — seven of spades.

Very few deals require one to do something highly unusual in order to obtain the best result. But such situations do occur, and one test of a player’s skill is the ability to rise to that occasion when the opportunity presents itself.

Take this deal where South was in three notrump and West led the spade seven. East won with the king and returned the jack, ducked by declarer. East then shifted to the six of hearts, taken by the ace. The queen-of-clubs finesse lost to East’s king, but that was the last trick for

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Lady Steers softball have another scrimmage in preparations for start of season



The Big Spring Lady Steers hosted a scrimmage this Tuesday to prepare for the regular season. With a new look field and the success from last year, the sky will be the limit for this year's team.

Courtesy Photos/ Tony Claxton

Wedding Planner

Guide

Planning a Wedding Checklist

- Choose a Date
- Set Budget
- Choose a Venue
- Shop for Rings
- Send Invitations
- Find Officiant
- Bridesmaids
- Plan Honeymoon
- Best man
- Wedding Dress
- Reception Dress
- Reserve Tuxedos
- Get Marriage License
- Schedule Rehearsal Dinner
- Photographer
- Choose a Ring Bearer
- Entertainment
- Choose Flower Girls
- Catering
- Register For Gifts
- Florist
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