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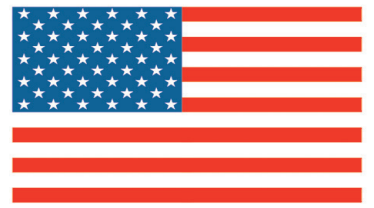
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Upcoming Events

The jury trial slated for May 12, 2021, at 9 a.m. in Judge Averette's court has been canceled.

Interim Healthcare will be hosting a blood drive on May 5 at 1900 S. Gregg.

Charter Review Special Committee Meeting - Virtual May 6 at 5:30 p.m. A possible quorum of the Big Spring City Council could be present for the Charter meeting.

Big Spring Art Association Area Wide Art Show is open - the community is invited to stop by the Heritage Museum to view the pieces that were submitted by area artists.

Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce to host first Annual Clay Shoot in June

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**
 Managing Editor

The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce is changing things up a bit this year. While there may not be a Chamber Golf Tournament and Stix and Tricks has been put on hold for this year, the Chamber is hosting the first in an annual series of Clay Shoot competitions at Moss Creek Ranch. The Clay Shoot will serve as one of the main fundraisers for the Chamber of Commerce and will take place June 5.

"We are excited to introduce a new fundraising opportunity for the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce," Debbye ValVerde, Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Director, said. "This year, just as last year, is causing us to make some changes, think outside the box and get creative. We are looking forward to having the community out and joining us for the first annual Clay Shoot." The day will begin with check in at 9 a.m. followed by a safety meeting at 9:45 a.m. with the First Flight set to launch at 10 a.m. There will be a break for lunch at 12:15 p.m. when an auction will also take place, as well as gun

boards. Those interested in sponsoring the event can do so on different tier levels. Sponsorships are available from \$1,000 to \$5,000, along with other opportunities to support the event. Those who would like to sponsor a team but are unable to provide a team can extend their sponsorship to a team of first responders and/or veterans. During the event there will be other fundraising opportunities. The first- and second-place winners will be announced at the

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Big Spring Charter Committee to meet twice this week to finalize details before presenting to Council

By **ROGER CLINE**
 Herald Staff Writer

Big Spring's Charter Review special committee will hold two meetings this week finalizing the revamped city charter in preparation to present it to the City Council.



HERALD file photo

The Charter Review Committee meets in the Council Chambers. This week the the Thursday meeting will be held virtually, but the Wednesday meeting will take place in the chambers.

The meetings will be May 5 and 6 at 5:30 p.m.; Wednesday's meeting will be in person at the City Council Chambers, 307 E. Fourth St.. It will also be available electronically through Local Channel 17 on Suddenlink, or through the City of Big Spring website at mybigspring.com/224/Channel-17-Live. Thursday's meeting will

held virtually only, through the same channels. During Wednesday's meeting, the committee will discuss amendments to the Charter concerning processes of initiative, the process by which non-elected citizens can request the city council consider a specific issue; referendum, the process by which citizens can call for a general election on a matter of city governance; and recall, the process by which citizens can call for an election on the

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Covid -19 vaccine updates

City of Big Spring Emergency Management and Mayor Shannon Thomason have partnered with the Texas Department of Health and Human Services (DSHS) to ensure that homebound citizens have access to the COVID-19 vaccine.

If you want to get vaccinated for COVID-19, but are unable to go to a vaccine clinic, please call (833) 832-7067 or visit <https://getthevaccine.dshs.texas.gov> to register for the vaccine. After you register, a local DSHS representative will contact you and set up an appointment to come to your location and give you the COVID-19 vaccine. This is a free service to our citizens.

To find out more about upcoming clinics, visit scenicmountainmedical.org/vaccine

Outpatient COVID testing in Big Spring

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910 S Main St
 Big Spring, TX 79720
 Clinic Hours: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday - Friday

West Texas Medical Plaza
 1501 W 11th Place
 Big Spring, Texas 79720
 Clinic Hours: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday - Friday

Big Spring Urgent Care
 1700 W. FM 700
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Toasty Tuesday continues - KBSB focusing on Wasson Road area



Courtesy photo

Last week's Toasty Tuesday was cancelled on account of rain in Big Spring and Howard County. The group was unable to meet for the weekly trash pick up and is looking to meet this week. The Keep Big Spring Beautiful members encourage the community to join in on the Toasty Tuesday pickups. This week the group will meet at 6:30 p.m. at Locals. The community is invited to come out and join in the efforts.

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Obituaries

Emily Sanchez Melendrez



Our beloved mother, Emily Sanchez Melendrez, left this earthly world to be with her Lord and Savior Saturday, May 1, 2021. She fought a lengthy battle with Covid but her body did not have the strength it needed to win. We find peace in our hearts to know she and the love of her life, the late Ascension Melendrez, are together again. The family will receive friends Tuesday, May 4, 2021, from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, May 5, 2021, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park.

Emily was born in San Saba, Texas, on November 3, 1948. She grew up with her family and as the youngest of the siblings, she dedicated her life to caring for her parents, Faustino and Maria Sanchez. On May 19, 1973, Emily married the love of her life, Ascension "Cinch" Melendrez, and they lived in Temple, Texas, for a short while. Later, they moved to Midland, Texas, for Cinch's work with Fina Oil Company. In 1977, they welcomed their first daughter, Christina Melendrez, and in 1980, Ermelinda "Lindie" Melendrez was born. Cinch's work relocated the family to several different cities in Texas, but they ultimately landed in Big Spring, Texas, in 1990. Emily cared for her family through all of the moves and relocating, with her focus on raising their daughters. Emily and Ascension were married 27 years, until the passing of Ascension on March 10, 2000. Emily was a confirmed, baptized Christian and a member of St. Paul

Lutheran Church, Big Spring, Texas.

Emily had a beautiful soul. She was always concerned with the well being of others, those she knew for years to others she may only have known for a minute. She would pray nightly for hours for all those she loved or knew needed prayers. She loved with all her heart. Emily loved the color yellow and she loved to dance. When songs that moved her were playing, you better move out of the way because nothing was keeping her still. She was a loving and caring mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, godmother, cousin and friend to many. She will be missed but will forever live the hearts of those whom knew her.

She leaves behind her daughters, Lindie and grandson Phoenix of Tyler, Texas, and Christina and partner Raymond of San Antonio, Texas; her sister Lillian of Irving, Texas; two brothers, Domingo of Brownwood, Texas, and Phillip of Watsonville, Calif.; and many nieces and nephews, great nieces and nephews, cousins and friends.

Emily is preceded in death by her parents, Faustino and Maria, her beloved husband, Ascension "Cinch" and her siblings, Luis, Francis, Lupe and Bernardo.

We want to take this moment to remind others to mask up and practice good hand hygiene during these continued times of uncertainty. If attending the funeral, the family requests that all guests wear a mask to protect each other and ensure that this gathering to celebrate the life of Emily is safe for all who attend. We would like to encourage her family and friends to wear yellow in her honor.

Arrangements are by Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory. Online condolences can be made at www.npwelch.com

Paid obituary

Doris "Da" Varley



Doris "Da" Varley, 95, of Big Spring died Sunday, May 2, 2021. Memorial services will be at 10 a.m., Friday, May 7, 2021, at the Holy Trinity Catholic Church. She was born Feb. 27, 1926, in Yoakum, Texas, to Ruby Marie (Dickinson) and

Oscar Louis Squires. S

Survivors include three children, John Varley, Francine Glenn and her husband, Jerry, and Kerry Varley; two granddaughters; and three great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the Alzheimer's Association at www.alz.org.

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

Delana L. Franco



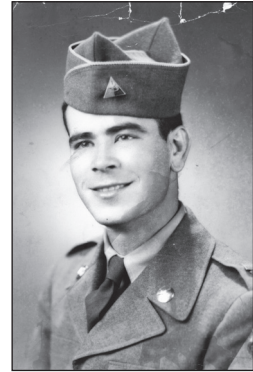
Delana L. Franco, 50, of Newport News, Va., passed away March 14, 2021. Services were held Saturday, May 1, 2021, in Stanton.

Delana was born Oct. 9, 1970, in Big Spring.

Survivors include her father, Albert Franco, and brother, Albert Franco Jr., both of Big Spring; her sister, Liza Ramirez; and her niece and nephew, all of Crane.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Diane Franco, and her son, Zachariah Perez.

Everado "Eddie" Vela



Everado "Eddie" Vela, 88, of Big Spring, died Friday, April 30, 2021. Graveside services with military honors will be later at Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery. Everado was born Dec. 11, 1932, in Yorktown.

He is survived by his wife: Erika Vela of Big Spring; three sons: Eddie Vela, PhD, of Chico, Calif., Harold Vela of Big Spring and Edwin Vela of Big Spring; five grandchildren; seven great grandchildren; one sister: Kandi Cabrera of Key West, Fla.; and one brother: Edmundo Vela of Hobbs, N.M.

He was preceded in death by his parents: Emilia and Romualdo Vela; and 11 brothers and sisters.

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

Sheriff

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 90 inmates at the time of this report.

• **ADRIAN AGUILAR, 27**, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of unlawful possession of firearm by felon.

• **DAKOTA WOLF BACKES, 21**, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of racing on highway causing serious injury.

• **CHRIS RAY BALLARD JR, 38**, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of parole violation/ theft \$20,000 to \$100,000.

• **ISABELLE MARIE BERNAL, 23**, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana less than two ounces.

• **RILEY DON BROOKS, 30**, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of manufacture deliver controlled substance PG 2 between four grams and 400 grams.

• **JOSE FRANCISCO CARO, 41**, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of driving while intoxicated third offense.

• **RICHARD JAMES CARSON, 33**, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of FTA/forgery government/national institution.

• **KELSEY RENEE CHAVARRIA, 26**, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of FTA/driving while intoxicated with child; criminal mischief between \$100 and \$750.

• **LORI ANN COKER, 38**, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of criminal mischief between \$100 and \$750 and credit card or debit card abuse.

• **ALONSO MUNOZ FLORES JR, 32**, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of assault causes bodily injury family member.

• **BRITTANY SHIANNE FRITZ, 33**, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of bail jumping and fail to appear.

• **JENNIFER GONZALES, 34**, was arrested by BSPD on an issuance of

bad check.

• **MANUEL MARTINEZ, 35**, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

• **MARK ANTHONY MCBETH, 35**, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of possession of marijuana less than two ounces.

• **MIRANDA LYNN MCNEW, 25**, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of theft of property between \$100 and \$750.

• **DAVID WAYNE O'BRIEN, 41**, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• **JOSHUA LINZY OWEN, 37**, was arrested by BSPD on charge of criminal trespass.

• **IRENE DEANN ROSE, 37**, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of crimi-

nal mischief impair/interrupt.

• **JERRY THOMAS, 36**, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

• **JESSE DAUSIGA TUNIDAU, 31**, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.

• **ALEXANDER VANDERPOOL, 25**, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of miscellaneous class C Discharge firearm, possession of controlled substance less than one gram.

• **KEONDRINA WASHINGTON, 22**, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of FTA/criminal mischief between \$750 and \$2,500.

• **MACIU CEREWALE WONG, 37**, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1500 block of E. 5th Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3100 block of S. Hwy 87. No transport was required.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3500 block of W. Hwy 80. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2500 block of S. Monticello. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

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

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1800 block of N Hwy 87. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1000 block of E. 14th Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1800 block of N. Hwy 87. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 200

block of Becker Road. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 600 block of W. 18th Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

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Today: Mostly cloudy, then gradually becoming sunny, with a high near 74. North wind 10 to 15 mph.

Tonight: Clear, with a low around 52. Northeast wind around 5 mph becoming southeast after midnight.

Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 83. South wind 5 to 15 mph.

Wednesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 56.

Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 83.

Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 60.

(Weather courtesy National Weather Service via forecast.weather.gov)

Take Note

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

- The Howard County Democrats meet on the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 5:30 p.m. in the Cactus Room located in the Student Union Building of Howard College.

- The Vitalant Bloodmobile will conduct a blood drive from 9 a.m. to noon Wednesday, May 5, at Interim Healthcare, 1900 S. Gregg. Sign up in advance at www.vitalant.org using the Sponsor Code "Interim". Before arriving to donate, be sure to eat a good meal, drink plenty of water, and bring a picture ID. Successful donations will be tested for COVID-19 antibodies. MASKS ARE REQUIRED. Contact Vitalant at 877-258-4825 if you have questions about eligibility.

- Howard College is offering License to Carry Course with class date set for May 15. There is a maximum of 10 students per class; handgun and ammo not provided. Participants must be 21 years of age and have valid ID. Those taking the class will need 50 rounds of ammo and a handgun. Questions can be answered by contacting Dee Lindsey at 432-264-5641 or by e-mail at dlindsey@howardcollege.edu.

- Russ McEwen Family Aquatic Center is set to open June 1 and close Aug. 7. The Aquatic Center will be open Tuesday through Saturdays from Noon until 8 p.m. and Sundays 1 p.m. until 8 p.m. and closed Mondays.

- Forsan Food Pantry will be open twice a month from 4:15 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. Families who are in need can pull up to the front doors of the Junior High/High School and receive a free box of pre-packed

meals. If you have any questions or need to pick up a box at a different time, contact Kaci Wash at 432-457-2223 ext 821 or Jenny Sayles at jennysales@yahoo.com.

- Cub Scouts meet Mondays from 6:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. at NazFamily Church, located at 1400 S. Lancaster.

- Howard County Republican Club meets the second Monday of each month in the Cactus Room at Howard College.

The next meeting will be held in the newly renovated Cactus Room. Everyone is welcome. The meeting takes place at Noon. For more information call 432-213-7628.

- The Howard County Library meeting rooms are now open at limited capacity. Only five people are allowed in the small room and 15 in the large room.

The meeting rooms can only be used by appointment, and only by community organizations. No parties or social gatherings will be allowed at this time. For more information, call the Howard County Library.

- Permian Basin Multiple Sclerosis Support Group for information, encouragement and support. The group meets monthly on the Second Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Express at 5321 John Ben Sheppard Parkway, Odessa.

If you or someone you know has been touched by MS, or if you are just interested in more information please feel to contact Gary Tidwell at garylteagle1987@gmail.com.

Support Groups

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.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **DAKOTA WOLF BACKES**, 21, of 6210 S. Service Road, was arrested on a charge of racing on highway – SBI-Death.
- **LORI ANN COKER**, 38, of 624 Caylor Drive, was arrested on a warrant for criminal mischief between \$100 and \$750, warrant from other agency.
- **MANUEL MARTINEZ**, 35, of 816 Powell Street in San Angelo, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- **JERRY THOMAS**, 36, of 7732 Stansfield Drive in Fort Worth, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- **JOSHUA LINZY OWEN**, 37, transient, was arrested on a charge of criminal trespass.
- **ALEXANDER VANDERPOOL**, 25, of 624 McEwen Street, was arrested on a warrant from other agency and discharge firearm within city.
- **IRENE DEANN ROSE**, 37, of 2603 Chanute Drive, was arrested on a warrant from other agency.
- **RILEY DON BROOKS**, 31, of 3509 E. I-20, was arrested on a warrant from other agency.
- **MARK ANTHONY MCBETH**, 35, of 1201 College Avenue,

was arrested on a warrant for possession of marijuana less than or equal to two ounces.

- **MACIU CEREWALE WONG**, 37, of 7701 Aspen, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **JESSE DAUSIGA TUNIDAU**, no age provided, of 3169 Stay-sail Street in Sacramento, CA, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 3900 block of E. Hwy 350.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 1900 block of E. 11th Place; 3300 block of Gail Highway; 1500 block of S. Gregg Street.
- **CREDIT/DEBIT CARD ABUSE** was reported in the 3600 block of W. Hwy 80.
- **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 2900 block of Navajo; 3100 block of S. Hwy 87.
- **ASSAULT** was reported in the 3600 block of Calvin Street.
- **INTOXICATED DRIVER** was reported in the 1100 block of N. Lamesa Highway.
- **WELFARE CONCERN** was reported in the 700 block of E IH-20.
- **UNWANTED SUBJECT** was reported in the 1800 block of S.

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end of the shoot. The first place team will have ammo bags with ammo to take home and the second place team members will have gun bags to take home.

"We are grateful for our community partnerships who make these events possible. The funds raised are going to be put right back into supporting local business in the community. For those who have never attended a

Chamber event and want to find out how to get connected and involved, we encourage you to come out and join us," ValVerde said. "Getting engaged and working together is important for us to move the community forward and grow together."

Those who will be needing carts will be able to rent one, but reservations must be made in advance. There is a \$125 cost per four person cart. Those who are interested in sponsoring the event should reach out to Kristy

Tyra at 432-631-3695. Those who wish to take part in the clay shoot can sign up the four person teams at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Office, located at 215 W. Third Street during business hours. For more information, contact the Chamber Office at 432-263-7641.

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CHARTER

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removal of city elected officials from office.

The meeting will also feature second readings of several other measures outlining amendments to the charter, including: Measure A relating to the City Depository; Measure B relating to the Board of City Development; Measure M relating to the Mayor and Mayor Pro-Tempore; Measure Q relating to Notice of Claim; and Measure S relating to the number of council members needed to call a council meeting.

After the various amendments have been consid-

ered and agreed upon, the committee will consider recommending its modifications to the charter to the City Council.

Thursday's meeting is needed solely to allow a second reading of the measure on initiative, referendum and recall.

In preparation of the meeting, the Big Spring City Council sent out a notice informing the community of a possible quorum of the City Council at the Charter Review Meeting.

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Big Spring CTE students get crafty



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Members of Big Spring Independent School District's Career and Technical Education program pose with some of the projects they created this school year. The CTE program is a way for students to not only put their skills into practice in the classroom, but gain skills that will help them as they prepare to enter the career field outside of high school. Above left, woodworking students display cabinets they crafted; above right, students display certificates recognizing their Microsoft Office skills; at left, metal shop students pose with a swing set table and seats they designed and built; below, Culinary Arts students show off some of the edible masterpieces they created. Students at Big Spring High School are diving into new experiences and showing off their talent daily.



Prince Harry, Jennifer Lopez make voices heard at Vax Live

INGLEWOOD, Calif. (AP) — President Joe Biden spoke about the COVID-19 vaccination being safe, Prince Harry advocated for vaccine distribution everywhere and Jennifer Lopez embraced her fully-vaccinated mother on stage during one of the largest concert gatherings in Southern California since the pandemic rocked the world more than a year ago.

The concert included performances by Lopez, Eddie Vedder, Foo Fighters, J Balvin and H.E.R.

Ben Affleck, Chrissy Teigen, Jimmy Kimmel, Sean Penn and David Letterman appeared as special guest speakers.

Everyone in the audience was fully vaccinated.

Media and production staff needed to show a negative COVID-19 test before entering the stadium.

"The vaccines are safe. I promise you. They work," said Biden, who was accompanied in a video message with first lady

Jill Biden. Both appeared as part of the "We Can Do This" initiative to increase confidence in COVID-19 vaccines.

"We're working with leaders around the world to share more vaccines and boost production to make sure every country has the vaccines they need," the president continued. "If we get this done, we won't have to miss another moment."

The event was part of a growing chorus seeking wider, more equitable distribution of COVID-19 vaccines.

Global Citizen said \$53.8 million in philanthropic and corporate commitments helped procure nearly 10.3 million doses, exceeding the goal for the Vax Live campaign.

Prince Harry said providing vaccines across the globe is imperative, particularly those in the poorest countries. He said that he is standing solidarity with India, who is experiencing a "devastat-

ing" second wave of the virus.

"The vaccine must be distributed to everyone everywhere," the Duke of Sussex said.

"We cannot rest or truly recover until there is fair distribution to every corner of the world," he said. "The virus does not respect borders and access to the vaccine cannot be determined by geography."

Before Lopez's performance, she told the audience that she was unable to spend Christmas with her mother. The singer went on to invite her fully-vaccinated mom on stage, then the two sang their rendition of Neil Diamond's "Sweet Caroline."

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Big Spring Steers lose season finale 5 to 1 against the Sweetwater Mustangs



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Top Right: The team gathers around for their last post-game speech of the season. The Steers lost their final game of the season this past Friday to Sweetwater 5 to 1. Top Left: Coach Joe Bogel looks on as Senior Marc Prito steps into the batter's box in his last High School baseball game.

By **DUSTIN POPE**

Herald Sports Writer

The Big Spring Steers closed out their Baseball season this past Friday afternoon with a game against the Sweetwater Mustangs. The game time was moved up from a 7:33 p.m. start time to a 2:33 start time to avoid the rain that came later in the night. The ceremonial first pitch was thrown out by yours truly, in what may have been the most incredible first pitch ever thrown at a game. Lol. In all seriousness, this was an emotional day for the seniors as they played their last competitive baseball game. The Steers went on to lose the final game of the season 5 to 1.

Senior Kyler Seymore took the mound in what was the last pitching start of his High School career. The Senior showed some nerves early on in the top of the first, but he showed his fighting spirit regained control and did not allow any runs to score. In the bottom of the first Steer, lead-off man Maverick Yanez reached base on a hard-hit single to shortstop. Yanez then took second base on a passed ball, the Mustang catcher. Josh Miramontes grounded out to shortstop, but was able to advance Yanez to third base. With Yanez on third and one out in the inning, Freshman Isaiah Diaz had an RBI ground out to push across

the game's first run.

With a slim one-run lead Seymore took the mound in his second inning of work. The senior pitched like this was his last game leaving everything on the mound. He had a tremendous second inning as he was able to work through the Mustang batters without giving up any runs. The Mustang pitcher did just as good as Seymore matching the Steer hurler by shutting the Big Spring hitters down.

With the lead still at 1 to 0 heading into the top of the third, the Mustangs tried to get something rolling against Seymore. Sweetwater had back-to-back singles, but the Steers pitcher, backed with great defense, managed to get out of the inning without allowing a run. The Steers bats were shut down once again on the bottom of the third by the Sweetwater pitch keeping the score at 1 to 0.

Seymore continued to pitch a great game heading into the top of the fourth. The Senior stayed focused and out-willed the Sweetwater hitters. He had a good pitch mix going that was able to keep the Mustang batters guessing and off-balance. The bottom of the fourth found the Mustang pitcher still cruising as he, like Seymore, continued to keep batters baffled at the plate.

Carrying a 1 to 0 lead into the top of

the fifth, The Sweetwater Mustangs finally broke through in the inning after giving up a lead-off walk. The Mustangs found some momentum. They would put up five runs in the inning, taking a lead of 5 to 1 into the bottom of the fifth. After the big inning from the Mustangs, the Steers tried to answer back. Unfortunately, the pitcher had other ideas and showed he was a force to reckon with. He was able to shut the Steers bats down again, not allowing them to get anything started.

Now trailing 5 to 1, Seymore came out to start his sixth inning of the game. After two quick outs, head coach Daniel Carrillo pulled the Senior, who got a standing ovation from the fans and the team. You could see the emotions on Seymore as he walked from the mound for the last time. Seymore finished the day with five, and two-thirds innings pitched. Giving up nine hits and five runs. The Steers brought in fellow Senior Isaiah Solis to pitch. Solis quickly got a ground ball out to end the inning. The bottom of the fifth was way too familiar for the Steers bats as the Mustang pitcher shut them down once again. He had an easy three up three down inning, keeping the score at 5 to 1 in Sweetwaters' favor.

The top of the seventh found a special moment for one of the Sweetwa-

ter players. Both teams came together for a special display of sportsmanship for Mustang player Jovain Rincon. Rincon went on to earn a walk, then round all the bases and score a run for his team. It was a special moment for a great young man.

After the heartwarming moment, Isaiah Solis went back to work. He worked a great inning giving up zero runs and finishing off his high school pitching career. Solis went one and a third-inning allowing zero hits and zero runs. An excellent way to close an amazing Steers career on the mound. Down four runs by a score of 5 to 1, the Steers were down to their last at-bats of the season. The Mustang pitcher was just too good as he went on to shut down the Steers and finish off his complete game. With a 5 to 1 win for the Mustangs.

This has been the season for the Big Spring Steers. It did not turn out the way they had hoped or planned. But I have enjoyed covering these kids and getting to know them. I will miss the seniors moving on but look forward to seeing what the future holds for these boys.

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Six-pack: Draft shows Cowboys serious about fixing defense

By **SCHUYLER DIXON**

AP Pro Football Writer

FRISCO, Texas— Jerry Jones has been synonymous with offense — and the stars that go with the shiny side of the NFL — since buying the Dallas Cowboys and making himself general manager in 1989.

A defensive draft like no other in franchise history says plenty about the impact last year's sometimes brutally bad unit had on a front office that believes the offensive pieces are in place to end a quarter-century drought with a Super Bowl.

The Cowboys got through six picks before taking their first offensive player when they had never gone more than five selections deep without at least drafting a lineman. Of the 11 Dallas selections, eight were on defense, the most for the club since the draft was reduced to seven rounds in 1994.

The first offensive choice came Saturday with Marshall tackle Josh Ball as the second of two fourth-round choices, after the club made history by taking LSU linebacker Jabril Cox.

Dallas started the draft by trading back two spots to No. 12 in the first round, getting Penn State linebacker Micah Parsons after letting NFC East rival Philadelphia move up to select Heisman Trophy-winning Alabama receiver DeVonta Smith.

Then came four more defensive picks on a busy second day: a pair of cornerbacks in Kentucky's Kelvin Joseph and Nahshon Wright of Oregon State along with two defensive linemen in UCLA's Osa Odighizuwa and Iowa's Chauncey Golston.

During a run of three Super Bowl titles in four years in the 1990s, Jones paid big for future Hall of Fame cornerback Deion Sanders believing he could help on offense, too. The high-profile owner later ran into salary-cap trouble trying to keep "The Triplets" of quarterback Troy Aikman, running back Emmitt Smith and receiver Michael Irvin together.

More recently, Dallas signed quarterback Dak Prescott and receiver Amari Cooper to nine-figure contracts after giving two-time rushing champion Ezekiel Elliott a \$90 million deal to end a preseason-long holdout in 2019.

On the flip side, the Cowboys let their best defensive first-round pick in at least a decade, cornerback Byron Jones from 2015, go to Miami in free agency last year because the \$82.5 million price tag was too high.

"I think we did want to improve our defense," Jones said. "I think the better way to make my answer is the fact that we were always (selecting) defensive players didn't bother me. I didn't feel compelled to have to throw some offensive players in there to keep thinking I was biased toward defense."

Dallas gave up a franchise-worst 473 points (29.5 per game) while going 6-10 in coach Mike McCarthy's first year, leading him to dump his most important hire in defensive coordinator Mike Nolan. Former Atlanta coach Dan Quinn replaced Nolan.

The Cowboys gave up a club-record 307 yards rushing against Cleveland and another 294 against Baltimore — both losses — and repeatedly looked confused with blown assignments. Meantime, the offense was No. 1 in the league before a broken ankle ended Prescott's season in Week 5.

"Every year you have to take a hard look, and you either have to make changes, adjustments, and emphasize and expand on what you've accomplished," McCarthy said. "This is clearly part of the change and the advancement of how we want to look as a football team, how we want to play as a football team."

FOLLOW THE MONEY

Executive vice president of personnel Stephen Jones said the Cowboys' approach also had to do with needing rookies for salary-cap relief coming off the \$160 million, four-year contract for Prescott.

"The best way to help our salary cap is for these

five players to come in here and make a difference, in some cases replace players who were going to cost you a lot more money," Stephen Jones said after the second day of the draft.

QUANTITY LEADS TO QUALITY?

The 11 picks were the most since Dallas had 12 selections in 2009. But that was probably the worst draft of the past two decades for the Cowboys. So there's no proof quantity works.

Of the final five selections, three were offensive players: Ball, Stanford receiver Simi Fehoko in the fifth round, and Nebraska guard Matt Farniok with the club's final choice in the seventh, No. 238 overall.

The other defensive choices were a pair of sixth-rounders: one of Joseph's Kentucky teammates, 327-pound defensive tackle Quinton Bohanna, and South Carolina cornerback Israel Mukuamu.

BALL'S CHECKERED PAST

Ball left Florida State in 2018 after being suspended following accusations of battery and reaching an agreement with his former girlfriend on a protective order against dating violence. There were no criminal charges, but Ball was barred from contacting or being near her. He transferred to a junior college before ending up at Marshall.

"Teams have obviously asked about that," Ball said. "It happened in the past, and since then I have taken the time to grow as a human being, grow as a man. I think I have done a great job of that. I have learned from my mistakes."

THAT'S A RAPPER

Joseph has released several albums as the rapper known as "Bossman Fat." Joseph said "Fat" came from the family because he was a 10-pound baby. The former Kentucky player says he added "Bossman" in middle school.

"They had people ask questions about rap, but (football) is what I've been doing my whole life," Joseph said. "I haven't been practicing and sweating and bleeding for no reason. This is what I'm going to do to feed my family, my son and change my future."

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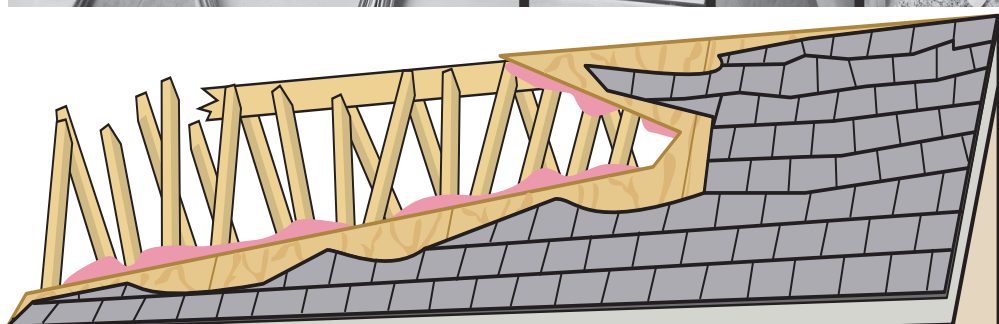
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FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA)

Lease/Unit Name : SHOOTER MCGAVIN B
Lease/Unit Well No. : 2626LS
Lease/Unit Acres : 633.2
Nearest Lease Line (ft) : null
Nearest Well on Lease (ft) : 465.0

Lease Lines : 529.0 F NW L, 963.0 F NE L
Survey Lines : 529.0 F NW L, 963.0 F NE L

Legals

Wellbore Profile(s) : Horizontal

Lateral: TH1
Penetration Point Location
Lease Lines: 50.0 F NW L 330.0 F NE L

Terminus Location
BH County: HOWARD
Section: 35 Block: 32 T2N
Abstract: 280
Survey: T&P RR CO
Lease Lines: 50.0 F SE L 330.0 F NE L
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This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 9900 feet.

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RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 08 Rule 37
Case No. 0329761
DATE OF ISSUANCE:
Apr 30, 2021
Status/Permit No. 869377
NOTICE OF PROTEST
DEADLINE: 5:00 PM,
May 21, 2021
Address: Railroad
Commission of Texas
ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit
P. O. Box 12967
Austin, Texas 78711-2967
Fax: (512) 463-6780
Email:
SWR37@RRC.TEXAS.GOV

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

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Nearest Lease Line (ft) : null
Nearest Well on Lease (ft) : 655.0

Lease Lines : 529.0 F NW L, 993.0 F NE L
Survey Lines : 529.0 F NW L, 993.0 F NE L

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Contract Bridge
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By Steve Becker
Opportunity knocks but once

North dealer.
Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ K 9 5
♥ A J 6
♦ A Q 2
♣ Q J 10 9

WEST ♠ 6
♥ 10 8 7 5
♦ 10 8 7 6
♣ 8 7 5 4

EAST ♠ 8 7 4 3
♥ K 4 2
♦ K J 3
♣ A K 2

SOUTH
♠ A Q J 10 2
♥ Q 9 3
♦ 9 5 4
♣ 6 3

The bidding:
North East South West
1 NT Pass 3 ♠ Pass
4 ♠

Opening lead — five of hearts.
Let's say you're East and partner leads a heart against four spades. Dummy follows low, and you win the heart with the king. What would you play next?
The best return is the three of diamonds, directly into dummy's A-Q, but very few players could bring themselves to make such an extraordinary play. The diamond return appears suicidal but is nevertheless the right play. Observe that if you return a diamond, declarer goes down one, while if you return any-

thing else, declarer makes the contract.
How can one reason out that the diamond return at trick two is correct? Well, it's not as difficult as you might think. All you have to do is to count declarer's tricks by looking at dummy and giving proper weight to South's three-spade bid. This tells you that if you defend passively, South is sure to wind up with 10 tricks — at least five spades, two hearts, one diamond and two clubs.
To beat the contract, you must therefore develop a diamond trick before your A-K of clubs are dislodged. True, your partner must have the ten of diamonds and South must have at least three diamonds, but that is something you are forced to assume.
Of course, it is also possible for your partner to have a doubleton club, in which case playing the K-A and another club would defeat the contract. However, there is a much better chance of finding South with either three or four diamonds than with precisely four clubs.
Besides, you can't garner any accolades by making a routine return such as the king of clubs at trick two, when the spectacular return of a low diamond is sure to get you a few pats on the back if it proves to be the only way to beat the contract.

Tomorrow: Multiplying your chances.
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Mercury Activates Mental Chatter

ARIES (March 21-April 19). When little things can thrill you, you're with the right person. This is especially true if you happen to be alone. Being receptive to your own wonder and making arrangements to have more of it are major acts of self-love.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Making the other person look good is a chief priority for you in every interaction. People feel and appreciate this. You listen intently and consider other people's questions and curiosities as you move conversations forward.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You'll spend a good deal of time custom tailoring your offerings to those around you, and rightly so. Efficiency depends on it. To forward your aims, everything you do must also work for the other party.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). There's an art to wanting well. It will take a bit of exploration to understand whether your want is reasonable given your current circumstances. If not, there is something adjacent that will work brilliantly.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll return to a handful of ideas

Tomorrow's Horoscope

By Holiday Mathis



that keep popping back to mind. The reason they won't leave is because they are relevant or need to be processed and either let go or venerated.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Whether there are too many people involved, there is too much information to include or there are too many options for spending money, you'll be in a position to make some cuts. You'll be skillful and swift!

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). It won't be enough to make your point -- everyone wants to do that! There very well could be as many "points" in the room as there are people. If you decide to speak, you'll concern yourself

with being memorable.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Systems seem more complex than necessary. However, in a new job, you have neither the overview nor the microview to know what's necessary. For now, stay in

observation mode and focus on learning, not fixating.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Enlist others to bounce your ideas off of because you are too familiar with your subject matter to get the objectivity that will help you move forward.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You use the rhythms of the past to figure out what to expect from the current situation. Frus-

tration is a function of an unmet expectation. The golden question: Should you adjust reality or the expectation?

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). If something makes a difference to you, then it matters -- period. There is no one else more worthy of your amazing talent for customization. Pour your efforts into your own satisfaction.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You'll interact with supportive people who want to see you succeed. But you have to show them your version of success or they won't be able to support you in the correct direction.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (May 4). You'll benefit from a profound sense of purpose driving the year. At first, you'll crave indicators that you're on the right track. But soon, you'll lose the need for external validation, because something inside you will have rooted into your plan and there will be no other option than to fulfill the promise of the occurring momentum. Virgo and Aries adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 2, 18, 4, 44 and 32.

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SUDOKU

Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

5	2		6	1				
	1			5	8	9		
	9		1		6			
	8		7					
		7	9		6	5		
	6		1	2				9
3		8		2	7	9	1	5
1		9						
	5		3					2

Level: Beginner

Here's How It Works:
Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

8	2	4	1	6	3	9	9	7	
9	7	3	8	4	9	6	2	1	
5	1	6	7	2	6	8	4	3	
6	8	7	2	3	1	9	9	4	
1	7	9	9	8	6	7	3	2	
3	9	2	4	6	7	1	8	6	
7	9	9	3	1	2	4	4	6	8
2	6	8	5	7	7	3	1	9	
4	3	1	6	9	8	2	7	5	

ANSWER:

FEATURES

Newsday Crossword

ACROSS

1 Measures for land parcels
6 Therefore
10 Not at all colorful
14 Grandfather clock signal
15 Wish for
16 Money in Italy and France
17 Career soldier
18 Ancient Peruvian
19 Large quantity (of)
20 Cold as ICE in personality
22 Ring, as church bells
23 Strong craving
24 Speck of land in an ocean
26 Antiques Roadshow network
29 Post office purchase
32 Very angry
36 Car
38 Slugger's stat: Abbr.
39 Wiped clean
40 Keeping a situation on ICE
43 Snoozing
44 Two less than pentagon
45 Simplify
46 Stand in good ___ (be useful)
47 Customary practice
49 Prescription, for short
50 Person, place, or thing
52 Very angry
54 Serb or Bulgarian
57 On thin ICE
63 Prefix for final or circle

DOWN

1 Human rights org.
2 Goatee's location
3 Repeated musical phrase
4 Manicurist's ___ board
5 Weekly TV program
6 Exact copy
7 What's placed in a mitten
8 Detach, as a brooch
9 Lingers
10 In dire straits
11 Reign over
12 Region
13 What soup is served in
21 Lure into wrongdoing
25 Italy's former money
26 Daddies
27 Pop, as a bubble location
28 Committed robbery
30 "Six-pack" muscles
31 Catchers' gloves
33 Just like me
34 Feeling antsy
35 Double-___ sword
37 Beach house's selling point
39 Baffling puzzle
41 Make over
42 Nest-egg acronym
47 Not ready to harvest
48 Label placed on cattle
51 Willing to do
53 Prince William's mother
54 Taxpayer IDs
55 Low in fat
56 Armory stockpile
58 Smooth out
59 Penny
60 Prefix meaning "all"
61 "Once ___ a time..."
62 Expresses orally

ON ICE by Billie Truitt
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SUDOKU

5		2		6		1		
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CROSSWORD Today's Answers

A	C	R	E	S	T	H	U	S
C	H	I	M	E	W	A	N	T
D	R	A	B	L	I	E	R	I
E	U	R	O	W	A	N	T	S
L	I	B	E	R	I	N	C	A
S	L	E	W	P	A	L		
U	N	F	I	E	R	I	N	G
K	E	N	D	L	I	S		
P	R	E	S	T	A	M	P	
A	U	T	O	R	B	I	E	R
P	R	O	C	R	A	S	T	I
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SUDOKU Today's Answers

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Lady Steer Softball team beats Herford in playoff series, to take Bi-District championship



Courtesy photo

The Lady Steers are Bi-District Champions after defeating Herford in a face-off this past weekend. The ladies will head to Lubbock this weekend to take on Seminole.

By DUSTIN POPE

Herald sports writer

The Lady Steers played game two of the best of three series this Saturday against the Herford Whiteface. The competition took place on the Steers' home field. The Lady Steers won game one in Herford this past Thursday, 13 to 1. Only needing one more win to advance in the playoffs, the Steers wasted no time winning convincingly 10 to 3. The win will move the lady Steers on in this year's playoffs.

Brinley Watkins took the Circle for the Steers in this playoff game. The Lady Steer pitcher got off to a fast start with a quick, efficient three up three down inning. After sitting

the Herford bats in order, the Steers went right to work with the bats. Kaly Whitehead leads off things for Big Spring with a single to left field. Whitehead then was able to advance to second base on a wild pitch from the Herford pitcher. After a strikeout for the first out of the inning, Jocelyn Gonzales earned a walk. Now the Lady Steers had runners on first and second with only one out. Vanessa Viasana then came up a worked herself a walk to load the bases for Big Spring. Kylee Lynch stepped up to the plate with the bases loaded and delivered a hard-hit single to left field that drove in two runs. Now leading 2 to 0, Big Spring went right back to work. Pitcher Brinley Watkins then had a

single to load up the bases once again for the Lady Steers. Sarah Wood flew out to the second base for the second out of the inning. Arielle Nuno then delivered a bases-clearing single to center field, making this a 5 to 0 game.

Now with a 5 to 0 lead, Whitehead headed out for her second inning of work. Herford was able to get a couple of runners on the base paths this inning. Still, the Big Spring pitcher went on to shut them down, not allowing any runs on the inning. The Steer bats continued to stay hot in the bottom of the second inning. The Herford pitcher was able to get the first two Steer batter of the inning out on ground balls. Jocelyn Gonzales then hit a long Home Run to make this a 6 to 0 game. After a walk by Vanessa Viasana, Kylee Lynch smashed a double to left field driving home Viasana increasing the lead to 7 to 0. Lynch then scored on an error by Herford to make it an 8 to 0 lead.

Heading into the third inning, the Big Spring Lady Steers enjoyed a comfortable eight-run lead. The Herford Whitefaces did manage to answer back in the top of the third by putting up two runs in the inning. With a lead of 8 to 0 heading into the bottom of the third, the Steers bats decided to take an inning off from scoring. The Herford pitcher did an excellent job in the inning, not allowing the Steers to score.

After giving up two runs in the third, Watkins returned for the fourth inning and regained her form from the first few innings. She was able to

sit down the Herford team very quickly, not giving up any runs. With the score still at 8 to 2 at the bottom of the fourth, the Steers added to their lead. Vanessa Viasana had a lead-off single to start the inning. Kylee Lynch then Homered to the left-field, making this a 10 to 2 run game. After the Home Run, the Herford pitcher got out of the inning, not giving the Steers any more runs.

In the top of the fifth, the Herford Whitefaces did tack on another run in the inning, cutting the lead to 10 to 3. Big Spring did not score in the bottom of the fifth inning, leaving the score at 10 to 3.

Neither team did much for the rest of the game as Watkins went on to get back in a groove and shut out Herford for the rest of the game. Preserving a 10 to 3 victory for the Lady Steers. Watkins pitched a complete game going all seven innings, giving up four hits and three runs.

The win is undoubtedly a huge step for these Lady Steers as they will advance in the playoffs. Next up, they take on Seminole in a one-game-winner take-all game.

The game will be held at Lubbock Coopers field this coming Sat. May 8, at 5 p.m. Try to come out and show your support of this team as they look to continue this playoff run.

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Maeda pitches Twins past Rangers 6-5 in series opener

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MINNEAPOLIS— Kenta Maeda steered himself back on track by keeping the Texas Rangers scoreless into the sixth inning, and the Minnesota Twins won the opener of a four-game series 6-5 on Monday night.

Maeda (2-2) had a season-high eight strikeouts in 5 1/3 innings, allowing only two singles and two walks in what was by far the best of his six starts this season.

"I guess I was skewed toward bad habits, so I made some adjustments with the mechanics and we talked a little about the mental side of the game," Maeda said through a translator. "And I think it all came out together in a good way."

Jorge Polanco had an RBI triple and an RBI double, and rookie Alex Kirilloff kept up his torrid start with two doubles for the Twins. One of them was a two-out, run-scoring line drive to left field in a three-run sixth that came against the left-handed reliever, Kolby Allard, brought in to face him.

"We didn't have a homer, but I almost feel we did have a homer, the way we swung the bats," Minnesota manager Rocco Baldelli said.

Adolis Garcia hit a two-run homer in the eighth inning for the Rangers against Brandon Waddell, who was called up from Triple-A before the game, but Tyler Duffey escaped with a 5-3 lead intact after allowing his inherited runner to score.

Joey Gallo hit a two-out, two-run homer in the ninth against Taylor Rogers, who got his second save by striking out Garcia.

Maybe the biggest mystery of Minnesota's rough first month was the struggle by Maeda, who finished second in AL Cy Young Award voting last year. This was more like it, as he lowered his ERA from 6.56 to 5.34 while leading the Twins to their fourth victory in five games.

"Sometimes, he has bad outings. But today, he was really good," Polanco said.

DUNNING BETTER

Dane Dunning (1-2) bounced back, too, allowing

two earned runs in 5 2/3 innings for the Rangers.

"He kept everybody off the barrel. That's one thing he does very well," manager Chris Woodward said.

Kirilloff went to third on a flyout by Polanco in the second and scored on Gallo's errant throw from right field. The ball ricocheted away from Dunning, who was backing up the base. Had he been slightly better positioned, "that saves a run and the game's completely different," Dunning said.

Luis Arraez scored on Josh Donaldson's two-out double in the third, when he awkwardly collided with airborne catcher Jose Trevino's legs. The players were tangled, but Trevino's glove hand never grazed Arraez before he leaped up to touch the plate. Arraez was later pulled with a headache and put in the concussion protocol.

SURGING BUXTON

Byron Buxton, who went hitless for only the fourth game this season, was selected the AL player of the month for April. He's the first Twins player to win the monthly award since Delmon Young in July 2010. Buxton hit .426 in 68 at-bats with the best OPS (1.363) for any month in team history.

TRAINER'S ROOM

Rangers: No decision had been made yet on

whether RHP Kohei Arihara (sore right middle finger) will need time on the injured list, Woodward said. Arihara's next turn in the rotation has already been pushed back. He'll play catch Tuesday to test his finger.

Twins: Starting pitchers for Wednesday and Thursday had yet to be determined, with Michael Pineda hurting a little and Matt Shoemaker struggling a lot. Pineda was hit on the wrist by a batted ball and has experienced swelling and stiffness since. RHP Randy Dobnak was sent to Triple-A St. Paul for more work, eliminating one option for a fill-in starter.

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