

10/02/23

Porter's Grocery Stores to transition to Lowe's Markets in December '23

BIG SPRING, TX -- The Porter Family, owners of Porter's Grocery Stores, announced today that an agreement has been made with the Lowe Family and all Porter's Grocery Stores will transition to Lowe's Markets effective December 1, 2023.

According to the Porter Family, "Lowe's Markets and the Lowe family closely align with those same founding principles that Porter's and the Porter family built upon, and we know they will continue to take care of our customers and Team Members."

Porter's Grocery Stores have been in business for 78 years. They currently have 10 locations throughout Texas, including Big Spring.

Lowe's Markets is a Littlefield, Texas-based company that has been serving families since 1963.

Movie in the Park

The Howard County Children's Advocacy Center will host a Movie in the Park on Friday, October 13th, in Big Spring. The event will be held at the Comanche Trail Amphitheater from 6-9 PM. Families are welcome to dress up for the event and food trucks will be on site, as well. This is a free event, but donations will be collected to benefit the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County.

Steers Football

Big Spring Steers battled Seminole at home and lost. Final score was Big Spring 33, Seminole 51.

The Sonic Offensive Player of the Game was Keyshaun Woodruff.

The Sonic Defensive Player of the Game was Donovan Hilario.

The Big Hit of the Game went to Landon Frailey.

Big Spring Lady Steers defeated Sweetwater in five sets on Saturday. They are now 3-0 in District. Their next game will be tomorrow night at 6 PM when they host Levelland.

Big Spring Lady Steer Kendall Brooks was recently recognized as the Big Spring Herald Female Athlete of the Week. Congratulations to her!

\$3500 Western Saddle Stolen from Howard College Dorm

Last month a \$3500 Western Saddle was stolen from a Howard College Dorm.

Crime Stoppers is asking for the public's help with identifying and locating an unknown subject(s) involved in a Theft.

On September 19, 2023, Officers with the Big Spring Police Department were dispatched to the Howard College men's dorm located in the 1000 block of Birdwell in reference to a theft. Upon

arrival, officers learned that on September 19, 2023, at approximately 12:45 PM, an unknown white male appropriated a Del Martin white seat western saddle valued at \$3500.00. The unknown subject left the scene traveling eastbound on 11th Place in a silver in color car. Crime Stoppers is offering a cash reward to the first person that provides information that leads to the arrest of the person(s) involved in this case. Remember no caller ID is ever used and all tips are anonymous.

Tips can be submitted by calling the TIPS line at 432-263-8477 (TIPS) where you will remain anonymous and no caller ID is ever used. You can also use [P3tips.com](https://p3tips.com) to submit your tip online; it is also completely anonymous.

Remember you can earn a CASH reward if you're the first caller with information that leads to the arrest of the person(s) involved. Please keep the ID Tip number that you receive when you submit your tip.

10/03/23

BSHS Pride Drive selected as Overall Grand Champion at Santa Rita Marching Festival, 09/30/23

The Big Spring Pride Drive earned a straight Division 1 rating from all three judges at Saturday's marching band contest at the Santa Rita Marching Festival. They also earned Best Colorguard, Best in Class, the Best Drum Major Award, and Overall Grand Champion. Congratulations to them!

BSHS Speech Teachers

Congratulations to Big Spring High School's Coaches Jennifer and Clint Adams! They have coached the BSHS Speech and Debate students to receive National Speech and Debate recognition. Due to the number of points scored at the national tournament, they earned membership in the prestigious 100 Club. To receive a top 100 nationally is remarkable because it demonstrates outstanding commitment to communication, research, listening, writing and organizational skills.

Principal Mike Ritchey stated that BSHS is honored to have your leadership.

COUNTY OFFICES TO CLOSE

Howard County will close all offices Monday, October 9, 2023, in observance of Columbus Day. County Offices will open again for business on Tuesday, October 10, 2023.

The Sheriff's Administrative Offices will be closed but Law Enforcement Services will operate as normal.

Volleyball

Big Spring Lady Steers are currently 3-0 in district. Tonight, they'll face off against Levelland at Steer Gym. Game begins at 6 PM.

Coahoma Bulldogettes have an away game tonight against Merkel at 6 PM.

Forsan Lady Buffs will have an away game against Sterling City at 6 PM.

Crime Stoppers ask for public's help in Chaney Jewelry Burglary case

BIG SPRING, TX -- Crime Stoppers is asking for the public's help with identifying and locating an unknown subject(s) involved in a Burglary of a Building.

On June 23, 2023, at approximately 11:55 PM, Officers with the Big Spring Police Department were dispatched to Chaney's Jewelry located in the 1700 block of South Gregg in reference to Burglary. Upon arrival, Officers learned that multiple subjects made entry to the building and committed a theft. The actors appropriated approximately \$5,000 worth of property. Detectives have located security video, and one the subjects has been identified.

Crime Stoppers is asking for the public's help with identifying the other actors. Crime Stoppers is offering a cash reward to the first person that provides information that leads to the arrest of the unidentified subjects involved in this case. Remember no caller ID is ever used and all tips are anonymous.

You can submit your tips by calling the TIPS line at 432-263-8477 (TIPS) you will remain anonymous and no caller ID is ever used. You can also use the [P3tips.com](https://www.p3tips.com) software online.

[P3tips.com](https://www.p3tips.com). DO NOT LOSE YOUR TIP NUMBER.

Please reference case # 2-23-02000 in your tip.

Web Tip Link:

<https://www.p3tips.com/1277>

Area News: Governor Abbott Announces Sweetwater Designated Music Friendly Texas Certified Community

AUSTIN - Governor Greg Abbott yesterday announced that the City of Sweetwater, having completed the multi-step certification process, has been designated a Music Friendly Texas Certified Community by the Texas Music Office (TMO). The Music Friendly Texas program, the first in the nation since introduced by TMO in 2016, seeks to foster music business-related economic development and job creation in Texas cities and communities.

The Music Friendly Texas Community Certification Ceremony will be held Saturday, October 7, at the Sweetwater Municipal Auditorium as part of the Applause Series "Western Heritage" Presents - Asleep at the Wheel and will include a live performance by AATW and speakers from the Sweetwater community and city leaders. TMO Community Relations & Outreach Specialist Chip Adams will present the designation. Tickets for the AATW concert are \$20 per person and can be purchased at the door or at the Chamber.

10/04/23

Voting

The Texas Constitution General Election is November 7th. This will include 14 proposed amendments that voters can either vote FOR or AGAINST. The deadline to register to vote is Tuesday, October 10th, 2023. Be advised you must register or update your information to vote

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Oct. 1 – Dec. 31, 2023

30 days before the election. Early voting begins Monday, October 23rd, and ends November 3rd.

Sample ballots are available at the Howard County Elections Office at the Howard County Courthouse, located at 300 S. Main in Big Spring.

Friends of the Library Book Sale

The Friends of the Library Book Sale will be this weekend, Oct. 6-7th. On Friday, they'll be open for their Fall Book Sale from 12 - 6 PM, and on Saturday from 9 AM to 2 PM.

They'll have kids books, nonfiction, hardbacks, recent bestsellers and more!! Sale proceeds will go to benefit the Howard County Library.

Volleyball

Big Spring Lady Steers lost to Levelland in 4 sets. They are now 3-1 in District. Next they'll take on Estacado in an away game this Saturday, October 7th, at noon.

Coahoma Bulldogettes defeated Merkel in 3 sets. They are now 3-1 in District. Next, they'll travel to Odessa on Saturday to play the 2022 District 3-3A champ, Odessa Compass. Game time is at 11 am.

Forsan Lady Buffs took a win over Sterling City in 4 sets. They are now 3-0 in district. On Friday, Oct. 6, they'll take on Reagan County in Big Lake at 5 PM.

Fatal One-Vehicle Crash in Martin County

MARTIN COUNTY, TX -- A fatal one-vehicle crash involving a semi-truck occurred on Monday morning.

According to Texas DPS, the crash occurred in Martin County, near State Highway 137 and FM 846. Troopers responded at 11 AM to the area.

The preliminary information revealed that a 2014 Kenworth truck, with a towed trailer, was traveling northbound on SH-137. The vehicle was traveling at an unsafe speed when the driver attempted to turn east onto FM-846. This caused the truck to roll over, and the driver, identified as 56-year-old Jose Santos Guerra, of Odessa, TX, was pronounced deceased at the scene.

Thank You for Your Investment - Pioneer Weed and Pest Control / Cactus Jax Cycle Worx

On Tuesday morning the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce held a "Thank You for Your Investment" presentation for Pioneer Weed Control and Cactus Jax Cycle Worx in Coahoma. When asked how he felt about the presentation, Gary Martin, owner of Cactus Jax Cycle Worx, had this to say (audio - We like to get recognized because we're on the outskirts of town, so people don't know we're out here. We have a lot of things to offer people.)

Martin went on to say that they have a little bit of everything and it's worth the drive to visit them because you can find something you may not be able to find in town.

Cactus Jax Cycle Worx is open Monday - Friday, 8 AM to 5 PM. They are located in the same location as Pioneer Weed Control at 500 SE Broadway in Coahoma. Currently, they have firewood available to prepare people before the first cold front of the season moves in. Plus, later this month Cactus Jax Cycle Worx will be a safe stop for trick or treaters.

Area News: Blakemore Planetarium at the Museum of the Southwest is proud to partner with Chevron to bring you Eclipse Day

Midland, TX — Saturday, October 14, 2023 will bring tens of thousands of visitors to the Permian Basin for the opportunity to see the last annular eclipse of this century. The Marion West and William Blanton Blakemore Planetarium, part of the campus at the Museum of the Southwest, is proud to have Chevron's support for this exciting astronomical event. This amazing phenomenon occurs when the Moon passes between the Earth and Sun, creating a brilliant "ring of fire" effect in the sky. It will begin at 10:18 a.m., peak at 11:45 a.m., and conclude by 1:21 p.m. Annularity, the time during which the Moon's entire disk is silhouetted against the sun, will be a little less than five minutes.

Thanks to generous support from Chevron, the day will offer a variety of activities including two lectures in the Helen Greathouse Discovery Dome by special guest, retired NASA Astronaut John Herrington, the first Native American to fly in space. *NuMinds Enrichment's* team will be on site providing dynamic STEAM programming throughout the day, as will Midland College, Texas Tech Physics and Astronomy Department, McDonald Observatory's education staff, and West Texas A&M. Seating for the Herrington talks are limited and registration is available online at www.MuseumSW.org for \$5 per person. The lecture will also be streamed on the Museum's YouTube channel.

The Museum of the Southwest's buildings will be open to the public starting at 9 a.m. on Saturday, October 14, 2023 and admission for the day is free to the public. Protective viewing glasses are currently available for purchase at the Blakemore Planetarium.

New additions to campus will also be unveiled during the weekend—the installation of new technology in the Greathouse Dome, the *Digistar7*, will bring viewers experiences like never-before-seen dome shows, live streaming with other planetariums around the world, and educational programming are just a few of the features. Also opening is the aerospace-themed exhibition located in the Brown Science Classroom where visitors can build a paper rocket and test its flight capabilities!

"We are excited to offer our campus and activities for the public to experience this once in a lifetime opportunity. Partnerships throughout the Permian Basin are what make these community events a reality and go to the very heart of our mission—to transform visitors' experiences through the arts, sciences, history, and culture. A special thank you to Chevron for their support," said Mary Katherine Marshall, Sr. Director of Development & Communications for the Museum of the Southwest.

About the Museum of the Southwest

Founded in 1966, the Museum of the Southwest has served the communities of the Permian Basin and beyond for over 55 years. Consisting of the Turner Memorial Art Museum and Historic Mansion, the Blakemore Planetarium, and the Durham Children's Museum, the Museum of the Southwest campus offers experiences in the arts and sciences for all ages.

Depression Awareness Month

October is Depression Awareness Month. Depression and other Mental Illnesses impact individuals with an Intellectual or Developmental Disability (IDD) 2 to 3 times more often than those in the general public. Sadly, only about 10% of these individuals get the appropriate treatment for their mental illness. In order to take the first steps in addressing this issue West Texas Centers is offering a FREE training workshop on Depression.

On Tuesday, October 24th, West Texas Centers will hold a discussion why those with Intellectual or Developmental Disabilities go undiagnosed and causes and symptoms of depression. Plus, they'll provide guidance on getting help if you are dealing with depression and tips for helping someone else that is fighting this battle. This event will be held on October 24th, from 10 am to 12 pm at the West Texas Centers Harris Building, located at 3205 S. Highway 87 in Big Spring.

For more information, you can contact Gary Tidwell, Crisis Intervention Specialist with West Texas Centers.

Email: gary.tidwell@wtcmhmr.org

Office: 432-264-3236

Cell: 432-213-0182

Tickets on Sale - Historic Ghost Tour in Big Spring

Tickets are still available for this year's Historic Ghost Tours in downtown Big Spring. The Big Spring Ghost Tour is an annual guided tour through downtown Big Spring that examines the local haunted history of the area. Here, Shonda Folsom, an organizer for the tour, explains more (audio - 1-:28- "I've been to other cities and enjoy doing walking tour of their downtown areas which often are wrapped into these kind of ghostly historical stories because it's kind of a fun way to walk in the same places that these people walked and kind of imagine the world as they saw it as you're looking at the buildings they've left behind are the way that the downtown area looks now.")

Folsom went on to say that this is a different type of Halloween event that is adult-friendly and teenager friendly. It's also a way to highlight downtown and the history of the area.

The tour begins at The Train Car Cigar Bar, located at 100 S. Main, and lasts approximately 90 minutes. Participants are encouraged to wear comfortable shoes and weather appropriate clothing.

Tours will be scheduled October 20, 21, and 28th. Showtimes are at 7 PM and 9 PM. Tickets can be purchased through the Train Car Cigar Bar for \$25 each. Money raised from the seasonal tours benefit the Heritage Museum in Big Spring.

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saw it as you're looking at the buildings they've left behind are the way that the downtown area looks now."

12th annual Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Toy Drive

The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce is hosting its 12th annual Toy Drive from November 1st through December 8th. Toys collected during the toy drive will be given to the Salvation Army, CASA, West Texas Centers, the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County, and the Howard County Children's Advocacy Center.

Unwrapped gifts for boys and girls will be accepted. Items can include toys, socks, toiletries, fuzzy blankets, art supplies, games, books, earpods, stuffed animals, and more. Be advised that monetary donations will also be accepted.

Donations for the Chamber's 12th annual toy drive can be dropped off at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce office located at 215 W. 3rd St. in Big Spring. For more information, call the Chamber office at 432-263-7641.

Diabetes Awareness Month

November is Diabetes Awareness Month. 1 in 10 adults worldwide have diabetes. Over 90 percent have type 2 diabetes, and close to half are not yet diagnosed.

The Big Spring Centennial Lions Club will have a Diabetes Awareness Lions Lunch and Learn event on November 2nd from 9:30 - 1 PM at Ryan Hall, located at 605 N. Main St., in Big Spring.

This will be a fun and educational fellowship for all that will offer information from health care members in the community who will discuss topics such as checking blood sugar, performing vision screenings, and more.

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Pollination Celebration at Big Spring State Park

The upcoming Pollination Celebration is Big Spring State Park's 100-year event and it is all about bees, butterflies, bats, and more! 🐝🦋

On October 21, 2023 the public is invited out to the Big Spring State Park to meet knowledgeable exhibitors, make crafts, participate in Pollinator Bioblitz, learn about Texas State Parks, and more.

The event will be Saturday, Oct. 21st, from 10am to 1pm and will meet at the CCC group pavilion and playground area. Admission is free.

Football and Volleyball

Big Spring lost to Brownwood. Final score was Big Spring 7, Brownwood 56. The Sonic Offensive Player of the Game was Kavien Ford. The Sonic Defensive Player of the Game was RJ Gomez. The Big Hit of the Game was Alfredo Harper.

The Steers have a Bye Week this week and will return for a game on Thursday, Oct. 19th, for an away game against Lake View. Kickoff is at 7 PM. Listen to a live broadcast of this game on KBest Country 95.7 with the KBest Sports Crew.

Coahoma lost to Littlefield, final score was Coahoma 21, Littlefield 55. The Sonic Offensive Player of the Game was Jacob Padron. The Sonic Defensive Player of the Game was Jesse Hernandez. The Big Hit of the Game was Billy Bailey.

The next game for the Bulldogs will be this Friday, Oct. 13th, at home against Idalou. This will be the Gold Out game. Catch a live broadcast of this game on The Mighty 1490 AM and FM 103.9.

The Forsan Buffs defeated Reagan County on Thursday night with a final score of 42-12!

The Sonic Offensive Player of the Game was Huston Stockton. The Sonic Defensive Player of the Game was Grant Roman. The Big Hit of the Game was Brycen Cervantes.

The next game for the Buffs will be at home this Friday against Anthony. You can find a live broadcast for Forsan Buffs Football on 94.3 The Fuse.

Forsan won in 3 sets over Reagan County.

Big Spring Lady Steers Volleyball team win their match against in 4 sets.

Coahoma lost in 5 sets to Compass Academy.

October 17 - Depression Screenings

FREE, CONFIDENTIAL DEPRESSION SCREENINGS OCTOBER 17 IN BIG SPRING

BIG SPRING - Free, confidential depression screenings will be held Tuesday, October 17 at Scenic Mountain Medical Center, 1601 W. 11th Place.

Screenings will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the hospital's second floor in Room 215.

If area residents are unable to attend the screenings in person, they may call a special phone number on the day of the screening.

West Texas Centers has partnered with Big Spring State Hospital since 2000 and added Scenic Mountain Medical Center, a Steward Family Hospital as a partner within the last few years.

Upon arrival, fill out a short questionnaire which is reviewed by a mental health expert, West Texas Centers Public Information Officer Amy Vidal said. Following the review, the attendee will privately meet one-on-one with the mental health professional.

Many people suspect they may be living with depression but are unsure if it is true depression or a depressive episode, which can last two weeks. People experiencing

a depressive episode may feel sad or irritable and may lose pleasure or interest in activities.

Most people with depression experience recurrent episodes throughout their lives.

People suffering from depression often experience some of these key symptoms, according to Mental Health America:

- A persistent sad, anxious, or "empty" mood
- Sleeping too little, early morning awakening, or sleeping too much
- Reduced appetite and weight loss, or increased appetite and weight gain
- Loss of interest or pleasure in activities once enjoyed
- Restlessness or irritability
- Difficulty concentrating, remembering, or making decisions
- Fatigue or loss of energy
- Thoughts of death or suicide

West Texas Centers operates a 24-hour mental health crisis hotline, 1-800-375-4357. The line is available for those who are in a crisis or need mental health services, Smith said.

West Texas Centers also offers Mental Health First Aid classes throughout the year. Please contact Ida Hambrick at Ida.Hambrick@wtcmhmr.org if you have any questions about the class, or logon to www.wtcmhmr.org to see a list of training dates.

For more information on the depression screenings or Mental Health First Aid, call Amy Vidal at (432) 264-3256 or amy.vidal@wtcmhmr.org.

Area News:

A Snyder ISD bus incident left multiple children injured over the summer.

A Snyder mother had triplet nine-year-old daughters who were injured on a bus ride home from summer school. The incident happened on June 27, 2023. Several cameras on the bus capture at the moment that a Snyder ISD bus driver ran over a rough patch in the road while holding papers against the steering wheel. The bus camera recorded the bus traveling 34 mph.

Tonya Adams says her three daughters all suffered injuries from the incident. One fractured her left leg, one had abdominal bruising, and another had a mild concussion from being thrown into the air and coming down.

Snyder ISD gave the following statement in part "Snyder ISD bus 4 hit a dip in the road while transporting students home from summer school. Some students were injured and those parents were contacted directly."

Adams said her daughters now have severe anxiety from the incident on the bus.

According to the mother, Snyder ISD hasn't checked on her daughter since the incident and the bus driver is still employed by the school district.

Attorney Derek Potts says they're asking for Snyder ISD to take accountability.

SISD went on to say "the incident was reported to the Scurry county sheriff's office, and we cooperated with them during their investigation. Ensuring the safety of both our students

and staff to, from, and while at school remains our top priority. We have no additional information to release about the incident at this time.”

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Pink Needs

The United Way of Big Spring and Howard County begins their “Pink Needs” donation drive for feminine hygiene products.

Christian Fair, Executive Director for the local United Way, told KBest News the idea was sparked after speaking with local high school girls about the needs of the community. Here, she explains more (audio -

One thing that they brought up that I just almost fell out of my chair about was feminine products you know they’re expensive they’re not always easy to get to for everybody this group of girls, their high school girls they were telling me that their student council tries to keep like a little pink pantry for the girls restrooms at their school but the demand is so high they can’t kinda keep up so I thought well I mean we can help you know we can’t supply it all the time but we can help so we are doing a little pink products drive drive.)

Feminine hygiene products include pads, tampons, adult diapers, and flushable wipes to assist girls and women in need. The drive will continue until next Friday, October 20th.

Fair advised that she hopes to be able to have a pink needs drive quarterly to assist with the need locally.

Donation drop offs are located at the United Way Office at 215 W. 3rd St, and other locations throughout Big Spring and in Coahoma. For a full list of drop off locations, check out the post on our KBest Media Facebook page.

Volleyball Games

Forsan Lady Buffs will have a home game against Colorado City at 6 PM. The Big Spring Lady Steers will host Snyder at home. This will be a Pink Out game at Steer Gym that begins at 6 pm. Coahoma Bulldogettes will travel to Denver City on Tuesday to begin the second round of District 3-3A play. Game time is at 6 p.m.

CHS SB Championship rings

Yesterday morning, the Coahoma Bulldogettes Softball team, 2023 3A State Champions, were presented with their Championship rings in front of their peers, family, and community.

When asked what he hoped the students took away from the presentation, Head Softball Coach Alex Orosco stated, “There’s no shortcuts, you know. You have to pay attention to details. You have to be a good teammate. You have to play with relentless effort. You know you’re just gonna have to do those things. You have to, there’s no shortcuts. You can’t just dream about being a state champion and then it just happened, you know. You have to work.

Howard County Commissioners meet on Tuesday, 10/10/23

BIG SPRING, TX -- Howard County Commissioners will meet for a regular meeting today at 3:30 PM in the 3rd Floor Courtroom of the Howard County Courthouse. A workshop will occur prior to the meeting at 2:30 PM on the 2nd floor in the Judges Conference Room. Items on the agenda, in addition to regularly scheduled items, include a discussion and possible action on an update on development with Mark Willis executive Director for the Big Spring EC concerning a 381 agreement where they consider approval of amendment to the minimum investment requirement. Other items on today's agenda include a 2024 Howard County resolution, indigent defense grant program, discussion and possible action concerning damage to the volunteer fire department building, as well as discussion impossible action concerning election worker pay.

Note that the workshop will begin prior to the meeting at 2:30 PM in the second floor Judge's Conference room to find a full agenda for the meeting on our Kbest Media Facebook page.

Big Spring City Council meeting

Big Spring City Council will meet for a regular meeting today at 5:30 PM in the Council Chambers, located at 307 E. 4th St.

Items on the agenda for tonight include a City Manager's Report on Large Item Pickup for District 4 on October 18th and an update on the county meeting. During New Business, council members will consider and possibly take action to accept a donation from Invenergy Wind Energy LLC to the Big Spring Fire Department, and will consider the authorization of an event funding request from the Convention and Visitors Bureau for Oktoberfest. They will also consider and take possible action to confirm the City Manager's appointment of Fire Chief.

Last day to register to vote

The Texas Constitution General Election is November 7th. The deadline to register to vote is Tuesday, October 10th, 2023. Be advised you must register or update your information to vote 30 days before the election. Early voting begins Monday, October 23rd, and ends November 3rd.

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Volleyball Games

Forsan Lady Buffs won in 3 sets over Colorado City. They are now 5-0. Their next game will be on Saturday, Oct. 14, at noon. They'll host Roscoe at home.

The Big Spring Lady Steers won in 4 sets over Snyder. They are now 5-1 in district. On Saturday, Oct. 14, they'll travel to San Angelo to take on Lakeview at 12 PM.

Coahoma Bulldogettes lost to Denver City in 3 sets. They are now 3-3 in district. Next, they'll host Brownfield at home at noon on Saturday, Oct. 14th.

Blood Drive

The City of Big Spring will host a Blood Drive on Friday, Oct. 27th, from 10 am to 2 pm at the Council Chambers, 307 E. 4th St. Donors will receive a t-shirt and a Sonic coupon.

Secure an appointment to donate by contacting Stacie King at 432-264-2347, or by calling 877-258-4825.

Movie in the Park

The Howard County Children's Advocacy Center will host a Movie in the Park this Friday, October 13th, in Big Spring. The event will be held at the Comanche Trail Amphitheater from 6-9 PM. Families are welcome to dress up for the event and food trucks will be on site, as well. This is a free event, but donations will be collected to benefit the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County.

HCCC highlights, 10/10/23

The Howard County Commissioners Court met for a regular session yesterday afternoon. During a private workshop prior to the meeting, commissioners approved an amendment to the Samsung 381 Agreement. Commissioners are working on an economic agreement with Samsung that is not yet finalized. This agreement regards storing unneeded energy generated by wind turbines.

Commissioners voted to approve advertising for requests for qualifications to renovate the Howard County Library. It was noted that the court needs to identify a system for scoring qualified architects.

The county will be reimbursing the VFD for \$8,000 in damages to the VFD building. Commissioners approved this reimbursement 2-1.

Elections Administrator Jodi Duck was present to discuss the pay rate of election workers. She recommended \$15 per hour for election judges and \$14 per hour for clerks. Commissioners approved wages as presented.

Solar Eclipse

Saturday, October 14, 2023 people in Big Spring and Howard County will be able to witness a solar eclipse. This amazing phenomenon will occur when the Moon passes between the Earth and Sun, creating a brilliant "ring of fire" effect in the sky. It will begin at 10:18 a.m., peak at 11:45 a.m., and conclude by 1:21 p.m. Annularity, the time during which the Moon's entire disk is silhouetted against the sun, will be a little less than five minutes.

Tomorrow, the Howard County Library in Big Spring will host Science Spectrum SPACE at 5 PM. This is a free program and is open to the public. At the end of the program, solar eclipse glasses will be handed out while supplies last.

Big Spring City Council highlights

During last night's meeting of the Big Spring City Council, it was noted that Large Item Pickup for District 4 will be on October 18th. Residents must schedule a pickup for that day by contacting the Public Works Office in advance.

A \$1,500 donation from Invenergy Wind Energy LLC to the Big Spring Fire Department was accepted by council members. Plus, they authorized an event funding request from the Convention and Visitors Bureau for Oktoberfest in an amount of approximately \$12,800. The event is hosted by Hotel Settles and is estimated to result in the booking of 107 hotel rooms.

Council members also confirmed the City Manager's appointment of Jay Holt as the new Fire Chief. He will be sworn in this morning at 10 AM at the Council Chambers, located at 307 E 4th St.

10/12/23

Bingo Night Fundraiser for Steer Football

This Saturday, the public is invited to participate in the 1st Annual Bingo Night Fundraiser for Steer Football. On October 14th, the Big Spring High School Booster Club will hold a Bingo Night at Steer Gym at 6 PM. The Bingo caller will guide participants through multiple rounds of the classic game and there will be many opportunities to win big! No cash prizes will be given, but there will be a variety of prizes available to win.

Entry is \$20 per person and includes four cards. Additional cards will be available for purchase for cash. Plus daubers will be available for purchase, as well. Attendees wearing Steer gear can earn a free game card, and the concession stand will be open. Note only children 12 and over are allowed to accompany an adult.

For more information, visit our KBest Media Facebook page.

BSFD Chief Holt sworn in

Jay Holt was sworn in yesterday morning as the new Chief of the Big Spring Fire Department. According to City Manager Todd Darden, Chief Holt had started his career as a firefighter with the Big Spring Fire Department and worked his way up. He became the Interim Chief for the Department since the retirement of the previous chief Craig Ferguson. Holt was confirmed by Big Spring City Council members for his appointment to the role on Tuesday night.

When asked what this role means to him, Chief Holt had this to say (audio -

"I'm humbled by it and it's an honor to serve as the next fire chief for Big Spring Fire department to serve the guys at Big Spring Fire Dept.")

XC District

Good luck today to the Steer Cross Country teams! They'll compete in the District meet today at Mae Simmons Park in Lubbock. 4A Varsity Girls will run a 2-mile course beginning at 2 PM. The 4A Varsity Boys will begin their 5k at 2:30 PM.

Walk to End Alzheimer's

On Saturday, Oct. 14th, Big Spring residents will join the fight to end Alzheimer's disease at the 2023 Big Spring Community Walk to End Alzheimer's—an event to raise awareness and funds for Alzheimer's care, support and research. This will be held at the Comanche Trail Park. The ceremony and walk will begin at 10 AM. For information on registration, visit our KBest Media Facebook page.

thank You for your Investment - Holy Trinity Catholic Church

On Tuesday morning, the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce held a "Thank You for Your Investment" presentation for Holy Trinity Catholic Church, located at 1009 Hearn St. in Big Spring.

Diana Valdez, Secretary for the church, told KBest News that she appreciated the presentation because they need more publicity to encourage members to return to church since COVID.

Trinity Catholic Church recently held a Fall Festival and will have a break in activities before they dive into Advent / Christmas activities. The church holds mass on Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday at 6:30 PM. On Wednesday, it's 7 PM in Spanish. On Saturdays it's at 5 PM.

Then there is a bilingual mass on Sunday at 8:30 AM and 11 AM.

Tues., Thurs., Fri. - 6:30 PM

Wednesday - 7 PM (Spanish)

Saturday - 5 PM

Sunday - 8:30 AM and 11 AM (bilingual)

Big Spring ISD Meeting

Big Spring ISD Board of Trustees will meet for a regular meeting today at 5:15 PM at the High School Board Room, located at 707 E. 11th Place in Big Spring.

There will be special recognition during the meeting for Principals and Assistant Principals. Action Items will include considering approval of various donations, and a resolution to rank and select a construction manager-agent relating to the district's 2024 potential bond projects, and the nomination of a Howard County Appraisal District Director. Board members will also consider budget amendments for a light pole and for architect fees.

An agenda for tonight's meeting can be found on our KBest Media Facebook page.

10/13/23

Volleyball

Forsan Lady Buffs will host Roscoe at home at 12 PM.

The Big Spring Lady Steers will travel to San Angelo to take on Lakeview at 12 PM.

Coahoma Bulldogettes will host Brownfield at home at 11 AM on Saturday, Oct. 14th.

Friday Night Football

Coahoma Bulldogs will host a home game against Idalou tonight. Plus, it will be a Gold Out game. Kickoff is at 7 PM. Listen to a live broadcast of this game with the KBest Crew on The Mighty 1490 AM and FM 103.9.

The Forsan Buffs will host a home game against Anthony tonight. Kickoff is at 7 PM. Listen to a live broadcast of this game with the KBest Sports Crew on 94.3 The Fuse AND KBest Country 95.7.

Weekend Events:

Movie in the Park

The Howard County Children's Advocacy Center will host a Movie in the Park this Friday, October 13th, in Big Spring. The event will be held at the Comanche Trail Amphitheater from 6-9 PM. Families are welcome to dress up for the event and food trucks will be on site, as well. This is a free event, but donations will be collected to benefit the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County.

Walk to End Alzheimer's at Comanche Trail Park

Scooter Scott X-Mas for Kids Fall Fun Run w/ Eagles

The Scooter Scott X-Mas for Kids Fall Fun Run will be hosted by the Eagles tomorrow. Registration will be from 10 -10:30 AM and the Fun Run begins at 11AM. Cost is \$30 per person and a meal is included. Extra cards are available for an additional \$20 each. In addition to trophies for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd, there will also be awards for Prettiest Bike and Best Looking Car. Money raised will be used for the Scooter Scott X-Mas for Kids, a program that provides Christmas gifts for families in need.

Meet You at the Arena w/ Circuit Riders Cowboy Church

Wagon wheel continues on

The Wagonwheel Drive In had been serving the Big Spring community for 80 years before it closed its doors earlier this year. In addition to being a staple in Big Spring, Wagon Wheel has been featured on the tv show The Texas Bucket List.

Now it's under new ownership with Andrew Urias and his wife Ronna, current owners of Sunny Side Up and Starlee's Kitchen.

Andrew actually worked at Wagon Wheel when he was a teenager and is looking forward to living up to the reputation of the establishment.

Here, he explains more (audio 1:20-1:40).

Andrew told KBest News that they're bringing back home cooked burgers with good flavors. The only change will be the name as it will now be called The Wagon Wheel.

Today will be the soft opening for The Wagon Wheel from 11am to 8 pm. The plan is to start with burgers and fries and grow from there. Here, Andrew tells us more (audio 2:13-2:35).

The Wagon Wheel is located at 2010 Scurry in Big Spring.

DPS Reminds Texans About Dangers of Fentanyl During Fentanyl Poisoning Awareness Month

AUSTIN – This October marks the first ever [Fentanyl Poisoning Awareness Month](#) in Texas as established by Governor Greg Abbott earlier this year. In order to help the state continue its fight against this dangerous and deadly drug, the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) is increasing its public awareness campaign and reminding Texans to take action now in order to help save lives.

Fentanyl makes its way into our communities as a consequence of an unsecure southern border. In March 2021, at the direction of Governor Abbott, DPS launched Operation Lone Star (OLS) to secure the border and stop the smuggling of drugs and people into Texas; and prevent, detect and interdict transnational criminal activity between ports of entry. Since OLS began, DPS has seized over 431 million lethal doses of fentanyl across the state.

To help increase awareness, during the month of October DPS will launch a series of social media videos geared at educating Texans about the dangers of fentanyl and directing them to available resources through the [One Pill Kills](#) campaign. Governor Abbott launched One Pill Kills in 2022, as a way to educate Texans on how to prevent, recognize and reverse fentanyl poisonings.

The department's Safety Education team is also offering specialized programing to schools, churches, community groups and other organizations that would like to learn more about the statewide One Pill Kills campaign and the dangers of fentanyl. This presentation can be tailored for a variety of audiences and age groups and is available free of charge. To learn more, contact a Safety Education team member in your area using the drop-down menu, [here](#).

DPS continues with other awareness efforts which began as part of the multi-pronged One Pill Kills campaign, including public service announcements which air in the waiting areas of more than 180 driver license offices across the state, educational signage in more than 350 public facing DPS buildings statewide and a dedicated webpage housing resources and information about the campaign. Visit www.dps.texas.gov/onepillkills to learn more.

Pray for World Peace

Holy Trinity Catholic Church is partnering with the Veterans Outpost to encourage people to pray for World Peace. At noon on Saturday, 10/14/23, groups will gather to pray at noon in the following locations:

Heart of the City Park
ABC Park
Veterans Outpost
Bert Andres Park
Meyers & Smith Funeral Home

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Volleyball

Forsan Lady Buffs defeated Roscoe on Saturday in 3 sets. They'll have a bye tomorrow and will have their next game on Saturday in Sterling City.

The Big Spring Lady Steers defeated Lakeview this weekend. Next, they'll host a home game at Steer Gym against Sweetwater.

Coahoma Bulldogettes Def. Brownfield: 25-13, 25-22, 25-22. Next: Coahoma (4-3, 15-8) at Lamesa on Tuesday. Game time is at 6 p.m.

Friday Night Football

Coahoma lost to Idalou with a final score of 10-54. Sonic Offensive Player of the Game was Blayk Badney, Sonic Defensive Player of the Game was Bryce Davis, and the Big Hit of the Game went to Reagan Chapman.

Forsan won their game over Anthony with a final score of 60-14. The Sonic Offensive Player of the Game was Hayden Bowlin. Sonic Defensive Player of the Game was Jaystin Phelps, and Big Hit of the Game went to Grant Roman.

XC District Results

Last week, the Big Spring High School Cross Country competed in the district meet. The boys came in 2nd and was led by Diego Rios who came in 1st and the girls came in 3rd. Next, they'll advance to the Regional meet on October 24th at Mae Simmons Park.

BSISD accepts donation

During Thursday night's meeting of the Big Spring ISD Board of Trustees, board members approved a donation of a plasma cutter from local welder and metal artist Rae Ripple. She was featured in the 2021 Netflix series Metal Shop Masters and has since been able to obtain various sponsors who will soon be giving her a new plasma cutter. The current one she uses now is only three years old and she chose to donate it to Big Spring ISD.

The plasma cutter is valued at \$50,000 and will be delivered to the high school as early as December 2023. According to Ripple, she'll take care of the delivery and will offer her time to ensure that staff and students know how to use it.

LARGE/BULK ITEM PICKUP FOR DISTRICT 4 IS SCHEDULED FOR Oct 18, 2023.

Large /Bulk Item pickup for District 4 in Big Spring is scheduled for Wednesday, Oct 18th. This is an opportunity to get rid of old furniture or any other bulk items without the hassle and expense of hauling it off. It's easy and it's free! Just contact the Public Works Department to get on the pick-up schedule. The City of Big Spring's LARGE/BULK ITEM PICKUP will take place on the third Wednesday of every month.

The deadline to get on the list is today at 5 PM. Email nhernandez@mybigspring.com. For questions concerning Large/Bulk Item Pickup, please call the Public Works Office at 432-264-2501.

Area News: Fatal Crash in Ector County

On Thursday afternoon, a fatal one-vehicle crash occurred in Ector County.

According to the Texas Department of Safety, on October 12th, at 3:15 PM, Troopers responded to a one-vehicle crash along Interstate Highway 20, near mile marker 101 involving a 2009 Chevrolet Silverado.

The preliminary information revealed that the truck, driven by Gerardo Beltran, 48, of Midland, was traveling westbound on IH-20 at the 101-mile marker. Beltran failed to maintain a single lane and veered off the roadway, striking the center median guardrail. The vehicle broke through the guardrail and continued westbound in the center median. The truck then vaulted from a ledge down into the drainage area between the east and westbound lanes, where it caught fire and became engulfed in flames. Beltran could not exit the vehicle and died from injuries.

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Volleyball

Forsan Lady Buffs have a bye today. Their next game will be on Saturday in Sterling City. The Big Spring Lady Steers will host a home game at Steer Gym against Sweetwater at 6 PM.

Coahoma Bulldogettes will travel to Lamesa today. Game time is at 6 p.m.

Forsan Fundraiser

Forsan High School's Journalism and Yearbook class is holding a fundraiser to honor those who have served and raise money for the D.A.V. (Disabled American Veterans), Chapter 47 of Big Spring. Memorials and donations will be collected October 17-31.

The fundraiser is open to students, teachers, families, community members, and anybody else who wishes to participate. Participants can submit the name, rank, and branch of a specific veteran if they wish, or an expression of gratitude. Names and messages will be printed on flags and then displayed in the hallways, and in front of both Forsan schools.

Amanda Duforat, Forsan Journalism/Yearbook Advisor says that they are hoping to be able to raise much needed support for local veterans, as well as to remind people to stop and say thank you to those who have sacrificed so much for our country.

The D.A.V. is an organization that relies on community support to provide a hand up for local veterans throughout the year. They provide support services such as assistance with everyday necessities, emergent situations, and other situations where assistance is needed. They also provide meals during the holidays and gifts throughout the year to help ensure that no local veterans are forgotten.

All it takes is \$1 to say thank you to an active military member or veteran, but all donations are accepted. For more information on how to participate, check out the post on our KBest Media Facebook page.

Those wishing to donate and honor a veteran can do so by contacting Amanda Duforat, Journalism/Yearbook Advisor, at 432-213-1825, or by emailing aduforat@forsan.esc18.net. Donations can be mailed to the school at 411 W. 6th Street, Forsan, Texas 79733, sent with a student, or can be picked up.

Walk to End Alzheimer's

This past weekend, Interim Healthcare worked with the West Texas Chapter Alzheimer's Association to bring the Walk to End Alzheimer's to Big Spring. About 50 participants braved the brisk low-50 temperatures and wind on Saturday morning to walk in the name of Alzheimer's awareness. Most participants were there to walk in recognition of someone they had lost to the disease. The walk took place at Comanche Trail Park. Upon arriving, participants grabbed a pinwheel in the shape of a flower and wrote the name of those they were walking for on their flower petals.

Over 400,000 Texans and six million Americans live with Alzheimer's, and there are over one million unpaid caregivers in the state of Texas alone.

Julie Gray, Director of Development at the West Texas Chapter Alzheimer's Association, told KBest News that the first ever traditionally approved drug for Alzheimer's was approved last July. On Friday, October 13th, the drug was approved through the Centers of Medicaid Services so that Medicare and Medicaid will pay for these services. Although it's not a cure yet, Gray says they're getting closer.

If you are someone in need of resources or support related to Alzheimer's, visit alz.org or call the Alzheimer's Association helpline. The helpline is open 24/7 and offers support in over 200 languages.

Movie in the Park

Community members gathered at the Comanche Trail Amphitheater on Friday the 13th for an evening of games and a free movie in the park - costumes welcome. There were hot dogs on the grill and free bags of popcorn while children participated in games like a cupcake walk and decorating Oreos to look like spiders. When the sun went down, viewers watched Disney Pixar's Coco, a Halloween appropriate movie about a boy who wants to seek out his ancestors during Dia de los Muertos and winds up in the afterlife of the Land of the Dead. This was a free event with donations benefiting the United Way of Big Spring.

Beneath the Sands of Monahans

The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce invites the public to join them for a reading and book signing of the book by Charles Alcorn titled BENEATH THE SANDS OF MONAHANS.

Alcorn is a former Sports Editor for the Big Spring Herald. The reading and book signing will be this Thursday, October 19th, from 6-8 PM at the Hotel Settles Mezzanine.

WHAT A JOKE Comedy Show

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WHAT A JOKE Comedy Show will return to downtown Big Spring this week, again at J Jayz Bar & Grill, with headliner Charles Allen, a seasoned stand-up comedian with TV credits to his name. Recently, Allen has been touring with comedian/actor Omar Gooding. In addition to Allen, it will also feature West Texas comedians Flaco of Midland and Chris Crawford from San Angelo. It will be hosted by Adrienne Green and Matty Cupcakes of Big Spring.

The show is Thursday, Oct. 19th, at 8 PM. Tickets are \$15 in advance or \$20 at the door. Tables seat 4 and are limited. For more information on how to reserve your tickets or table, visit the WHAT A JOKE Comedy Show event page on Facebook, or call 432-517-8968.

10/18/23

Volleyball Results

Forsan Lady Buffs have a bye today. Their next game will be on Saturday in Sterling City. The Big Spring Lady Steers will host a home game at Steer Gym against Sweetwater at 6 PM.

Coahoma Bulldogettes defeated Lamesa in 3 sets last night. They are now 5-3 in district, next they'll host Merkel on Saturday. Game time is at noon.

Alive After 5 - Enhabit Home Health & Hospice

BIG SPRING, TX – This month's regularly scheduled networking event Alive After 5 is scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 19th, from 5-6:30 pm. It will be hosted by Enhabit Home Health & Hospice, located at 111 E. 7th St. in Big Spring. Co-host for the event is H-E-B.

Alive After 5 is a networking event organized by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. This is an opportunity for community members to meet chamber members, learn more information about the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, and network for the betterment of Howard County. Attendees are encouraged to bring their business cards for a chance to win door prizes.

For information on how to host the next Alive After 5 event, contact the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce.

Angel Tree Applications accepted now

This week, the Salvation Army of Big Spring started accepting applications for their Angel Tree Program. The program provides Christmas gifts for children age 13 and below, including pregnancy, and for seniors age 60 and above, and anyone who has proof of a disability.

In order to apply for the Angel Tree Program for children, you must provide an ID and birth certificates for the children. For seniors or special angels, proof of disability is required. No children and no pets are allowed at registration and all required documents are needed at the time of registration.

Registration will continue from 9AM -3PM tomorrow, Oct. 19, and Monday, Oct. 23rd at 811 W. 5th St. Extended hours will be available on Thursday, Oct. 26th from 9am to 7 pm. Note that the Salvation Army office will be closed for lunch from 12-1 PM. If anyone is unable to make it to the office for registration, they can call the office at 432-263-8239.

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#432-267-8239 from 9am-3pm Mon-Fri. The same number for those looking to schedule an interview for a job bell ringing.

Crime Stoppers request assistance in Travel Trailer Theft

BIG SPRING, TX -- Crime Stoppers is asking for the public's help with identifying and locating an unknown subject(s) involved in a theft of a travel trailer.

On October 1, 2023, at approximately 4:45 PM, deputies with the Howard County Sheriff's Office were dispatched to a residence located on FM 1584 in reference to theft. Upon arrival, deputies learned that earlier that day between the hours of 9:30 AM and 4:30 PM, unknown actor(s) appropriated a 2020 Cyclone travel trailer valued at approximately \$85,000. Crime Stoppers is offering a cash reward to the first person that provides information that leads to the arrest of the unidentified subjects involved in this case. Remember no caller ID is ever used and all tips are anonymous.

You can submit your tip by calling the TIPS line at 432-263-8477 (TIPS). You will remain anonymous and no caller ID is ever used. You can also submit your tip anonymously online by visiting P3tips.com.

Remember you can earn a CASH reward if you're the first caller with information that leads to the arrest of the person(s) involved. Please keep the ID Tip number that you receive when you submit your tip.

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Salvation Army Food Pantry Low

The local Salvation Army in Big Spring often does what it can to support the needs of the community with its local food pantry. They are able to stock it with items from the West Texas Food Bank and canned food and non-perishable items that are donated from the community.

Due to an increase in the number of families served by their food pantry program, it's been difficult to keep their shelves stocked. Last August the Salvation Army in Big Spring served 65 families. This August they served 132 families. Tina Flores, Secretary and Bookkeeper for the organization, attributes the increase to inflation and the recent loss of a local food bank.

Here she explains how this has impacted the organization's ability to help, (audio - It's been a little difficult. We normally try to give about \$70 value of food to them to help them through the month for the pantry because we allow them to come and visit us once a month. We now are doing maybe \$35, \$40 worth of value because we don't have it on our shelves we don't have the canned goods that we normally do instead of being able to give them two corns and three green beans we're having to do one and one so it's really made a huge difference on what we're able to offer.)

The only relief the organization has is the perishable items that they are able to obtain through Feeding America by working with Walmart.

(Audio - "We've been able to pick that up but the items are perishable so we can only maintain them for 3 to 5 days because of space and refrigerated space mainly and we don't have the ability to keep them longer than that without spoiling them.")

Flores told KBest News that they can usually count on the community to help them restock shelves during the holiday season with canned food drives that are held in the schools and around the community. The downside to that is they can't collect those donations until December and help is needed now.

The community is urged to donate non-perishable items or monetary donations to help them get through the holiday season when they can collect the donation barrels.

Canned goods can be taken to the Salvation Army in Big Spring, located at 811 W. 5th St. They are open Tuesday, Tuesday Wednesday and Friday from 9 to 3, and are closed during the lunch hour. Monetary donations can also be dropped off or sent to PO Box 1248, Big Spring, TX 79721.

For information on coordinating a food drive, contact the Salvation Army office in Big Spring at 432-267-8239.

Major Dean Moretz, Commanding Officer of the Salvation Army of Big Spring, told KBest News that they are in the business of helping people, but it depends on the community how much help they can give to people in need.

"I want to thank everybody that has helped us in the past and look forward to their help now and throughout Christmas efforts," said Major Moretez.

Recognition for Hawk Legends - Saturday, 10/21/23

Howard College will have a Recognition Ceremony for Hawk Legends this Saturday, 10/21/23, at 3 PM to recognize those who have made an impact on their Hawk Baseball program. This is a FREE event and will include a home run derby, a Hall of Fame induction, and a jersey retirement.

Howard Harvest

Howard College will host Howard Harvest, their annual fall festival, this Saturday, Oct. 21st, from 5-8 pm at the Memorial Stadium parking lot. This is a free event open to the public. It will include music, face painting, a petting zoo, hay ride, mini golf, inflatables, axe throwing, prizes, and more.

Caboose Watercolor Society displays “Winter Wonderland” at Heritage Museum

The Caboose Watercolor Society's Show “Winter Wonderland” is currently on display in the temporary exhibit at the Heritage Museum in Big Spring. According to Michelle Worthan, Archivist for the museum, the show has a majority of watercolor paintings, but there are a few acrylics that have been done by our local artists, such as Lita Woods, Kay Smith, and Linda Rupard. These works are on display until November 4th and are for sale at the Heritage Museum, located at 510 Scurry St. in Big Spring.

Big Spring Art Association Member Art Show on display at Howard College

Currently, the Big Spring Art Association is having their annual membership show at Howard College at the Hall Center for the Arts. These pieces are created by members of the local art association. It'll be on display until October 26, 2023. The public is invited to check out the pieces and vote for People's Choice. The Big Spring Art Association meets on the third Saturday of the month, usually in the basement of the Howard County Library from 10 am to noon.

Here, Michelle Worthan, President of the BSAA, explains more (audio - we meet every month from September to May. It's \$20 a year to join and we do two major art shows a year. In May, we have the area wide show at the Heritage Museum and then in October we have the membership show at Howard COLLEGE. we would love for anybody that wants to come visit and see what we're all about just come join us. We would love to have you.)

Since the library normally holds book sales in October, the organization has a “Paint Out” during this month. On Saturday, Oct. 21st, the “Paint Out” will be at Wild Space Tattoo, 710 E. 4th, in Big Spring.

Football

Big Spring Steers will travel to San Angelo today to take on Lakeview. Kickoff is at 7 PM. You can listen to a live broadcast of this game with the KBest Sports Crew on KBest Country 95.7.

You can purchase tickets for district away games at the ATC Wed-Fri. Adults are \$5 Students are \$3. An online link is available to purchase online. Be aware that they do have a clear bag policy in effect for San Angelo Stadium. For more information, you can find the post on our KBest Media Facebook page.

Coahoma and Forsan play on Friday night, and both will have away games. Coahoma will travel to Stanton and Forsan will travel to Christoval. Kickoff for both games is at 7 PM.

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Football

Big Spring Steers defeated Lakeview last night with a final score of 63-43.

Sonic Offensive Player of the Game was Kavien Ford.

Sonic Defensive Player of the Game was Zadrian Washington.

Big Hit of the Game went to AJ Yanez.

Coahoma and Forsan play tonight and both will have away games. Coahoma will travel to Stanton and Forsan will travel to Christoval. Kickoff for both games is at 7 PM. You can catch Coahoma Football on KBest Country 95.7, The Mighty 1490 AM and FM 103.9. You can find Forsan Football on 94.3 The Fuse, all brought to you by the KBest Sports Crew.

NOTE that The Mighty 1490 AM will air the Texas Rangers v. Houston Astros in Game 5 for the ALCS today, beginning at 4:07 PM. The Coahoma Football game will follow immediately after. You can catch tonight's Coahoma Football game in its entirety uninterrupted on KBest Country 95.7.

Pollination Celebration at Big Spring State Park

Tomorrow, the public is invited out to the Big Spring State Park for the Pollination Celebration. This marks the park's 100-year event and it's all about bees, butterflies, bats, and more. Visitors will get to meet knowledgeable exhibitors, make crafts, participate in Pollinator Bioblitz, learn about Texas State Parks, and more.

The event will be tomorrow from 10am to 1pm and will meet at the CCC group pavilion and playground area. Admission is free.

WESTERN BANK MORTGAGE NAMES NEW PRESIDENT

LUBBOCK - Western Bank is pleased to announce Allyn Piland as President of the new Western Bank Mortgage division.

Piland brings eighteen years of market experience to Western Bank Mortgage. She has a proven track record of acquiring top tier talent and successfully leading her team to be the best in the community.

Piland is a Lubbock native and graduate of Texas Tech University. As a leader in the mortgage industry, she has served markets across Texas and New Mexico.

"This marks an exciting new chapter for our customers and our 115-year-old company. Allyn brings an extraordinary reputation of leadership, success, and unmatched dedication to customer service to our organization," said Western Bank CEO Dan Odom.

Western Bank is a local community bank, headquartered in Lubbock, with branches throughout the Panhandle, South Plains, Permian Basin and Big Country.

"Western Bank has an outstanding reputation, and I am thrilled to join a growing local bank. I look forward to continuing the success in the mortgage division," said Piland.

Oktoberfest at Hotel Settles

Oktoberfest at Hotel Settles will be next Friday, October 27 from 5:30pm-10pm.

Knock Out Dance Academy kicks off the fun with a performance at 5:30pm. Attendees can explore the local vendor market while enjoying delicious food truck eats. Oktoberfest will have something for the entire family with plenty of games and prizes!

Live music will be played from 6pm-10pm.

Dark Maze of Nightmares in Big Spring to raise money for Cancer Crushers Relay for Life Team

BIG SPRING, TX – Tonight is the grand opening for the Dark Maze of Nightmares, a haunted house coordinated by the Scenic Mountain Medical Centers Cancer Crushers as a fundraiser for Relay for Life.

Beginning tonight, visitors can walk through the haunted house. It's important to remember that although the walk-through can be frightening, none of the actors will touch visitors and visitors are not allowed to touch the actors.

The Dark Maze of Nightmares is located at 1901 Simler Rd., and open 7:30 - 11 pm tonight and tomorrow, next Friday and Saturday, Oct. 27-28, and on Halloween, Oct. 31st, 7:30-10 pm. Admission is \$15 per person Money raised will benefit the American Cancer Society.

Steer Tennis students receive All-District Honors

Several Steer Tennis students received All district honors for team tennis this season.

New comer of the year award, an award that goes to someone who is new to varsity and has given more than 100%, was Big Spring Junior Mariel Chavez. She won this award for the girls side.

Boys doubles

Line 1 Matthew Salazar/ Ethan Urias 2nd team

Line 2 Juakin Arguello/ Gavin Corley 1st team

Line 3 Kaiden Roberts/ Alfredo Luna / Caeden Gutierrez 2nd team

Girls doubles

Line 1 Allison Hillhouse/ Brianna Landin 1st team

Line 2 Abigail Barker/ Mariel Chavez Honorable mention

Line 3 Spencer Patterson/ Natalie Gomez 2nd team

Boys singles

1) Matthew Salazar 1st team

2) Juakin Arguello 1st team

3) Ethan Urias 1st team

4) Gavin Corley 1st team

5) Kaiden Roberts 1st team

6) Caeden Gutierrez / Alfredo Luna/ Shawn Olague 2nd team

Girls singles

2) Brianna Landin 1st team

3) Mariel Chavez Honorable Mention

4) Abigail Barker 2nd team

5) Spencer Patterson 2nd team

6) Natalie Gomez & Kayla Smith 2nd team

10/30/23

Domestic Violence Awareness event at SMMC

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Today at 5 PM there will be a Domestic Violence Awareness event at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. According to Chavonna Parker with Victim Services of Big Spring, they will also be honoring the Red Silhouette Ladies.

Football Results

Forsan lost to Ozona, final score was Forsan 14, Ozona 28.
Sonic Offensive Player of the Game was Brycen Cervantes.
Sonic Defensive Player of the Game was Damarion Ausbie.
Big Hit of the Game went to Kolden Averett.

Coahoma won over Roosevelt, final score was 41-22.
Sonic Offensive Player of the Game was Boyd Cox.
Sonic Defensive Player of the Game was Austin Perkins.
Big Hit of the Game went to Nick Tuttle.

Big Spring lost to Estacado. Final score was Big Spring 13, Estacado 33.
Sonic Offensive Player of the Game was Jose Munoz.
Sonic Defensive Player of the Game was Nathan Vasquez.
Big Hit of the Game went to Jordan Roberts.

Volleyball Playoff info

Bi-District Playoff Match

FORSAN - Bi-District Round

Lady Buffs play McCamey TONIGHT in Rankin at 6pm.

BIG SPRING - Bi-District Round

Lady Steers play Glen Rose TONIGHT at 7 pm at Abilene Christian University -- Moody Coliseum. General Admission is \$5.

COAHOMA - Bi-District Round

Bulldogettes play Presidio tomorrow, Tuesday, Oct. 31st, at 7:30 PM
at Fort Stockton High School

Slaton ISD involved in Auto Crash:

On Friday afternoon a 2-vehicle crash occurred in Andrews County involving a semi-truck and a Ford Expedition belonging to Slaton Independent School District.

According to Texas DPS, Troopers responded to the incident at approximately 3:45 PM at State Highway 115 and Farm to Market 2371.

The preliminary information revealed that a Kenworth truck with trailer was traveling southbound on FM 2371 and had stopped at the stop sign marked intersection with SH 115. The Slaton ISD Ford Expedition SUV was traveling westbound on SH 115, approaching FM 2371. The semi-

truck failed to yield the right of way at the stop sign and entered the intersection in front of the Slaton ISD vehicle, resulting in a collision.

The driver of vehicle 2, a faculty member of Slaton ISD, and four passengers who are students of Slaton ISD were transported to Permian Regional Medical Center in Andrews in stable condition.

This crash remains under investigation, and no additional information is available at this time.

According to the Slaton ISD Facebook page, the 5 people in the Expedition were the training crew en route to Kermit for a football game.

Shred Day continues

Complex Community Federal Credit Union's rescheduled Shred Day will be today from 4pm - 7pm at 503 FM 700 in Big Spring. The original shred day had been previously scheduled last week but since it was raining, the date was moved to today.

The public is invited to bring their documents, files, and boxes to be securely disposed of. The truck will be in the front parking lot, and will shred these items right in front of you for free.

Complex Community Federal Credit Union holds two Shred Days annually, one in the spring and one in the fall.

10/31/23

Scenic Mountain Medical Center to Host Silent Witness Event in Support of Domestic Violence Awareness

BIG SPRING, Texas— Yesterday, Scenic Mountain Medical Center hosted the annual Silent Witness Event inside the Medical Plaza. This event was in collaboration with the Victim Services and aimed to raise awareness of domestic violence. In the past 15 years, it has been held in different locations around Big Spring, and Scenic Mountain has been honored to host it for five years. During the ceremony, silhouettes of victims were brought together and placed on display, each with a placard that includes their name and story. Howard County Judge Randy Johnson was present and provided related statistics to domestic violence awareness.

This event was not only a powerful reminder of the devastating effects of domestic violence, but it was also an opportunity for the community to come together in support of those who have been affected by it. The silhouettes serve as a haunting reminder of those who have lost their lives to domestic violence, and their stories give a voice to those who may have been silenced.

[Lynn Creswell](#), co-director for Victim Services, told KBest News that the event is always very special because it sheds light on a problem in Howard County. Here she explains more (audio - "We need to embrace the fact that domestic violence is something that is not gonna go away. We need to teach our boys. We need to teach our girls. Respect

each other. You shouldn't hit each other. You shouldn't belittle each other. It's just a huge problem.").

If you're experiencing any type of abuse and need advice or help getting out of that situation, call Victim Services at 432-263-3312, Visit them online at www.vsob.org, Or stop by 2906 W. 13th.

SMMC stated that by honoring the victims and their families, they hope to raise awareness of domestic violence and encourage others to speak out against it. They were grateful for the opportunity to host the event and to work towards a future where domestic violence no longer exists in our community.

Big Spring Man Killed in Hit-and-Run Incident

A Big Spring man was recently killed in a pedestrian-vehicle incident in Reagan County.

The Texas Department of Public Safety recently released information regarding the fatal hit and run of a pedestrian on Saturday, October 21st, west of Big Lake on US 67. According to the report, Junior Jones, 37 of Big Spring, was walking on the eastbound shoulder of US 67 toward Big Lake after his vehicle had run out of gas. The report states that Vehicle #1, an unknown vehicle, was traveling eastbound on US 67 in the right lane near milepost 752 and struck Jones from behind at around 8:53 p.m. That unknown vehicle fled the scene and failed to render aid.

The investigation is ongoing. If you or anyone you know has any information that could assist with the investigation, please contact Sergeant Justin Baker at justin.baker@dps.texas.gov or by calling 325-223-6821.

Halloween Festivities: Haunted Houses and H-E-B Safe Stop

Today is Halloween and several local businesses will be participating in trick or treating activities, and there will even be a couple of haunted houses that are open tonight. You can find a full list of participating businesses and information on the haunted houses in our KBest Safe Stop list, available on our KBest Media Facebook page and our website KBST.com.

Volleyball Update

Last night Forsan and Big Spring volleyball teams competed for their Bi-District Championship. Lady Buffs won their bi-district round over McCamey in 3 sets. Their record is now 24-13-2. According to Head Volleyball Coach Eva Myers, they'll either play Olton or West Texas in the area round on Saturday, November 4th.

Big Spring Lady Steers lost to Glen Rose in 3 sets last night. Congratulations to them on a great season.

Tonight, Coahoma Bulldogettes will take on Presidio at 7:30 PM at Fort Stockton High School

Heritage Museum Christmas Info

The Heritage Museum in Big Spring will have their annual Christmas Event on Friday, December 1, 2023.

This will be 3 hour long sessions from 6pm-9pm, each limited to 50 individuals. Tickets will be \$5.00 per person and must be paid in advance. Reservations can be made by calling 432-267-8255 or in person at the museum. Tickets will be available until November 21, 2023 or until sold out.

This is meant to be a Family Fun Night at the Museum. Each family will have a table with a family cookie kit, to decorate at the event, a goodie box with snacks. Santa will be here for pictures along with the elves. Plus, there will be a special Santa Store with gifts available to purchase for \$10 dollars and below. In addition to this, attendees have a chance to win a prize.

This event is made possible by the generosity of HEB and the Dora Roberts Foundation.

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Early Voting Continues

Next week the Texas Constitution General Election will be held on Tuesday, NOVEMBER 7th. This will include 14 proposed amendments that voters can either vote FOR or AGAINST.

Early Voting continues this week through November 3rd on the first floor of the Howard County Courthouse in Big Spring. Voters can cast their ballots today from 8 am to 5 pm, and on Thursday and Friday from 7am to 7pm.

As of yesterday, there have been 466 people who have voted in person out of a total of 16,678 registered voters in the area.

DAV Comedy Night

<https://sites.google.com/view/davcomedynight/home>

The 3rd annual DAV Comedy Night will be held in Big Spring this Saturday at VFW Post #2013, located at 500 Driver Rd. The event has been held annually to raise money and awareness for the local chapter of the Disabled American Veterans, also known as DAV, Ch. 47.

Chris Crawford and Michael Shields, members of the Veterans of Comedy, will perform along with headliner Big Al Gonzales and special guests Matty Cupcakes and Adrienne Green.

Big Al Gonzales was the winner of the "Funniest in South Texas" and was also a finalist for "Funniest in Texas" in 2018. He's also performed on Texas Public Radio's storytelling show

“Worth Repeating”, and has been seen on Amazon Prime, Food Network, Game Show Network, and NBC.

This is a free night of entertainment, but donations will be accepted at the door for the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County and the VFW. There is no age limit for the event, but viewer discretion is advised due to adult humor.

This year’s event is made possible thanks to sponsors such as Parkview Skilled Care and Rehabilitation, Blue Energy Services, KBest Media, Wolf Dirt Contractors, JNC Electric, Sealed in Sweetness, Lone Star Tactical Services, and Gentiva.

Locally, DAV, Ch. 47 assists veterans with a variety of things such as utilities, rent, fuel, home repairs, and more. For more information, you can find a link to the website on our KBest Media Facebook page.

Area News: fatal crash in Ector County

A fatal two-vehicle crash was reported on Saturday afternoon in Ector County. According to the Texas Dept. of Public Safety, Troopers responded to the incident near U.S. 385 and Calcutta St. in Ector County at approximately 1:06 PM on Oct. 28, 2023.

The preliminary information revealed that a 2017 Kia Soul and a 2021 Chevrolet Silverado were traveling northbound on US 385. The truck collided into the rear of the Kia Soul causing it to rollover multiple times. The driver of the Kia, identified as Dulce Salinas, 40, of Odessa, was pronounced deceased at the scene. This crash remains under investigation.

Governor Abbott Invites Texas Veterans To 2023 Statewide Hiring Fair

AUSTIN – Governor Greg Abbott today invited Texas veterans, service members, and veteran spouses to participate in the [2023 Hiring Red, White, & You!](#) statewide hiring fair November 1 through November 17.

Hosted by the Texas Workforce Commission in partnership with the Office of the Governor, local workforce development boards, the Texas Medical Center, and the Texas Veterans Commission, the Hiring Red, White & You! statewide veterans hiring fair connects military veterans, transitioning service members, and their spouses with Texas employers seeking their exceptional skills and experience.

Businesses that hire veterans may be eligible for the [Work Opportunity Tax Credit](#), which allows employers to receive up to \$9,600 of federal business income or payroll tax benefits when they hire from certain qualified groups of veterans.

The 2023 Hiring Red, White & You! statewide veterans hiring fair is free to attend and open to military veterans, transitioning service members, and their spouses. Job seekers can find more details on dates and locations at twc.texas.gov/hiring-red-white-you.

Area News: **Former Midland youth minister, faces 10 years in prison on Child Pornography charges**

MIDLAND, Texas (KOSA) - Corey White, 33, a former youth pastor at Redeemer Midland was arrested on Oct. 23, and charged with **Access with Intent to View Child Sexual Abuse Materials (CSAM)/child pornographic materials**.

According to an email shared with CBS7, White was fired from the church following his arrest. The email also stated that the church would be fully cooperating with law enforcement during the investigation.

White has waived his rights to a preliminary hearing and a detention hearing.

He will be held in jail without bond as he waits for trial.

White faces up to 10 years in prison, up to life of supervised release, a \$250,000 maximum fine, and a \$100 special assessment.

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Volleyball Playoff Info:

Forsan will play West Texas on Saturday at Plainview High School at 1pm. We'll be the visiting team. Admission is \$3/\$5.

The Coahoma Bulldogettes will face the Bushland Lady Falcons in the area round of the UIL state championship playoffs. Game time is 7 p.m. today at Levelland High School. Coahoma is the home team. Admission is \$3 for students and children and \$5 for adults.

Chamber Ribbon Cuttings

The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce will have two ribbon cutting ceremonies this week.

The first will be today at 11 AM at the Historic Rock House, located at 1308 Scurry St. in Big Spring, at 11 AM. There will be tours and refreshments available. The public is invited to stop in and see their recent renovations.

The second ribbon cutting ceremony will be held at 'Tis the Occasion and Business Solutions, located at 120 S. 1st St. in Coahoma. 'Tis the Occasion and Business Solutions offers a variety of gifts, personalized home decor, shipping, and business solution needs. They also offer copying, faxing, scanning, mailing, printing, and more.

Food Drive for Senior Citizens

Earlier this year, a fire at the Dora Roberts Community Center resulted in a loss of a commonly used city building that also served as the local senior center. Since then, the WTXCMC has opened their doors to the seniors to allow them a place to fellowship. Here, Executive Director [Danette Ross Watson](#), explains more (audio -

The organization is asking the public to bring all food donations to their facility so that they can create a monthly senior care packages. Note that only certain non-perishable items are being accepted as this time, such as spam, ravioli, jelly, potted meats, spaghetti, mayonnaise, tuna fish, peanut butter, fruit cups and sausage, granola bar, snack, deviled ham, crackers, and bread. For drinks, they are asking for bottled water in various juices.

For a complete list of items accepted and more information, visit our KBest Media Facebook page.

For more information, contact the West Texas Community mediation center at 432-517-4070.

12th Annual Chamber Toy Drive

Yesterday, the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce kicked off its 12th Annual Chamber Toy Drive. This collection will benefit local organizations such as the Salvation Army, CASA, West Texas Centers, the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County, and the Howard County Children's Advocacy Center.

Unwrapped gifts for boys and girls will be accepted. Items can include toys, socks, toiletries, fuzzy blankets, art supplies, games, books, earpods, stuffed animals, and more. Be advised that monetary donations will also be accepted.

Donations for the Chamber's 12th annual toy drive can be dropped off at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce office located at 215 W. 3rd St. in Big Spring. The deadline to drop off your items or monetary donations is December 8th.

For more information, call the Chamber office at 432-263-7641.

Area News: Abilene Man arrested in Snyder for Evading Arrest, Tampering with Evidence, and more

SNYDER, TX – An Abilene man was arrested in Snyder after a vehicle pursuit and attempting to flee on foot.

According to the Snyder Police Department, on Tuesday, 10/31/23, afternoon at 1:04 PM, Snyder Police officers noticed an unoccupied vehicle. While there, a male subject was observed to walk out of a wooded area near the vehicle. Officers developed probable cause to search the vehicle. Shortly thereafter, the subject fled in the vehicle with officers in pursuit. The subject bailed out of the vehicle while it was still moving, fleeing on foot, causing the vehicle to crash. With the swift assistance of our Fire Marshall, Snyder Chief of Police, multiple DPS units, and SO units, Jaime Garcia of Abilene was taken into custody.

Pending charges for Garcia include:

Evading arrest w/ Vehicle (F3)

Evading arrest on Foot (MA)

Tampering with Evidence (F3)

Possession of a Dangerous Drug (MA)

Criminal Trespass (MB)

Criminal Mischief (MA)

This investigation is ongoing.

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Football

In high school football, Big Spring and Coahoma teams have away games and Forsan will be at home.

The Forsan Buffs will host Sonora at home. Kickoff is at 7 PM. You can find a live broadcast of Forsan Football games on 94.3 The Fuse with the KBest Sports Crew.

The Big Spring Steers will take on the Mustangs in Andrews tonight. Kickoff is at 7 PM. Listen to a live broadcast of that game on KBest Country 95.7 with the KBest Sports Crew.

Coahoma Bulldogs will travel to Abernathy tonight. Kickoff for that game is at 7 PM. Catch Coahoma Football games broadcasted live on The Mighty 1490 AM and FM 103.9.

Volleyball Playoff Info:

The Coahoma Bulldogette Volleyball team's season came to an end last night after being defeated by the

Forsan will play West Texas on Saturday at Plainview High School at 1pm. We'll be the visiting team. Admission is \$3/\$5.

Empty Bowls

The United Way of Big Spring and Howard County's annual fundraiser Empty Bowls will be held on Thursday, November 16th, from 11:30 am to 1 pm at the Howard County Fair Barn in Big Spring.

Attendees will have their choice of numerous soups and chilis to choose from for lunch, and it includes a variety of breads and desserts, and a drink. Everyone will get to choose a handmade bowl to take home from the event. Plus, there will be a live and silent auction for the best sculpted bowls. This is one of the biggest fundraisers held by the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County and money raised will benefit their partnering agencies.

Tickets in advance are \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door. They can be purchased at the United Way Office, Dazzling Decor, Queens of the Dude Ranch, and OC Farm & Ranch in Coahoma.

Chamber holds Ribbon Cutting for Historic Rock House

The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting ceremony on Thursday morning for the Historic Rock House located at 1308 Scurry St. in Big Spring. It is owned by Najam Hassan and his wife Shelly Smith.

The building was built in 1909 and has changed owners throughout the years. Before Hassan and Smith acquired the building, it was owned by Mike and Sheila Abusaab of Big Spring.

Renovations have been completed on the Historic Rock House and it will now be registered with Mariot Bon Voy and AirBNB.

Shelly Smith told KBest News that they've been working on the house for the last 6 months. Here, she tells us about the renovations (audio).

According to Hassan, the 3-bedroom house will be available for corporate use for short term or long term stays. The rate for the house will be \$350 a night, plus cleaning fees.

Hasan did advise that Rotary members, Chamber members, and local residents who would like to use it for family gatherings will be offered a discounted rate.

Area News: Man agrees to meet 15-year-old outside an Odessa Middle School: Will serve 14 years in prison

ODESSA, Texas (KOSA) - A Kingsville man has been sentenced to 14 years in prison for enticement of a minor.

According to court documents, Joel Garcia Elizondo Jr., 34, was messaging a person who he believed was a 15-year-old girl over various social media apps.

The “girl” was actually an undercover DPS agent.

Elizondo and the “girl” were discussing engaging in multiple sexual acts and had agreed to meet outside an Odessa Middle School.

Once Elizondo arrived outside the school, he was immediately taken into custody by the Texas Department of Public Safety, Criminal Investigation Division, special agents, and Odessa Police Department officers.

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BSSO Concert - December 16th

The Big Spring Symphony Orchestra's 2023/2024 Season entitled, “**The B's Are A'Buzzin'**”, continues on December 16th, 2023 at 7:30 PM at the Big Spring High School Auditorium with “**Big Spring Brings the Holidays Home**”. Enjoy a huge selection of Season Favorites including the very popular Holiday Sing-a-long. The Guest Conductor will be Howard College professor, Mark Watt. Soloists will include Baritone Henrik Zetterstrom and Soprano Nadia Kiley. The orchestra will also be joined for several selections by a **Big Spring Children's Chorus** from Runnels Academy. Selections will include a special performance of “**The Night Before Christmas**” narrated by **Big Spring's** own Tumbleweed Smith.

Advance Tickets are on sale now at bigspringsymphony.org and will be available from November 8th until December 15th at Noon for cash or check at the following in-person Vendors: H-E-B, Heritage Museum and Karat Patch. Tickets will also be available at the door the night of the performance.

Concert Tickets are \$25 for Adults, \$20 for Seniors (55 plus) and Students College Age and Down are FREE.

'Tis the Occasion and Business Solutions - Ribbon Cutting

On Friday morning, the Big Spring Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting ceremony for their new chamber member 'Tis the Occasion and Business Solutions, located at 120 S. 1st in Coahoma. It is locally owned by Erinn and Greg Moore.

When asked how they felt about the ribbon cutting ceremony, Erinn had this to say (audio -

To make it official, and have all of our team with us and it's just a really exciting occasion and business

'Tis the Occasion and Business Solutions offers a variety of gifts and personalized home decor, such as wooden signs. Here, Erinn tells us more (audio - team effort)

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Bulldog for Big Spring so all of the schools people have had their own ideas of what they'd like to hang on at their home you know to make it personal and we've worked with them and we've just loved making those come to life so it's a team effort we all have a little bit of a piece of that but our door hangers are really great and we would love to customize those for anybody

On the Business Solutions side they also offer copying, faxing, scanning, mailing, printing, notary services, pack and send, and FedEx services. Plus, with Greg's Moore Technology they can also offer technical support through the Moore Technology such as work with computers, security cameras,

In addition to their items, they also carry several local vendors in their shop.

Volleyball

Congratulations to the Forsan Lady Buffs who defeated West Texas on Saturday in three sets (25-19, 26-24, 25-19). They are now the Area Champs!

Beall- 1 assist
Smith- 1 kill, 2 digs
Stockton- 3.5 blocks, 3 digs, 2 assists
Rodriguez- 1 ace, 20 digs
Olson- 8 digs
Greer- 1 kill, 5 digs, 6 assists
Buske- 2 aces, 14 assists
Mealing- 8 kills, 2.5 blocks, 1 dig
Myers- 10 kills, 1 block, 3 digs
Ward- 6 kills, 1.5 blocks, 4 aces, 7 digs

Now the Lady Buffs are 25-13-2 on the season. They'll play Wink on Tuesday in Greenwood at 7 pm in the Quarter-Regional round.

Football

Coahoma lost to Abernathy on Friday night. The final score was Coahoma 41, Abernathy 61. The Sonic Offensive Player of the Game was Billy Bailey. The Sonic Defensive Player of the Game was Bryce Davis. The Big Hit of the Game went to Owen Richardson.

The Big Spring Steers fell to Andrews. Final score was Big Spring 27, Andrews 62 in the final game of the regular season. The Sonic Offensive Player of the Game was Keyshaun Woodruff. The Sonic Defensive Player of the Game was Nathaniel Zagarra. The Big Hit of the Game went to Jeremiah Presas.

Steers have now reached the bi-district playoffs and will face El Paso Riverside at 7pm Thursday November 9th in Ft Stockton.

The Forsan Buffs won their game over Sonora with a final score of 24-22. The Sonic Offensive Player of the Game was Brooks Wright. The Sonic Defensive Player of the Game was Damarian Ausbie. The Big Hit of the Game went to Huston Stockton.

State News: **El Paso Fugitive Named November's Featured Fugitive**

AUSTIN – Texas 10 Most Wanted Fugitive Chad Everett King is this month's Featured Fugitive. **The reward for information leading to his arrest is increased to \$6,000 during November if the tip is received this month.**

Chad Everett King, 34, of El Paso, has been wanted since December 2022, when multiple arrest warrants were issued out of El Paso County for aggravated kidnapping with a deadly weapon, aggravated kidnapping – sexual abuse and six counts of aggravated sexual assault.

In November 2018, King was convicted of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon and subsequently received two 3-year sentences in a Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) facility to be served concurrently. King was discharged from TDCJ custody in March 2021. He also has a criminal history in Missouri consisting of multiple arrests for robbery.

King is 5 feet 6 inches tall and weighs about 145 pounds. He has tattoos on his neck, right forearm, and both wrists. For more information or updates in the event of his arrest, view King's [wanted bulletin](#).

Texas Crime Stoppers, which the Governor's Criminal Justice Division funds, offers cash rewards to any person who provides information that leads to the arrest of one of Texas' 10 Most Wanted Fugitives or Sex Offenders. So far in 2023, DPS and other agencies have arrested 37 Texas 10 Most Wanted Fugitives and Sex Offenders. In addition, \$88,000 in rewards has been paid for tips that yielded arrests.

To be eligible for cash rewards, tipsters **MUST** provide information to authorities using one of the following three methods:

- Call the Crime Stoppers hotline at 1-800-252-TIPS (8477).
- Submit a web tip through the [DPS website](#) by selecting the fugitive you have information about then clicking on the link under their picture.
- Submit a [Facebook tip](#) by clicking the "SUBMIT A TIP" link (under the "About" section).

All tips are anonymous — regardless of how they are submitted — and tipsters will be provided a tip number instead of using a name.

DPS investigators work with local law enforcement agencies to select fugitives for the Texas 10 Most Wanted Fugitives and Sex Offenders Lists. You can find the current lists — with photos — on the [DPS website](#).

Do not attempt to apprehend these fugitives; they are considered armed and dangerous.

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THE SALVATION ARMY RED KETTLES PROVIDE LOVE BEYOND CHRISTMAS

Big Spring, Texas (November 6, 2023) – The Salvation Army's annual Red Kettle Campaign will soon be back in Big Spring, ushering in the festive spirit of Christmas. The Red Kettle Campaign is The Salvation Army's primary fundraising initiative, providing life-changing programs and services throughout the year, including food assistance programs, shelter for people experiencing homelessness, emergency financial assistance, youth programs, and disaster response.

"From its humble origins in 1891 when a Salvation Army Captain used a crab pot to collect funds in San Francisco, the Red Kettle Campaign has grown to become one of the most recognized charitable initiatives worldwide," said Major Dean Moretz of The Salvation Army in Big Spring. "The funds raised in the Red Kettle will serve as a lifeline in our community, offering essential assistance, including nourishment, shelter, and vital social services to people during their greatest need."

Red Kettles will be stationed outside area stores and local businesses, Monday-Saturday, from the beginning of November to Christmas Eve. Last year, The Salvation Army raised \$47,487 and is hoping to raise \$50,000 this season to support our community.

"We are grateful for the spirit of giving in our community and for the unwavering support we receive from our generous donors and corporate partners," added Moretz. "Together, we can ignite hope and support people in our community who are in the most need."

The Salvation Army is also looking for volunteers to ring the bells at the Red Kettle. Sign up by visiting [RegisterToRing.com](https://www.salvationarmybigspring.org/register-to-ring) and following the prompts or call (432) 267-8239.

Visit www.salvationarmybigspring.org, call (432) 267-8239 or visit us at 811 W 5th Street to donate or learn more about how you can support The Salvation Army this Christmas.

Headlining Comedian presented with Quilt of Valor, 11/04/23

BIG SPRING, TX — On Saturday the 3rd Annual DAV Comedy night was held at the VFW POST #2013 to raise funds for local organizations and bring awareness about the local [DAV Chapter 47 Big Spring](#).

The headlining comedian Big Al Gonzales of San Antonio, TX was presented with a Quilt of Valor at the end of the show.

Gonzales served several years in the Marine Corps Reserve. He joined during the Persian Gulf War and received a National Defense Service Medal while he was with Combat Logistics Battalion 45 - Landing Support Company out of San Jose California. AKA Red Patchers.

Other comedians who performed during the show included Mike Shields, Wally Milligan, Chris Crawford, Matty Cupcakes, and Adrienne Green.

Sponsors for the event included Blue Energy Services, Parkview Skilled Care & Rehabilitation, KBest Media, Wolf Dirt Contractors, JNC Electric, Sealed in Sweetness, and Lone Star Tactical Services.

Donations were also collected at the door for the United Way of Big Spring & Howard County and the VFW.

For more information on the event, visit:

<https://sites.google.com/view/davcomedyntnight/home>

Election Day: Tuesday - November 7, 2023

Election Day is today and polls open at 7 AM and will stay open until 7 PM. Note that NO VOTING will occur today at the Howard County Courthouse. Registered voters who haven't voted yet, can still do so at any of the following locations in Big Spring:

Ryan Hall/St. Thomas Church, located at 605 North Main Street,

First Baptist Church, located at 705 W. FM 700, and

Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, located at 1001 Birdwell Lane.

In Coahoma, you can cast your ballot at the Coahoma Community Center, located at 306 North Avenue.

Note, curbside is available at these locations by calling 432-264-2273.

Area News: Glasscock County Fatal Crash

A fatal three vehicle crash in Glasscock County leaves one dead along with several cattle.

On Friday morning at 8:07 AM, Texas DPS Troopers responded to a three-vehicle crash along State Highway 158, 10 miles west of Garden City. The crash involved three semi-trucks with trailers.

According to the preliminary information, it was revealed Edward Scott Abendroth, Jr., 28, of Midland, TX, was traveling eastbound on SH 158. A second truck was traveling in front of him, also eastbound. Abendroth failed to control his speed and struck the trailer of the semi-truck from the rear. The third vehicle involved was traveling westbound on SH 158 and was struck by debris from the collision. The collision with the debris caused the driver to lose control of the semi-truck and the towed trailer, causing both side skid and rollover. The trailer of the third vehicle was a cattle hauler loaded with approximately 120 cattle, and 44 were deceased on the scene. Abendroth was pronounced deceased on the scene.

Playoff Info for Volleyball and Football

Forsan Lady Buffs Volleyball team will play Wink today in Greenwood at 7 pm in the Quarter-Regional round.

Football

The Big Spring Steers will face El Paso Riverside in the bi-district round at 7pm Thursday November 9th in Ft Stockton. Listen to a live broadcast of this game on Kbest Country 95.7.

The Forsan Buffs will take on Stamford in their bi-district round. That game will be in Sweetwater on Friday, Nov. 10th. Kickoff is at 7 PM. Listen to a live broadcast of that game on KBest Country 95.7 and 94.3 The Fuse.

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Big Spring City and Howard County Offices will close on Fri., Nov. 10th, in observance of Veterans Day

HOWARD COUNTY, TX -- City of Big Spring offices and Howard County offices will be closed on Friday, Nov. 11th, in observance of Veterans Day.

County Offices will open again for business on Monday, November 13, 2023. Sheriff's Administrative Offices will be closed but Law Enforcement Services will operate as normal.

All City of Big Spring offices, including Sanitation and the Landfill, will be closed on Friday, November 10, 2023, for Veteran's Day.

There will be no sanitation pickup on Friday, November 10, 2023. Thursday's regular sanitation collection will be picked up on Wednesday; Friday's regular sanitation collection will be picked up on Thursday. Please plan accordingly and ensure that your rollouts are out by 7 a.m. on the day your trash will be collected.

The City Landfill will be open on Saturday, November 11, 2023, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Emergency services (Police, Fire, and EMS) will continue normal operations. The Emergency Utilities Department will also be available and can be reached at 432-264-2392.

Football

The Big Spring Steers will face El Paso Riverside in the bi-district round at 7pm tomorrow in Ft Stockton. Listen to a live broadcast of this game on Kbest Country 95.7.

The Forsan Buffs will take on Stamford in their bi-district round. That game will be in Sweetwater on Friday, Nov. 10th. Kickoff is at 7 PM. Listen to a live broadcast of that game on KBest Country 95.7 and 94.3 The Fuse.

Greeters needed for annual Comanche Trail Festival of Lights

The Annual Comanche Trail Festival of Lights is quickly approaching and with that Greeters are needed to welcome visitors and collect donations as they drive through the displays.

The Festival of Lights is held inside of the Comanche Trail Park in Big Spring. It will begin on Sunday December 3 and continue through Monday, December 25th. Greeters can be groups, businesses, families, churches, or organizations. Each shift is two hours long and greeters can either volunteer from 6pm-8pm or from 8pm-10pm.

Please contact Hayley Lewis at the Big Spring Convention and Visitors Bureau at 432-264-2516 or hlewis@mybigspring.com to sign up now. Be advised, newcomers are more than welcome to help volunteer!

Free Veteran BBQ at Veterans Outpost in Big Spring

On Thursday, West Texas Centers will offer a free BBQ lunch for Veterans and their families from 11 AM to 2 PM at the Veterans Outpost, located at 3205 S. Hwy 87 in Big Spring.

Here, Brad Rodrigues, Veteran Liaison Officer for West Texas Centers, tells us more (audio -).

Again, tomorrow's bbq lunch is free for veterans and their families and will be held from 11 am to 2 pm at the Veterans Outpost, located at 3205 S. Hwy 87 in Big Spring.

Coahoma ISD reports Gun was "Inadvertently" brought to Jr. High Campus

COAHOMA, TX -- On Monday, Nov. 6, 2023, the Coahoma ISD issued a press release from CISD Superintendent Brad Cox concerning a gun that was brought to the Junior High campus.

The statement issued said that the district had received a report from a student that a gun was brought onto the campus. After conducting an immediate investigation, it was determined by the Administration that the gun was inadvertently brought onto the campus and that at no time were there any threats of violence made nor was there a danger to student safety. Local law enforcement officials were contacted about the incident.

State and federal law prohibit the District from disclosing personally identifiable student information. Therefore, no further information is available on this matter.

Cox advised that the District will continue to fully cooperate with all authorities having jurisdiction over this matter as needed and to the fullest extent permitted by law.

He went on to say "As Superintendent of Schools, I am very proud of the students, staff, and Coahoma Police Department for the prompt and proactive measures taken in resolving this situation."

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FIRE UPDATE, 11/08/23 at 6 pm:

According to Big Spring Fire Marshall Dan Hendrickson, the fire has been completely contained. Be advised there may be some small patches of smoke coming from the area for a while but nothing to worry about because there is nothing around to spread the fire. The cause is under investigation.

The grass fire started at 3:27 PM on W. 2nd going north between Dillworth and Presidio. No injuries were reported and structures were protected by personnel.

Fire Marshall Hendrickson told KBest News that he personally wanted to thank the Big Spring Police Department, Big Spring Dispatch, and the Streets Department for their assistance.

—————ORIGINAL POST—————

Fire confirmed near 2nd and Dillworth in Big Spring, 11/08/23

BIG SPRING, TX — KBest News has confirmed a fire has been reported near the area of 2nd and Dillworth. Firefighters, Code Enforcement, and Utilities are on the scene.

The public is asked to stay clear from the area so they may continue to work on extinguishing the fire.

Updates will be reported as more information becomes available.

Forsan Volleyball Playoff Update, 11/08/23:

The Forsan Lady Buffs Volleyball season came to a close last night against Wink in three sets (17-25, 22-25, 11-25). According to Forsan Head Volleyball Coach Eva Myers, they ended the season with a record of 25-14-2.

The following are stats submitted by Coach Myers for last night's game against Wink:

Smith- 2 kills, 1 block, 1 dig
Stockton- 5 kills, 3 blocks, 6 digs, 3 assists
Rodriguez- 28 digs, 1 assist
Olson- 3 kills, 9 digs
Greer- 12 digs, 9 assists
Buske- 1 ace, 7 digs, 11 assists
Mealing- 6 kills, 4 blocks, 5 digs
Ward- 5 kills, 1 ace, 12 digs
Myers- 10 kills, 4 blocks, 5 digs

The following Lady Buffs received District recognition for the season:

District Honors

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Abigail Olson- District 4-2A MVP
Emma Buske- Setter of the Year
Catherine Myers- Newcomer of the Year
Lybertee Rodriquez- 1st Team
Jovi Ward- 1st Team
Scout Stockton- 2nd Team
Ary'anna Mealing- 2nd Team
Harleigh Greer- Honorable Mention

Congratulations to them!

(Courtesy photo of Lady Buffs as Area Champs)

Football

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The Forsan Buffs will take on Stamford in their bi-district round. That game will be in Sweetwater on Friday, Nov. 10th. Kickoff is at 7 PM. Listen to a live broadcast of that game on KBest Country 95.7 and 94.3 The Fuse.

Big Spring Christmas Parade

The annual Christmas Parade is annually held on the first Saturday of December. That date is just around the corner. Here's what you need to know.

On Saturday, December 2nd, the Big Spring Christmas Parade will begin at 3 PM. The parade will start at 24th and travel north on Scurry to 4th Street. After the parade, Santa and Mrs. Clause will make a stop at The Heart of the City Park in downtown Big Spring, on the corner of Scurry and 3rd. Line up for the parade is at 1 PM.

Entries for the parade will be accepted until Thursday, Nov 30th. Cost for the entry is 1 unwrapped toy that will be donated to the local Salvation Army.

Angel Tree Applications accepted now

Today is the last day to sign-up for the Angel Tree program with the Salvation Army of Big Spring. This program provides Christmas gifts for children age 13 and below, including newborns, and for seniors age 60 and above, and anyone who has proof of a disability.

In order to apply for the Angel Tree Program for children, you must provide an ID and birth certificates for the children. For seniors or special angels, proof of disability is required. No children and no pets are allowed at registration and all required documents are needed at the time of registration.

Registration will continue today 9AM -3PM at 811 W. 5th St, however you must call to schedule an appointment in advance. Appointments can be made by calling their office at 432-263-8239.

Area News: 4.1 Magnitude Earthquake reported north of Stanton

MARTIN COUNTY, TX — At approximately 6:39 AM on Saturday, Nov. 4th, 2023, an earthquake was reported 20 km (approximately 12.4 miles) north of Stanton.

According to the United States Geological Survey, it was a 4.1 magnitude earthquake. It was reported to have been felt in the Big Spring, Stanton, and Midland areas.

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Flag Retirement Ceremony at VFW on Saturday morning

Tomorrow at 10 AM, Scout Troop 1 with Pack 305 will have a Flag Retirement Ceremony at the VFW Post #2013, at 500 Driver Rd. in Big Spring. Multiple flags will also be retired. If you have a flag that needs to be retired, you can take it to the VFW tomorrow morning from 10 AM to 2 PM and the Scouts will retire it properly. Donations will be accepted at the event and will be given to the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County.

United Way Update: Pink Drive, Winter Coat Drive

The United Way of Big Spring and Howard County recently held a “Pink Products” drive in October to collect feminine hygiene products to distribute to women and girls in need. Christian Fair, Executive Director of the local United Way, told KBest News that she was pleasantly surprised at the amount of items that were donated. She hopes the word will spread and there

will be even more participation next time. She advised that the United Way will hold a “Pink Drive” quarterly to assist with the needs of the local high school and Howard College students.

Currently holding a winter coat drive now through Friday, December 8th. Coats for all ages will be accepted but they must be new. After the coats are collected, they will be distributed among their partnering agencies as needed and throughout the community.

New coat donations can be dropped off at the United Way Office in Big Spring located at 215 W. 3rd St. Again, the deadline for the donations is Friday, Dec. 8th. For more information, contact 432-267-5201.

Coahoma Christmas in the Park

Howard County will soon start preparing for Christmas and if you live in Coahoma you can participate in the annual Best Decorated House contest held by The Coahoma Lions Club.

To participate, you must live within the city limits of Coahoma and submit your application by December 8th. The winner will be announced at the event Christmas in Coahoma at the Park, also sponsored by the Coahoma Lions Club. The winner will receive a yard sign and a stocking full of goodies.

Christmas in Coahoma at the Park will be held on Saturday, December 9th, from 3-5 pm. During the event there will be hayrides and caroling, Christmas art projects for the kids, free coffee and hot cocoa and popcorn and cookies.

Area News: Six Suspects indicted in connection to sex trafficking of runaway teen in Abilene

ABILENE, Texas (KTAB/KRBC) – Six suspects have been indicted in connection to the sex trafficking of a runaway teen in Abilene.

A Taylor County Grand Jury indicted the suspects on the following charges Thursday:

- **Juan Adrian Ortiz** – Trafficking Child, Aggravated Sexual Assault of a Child, Sexual Assault of a Child (2 counts)
- **Immanuel Dan Brown** – Sexual Assault of a Child
- **Cristian Valentin Gomez** – Sexual Assault of a Child, Solicitation of Prostitution
- **Rony Pineda-Zuniga** – Sexual Assault of a Child, Solicitation of Prostitution
- **Derrick Bernard Harden, Jr.** – Sexual Assault of a Child, Sexual Assault of a Child
- **Darlin Alexander Zuniga** – Sexual Assault of a Child, Solicitation of Prostitution

Court documents state Ortiz is accused of picking up a runaway teen in August 2023 and taking her to a motel room on S 1st Street, where he gave her drugs and alcohol.

Ortiz then, according to the documents, solicited multiple male suspects to pay him to have sex with the teen while he filmed it.

At least three of the suspects confessed to the crime.

Five of suspects arrested in connection to this case remain held in the Taylor County Jail on bonds totaling \$100,000 to more than \$300,000.

Ortiz was released to another agency, which was not specified in the jail records.

<https://www.bigcountryhomepage.com/news/six-suspects-indicted-in-connection-to-sex-trafficking-of-runaway-teen-in-abilene/>

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Free Thanksgiving Meals in Howard County

Thanksgiving is next week and there are multiple organizations in Howard County offering free food for the community.

This week you can order a home cooked Thanksgiving meal from the Salvation Army in Big Spring that will be delivered on Thanksgiving Day. This is a free meal, but you must order by Friday, Nov. 17th. Meals will be delivered from 10 AM to 1 PM next Thursday. Be advised that there is a 5 meal limit per order. To place your order, contact their office at 432-267-8239.

Also this Friday, Three Angels Food Pantry, located at 4319 S. Parkway, behind the Seventh Day Adventist Church, will be distributing free food boxes. This is a drive-thru event that will be held from 11 am to 1 pm. Just show up in a vehicle and volunteers will load items for you.

On Saturday, Nov. 18th, Crossroads Housing and Development Corporation will have their annual Turkey Meal Kit Giveaway at Credit World at 1611 S. Gregg St. This will begin at 9 AM and will continue while supplies last.

Next week, free community Thanksgiving meals will be provided by multiple organizations. On Nov. 22nd, Bulldog Steel and Tate's Place will both offer free meals beginning at 11 AM. On Thanksgiving Day, Desert Flower Mystic Cafe and Center for the Arts will be serving a free Thanksgiving meal from 2-8 PM at 2414 Scurry. For more information, visit our KBest Media Facebook page.

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The Forsan Buffs lost to Stamford in their bi-district round on Friday night. Sonic Offensive Player of the Game was Ezekiel Hess.
Sonic Defensive Player of the Game was Issac Espino.
The Big Hit of the Game went to Brycen Cervantes.

Stormy Bradley announces Candidacy

Stormy Bradley, local businesswoman and CEO of Bulldog Steel, announced her candidacy for Texas State House Representative for District 72. She is currently a Coahoma ISD school board member, as well as a member of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. In her announcement, Bradley stated she supports a pro-parent education system, minimum government, and proper rule of law.

On March 5th, she'll be running against incumbent Drew Darby of San Angelo who has served since 2006.

Fatal 4-Vehicle Crash in Howard County

On Thursday night a fatal 4-vehicle crash in Howard County resulted in 1 dead and 9 injured. According to the Texas Department of Public Safety, at 9:15 PM Troopers responded to a crash along FM 33 Mile Marker 313, 4 miles south of US 87. It involved two semi-trucks and two passenger vehicles.

The preliminary information revealed that the first semi-truck, driven by 51-year-old Fernando Alvarez was traveling westbound on FM 33 near mile marker 313. The second semi-truck was traveling eastbound on FM 33. Alvarez failed to drive in a single lane, causing it to side-swipe the second semi-truck.

Alvarez then continued to travel westbound in the eastbound lane and struck a 2023 Chevy Tahoe, traveling eastbound head-on. This caused Alvarez's semi-truck to jack-knife in the middle of the roadway. A 2019 Chevy Malibu was also traveling eastbound when it hit the rear of Alvarez's semi-truck. Alvarez was ejected from the semi and pronounced deceased on the scene. This crash remains under investigation, and no further information is available at this time.

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VOLUNTEERS! THE HEART OF THE SALVATION ARMY'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS

Volunteers urgently needed to support The Salvation Army's Christmas initiatives

Big Spring, Texas (November 13, 2023) — While some may think it is still a little early to unpack the holiday decorations, The Salvation Army has been hard at work, planning Christmas programs for several months. Now, as the red kettles are appearing outside stores, and Angel

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Trees are being set up, volunteers are needed to help ensure men, women and children in need throughout our community experience the joys of Christmas.

The Salvation Army of Big Spring is seeking volunteers for its Red Kettle campaign and Angel Tree program.

Major Dean Moretz of The Salvation Army in Big Spring invites the community to get involved: "Come spend some time volunteering and make a meaningful impact on the lives of countless individuals this holiday season. We have volunteer opportunities tailored just for you, whether you can spare an hour, a morning, or a full day, and come as an individual, family, or group."

Become a Bell Ringer – Every dollar collected in the Red Kettle supports The Salvation Army's social services programs throughout the year right here in Big Spring.

Bell Ringer Volunteer Details:

Dates: Through December 23, Monday – Saturday

How to volunteer: Visit RegisterToRing.com and follow the prompts to sign up for the location and shift of your choice or contact Major Dean Moretz at (432) 267-8239 or Dean.Moretz@uss.salvationarmy.org

Man arrested for Murder

November 13, 2023

On Saturday November 11, 2023 at approximately 11:42pm, Deputies with the Howard County Sheriff's Office were dispatched to Scenic Mountain Medical Center Emergency Room in reference to a subject with a gunshot wound. The victim, John Michael Wilkinson 37 yoa, was found to have died as a result of his injuries.

Through the investigation a suspect, James Lee Miller 28 yoa was identified. It was determined that Miller and Wilkinson were involved in an altercation in the 2400 Blk of Gatesville. As a result Miller produced a firearm and shot Wilkinson. Wilkinson was transported to SMMC ER by private vehicle.

A warrant for Murder was obtained on Miller and he was later arrested and booked into the Howard County Detention Center, where he is being held on a \$750,000 bond.

This Case is currently under investigation.

Sheriff Stan Parker

Amphitheater Improvement Board

Big Spring, TX

11-7-23

The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Charitable Trust #1 - Amphitheater Improvement

Board (AIB) is excited to announce that the Big Spring City Council has approved Phase 1B of the Amphitheater Improvement project.

Phase 1A was completed in the Spring of 2019 which included bringing the historic Comanche Trail Amphitheater into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. These improvements were a necessary and costly first step of the journey. Phase 1A improvements included ramps and rails to allow access to all areas of the amphitheater, a widened landing in the middle of the facility so persons with disabilities weren't limited only to the top or bottom of the seating areas. Finally, access to the stage for persons with disabilities via ramps. No other improvements to the facility were possible until these improvements were made.

Phase 1B will consist of construction of a stage cover equipped with joists designed for lighting and sound, and accessibility to 110v and 220v 3 phase electric. This structure was specifically designed to provide cover for all performers and still allow attendees to enjoy the firework show during Pops in the Park! The design of the Phase 1B structure is also designed to match the recent construction completed at the Spring Location as well as the SM Pavilion in Comanche Trail Park. The AIB and the City of Big Spring has contracted Metal Solutions to complete the custom construction which will begin soon. After construction begins, it is expected to take 12-15 weeks for completion, weather permitting.

The AIB was formed in 2018 to make improvements to the Comanche Trail Amphitheater without using any local tax money for those improvements. Through grants, sponsorships, and charitable donations from local entities and individuals, the Board has been able to raise approximately \$850K to complete Phase 1A for \$500,000 and now Phase 1B for \$335,000.

(Foundation gave money and went directly to money. approved)

TWC Celebrates Apprenticeship Week

AUSTIN – The Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) is celebrating Texas Apprenticeship Week from Nov. 13-19, 2023. The weeklong event encourages employers to explore the many benefits of apprenticeship programs and highlights the growing popularity of apprenticeships in a variety of industries. Apprenticeship programs draw on support from businesses, education partners, labor organizations, workforce partners, and industry associations to meet the ongoing need for a skilled workforce.

Texas Governor Greg Abbott recently issued a proclamation recognizing Texas Apprenticeship Week while noting how apprenticeship programs serve as instruments of workforce and economic development in Texas. Concurrent with National Apprenticeship Week, the Texas celebration also showcases how employers are finding and retaining the talent they need to remain competitive in a global economy.

“Apprenticeships give Texans the ability to earn while they learn and obtain the skills needed by Texas employers,” said TWC Chairman Bryan Daniel. “The education and training offered through these programs make them effective strategies to prepare for a rewarding career.”

There are more than 800 registered apprenticeship programs in the state. In addition, apprenticeship programs supported by TWC have trained more than 20,000 apprentices in the past three years, with an investment of \$14.6 million. Texas is continuing to innovate and invest in apprenticeships with \$20 million allocated in the 88th Legislative Session to Texas Industry Recognized Apprenticeships. The application for those funds will soon be available to businesses throughout the state.

“Apprenticeships are critical to the development of Texas’ civilian workforce as it continues to grow from month to month,” said TWC Commissioner Representing Labor Alberto Treviño III. “Through apprenticeships, workers benefit from earning wages while gaining hands-on experience to improve employability for high-demand careers in expanding industries.”

“TWC encourages employers to offer apprenticeship programs as they explore ways to develop their workforce for the future,” said TWC Commissioner Representing Employers Joe Esparza. “Employers that use apprenticeship programs can provide specialized training and create a dedicated talent pipeline for their businesses.”

Texas Apprenticeship Week recognizes leaders in business, labor, education, and industry, and highlights how apprenticeships prepare workers for careers in demand today and in the future. Events are planned around the state to promote Texas apprenticeships and the employers benefiting from the work-based learning model. ApprenticeshipTexas encourages local employers and industry partners to develop new apprenticeship training programs and expand on current registered apprenticeship training programs.

Employers seeking information on building the core components of an apprenticeship training program should contact TWC at ApprenticeshipTexas@twc.texas.gov or visit TWC’s ApprenticeshipTexas website.

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Two indicted for Murder in the 118th District Court; Big Spring man sentenced for stabbing teen

Two men were recently indicted for Murder by the July Term, 2023, Grand Jury.

On Thursday, November 9th, Mobey Cordell Lewis, 31, and Terrance Monte Lewis, 27, were indicted for the murder of Nezhiah Turner that occurred in August 2023.

Also, last week Quemarian Lewis, 21, of Big Spring, was scheduled for arraignment in the 118th District Court. Lewis was arrested earlier this year for allegedly stabbing a 17-year-old female multiple times. She was later discovered by a motorist on the side of the road near Lake JB Thomas.

According to the Scurry County District Attorney's Office, Lewis pleaded guilty to the charges of Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon and Aggravated Robbery and was sentenced to 45 years in prison, with the sentences to be served concurrently.

The second suspect in the stabbing, Brookelyn Jenson, 21 at the time of the incident, was also arrested and had been charged with Aggravated Assault w/ Deadly Weapon Second Degree Felony. Her case is still pending.

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Holiday Sanitation Schedule

THANKSGIVING – City offices will be closed Thursday, November 23, and Friday, November 24, 2023

Wednesday, November 22, 2023 Thursday trash schedule will be picked up on Wednesday (11/22)

Thursday, November 23, 2023 NO sanitation pick up.

Friday, November 24, 2023 Friday trash schedule will be picked as usual.

CHRISTMAS – City offices will be closed Monday, December 25, and Tuesday, December 26, 2023

Tuesday, December 26, 2023 Monday trash schedule will be picked up on Tuesday (12/26)

Wednesday, December 27, 2023 Tuesday trash schedule will be picked up on Wednesday (12/27)

NEW YEAR'S DAY – City offices closed on Monday, January 1, 2024

Tuesday, January 2, 2024 Monday trash schedule will be picked up on Tuesday (1/2/24)

Wednesday, January 3, 2023 Tuesday trash schedule will be picked up Wednesday (1/3/24)

Big Spring City Council

The Big Spring City Council held a regular session last night. Officers of Keep Big Spring Beautiful (KBSB) were present in recognition of their recent award. KBSB has been named the 2023 Friend of Conservation by the Texas State Soil & Water Conservation Board and the Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts. Not only did KBSB win the area award, but they received the state award. Officers said they wanted to thank the city for all the help they receive.

The council voted to reactivate the Convention and Visitors Bureau Board (CVB) for a period of one year for the purpose of considering what to do about the Dora Roberts Community Center. Council members passed an amendment to the Annual Budget for the City of Big Spring. Funds within the Airpark Fund Budget are simply moving from operating costs to capital costs. This is for construction of a road.

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Airpark staff originally budgeted \$500,000 for the Hangar 25 Door Replacement Project. The scope of the project has changed from glass to metal bi-fold doors, which should reduce cost to around \$200,000 subject to bids. The current doors on Hangar 25 can't be opened without endangering static aircraft within the facility, and without the doors opened, the facility can't be cleaned properly. The Hangar 25 Board's vision is for the doors to be opened and static aircraft can be removed, allowing events to be held in the facility. Council members voted to approve an engineering services agreement with Jacob Martin for the design and construction of the Hangar 25 doors.

The council approved the following appointments to the CVB Board:

Lee Harris - District 1

Michelle Sanchez - District 2

Jay Patel - District 4

Nominees for districts 3, 5, and 6 are needed for the next meeting agenda to get the CVB Board running.

Empty Bowls

Empty Bowls, the annual fundraiser for the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County, will be tomorrow from 11:30 am to 1 pm at the Howard County Fair Barn in Big Spring.

Attendees will have their choice of numerous soups and chilis to choose from for lunch, and it includes a variety of breads and desserts, and a drink. Everyone will get to choose a handmade bowl to take home from the event. Plus, there will be a live and silent auction for the best sculpted bowls. This is one of the biggest fundraisers held by the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County and money raised will benefit their partnering agencies.

Tickets in advance are \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door. They can be purchased at the United Way Office, Dazzling Decor, Queens of the Dude Ranch, and OC Farm & Ranch in Coahoma.

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Empty Bowls – Today

Empty Bowls, the annual fundraiser for the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County, will be tomorrow from 11:30 am to 1 pm at the Howard County Fair Barn in Big Spring.

This event offers a wide variety of soups and chilis to choose from for lunch, as well as breads, desserts, and a drink. Everyone leaves with a handmade bowl to take home. Plus, there will be a live and silent auction for the best sculpted bowls. This is one of the largest fundraisers held by the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County and money raised will benefit their partnering agencies.

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Alive After 5 - Wildfire

BIG SPRING, TX – This month's regularly scheduled networking event Alive After 5 is today from 5-6:30 pm. It will be hosted by Wildfire Beauty & Wellness Suites, located at 1000 11th Pl., in Big Spring. Co-host for the event is Atkins Realty.

Alive After 5 is a networking event organized by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. This is an opportunity for community members to meet chamber members, learn more information about the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, and network for the betterment of Howard County. Attendees are encouraged to bring their business cards for a chance to win door prizes.

For information on how to host the next Alive After 5 event, contact the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce.

Three Angels Food Pantry distribution - Reminder announcement only

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Christmas for kids

The Fraternal Order of Eagles has started accepting applications for families for the Scooter Scott's Christmas for Kids program. If you or anyone you know needs help with buying Christmas presents for their kids. The applications have to be turned into the Eagles Lodge located at 703 W. 3rd by December 1st,

Angel Tree Volunteer

Become an Angel Tree Volunteer –Thanks to the generosity of local donors and businesses, The Salvation Army will provide gifts for 800 local children and 150 seniors through the Angel Tree program. Volunteer activities include working at Angel Tree adoption locations, sorting gifts, and participating in the gift distribution day for around 200 registered families. In addition, churches and businesses can host an Angel Tree to bring joy and holiday cheer to children and seniors in the community.

Angel Tree Volunteer Details:

Dates: November 13-December 16

How to volunteer: Contact Major Pamela Moretz at (432) 267-8239 or Pamela.Moretz@uss.salvationarmy.org

Volunteer to support Thanksgiving Meals – Volunteers needed to prepare and deliver Thanksgiving meals, November 20-23.

How to volunteer: Contact Major Pamela Moretz at (432) 267-8239 or Pamela.Moretz@uss.salvationarmy.org

If you're interested in volunteering to ring the bell, supporting the Angel Tree program, or serving holiday meals please call The Salvation Army at (432) 267-8239, visit us at 811 W 5 th Street or go to www.salvationarmybigspring.org. Thank you for supporting The Salvation Army this Christmas.

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About The Salvation Army

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The Salvation Army annually helps nearly 24 million Americans overcome poverty, addiction, and economic hardships through a range of social services. By providing food for the hungry, emergency relief for disaster survivors, rehabilitation for those suffering from drug and alcohol abuse, and clothing and shelter for people in need, The Salvation Army is doing the most good at nearly 7,000 centers of operation around the country. For more information, visit SalvationArmyUSA.org

Follow us on X @SalvationArmyUS and #DoingTheMostGood.

Ribbon Cutting Howard County CAC

Yesterday, a Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony was held for the Howard County Children's Advocacy Center with the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. The Howard County CAC is located at 2000 Birdwell in Big Spring.

The Howard County CAC focuses on the need for children to tell their story and feeling comfortable after being impacted by abuse. Here, Pamela Hyde, Executive Director for the local organization, explains more about what the CAC does. (audio -

"From there that's usually when we have some sort of outcry, or we get a child from CPS or the Sheriff's office, or the chief of police," said Hyde.

She went on to say that the child speaks to a specifically trained individual that allows that child to tell their story. From there, they have a therapist who walks them through the healing process.

Hyde told KBest News they felt blessed to have a great turnout for the event. She went on to say that it takes multiple community partners to make them successful, such as law enforcement, victim services, and child protective services.

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Thank You - Parkplace

The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce held a Thank You for Your Investment presentation with ParkPlace Retirement Living, located at 501 W. 17th.

When asked how she felt about the presentation, Mitzi Knight, Business Developer for Parkplace Retirement Living had this to say (audio).

It's absolutely wonderful when the chamber shows up because it shows that the chamber in Big Spring Texas is involved in all the businesses.

Amanda Cole Calvio, Director at ParkPlace, told KBest News that they serve the Howard County Community, not just Big Spring. Here she explains more , (audio).

we are kind of a diamond in the rough and we encourage people to come in and look at us and check out especially during this holiday season when you might come home and visit your family and realize it maybe they could benefit from being around other people and maybe eating better and just having a safer community to be part of Independent living with a lot of benefits

For more information, contact Mitzi Knight or Amanda Cole Calvio at Parkplace to schedule a tour.

. We we are also have a website and also you can call and say I wanna come take a tour and that way fun way because you get to see that it's very family oriented everyone that comes in says I love the feeling that's in here so

Debate team dominates

Sweeping the top four spots, the Big Spring High School Speech and Debate Team dominated the UIL Congress State Qualifying tournament held recently at the Region 18 Educational

Service Center in Midland. Seniors, Tyler Grove and Chloe Sanchez with Juniors, Ashley Melendez and Ella Correa represented the team.

Competing against other 4A schools in Region 18, which included Pecos, Monahans, and Greenwood, Big Spring came out victorious winning all three State Qualifying spots. Grove led the day placing first and winning the regional championship while Sanchez placed second with Melendez third and Correa in fourth. The top three will compete in Austin in January at the UIL Congressional Debate State Meet on the campus of the University of Texas.

Congress is a contest that models the legislative process of democracy, specifically, the United States Congress. Within this mock legislative assembly competition, contestants draft legislation, research the docket of bills and resolutions, deliver speeches on the merits and disadvantages of each piece of legislation, and vote to pass or defeat the measures they have examined.

THE STATE NATIONAL BANK EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR IS FROM KOSOVO

Blerina Higgins grew up speaking Albanian in Kosovo, a country north of Greece and east of the boot heel of Italy. |

Blerina has been with the State National Bank two years and works mostly in the loan department. She has a degree in Marketing from UTPB where she took several courses in accounting. When she arrived in the US she could speak no English. | On some occasions people ask about her accent, which is barely noticeable. That's when her mischievous streak comes out.

She says working at State National was the best job decision she has made. "Working here has a good feel to it. My co-workers make me feel

included and take good care of me. They're very good people. I'm grateful for the opportunity to work here. There are people more deserving than me to be the employee of the year but I'm thankful for the honor."

Turkey Meal Kit giveaway

Tomorrow, Crossroads Housing and Development Corporation will have their 4th annual Turkey Meal Kit Giveaway at Credit World at 1611 S. Gregg St. This will begin at 9 AM and will continue while supplies last.

According to Anna Scott, Project Manager for CHDC, the kits include a frozen turkey, sides, and items for a dessert. This year, they have approximately 340 kits that will be distributed tomorrow morning beginning at 9 AM until they run out. The public is encouraged to get in line before 10 AM to ensure that they receive a Thanksgiving meal kit. They are expected to be completed with distribution by 10:45 AM.

11/20/23

Re: City to Close Offices for Thanksgiving Holiday

City of Big Spring offices will be closed on Thursday, November 23rd and Friday, November 24th in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

There will be no sanitation pickup on Thursday, November 23rd. Thursday's normal sanitation routes will be picked up on Wednesday, November 22nd. There will be no change to Friday's sanitation pickup. Sanitation pickup on Friday, November 24th will proceed as usual.

The City Landfill will be closed on Thursday, November 23rd. The Landfill will be open on Friday, November 24th and Saturday, November 25th from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM. All other City offices will reopen on Monday, November 27th.

Emergency services (Police, Fire, and EMS) will continue normal operations during the holiday. The Emergency Utilities Department will also be available and can be reached by calling 432-264-2392.

Anyone with questions can contact Public Works at 264-2501 or the Landfill office at 264-2383. Thank you for your cooperation and have a safe and enjoyable Thanksgiving holiday.

Thanksgiving meals this week

Free community Thanksgiving meals will be provided by multiple organizations this week in Big Spring.

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On Wednesday, Nov. 22nd, Bulldog Steel and Tate's Place will both offer free meals beginning at 11 AM. Bulldog Steel's 5th annual community feast will be held at their facility, 9702 S Service Rd. Attendees will have the option to dine-in or pick up their meals through the drive-thru. Tate's Place will offer their meals for a drive-thru pick up only at Hillside Church at 4204 Wasson Rd.

On Thanksgiving Day, Nov 23rd, Desert Flower Mystic Cafe and Center for the Arts will be serving a free Thanksgiving meal from 2-8 PM at 2414 Scurry. One plate per person will be served, additional plates will require payment.

For more information, visit our KBest Media Facebook page.

Man and Woman of the Year Nominations

The deadline to submit your nomination for Big Spring's Man & Woman of the Year is quickly approaching!

The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce is seeking nominations for the Man & Woman of the Year Award and 5 Under 55 recipients!

These awards will be announced at the Annual Banquet & Alive After 5 on February 1, 2024.

You can obtain the applications for these awards by going to the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce website. The deadline for Man & Woman of the Year Award is December 1st and the deadline for the 5 Under 55 is December 15th.

Below are the links directly to those applications.

Man & Woman of the Year Award:

<https://bigspringchamber.com/man-woman-of-the-year.../>

Deadline is December 1st

5 Under 55 Award:

<https://bigspringchamber.com/five-under-55-nominations/>

Deadline is December 15th

The West Texas VA will host its next Tele-Town Hall this coming Tuesday, November 21st at 5 pm. The entire leadership team from the West Texas VA will be on the phone with subject matter experts on everything from whole health to prosthetics to enrollment eligibility. Veterans and caregivers can call in to the Tele-Town Hall by dialing 833-305-1700.

The first in-person Outreach and Town Hall event to take place since the onset of COVID will occur on Tuesday, November 28th from 4-6 pm at the VFW in Sweetwater. Mike Hull with the West Texas VA told KBEST they plan to have more outreach events in communities where the VA hasn't been before. "We need to get the VA out to where our veterans are - where they live, work, and play - especially in rural communities like West Texas," Hull said. "We have veterans in the oil field; they're out driving trucks. They can't be in Big Spring readily. They can't be in Abilene readily." [4:30-4:49] If you have recommendations for the VA to come to your town, you can call the main hospital phone number and reach Mike Hull at extension 7200.

Hull also informed KBEST of the new policy for World War II veterans. These veterans can now receive care and medications with no copays and no eligibility requirements.

The VA also has an Adaptive Sports Program. They offer everything from cycling to hiking, fishing, and yoga for veterans with mobility issues. They even have a device that allows wheelchair-bound veterans to play golf. December 1st starts open registration for the Veteran Summer Sports Clinic. Registration is online - you can find the link to apply on the West Texas VA Facebook page. This event takes place every year in a different location. This year, it will be held in San Diego, CA and will encompass all kinds of sporting events from surfing to cycling.

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THE SALVATION ARMY ANGEL TREE MAKES CHRISTMAS WISHES COME TRUE

Big Spring, Texas (November 20, 2023)—The Salvation Army of Big Spring is excited to announce the kick-off of its annual Angel Tree program. The program provides toys and clothing to children whose families are facing financial difficulties. Thanks to the generosity of our community, more than 800 children and 150 seniors will experience the joy of opening presents on Christmas morning.

“The Salvation Army Angel Tree program provides toys and clothing to children and families who might be struggling to afford Christmas gifts this year. We are also privileged to prepare gifts for 150 seniors in our community,” said Major Pamela Moretz of The Salvation Army of Big Spring. “Angels are available for adoption by community members and businesses, who play a significant role in bringing joy to the hearts of children and seniors this Christmas.”

Angel Trees can be found at Walmart and at The Salvation Army office during the holiday season. Individuals and businesses in the community can adopt "angels," represented by paper angels on trees. Each angel symbolizes a child or senior citizen who might not receive a gift at Christmas without this program. Angels are now available and gifts will be distributed to participating families on December 16.

If you cannot shop in person this year, you can still participate in the Angel Tree program through Walmart's "Registry for Good" program. Visit www.salvationarmybigspring.org and select "Purchase a Gift for a Precious Angel" from the homepage to order items that benefit local families. Walmart will deliver these gifts directly to The Salvation Army.

Ways to help The Salvation Army Angel Tree:

- Adopt an angel at Walmart or The Salvation Army office
- Host an Angel Tree at your business or church
- Volunteer for The Salvation Army Angel Tree program
 - For more information contact Major Pamela Moretz at Pamela.Moretz@uss.salvationarmy.org or call (432) 267-8239.

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“We are forever grateful for the generous support of our community, local businesses, and volunteers who work alongside The Salvation Army,” added Moretz. “Together, we are making the season brighter for people in need in our community.”

If you're interested in supporting the Angel Tree program, volunteering to ring the bell, or serving holiday meals please call The Salvation Army at (432) 267-8239, visit us at 811 W 5th Street or go to www.salvationarmybigspring.org. Thank you for supporting The Salvation Army this Christmas.

Thanksgiving Meal - Announcements only

Free community Thanksgiving meals will be provided by multiple organizations this week in Big Spring.

On Wednesday, Nov. 22nd, Bulldog Steel and Tate's Place will both offer free meals beginning at 11 AM. Bulldog Steel's 5th annual community feast will be held at their facility, 9702 S Service Rd. Attendees will have the option to dine-in or pick up their meals through the drive-thru. Tate's Place will offer their meals for a drive-thru pick up only at Hillside Church at 4204 Wasson Rd.

On Thanksgiving Day, Nov 23rd, Desert Flower Mystic Cafe and Center for the Arts will be serving a free Thanksgiving meal from 2-8 PM at 2414 Scurry. One plate per person will be served, additional plates will require payment.

For more information, visit our KBest Media Facebook page.

Small Business Saturday

This Saturday, Nov. 25, 2023, is Small Business Saturday - a day to celebrate and support small businesses and all they do for their communities.

Founded in 2010 and officially sponsored by the Small Business Administration since 2011, Small Business Saturday has become an important part of small businesses' busiest shopping season.

This year's Small Business Saturday is a great opportunity to shop small and shop local within Big Spring and Howard County.

Several local businesses are participating in Small Business Saturday. If you Make a purchase at any of these businesses, you'll get 1 entry into a drawing for a prize!!! One winner will be drawn on Monday, November 27!!

For a full list of participating businesses, visit the Facebook page for the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce.

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting ceremony for their newest chamber member Forty Four & Co. located 804 S. Gregg St.

Forty Four & Co., is an elite men's clothing store. The men's clothing boutique is owned by Amanda Blizzard. During the grand opening, Blizzard explained that the business was named after her grandfather's cattle brand.

Forty Four & Co. is exclusively for men, and will offer sizes small through 3x. For more information, find them on Facebook - Forty Four and Co.

Siblings Sentenced to Combined 48 Years in Prison for Smuggling Narcotics

DEL RIO, Texas – A Midland woman and her brother, a Mexican national, were sentenced in a federal court in Del Rio to 262 months and 324 months in prison, respectively, for their roles in a drug trafficking organization (DTO).

According to court documents, Blanca Estela Maldonado, 54, of Midland, and her brother Federico Jose Maldonado-Aleman, 59, of Mexico, were part of a DTO responsible for trafficking approximately 79 kilograms of methamphetamine within the Western District of Texas between December 2016 and September 2018. The conspirators transported narcotics themselves and hired individuals to smuggle narcotics across the border, using Blanca Maldonado's Midland residence as a primary pick-up/drop off point. Federico Maldonado-Aleman served as a supplier and facilitator of smuggling operations.

"For two years, these defendants conspired as part of a Mexican DTO using one of the individual's homes as a distribution hub," said U.S. Attorney Jaime Esparza for the Western District of Texas. "Thanks to the collaborative investigation efforts of our federal law enforcement partners, we were able to secure incredibly substantial prison sentences for six drug traffickers responsible for pushing dangerous drugs into our communities."

"These significant sentences send a clear message to criminal organizations that there are serious consequences for trafficking-controlled substances," said Special Agent in Charge Craig Larrabee for the Homeland Security Investigations San Antonio Division. "HSI will continue to pursue transnational criminal investigations to target dangerous individuals who threaten the security of the United States."

"The collective number of years members of this organization will spend in prison shows our collective commitment to bringing those who bring devastating drugs to our communities to justice," said Special Agent in Charge Daniel Comeaux for the Drug Enforcement Administration Houston Field Office. "These sentences will now serve as a clear reminder of the consequences of choosing to poison our communities."

Four additional codefendants involved were sentenced earlier in the case, all for conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute methamphetamine. Juan Francisco Guajardo, 34, of Eagle Pass, was sentenced to 262 months imprisonment on Feb. 4, 2020. April Sotelo, 42, of Seagraves, was sentenced to 262

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months imprisonment on Dec. 7, 2020. Kenneth Ray Cabrera, 40, of Seminole, was sentenced to 300 months imprisonment on March 1, 2022. Agatha Marie Barrientez, 37, of Midland, was sentenced to 292 months on June 30, 2022. In total, the six co-conspirators received a combined penalty of more than 141 years in prison.

HSI, DEA and USBP investigated the case.

Assistant U.S. Attorneys Tyler Fleming, Joshua Garland and Brett Miner prosecuted the case.

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Closure

COUNTY OFFICES TO CLOSE

Howard County will close all offices Thursday, November 23, 2023, through Friday, November 24, 2023, in observance of Thanksgiving Day. County Offices will open again for business on Monday, November 27, 2023.

The Sheriff's Administrative Offices will be closed but Law Enforcement Services will operate as normal.

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Giving Tuesday

Tomorrow is Giving Tuesday, a day of giving that harnesses the collective power of individuals, communities and organizations, to encourage philanthropy and to celebrate the generosity of people. Since 2012, it has been recognized the Tuesday after Thanksgiving. This is a great opportunity for people to make a big difference in their community by making donations to nonprofit organizations or volunteering their time.

In Howard County, there are several non-profit organizations that could benefit from Giving Tuesday such as the Salvation Army, which is currently in the middle of their Red Kettle season with kettles stationed around Big Spring. Money raised from the kettles will go to the Salvation Army of Big Spring to support their yearly operations.

If you are unsure of where or how to make a monetary donation, you can always reach out to the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County and the Big Spring Area Community Foundation. The local United Way is in the middle of their annual campaign season to raise funds for their 15 partner agencies that work with various groups such as children, veterans, families, homeless, emergency services, victims, and animals. All money raised in Howard County stays in Howard County.

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Crime Stoppers

Crime Stoppers is asking for the public's help in locating/identifying a subject involved in a theft.

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On October 21st 2023 at approximately 12:30 PM, officers with the Big Spring Police Department responded to Tractor Supply in reference to a theft. Upon arrival, officers learned that a Hispanic male in work boots, ball cap, and a Mossy Oak shirt, appropriated a power tool valued at approximately \$300.00 before running out the store without paying for the merchandise.

Crime Stoppers is offering a cash reward for information leading to the arrest of the person(s) involved in this case. Remember no caller ID is ever used and all tips are anonymous.

You can call the TIPS line at 432-263-8477 (TIPS) where you will remain anonymous, and no caller ID is ever used. You can also use the P3tips.com software and submit your tip online and it is also completely anonymous. Remember you can earn up to a CASH reward if you're the first caller with information that leads to the arrest of the person(s) involved. Please keep the ID Tip number that you receive when you submit your tip.

P3tips.com. DO NOT LOSE YOUR TIP NUMBER.

Please reference case # 2-23-03466 in your tip.

Web Tip Link:

<https://www.p3tips.com/1277>

KBest & Big Mike's KBest Christmas Lights Contest

The Thanksgiving weekend is now over and Christmas is on the way! Once again, KBest & Big Mike's annual Christmas Lights Contest will award over \$10,000 in cash and prizes to Big Spring and Howard County residents. This is the 7th consecutive year for the contest!

Since expanding the contest to include all of Howard County in 2018, the contest awards a total of 33 winners. Cash prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners in 7 Big Spring districts and 4 Howard County precincts. Eleven 3rd place winners will receive \$125 in cash. Eleven 2nd place winners will receive \$250 in cash. Eleven 1st place winners will receive a \$500 prize.

Registration forms must be completed and submitted by 3 PM on Wednesday , Dec. 6th. Judging will take place Dec. 8th and 9th from 6 pm to midnight. Entry is free and details can be found at KBST.com.

Feast of Sharing

The annual event H-E-B's Feast of Sharing is scheduled for Sunday December 10th, 11 am - 3 pm, at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum in Big Spring. Volunteers are needed for this year's event and various shifts are available. For more information, contact Katy Thompson at 512-585-6786 or the Big Spring H-E-B at 432-263-3000.

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Several festivities will occur for the first weekend in December. On Friday, December 1st, stand-up comedian Charles Allen returns to downtown Big Spring for Holiday Hilarity, a WHAT A JOKE Comedy Show hosted by local comics Adrienne Green & Matty Cupcakes. This will be at The Courtyard and Hardware Store located at 119 S. Main. Admission is \$20 per person. In addition to laughs, \$12 taco plates by J Jayz Bar & Grill will also be available for purchase. Plus, there will be an after-party after the show. For more information, visit the event page on Facebook for Holiday Hilarity.

On Saturday, December 2nd, the Big Spring Christmas parade will begin at 3 PM at 24th Street and travel north on Scurry to 4th Street. After the parade, Santa and Mrs. Clause will make a stop at The Heart of the City Park in downtown Big Spring, **on the corner of Scurry and 3rd. Line up for the parade is at 1 PM.** Entries for the parade will be accepted until Thursday, Nov 30th. Cost for the entry is 1 unwrapped toy that will be donated to the local Salvation Army.

Also this weekend, the First Methodist Church will perform "Our Savior", an annual Christmas production that hopes to share the bible with the community in a modern and dramatic way. This is a free show and it's open to everyone regardless of their religion. The program begins at 7 PM on Saturday and Sunday for this weekend only.

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Chick-fil-A to Open in Big Spring on Thursday, Nov. 30th

BIG SPRING, TX -- On Thursday, Nov. 30th, Chick-fil-A Big Spring will be open for dine-in and carry-out from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m., and drive-thru until 10 p.m., Monday through Saturday. The new restaurant brings approximately 110 jobs to the community and joins nine other Chick-fil-A restaurants serving the wider Odessa-Midland market.

Local Owner-Operator Katie Moyle is a Texas native who is thrilled to plant her roots in the Big Spring community alongside her family. Moyle's husband first introduced her to Chick-fil-A's delicious food and signature hospitality during his shifts as a police officer and they made it a weekly lunch date tradition. She is excited for the Big Spring community to make their own memories at her restaurant.

In honor of the new restaurant, Chick-fil-A, Inc. has donated \$25,000 to the West Texas Food Bank through Feeding America to support local hunger relief efforts. Chick-fil-A Big Spring is also recognizing 100 local heroes making an impact in Big Spring by providing them with free Chick-fil-A entrées for a year.

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Basketball

There is two weeks left for registration)

Closes (December 8th)

Big Spring YMCA Youth Basketball

It's Basketball Time

Online registration only

Here's the Link

<https://ymcabigspring.sportngin.com/register/form/170732707>

Basketball Sign Ups

October 23th-- Dec 8th

Price: \$83Y Members \$89Non-Members

Divisions: (Pre-K- Kindergarten)

(1st&2nd girls) (1st&2nd boys) (3rd&4th girls) (3rd&4th boys)

(5th-6th Boys) (5th-6th girls)

(7th-8th girls) (7th-8th Boys)

If you need a little help with registration fees we have our scholarships program. Do not let financial issues prohibit your kiddos from playing.

Any questions call text

Dathan Jones 432 254-9949

**West Texas VA Holds Veteran Townhall
to Provide Updates and Engage with Veterans**

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WHAT: Townhall for Veterans, Caregivers and Veteran Service Organizations

WHEN: Tuesday, Nov. 28, 2023, 4:00-6:00 PM Central

WHERE: Sweetwater VFW
1500 Cypress Rd.
Sweetwater, TX 79566

The West Texas VA will host a Townhall for Veterans, Caregivers, and Veteran Service Organizations today in Sweetwater at the VFW located at 1500 Cypress Road. The first in-person Outreach and Town Hall event to take place since the onset of COVID. It'll be held today from 4-6 pm.

Mike Cole, Public Affairs Officer with the West Texas VA, told KBEST they plan to have more outreach events in communities where the VA hasn't been before.

BACKGROUND:

Leadership of the West Texas VA health care system, and the VBA Waco Regional Office will continue the organization's conversation about VA health care, system operations, access, quality, and timeliness with an open forum. This is an opportunity for veterans, family members, and other stakeholders to hear updates, ask questions, express concerns, and share ideas.

"Townhall meetings provide a great opportunity for VA leaders to hear directly from veterans about challenges and issue they see so that we can make changes to better serve them," said West Texas VA Health Care System Director Keith Bass. "These events also allow us to communicate about VA health care programs, services, and other benefits veterans have earned.

Veterans and family members, who are not able to stop by this event, may always provide feedback via email to <mailto:WTXVAPublicAffairs@va.gov>.

Area News:

Manslaughter
following 2022 street racing crash, indicted in recently unsealed court
document

ABILENE, Texas ([KTAB/KRBC](#)) – An Abilene man, currently spending time in a Texas prison for another charge, has been indicted this month on charges of Manslaughter and racing last February.

Michael Hagood is accused of racing along North First Street in Abilene on February 17, 2022. Allegedly, he was racing a jeep in his pickup truck when Hagood's vehicle veered off the roadway during the race, and he ran into a tree. This crash resulted in the death of his passenger, Billy Tullus.

KTAB/KRBC was able to confirm that Hagood is in prison now. He was convicted for a 2018 attempt to set his San Angelo home on fire while his wife was inside.

No further information has been released.

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DISTRICT 3AA DIVISION 1 ALL DISTRICT AWARDS

Several Forsan High School Football players recently received District 3AA Division 1 All District Awards. The Forsan Staff were recognized as one of the recipients for the Coach of the Year. Lineman of the Year was junior Damarion Ausbie, and the Newcomer of the Year award went to junior Colton Martinez. Others recognized are as follows:

Superlatives

Coach of the Year - Forsan Staff

Lineman of the Year - Damarion Ausbie, JR

Newcomer of the Year - Colton Martinez, JR

1st Team Offense

Running Back - Huston Stockton, JR

Wide Receiver - Hayden Bowlin, SO

Offensive Line - Jack Nichols, SO; Koldin Averette, JR

TE/H - Brycen Cervantes, SR

1st Team Defense

Inside Linebackers - Brycen Cervantes, SR

Outside Linebackers - Grant Roman, SR

Corners - Hayden Bowlin, SO

Safeties - Dustin Spalla, SR; Brooks Wright, SR

Defensive Ends - Huston Stockton, JR

1st Team Special Teams

Punter - Kevin Kligora, SR

Utility - Brooks Wright, SR

2nd Team Offense

Running Back - Grant Roman, SR

Offensive Line - Ezekiel Hess, SR; Ethan Buske, JR

2nd Team Defense

Inside Linebackers - Isaac Espino, SR

Outside Linebackers - Kevin Kligora, SR

Corners - Josh Rios, SR

Defensive Ends - Connor Lusk, JR

Defensive Tackles - Koldin Averett, JR

Thank You for your Investment - VIP Auto Rentals

On Tuesday morning, the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce held a Thank You for Your Investment presentation for VIP Auto Rentals, located at 500 E. 4th St. in Big Spring. VIP Auto Rentals provides quality car rental services in Big Spring, TX, and the surrounding areas. VIP Auto Rentals is the only car rental business in Big Spring and Snyder. Plus, it's family-owned and operated.

Kendra Simmons, Owner of VIP Auto Rentals, told KBest News that they work hard to provide a service that is needed in Big Spring and do it in a friendly and professional way. Here, she tells us more about the business *(audio - We really try to treat you like your neighbor would treat you, really reminiscent of times of old that have kinda passed you by." They don't do online bookings, which can be frustrating, but customers can call and speak to a real person when booking. "We can try to help you get what you need, when you need it. We really try to stay true to Big Spring and the small town attitude.")*

For more information on VIP Auto Rentals, visit their Facebook page or their website vipautorentals.net, or call them at 432-270-1874.

BSHS Winter Showcase

Big Spring High School will have their BSHS Winter Showcase and Holiday Market this Friday, December 1st, at the BSHS Auditorium and Cafeteria, located at 707 E. 11th Pl. This will be held from 6PM to 9PM!

Admission is \$5 or 5 cans of food per person. Attendees can enjoy performances by Rhapsody, Theatre, ASL, Color Guard, and Pride Drive. Handmade goods will also be for sale provided by BSHS welding, construction, floral design, culinary, and graphic design programs, Art Club, Big Spring Smokers, Life Skills classes, and more! Be advised only cash or checks will be accepted.

Area news - Teens arrested after Fentanyl investigation

ODESSA, Texas (KOSA) - According to the City of Odessa, two teenagers have been arrested after the Odessa Police Department began an investigation into a non-lethal overdose involving Fentanyl.

During their investigation in Nov. 2023, OPD says the Intelligence Unit found a suspect, Kaitlyn McKibbin, 17, allegedly gave Fentanyl to the victim. The Investigators began surveillance on McKibbin. During this operation, the investigators found McKibbin and Hayley Archuleta, 17, going to HEB on 42nd and Grandview.

Based on information from a confidential source, investigators had reason to believe that McKibbin was at this location to sell Fentanyl.

McKibbin and Archuleta were also seen by police smoking marijuana in the parking lot. After a probable cause search of the vehicle, the officers found marijuana and Fentanyl laced pills.

McKibbin and Archuleta were arrested for possession of marijuana, and manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance. OPD says the investigation into the overdose has been completed, and as of this release, the victim is recovering.

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Interim Healthcare Celebrates Home Care & Hospice Month in November

BIG SPRING, TX – Earlier this month, Mayor Robert H. Moore issued a proclamation stating that November was National Home Care & Hospice Month in Big Spring. According to the proclamation, home care services provide high quality and compassionate health care services to more than five million Americans annually, especially in times of community or personal healthcare crisis.

During November the home care and hospice community honors the millions of nurses, home care aides, therapists, and social workers who make a remarkable difference for the patients and families they serve. These heroic caregivers play a central role in our healthcare system and in homes across the nation. To recognize their efforts, Interim Healthcare and the National Association of Home Care & Hospice are calling upon Americans to commemorate the power of caring, both at the home and in their local communities.

With 10,000 Americans turning 65 every day, the need for health care will continue to rise, and costs will continue to skyrocket. This is where home care and hospice come in. As the preferred choice for most patients, it also offers the greatest cost savings. For example, Medicare pays nearly \$2,000 per day for a typical hospital stay and \$450 per day for a typical nursing home stay. Meanwhile, home care costs less than \$100 per day and helps many U.S. seniors remain independent at home, enrich their lives, and keep in touch with those they love.

For more information about the National Association for Home Care & Hospice, Home Care & Hospice Month, and Home Care Aide Week, visit nahc.org/homecare-hospice-month.

Chick fil A Ribbon Cutting

The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce welcomed Chick-fil-A with a ribbon cutting yesterday afternoon. The restaurant's grand opening is today. Chick-fil-A's regular business

hours will be 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. for dine-in and carry-out, and the drive-thru is open until 10 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

Chick-fil-A Big Spring is recognizing 100 local heroes making an impact in Big Spring by providing them with free Chick-fil-A entrees for a year. Owner-Operator Katie Moyle, a former elementary school teacher, has chosen to recognize teachers with these free meals. Two local elementary schools have been chosen with 50 receiving teachers at each school, Moyle said. The names of those schools and receiving teachers will be announced on December 5th.

Moyle describes herself and her husband as community servants. "It's been a lifelong dream to be able to give back to the community as much as the community has given us over the years," she said. "We've always been community servants with me being a teacher and him being a police officer, so for us, this is giving a little bit more. We're actually able to influence the community, and just give a lot of jobs to people and be able to coach them and give them careers." [3:16-3:36] Chick-fil-A Big Spring is bringing about 110 jobs to the community.

System Upgrades

The City of Big Spring Water Office will only be able to accept cash and check payments on November 30, 2023, and December 1, 2023. The water office will be unable to process in-person or over-the-phone credit card transactions due to software updates.

Additional options for customers to make credit card payments:

1. Pay online with a credit/debit card at <https://www.municipalonlinepayments.com/bigspr.../utilities>.
2. Pay via the automated phone system with a debit or credit card by calling 833-227-1752.
3. Payment can be made with cash or credit card at the kiosk on the east side of the building.

We apologize for any inconvenience and appreciate your understanding. If you have any questions, please contact the Finance Department at 432-264-2514.

Christmas Tree Forest

The annual Christmas Tree Forest at the Heritage Museum in Big Spring is on display now at 510 Scurry St. A number of trees have been decorated this year by local groups, organizations, families and individuals. The display is free to check out and you even have a chance to vote for your favorite tree. First place will receive \$100, second place receives \$50, and third place will receive \$25. The museum is open Tuesday-Friday 9am-4pm and Saturday 10am-4pm.

Plus, this Friday, Dec. 1st, from 6-9 PM the Heritage Museum will host a Family Fun Night at the Museum. Each family will have a table with a family cookie kit, to decorate at the event, a goodie box with snacks. Santa will be here for pictures along with the elves. Plus, there will be a special Santa Store with gifts available to purchase for \$10 dollars and below. In addition to this, attendees have a chance to win a prize. Admission is \$5 per person and as of yesterday, there were still a few spots left. For more information, contact the museum at 432-267-8255.

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BSSO Concert - December 16th

The Big Spring Symphony Orchestra's 2023/2024 Season entitled, "**The B's Are A'Buzzin'**", continues on December 16th, 2023 at 7:30 PM at the Big Spring High School Auditorium with "**Big Spring Brings the Holidays Home**". Enjoy a huge selection of Season Favorites including the very popular Holiday Sing-a-long. The Guest Conductor will be Howard College professor, Mark Watt. Soloists will include Baritone Henrik Zetterstrom and Soprano Nadia Kiley. The orchestra will also be joined for several selections by a **Big Spring Children's Chorus** from Runnels Academy. Selections will include a special performance of "**The Night Before Christmas**" narrated by **Big Spring's** own Tumbleweed Smith.

Advance Tickets are on sale now at bigspringsymphony.org and will be available until December 15th at Noon for cash or check at the following in-person Vendors: H-E-B, Heritage Museum and Karat Patch. Tickets will also be available at the door the night of the performance.

Concert Tickets are \$25 for Adults, \$20 for Seniors (55 plus) and Students College Age and Down are FREE.

Coahoma Christmas in the Park

Christmas will soon be here and Howard County residents have already begun to decorate for the season, especially if they are entering the 7th annual KBest Christmas Lights Contest presented by Big Mike's Farm Store. Those who live inside the city limits of Coahoma will also be able to enter the annual Best Decorated House contest held by The Coahoma Lions Club.

To participate, you must live within the city limits of Coahoma and submit your application by Friday, December 8th. The winner will be announced at the event Christmas in Coahoma at the Park, also sponsored by the Coahoma Lions Club. The winner will receive a yard sign and a stocking full of goodies.

Christmas in Coahoma at the Park will be held on Saturday, December 9th, from 3-5 pm. During the event there will be hayrides and caroling, Christmas art projects for the kids, free coffee and hot cocoa and popcorn and cookies.

Three Angels Food Pantry

Three Angels Food Pantry is a local organization in Big Spring that works to provide monthly food distributions to families in need. They are located at 4319 S. Parkway, behind the Seventh Day Adventist Church. Normally, they distribute food boxes on the last Friday of the month.

During this holiday season, Three Angel Food Pantry will move up their distribution date so that families can receive food boxes before the holidays. Next week, they will be distributing food on Friday, November 17th from 11 am to 1 PM, and next month they will distribute food on Friday, Dec. 15th, also from 11 am to 1 PM.

MARTIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

On November 30, 2023, the Martin County Sheriff's Office received a report of a Criminal Mischief northeast of Stanton, north of IH 20.

Two John Deere tractors were crashed into each other causing an unknown amount of damage at this time. The tractor cab windows were broken out with a heavy object.

Martin County Sheriff's Office states that they have a suspect and have recovered blood evidence on one of the tractors. According to Sheriff Brad Ingram, DNA evidence will help them solve this case eventually.

Anyone with information on the incident is urged to call 432-765-3336.

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Howard College to Unveil Library Renovations

BIG SPRING – Howard College is thrilled to announce the dedication ceremony of the newly renovated Anthony Hunt Library at its Big Spring Campus. The public event is scheduled to take place on Thursday, December 7th at 10:00 a.m. The dedication event will include a ribbon-cutting ceremony, dedication, and tour to unveil the revitalized spaces and services available at the library.

Originally constructed in 1967, the library has undergone extensive renovations to enhance college facilities and provide a more enriching experience for students, faculty, and the community. These significant enhancements have been made possible through the generosity of the G. C. Broughton Foundation and the Maria Hoag Estate. Notably, the ceremony will highlight two distinguished additions to the library – the Jean Broughton Teaching and Learning Center, and the Maria Hoag Reading Nook.

The namesake of The Jean Broughton Teaching and Learning Center, Jean Broughton Powell, is well known in the Howard County community for her dedication to education and the pursuit of excellence. She served in the Big Spring Independent School District as an innovator for profound changes in its history. When there was a leader needed for bold visionary impact, she was asked to assume the role. Many local residents will remember her as a master educator. Changing the lives of students and families were of utmost importance to her, leaving a legacy of being an Educator in its total essence.

Maria Hoag was known for her intensely private nature, but also someone who subtly but profoundly influenced Big Spring in her own unassuming manner. Hoag was the owner of Poncho's Newsstand, a distinctive establishment in the community, that offered a diverse selection of products, including magazines, maps, and books, catering to a variety of interests. With its eclectic offerings, it became an integral part of downtown history. The Maria Hoag Reading Nook, adorned with Poncho's memorabilia, pays homage to a legacy of literary appreciation, and celebrates the joy of reading, adding an enriching dimension to the cultural impact of Poncho's Newsstand while taking local residents back to the fond memory of a day spent in Poncho's in earlier times.

The building ribbon cutting will begin at 10:00 a.m. with ribbon-cutting ceremonies for dedicated spaces and tours to follow. The event is open and the public is encouraged to attend.

Westbrook heading to state championship

The Westbrook Wildcats are heading back to the State Championship to defend their back to back State Championships. The game will be on December 13th at AT&T Stadium against Gordon at 11 AM.

The BSHS Winter Showcase 2023 – Mike Ritchie – Talents and 3 Years

The Big Spring High School held their annual Winter Showcase where student have the opportunity to show off their skills and earn money for their organization and charity at the same time. For a \$5 donation or canned food, community members gained access to festive entertainment from theater, The Pride Drive, Rhapsody, and more. Attendees also had the opportunity to taste amazing food like Loaded BBQ Taters, Hot Dog meals, drinks and much more. From welding to arts and everything in between, you can find just about anything for anyone on your gift list. Here is Mike Ritchie, BSHS Principal, with more about what you will find at this event. (Audio)

The students as well as the community look forward to next year.

For more on this story, go to the Kbest Media Facebook page.

“We're showcasing all the many talents that Big Spring High School students bring to this school and to this district and community. So we're excited to see all the talents. I believe this is the third annual winter showcase.”

The BSHS Winter Showcase 2023 – Mike Ritchie – Money

The Big Spring High School held their annual Winter Showcase where student have the opportunity to show off their skills. Community members enjoyed festive entertainment from Rhapsody, The Pride Drive, theater, and more. Attendees also had the opportunity to taste amazing Big Spring Smokers and Culinary including Loaded BBQ Taters and Hot Dogs and much more. Here is Mike Ritchie, BSHS Principal, with more on where the proceeds go from the sales of the student's products. (Audio) This was the 3rd annual Winter Showcase for Big Spring HS and the students as well as the community look forward to next year. For more on this story, go to the Kbest Media Facebook page.

“The money, you will go to the different organizations but they will also be some Proceeds donated to some charity. Our student council kind of managed manages the money but it will definitely be well used during this holiday season.”

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Honoring veterans and service personnel at the Forsan and Coahoma basketball games

Join us at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum on Tuesday night as we pay tribute to our veterans and current service personnel. The ceremony begins at 5:45 pm, followed by the annual Howard County Hoops match between Coahoma and Forsan. The girls' varsity game will start first at 6 pm, followed by the boys' varsity game. Admission to the games is free for all veterans and current military personnel.

BSHS Football Players receive All-District honors

Several Big Spring Steers received All-District 2-4A D1 Football recognition.

Those on 1st Team Offense were Kavier Ford, Jose Munoz, and Jayden Overton. 2nd Team Offense was Gavin Padron, Zeyire Franklin, and Keyshaun Woodruff.

Those on 2nd Team Defense were RJ Gomez, Jimmy Johnson, and Nathan Vasquez. AJ Yanez was named to Utility/Special Teams.

Congratulations to all!

Alive After 5 at CASA

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Alive After 5 is an opportunity to network with others, make connections and establish relationships for the betterment of Big Spring and Howard County. Attendees are encouraged to bring one new, unwrapped toy for the CASA toy drive, and to bring their business card to drop into the bucket for a door prize.

37th annual Drive-Thru Nativity presented by NazFamily Church

The First Church of the Nazarene, also known as NazFamily, in Big Spring will have its 37th annual live Drive-Thru Nativity this weekend, December 8-10th, from 6:30-9:30 pm each evening.

The live drive-thru nativity began in 1987, when the church was encouraged to do something very different for the community in presenting the story of Christmas. It began with only seven scenes and has grown over the years. The production includes live animals and a cast of over 100 people. Every scene is beautifully painted and decorated to authentically represent the

ancient buildings and places of years gone by. The luminary trail leads visitors through this wonderful presentation of Christmas while listening to the story of each scene that takes you back over 2,000 years ago.

This presentation is free to the community, but donations are welcomed.

Currently, NazFamily Church is still seeking volunteers to help out with the scenes for this weekend. If you're interested in volunteering with the Drive-Thru Nativity on Friday night or Sunday night, contact Candy Chesworth by calling 432-816-9711 as soon as possible.

Forsan Christmas

On Saturday morning, Dec. 9th, from 9 am to 1 pm, the Forsan Journalism / Yearbook students will host a holiday extravaganza featuring several school organizations. Small businesses are invited to join them and share their creations. Limited booths are available for \$25 each. To reserve your spot contact Amanda Duforat at 432-213-1825 or email her at aduforat@forsan.esc18.net.

1-27 Numbering Act of 2023 (H.R. 3209/S.992) Passes in U.S. House Allocating an Official Name to the Ports-to-Plains Corridor

LUBBOCK – In a significant milestone for transportation development, the I-27 Numbering Act of 2023 (H.R. 3209) has achieved unanimous consent in the House of Representatives using the U.S. Senate number S.992. This bill, sponsored by Representatives Jodey Arrington (TX-19), Henry Cuellar (TX-28), August Pfluger (TX-11), Ronny Jackson (TX-13), Teresa Leger-Fernandez (NM-3), Troy Nehls (TX-22), and Lance Gooden (TX-5) formally designates the Ports-to-Plains Corridor as Interstate 27 (I-27).

Lauren Garduño, President/CEO of the Ports-to-Plains Alliance, emphasized the pivotal role of this legislation in propelling the Ports-to-Plains corridor toward interstate standards. "This numbering legislation championed by Congressman Arrington with the help of his staff is critical in the development and evolution of the Ports-to-Plains corridor to interstate standards," stated Garduño. "This legislation will help us secure funding and will allow us to add interstate signage as our corridor is upgraded to interstate standards."

Outlined in H.R. 3209/S.992, the route numbers for the future interstate highway span Texas and into New Mexico:

- Laredo to Sterling City as I-27
- Sterling City through Midland to Lamesa as I-27W
- Sterling City to Lamesa as I-27E
- Lamesa northbound through Lubbock to Amarillo passing through Dumas to Raton, New Mexico as I-27
- The corridor north of Dumas as I-27N

This legislative success follows the 2022 designation of Interstate-27 (I-27) in March when President Biden signed into law the Appropriations Bill (FY 2022), recognizing the Ports-to-Plains Corridor as an addition to the Interstate Highway System.

In a parallel effort, the I-27 Numbering Act of 2023 (S.992), sponsored by U.S. Senator Ted Cruz and co-sponsored by Senators John Cornyn (R-TX), Martin Heinrich (NM), and Ben Ray Lujan (D-NM), also

secured unanimous consent, further cementing the designation of the Ports-to-Plains Corridor as Interstate 27 (I-27).

John Osborne, chairman of the Ports-to-Plains Alliance, expressed his enthusiasm, stating, "I am thrilled by the U.S. House of Representatives' approval of approving route numbering for I-27 in Texas and New Mexico." This is another step forward in connecting the major economic centers throughout America's heartland." "The approval emphasizes the commitment of political leaders and the Ports-to-Plains Alliance to enhancing trade, stimulating economic growth, and improving mobility for communities along the corridor, paving the way for a prosperous and transformative future."

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LOI - SB

Makayla Calvio, a four-year varsity Bulldogette softball player, is set to sign her Letter of Intent to play softball at Concordia University - Austin. The signing ceremony is scheduled for 1 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 11, at the Coahoma High School auditorium. The public is cordially invited to celebrate this significant milestone in her life. Calvio, a pitcher and first baseman, played a pivotal role in the team's 2023 3A UIL state championship season.

TYP - Big Spring CVB

On Tuesday morning, the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce held a "Thank You for Your Investment" presentation for the Big Spring Convention and Visitors Bureau, also known as the Big Spring CVB, to thank them for all that they do for the community.

Hayley Lewis, Community Services Director for the CVB, said she appreciated the presentation.

(audio - i love it when they come out and support local businesses, etc.)

Lewis advised that the CVB also carries Big Spring gift items in their shop. Here, she explains more. (audio)

The CVB, located at 113 E. 3rd, is known for supporting tourism for the City of Big Spring. Their website visitbigspring.com has a list of local events. There's even a way to submit your event to their site so it can be listed as well. One of these events is the Comanche Trail Festival of Lights. According to Lewis, volunteers are still needed to fill in as greeters on Christmas Eve. For more information, contact their office at 432-264-2516.

Crime Stoppers - Burglary of Habitation

Crime Stoppers is asking for the public's help in locating and identifying Burglary of Habitation Suspect(s). On 11/21/2023, at approximately 5:01 PM, Big Spring Police Officers responded to the 2500 block of Gunter Circle, in reference to a Burglary. Upon arrival, contact was made with the resident, who advised an unknown Hispanic female, and an unknown white male, had without the effective consent of the owner, entered the habitation with the intent to commit a theft.

The resident observed the Hispanic female to be wearing a blue T-shirt and khaki pants, eyeglasses and had brownish/ red hair. The resident further advised the white male is described to be medium build with brown hair with balding on the top of his head, wearing a grey T-shirt, Blue in color shorts, black tennis shoes and had eyeglasses and a thin beard. The resident was able to see the suspects entering through the back door of the residence which was caught on video camera. The resident advised that the suspects fled the scene in a white in color, unknown year Chevrolet Tahoe. Officers were then provided with a video of the suspects.

Crime Stoppers is offering a CASH reward for information leading to the arrest of the person(s) involved in this case. Remember no caller ID is ever used and all tips are anonymous.

You can submit a tip on any web browser at www.p3tips.com, use the mobile app P3 Tips, or call CrimeStoppers at (432)263-TIPS 8477.

DO NOT LEAVE YOUR TIP ON FACEBOOK MESSENGER. USE THE "SUBMIT A TIP" ICON ON OUR PAGE.

P3tips.com. DO NOT LOSE YOUR TIP NUMBER.

Please reference case # 2-23-03807 in your tip.

Web Tip Link:

<https://www.p3tips.com/1277>

12/07/23

Underwater Welding

Several Big Spring High School students are currently going through an Underwater Welding certification program. It began coming together at the beginning of the last school year, and has been operational for the last 3 weeks. Currently, several students are at different stages in the program.

Milton Woody, Welding instructor at BSHS, told KBest News that students start with safety and learning equipment before ever getting into the water. The course will take the rest of the year and potentially longer. Here Woody explains what all is involved in the course. (Audio -

“It’s not only just welding,” said Woody. “We got piping and flanging that they’re gonna bring in. We’re gonna float them down with airbags. They’re gonna bolt the flanges up with gaskets and tighten the bolts up and just do a little bit of commercial diving because the welding part is a very small part of a commercial diver. They do everything, but underwater welding is definitely a part. [It also includes] Salvage with cutting underwater and construction underwater so it’s gonna take a little while.”

Woody has been diving since the 1970s, has welded his whole life, and even went through Ocean Corp, a trade school in Houston that prepares divers to pursue commercial diving. It’s always been something that he’s wanted to merge. After asking BSHS Principal Mike Ritchey for permission to bring underwater diving to Big Spring High School, he was given the greenlight to pursue funding. He approached industry professionals within the community, who gladly donated items and/or funding to see the program come to fruition.

Andrew Garcia, Junior, and Juelz Jones, Senior, are two students who participate in the program. They told KBest News that they enjoy the program and look forward to be able to use what they’ve learned in the future.

The certification at BSHS is a local certification. Woody is currently with a Certification Weld Tet company to get in under the American Welding Society (AWS).

Forsan Christmas

Forsan Journalism / Yearbook students will host a holiday extravaganza on Saturday morning, Dec. 9th, from 9 am to 1 pm. It will feature several school organizations.

During the event there will be Breakfast with Santa. Cost is \$5 per child and includes a photo with Santa, and children will get to decorate a pancake and participate in Christmas crafts sponsored by H-E-B.

There will also be a Christmas Shop and Reindeer Games. Guests will be able to shop with local vendors for a variety of items such as freshies, t-shirts, sweet treats, and more. Plus, there will also be Christmas music, reindeer games, and more. This portion of the event is free to enter.

Be advised, Tate’s Place will also be at the Christmas at Forsan event to collect food and essential donations. Each person who donates will be entered for a chance to win a gift basket. For more on this story, visit our KBest Media Facebook page.

National Bell Ringing Challenge Supporting Local Community *National Leader Issues Challenge Across the USA*

Big Spring, Texas (December 5, 2023) – The iconic Salvation Army red kettles and bell ringers are out and about town reminding each of us to give and consider the needs of others this Christmas season. The national leader of The Salvation Army has issued a special bell ringing

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challenge to communities around the country on December 9, in an effort to engage donors and supporters, and raise much needed funds to support year-round Salvation Army services.

This year, The Salvation Army National Commander's challenge will include local supporters, partners, and volunteers, as well as Salvation Army Officers, employees, and Advisory Board members. Salvation Army units are encouraged to put together a team of ringers to take on and beat the amount raised by Commissioner [Kenneth] Hodder.

"We're excited to be participating in the National Commander's fundraising challenge here in Big Spring," said Major Dean Moretz with The Salvation Army of Big Spring. "If you'd like to be part of the bell ringing team on Saturday, December 9, please let me know, and we certainly encourage everyone to visit the kettle at the Walmart on Marcy Drive between 3-7 PM and drop in a donation."

With only 6 days left for all Angel Tree gifts to be returned, The Salvation Army still has angels yet to be adopted. Monday, December 11 is the last day to adopt and return gifts for an "angel" as part of the annual Angel Tree program.

"Our community of donors, partners, and volunteers is what keeps The Salvation Army Angel Tree program alive year after year," said Moretz. "Your kindness ensures every child has a gift to open on Christmas morning, and parents don't have to decide between paying bills or buying toys. Please help today by adopting an angel."

If you would like to make a child's Christmas wishes come true but do not have time to shop, please go to www.salvationarmybigspring.org to purchase a gift from the Walmart Online Angel Tree or make a donation.

If you're interested in supporting the Angel Tree program, volunteering to ring the bell, or serving holiday meals please call The Salvation Army at (432) 267-8239, visit us at 811 W 5th Street or go to www.salvationarmybigspring.org. Thank you for supporting The Salvation Army this Christmas.

Forsan Christmas

Crime Stoppers

CrimeStoppers is asking for the public's help!! On the 1st of July 2023 at approximately 4:45 A.M., Officers and Firemen responded to the Dora Roberts Community Center located in Comanche Trail Park due to the building being on fire. The fire resulted in a total loss of the building and an investigation determined this to be Arson. If you are the first person with information leading to an arrest, you can earn a CASH reward!! You can submit a tip on any web browser at www.p3tips.com, use the mobile app P3 Tips, or call CrimeStoppers at (432)263-TIPS 8477. The City of Big Spring is also rewarding \$4,500.00 to the first person to

provide information leading to the arrest for this crime on top of the Cash reward CrimeStoppers is providing!!!

12/08/23

Christmas Events

Festival of Lights – Tonight through Dec. 25th

The Festival of Lights continues tonight and will run nightly from 6-10 PM through Christmas Day. This is a community display of lights in Comanche Trail Park to celebrate the season. It's free to visit but donations are welcome.

Drive-Thru Nativity – Tonight through Sunday, Dec. 10th

The First Church of the Nazarene, located at 1400 Lancaster, will begin it's 37th annual live Drive-Thru Nativity tonight. The presentation will be held for this weekend only from 6:30-9:30 pm each evening. The production includes live animals and, in the past, had a cast of over 100 people. This presentation is free to the community, but donations are welcomed.

Christmas at Forsan - Saturday, Dec. 9th

Tomorrow morning, the Forsan Journalism and Yearbook students will host Christmas at Forsan. A holiday event that will give visitors an opportunity to get some Christmas shopping checked off their list and let the kids visit Santa. Breakfast with Santa is \$5 per child but entry into the vendor portion of the event is free. For more information, visit our KBest Media Facebook page.

Coahoma Christmas in the Park - Saturday, Dec. 9th

Christmas in Coahoma at the Park will be held on Saturday, December 9th, from 3-5 pm. During the event there will be hayrides and caroling, Christmas art projects for the kids, free coffee and hot cocoa and popcorn and cookies. Plus, winners from the Best Decorated House will be announced during the event.

Feast of Sharing - Sunday, Dec. 10th

The annual event H-E-B's Feast of Sharing is scheduled for this Sunday December 10th, 11 am - 3 pm, at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum in Big Spring.

CASA of WTX -

Last night, CASA of West Texas, located at 1811 Scurry in Big Spring, hosted the networking event Alive After 5. This is a monthly event organized by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce for the betterment of Howard County.

Patty Pisklak, Executive Director of CASA of West Texas told KBest News that she appreciated being a part of the chamber because community support is needed since they are a community-

based organization. Here, Pisklak explains more (audio - So we recruit and train volunteers who advocate for youth in foster care. We need the support of the community and more importantly, the children need the support of the community.).

CASA recruits, trains, and supports volunteers who advocate for children in foster care. They advocate in the courts and in the community. Here, she explains more (audio - “We work with a lot of different entities, anybody involved with the kids. We work with the parents of the children, relatives, anybody involved. So we’re just trying to promote the best outcome for these kids that we can, and ensure that they all placed in a safe, permanent home safe permanent home.).

The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce is currently holding a toy drive and a portion of those toys will be donated to CASA. Pisklak told KBest News that the toy drive is essential for CASA to have enough gifts and toys during the Christmas season. She noted that it puts a smile on the kids faces during this difficult time in their lives.

For more information, visit their website Casawtx.org or call 432-683-1114.

Angel Tree Deadline

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12/11/23

e-Waste Recycling Event in Jan. ‘24

The City of Big Spring and Keep Big Spring Beautiful will once again partner for another E-Waste Recycling Day next month. This free event will be on Saturday, Jan. 13, 2024, from 8 am to 1 pm or until the truck fills. This e-waste recycling event will be held at the Big Sandy Landfill, located at 3810 Old Colorado City Hwy, in Big Spring.

This is the public's opportunity to recycle all electronics responsibly. Some of the items that will be accepted are computers, lithium ion batteries, computer accessories, monitors, printers, copiers, gaming systems, cameras, and more. Items that will not be accepted are paint, light bulbs, alkaline batteries, gasoline, oils, and freon items.

Check out a full list of the items accepted on our KBest Media Facebook page. If you have questions or comments, you can contact Ken Meeks at 817-919-6229.

Howard County Commissioners to Meet for Regular Meeting

Howard County Commissioners will meet for a regular meeting on Monday morning, December 11, 2023. A workshop will be held at 9 AM in the 2nd floor Judge's Conference Room at the Howard County Court House, located at 300 S. Main, in Big Spring. Court will later recess and reconvene at 10 AM in the 3rd Floor County Court Room.

Items on the agenda include executive/closed sessions for the discussion on a request to modify the terms/conditions for the Crusoe 381 agreement and Recover 381 agreement with Mark Willis, Executive Director for the Big Spring Economic Development Corporation. There will also be a presentation on the Sexual Assault Response Team by Victim Services. As well as a discussion and possible action concerning a 9-1-1 Board Nominee selection. Other items up for discussion include subdivision and manufactured home rental community regulations and a sale of real property at 301 Spring Creek Rd.

Library Ribbon Cutting at Howard College

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Here, Dr. Cheryl Sparks, President of Howard College, explains the significance of the dedications (audio - Basically doing we're saying once again that learning is important, and we want our community, the individual citizens, the students that come our way to have opportunities to open any door that they would like to open in their future.)

Originally constructed in 1967, the library has undergone extensive renovations to enhance college facilities and provide a more enriching experience for students, faculty, and the community. According to Dr. Sparks the changes have made it a modern day library.

She went on to say that Howard College is unique in that it can be beneficial to a wide range of students, from the student who has yet to complete their GED, to the student who has obtained a master's degree and wants to do something different. Here, she explains more (audio - what is so unique about Howard COLLEGE and its location is we're here to open doors and help people connect to the next world that they want to pursue).

H-E-B's gives back to community with 9th Annual Feast of Sharing

BIG SPRING, TX – H-E-B's 9th annual Feast of Sharing dinner was held yesterday in Big Spring. This was a hot meal provided by H-E-B and served by staff and community volunteers. According to Jessicka Gonzales, Public Affairs for West Texas H-E-B, it's their way of giving back to the community and thanking them for being loyal customers and neighbors.

"We think the holidays are better together, and so we wanna make sure that everybody has a seat at the table. We're gonna have some fun, some great children's activities, [and] great live performances. The city has really come together to make sure that this event is one to remember," said Gonzales.

Gonzalez say that it's important for HEB to be more than just a grocery store because they're a people company.

"We want to be able to get back to those who've given so much to us, and to be here to be able to do that, to be able to see the community support wrap around us, as well, is truly overwhelmingly inspiring for us to keep going.

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Big Spring City Council to meet tonight, 12/12/23

BIG SPRING, TX – the Big Spring city Council will meet for a regular meeting tonight at 5:30 PM in the council chambers at 307 E. 4th St. items on tonight's agenda include a presentation to the community concerning a Texas community development block grant program. plus there will also be public hearings, on the consideration, impossible abatement of three properties. Tonight the city manager's report will include a large item pick up for district 6, city holidays, sanitation schedule for the holidays, and a leadership class project at Jefferson Park.

New business items on tonight's agenda include the city manager reappointment to the civil service appointment of Raul Marquez Junior. There also be consideration on the request for event funding from the convention and visitors bureau for the together trail race. Plus, there will be discussion concerning ordinances related to boarding of broken windows and a first reading of an ordinance and connecting territory commonly known as 1801 W. I-20.

Big Spring Municipal Court CLOSED through Dec. 15th, 2023

Recently, the Big Spring Municipal Court had a scheduled closure that ran through yesterday, Dec. 11th. According to Mandy Haynes, Municipal Court Judge, the closure is to continue the Court's integration to a new system.

Be advised, all defendants with an appearance date for December 4-11, 2023, will be extended to December 15, 2023.

Westbrook returns to AT&T Stadium

The Westbrook Wildcats will make their return to AT&T Stadium tomorrow for their 3rd consecutive appearance at the 1A 6-man Football State Championship game. This year, they'll face Gordon. Kickoff is scheduled for 11 AM. You can listen to a live broadcast of this game brought to you by the KBest Sports Crew beginning at 10:40 AM on The Mighty 1490 AM and FM 103.9.

Bulldogette Calvio to play Softball at Concordia

Yesterday, four-year varsity Bulldogette softball player Makayla Calvio was surrounded by her family, teammates, peers, and community as she signed her letter of intent to continue her softball career with Concordia University - Austin. Calvio, a pitcher and first baseman, played a pivotal role in the team's 2023 3A UIL state championship season.

Calvio told KBest News that this was a special day and although she'll soon have to leave her Bulldogette teammates behind, she won't be completely alone on her new team. Christian Everett, former Coahoma Bulldogette teammate, currently plays softball for Concordia University - Austin.

When asked if having a former teammate at Concordia impacted her decision to attend college there, Calvio had this to say (audio - well you know it's exciting. I really thought that I was gonna be the only one there from Coahoma but then Christian told me that she was going to go there and I was like oh my gosh I have to go!)

Calvio told KBest News she's excited about the upcoming softball season.

(audio - "I think we're ready. I think we're gonna get another gold ring.")

IT'S BEGINNING TO LOOK A LOT LIKE CHRISTMAS AT THE SALVATION ARMY OF BIG SPRING

The Salvation Army kicks off its annual toy distribution for 1000 children

Big Spring, Texas (December 11, 2023)— This week, The Salvation Army is delivering hope and joy to the parents and caregivers of more than 800 children and 150 seniors in Big Spring who are registered in The Salvation Army Angel Tree program.

The Angel Tree gift distribution takes place on Saturday, December 16, at The Salvation Army Boys & Girls Club located at 811 w. 5th Street.

The Angel Tree program, supported by generous donors, provides Christmas gifts to seniors and new clothing and toys to children from families in need. Local companies and corporations host Angel Trees adorned with numbered paper angel tags, each bearing the first name, age,

and gender of a child or senior. Generous community members select angels from the tree and purchase gifts for the angel they have chosen.

Beyond delivering the gifts to go under the tree, The Angel Tree program helps alleviate the significant stress that Christmas can bring to families struggling to make ends meet all while trying to provide for their children.

In addition to the help at Christmastime, Salvation Army locations stay in touch with Angel Tree families throughout the year, checking on their well-being.

Volunteers are desperately needed to support the Red Kettle Campaign in Big Spring with less than two weeks of bell-ringing to go. "If you have a couple of hours, an afternoon, or an entire day free, we have a bell and apron for you! Consider coming out and ringing the bell by yourself or with your family, friends and co-workers," said Moretz. "Every dollar raised through the red kettles stays right here in our community and makes it possible for The Salvation Army to provide food boxes, emergency assistance, clothing and so much more all year-round to those who come to us for assistance. Go to www.registertoring.com and sign up today!"

If you're interested in supporting the Angel Tree program, volunteering to ring the bell, or serving holiday meals please call The Salvation Army at (432) 267-8239, visit us at 811 W 5th Street or go to www.salvationarmybigspring.org. Thank you for supporting The Salvation Army this Christmas.

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12/13/23

KBest Christmas Lights Winners announced

This past weekend, many houses participated in the KBest christmas Lights Contest presented by Big Mike's Farm Store. This was the 7th year for the contest, with 84 participants and 32 judges.

All First Place winners get 🏆 \$500 / Second Place 🏆 \$250 / 🏆 Third Place \$125.

District 1

--First Place: 3206 W. 8th St

--Second Place: 1314 Mesa Ave

--Third Place: 1202 S. Lancaster St

District 2

--First Place: 1302 Lexington Ave

--Second Place: 407 S. Benton St

--Third Place: 1000 Howell St

District 3

--First Place: 2700 Navajo Dr

--Second Place: 2408 Alamesa Dr

--Third Place: 2531 Gunter Circle

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--First Place: 609 W. 17th St
--Second Place: 101 Cedar Rd
--Third Place: 420 Dallas St

District 5

--First Place: 3235 Drexel Ave
--Second Place: 2609 Carol Dr
--Third Place: 916 Baylor Blvd

District 6

--First Place: 707 Colgate Ave
--Second Place: 1406 Princeton Ave
--Third Place: 1411 Mt. Vernon Ave

District Highland South

--First Place: 3100 Mountain Shadow Dr
--Second Place: 705 Oak Glen Dr
--Third Place: 502 Oak Glen Dr

Howard County Precinct 1

--First Place: 1302 Hwy 176
--Second Place: 7405 NCR 19
--Third Place: no entry

Howard County Precinct 2

--First Place: 500 Todd Rd
--Second Place: 906 Saunders St. Coahoma
--Third Place: 5614 E. Midway Rd

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--First Place: 6701 Ranch Rd
--Second Place: 4615 Ash St
--Third Place: 4810 Wasson Rd

Howard County Precinct 4

--First Place: 7405 N. Service Rd
--Second Place: 7713 E. Midway Rd
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After a five-year consecutive reign as Grand Champion...

707 Colgate Ave has been edged out!!! You read that correctly: Winning by three-tenths of a point, the new champion for 2023 Best In Show is 3100 Mountain Shadow Drive!!!!

Please thank these local businesses for their contributions, by shopping locally:

Big Mike's Farm Store,
Sonic on Gregg St,
Ward's Western Wear,
Cosden Federal Credit Union,

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Jordan's Custom Lights
Franklin & Son Inc.
West Texas Injury Prevention - a Back in Motion Chiropractic Company
The Folsom Law Firm, PLLC
Ward Family Dental, PC
Star Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram of Big Spring
Star Ford Big Spring
Sam's Package Store LLC
Big Spring Convention & Visitors Bureau
Back In Motion Chiropractic
Dale Coates Heating & A/C Inc
Dazzling Decor
Rusty Taco Midland & Lubbock
Ace Harris Lumber & Hardware
Affordacare Urgent Care Clinic
Allan's Gallery
Skateland Reloaded
The Karat Patch - Big Spring, Texas
Martin County Hospital District
Big Spring Education Employees Federal Credit Union
Trinity Baptist Church
JNC Electric
Tis the Occasion and Business Solutions

Westbrook returns to AT&T Stadium

The Westbrook Wildcats will make their return to AT&T Stadium tomorrow for their 3rd consecutive appearance at the 1A 6-man Football State Championship game. This year, they'll face Gordon. Kickoff is scheduled for 11 AM. You can listen to a live broadcast of this game brought to you by the KBest Sports Crew beginning at 10:40 AM on The Mighty 1490 AM and FM 103.9.

Thank You for Your Investment - Klassic Kleaners

On Tuesday, the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce held a Thank You for Your Investment presentation for Klassic Kleaners, located at 2107 S. Gregg St. in Big Spring. Klassic Kleaners is a family owned and operated business. It has been under new ownership since June of this year. New owners are now Jeff and Tisha Ward. When asked how she felt about the presentation from the Chamber, Tisha had this to say (audio - I thought it went great. I'm so proud and I'm honored to be a part of this community and I'm so thankful for the support from the Chamber and that everybody could be here today. I thought it went great.)

When asked what she wanted the community to know about Klassic Kleaners, Tisha said that they are thankful to be a part of it and for the previous owners who took care of it, as well. She also went on to say the following (audio - We just enjoy taking care of our customers like they are family and we enjoy being able to bring our family in and raise them here and get to know all of our employees and their families. We consider them family, as well.)

Howard County Commissioners Court –

Howard County Commissioners met for a regular meeting on Monday morning. During the meeting, they entered into an executive session to discuss a request to modify terms/conditions concerning a Crusoe 381 agreement and a Recover Energy 381 agreement with Mark Willis of the Big Spring EDC. Both agreements resulted in an extension.

John Cline, former Howard County Commissioner for Precinct 4, was approved with a 4-1 vote to become a selection for the 9-1-1 Board with Commissioner Eddilisa Ray, Pct. 1, voting against.

Commissioners also discussed with the county attorney the sale of real property located at 301 Spring Creek Rd. It was noted by Howard County The property is 0.19 acres of land in the Sand Springs area, just north of I-20. It was deeded over to the county after the owner was confronted with the fact that the building was collapsing and it was gathering trash. Since then it has been cleaned up by the Road and Bridge Department. It is an empty piece of property and there is no structure on it now. The county has no need for it and discussed the process to get it sold and back on the tax roll. It was also noted that if the county currently owns the mineral rights for the land, the mineral rights will not be for sale with the property. No action was taken on that item.

12/14/23

Holiday Spectacular Concert

Big Spring Symphony Orchestra will perform their Holiday Spectacular Concert this Saturday, Dec. 17th, at 7:30 PM at the Big Spring High School Auditorium.

Many seasonal favorites will be performed, including “O, Holy Night!”, “Chestnuts Roasting”, “Here Comes Santa Claus” and many more. The audience will also get to sing carols led by their featured vocal soloists: Nadia Kiley and Lawrence Thibeault. Plus, the combined finale featuring the Howard College Choir under the direction of Mark Watt will add even more excitement to this much anticipated concert.

Tickets for Saturday’s Holiday Spectacular Concert with the Big Spring Symphony Orchestra are on sale now at bigspringsymphony.org. Tickets can also be purchased at H-E-B, Heritage Museum and The Karat Patch until noon, on Friday, Dec. 16th, but they will also be available at the door.

Holiday Sip & Shop -

The last day to submit your Holiday Bingo entries is Thursday, Dec. 15th by 2 pm. There are 24 participating businesses and participants must get a blackout on the card before they submit it to the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Office, at 215 W. 3rd. Debbye ValVerde, Executive Director for the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, will announce the final winner on Thursday afternoon on the air with KBest Country 95.7 at 2 pm.

For more information call the Chamber, 432-263-7641.

A Holiday Sip & Shop will also be held in Big Spring on Thursday, Dec. 15th. A variety of shops and boutiques will be open until 8 pm that evening to give shoppers a chance to knock out some of their gift lists this season. For a list of participating businesses for Holiday Bingo and for the Holiday Sip & Shop, visit our KBest Media Facebook page.

Howard County Courthouse Evacuated due to Smoke Alarm

During the noon hour yesterday, employees of the Howard County Courthouse were briefly evacuated from the building. Officials told KBest News that the smoke alarm on the 2nd floor was activated which resulted in the evacuation with firefighters on the scene. BSFD Chief Craig Ferguson says there was no fire. The cause appears to be dust from construction which tripped the smoke alarm, but is still under investigation. The courthouse was cleared for re-entry and employees resumed work as normal.

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Sports

Congratulations to Big Spring High School Coach Brandon Clemmons on being selected as the Boys Cross Country – 4A –Regional Head Coach of the Year!

Also, Congratulations to Coach Randall Shaw for getting the Regional Assistant Boys Cross Country 4A Coach of the year as well!

https://www.thsca.com/_files/ugd/2d16e6_d31e2210d9b34d4890bc5c1e36158947.pdf

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WEST TEXAS CENTERS HONORS EMPLOYEES, SMITH FOR 40 YEARS

BIG SPRING - Recently, West Texas Centers CEO Shelley Smith, Lic. Master Social Worker - LMSW, was honored for 40 years of service the center's yearly luncheon at Hotel Settles.

The luncheons celebrated staff who work in 23 counties in rural West Texas.

Smith, who has served as the only CEO of West Texas Centers, was presented with a 40-year plaque by Ed Moughon, former Superintendent for the Big Spring State Hospital.

West Texas Centers employs close to 330 dedicated professionals at 35 sites who help 2,300 individuals.

According to Smith, their employees are the best of the best and she would like to celebrate them every day for their selfless dedication and for putting clients first.

She went on to say that they all have lives outside of West Texas Centers, but many times they put the needs of the people they serve before their own.

Multiple employees were honored for their time with West Texas Centers.

Employees honored for 20 years of service were Cathy Richardson, Theresa Smith; and Vickie Williams. Those honored for 25 years were Bertha Anderson; Shannon Farnsworth; Alicia Miranda; and Zena Ruth. Plus, Norma Leach was honored for 30 years, and Brenda Adames was honored for 35 years.

For a full list of the employees honored, visit our KBest Media Facebook page.

West Texas Centers is the designated local authority for mental health and intellectual and developmental disabilities through a contractual relationship with the Texas Department of State Health Services, Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services and the Texas Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services.

In addition to providing services for people with mental illness and intellectual and developmental disabilities, the Center hosts an Early Childhood Intervention program known as Little Lives ECI, aiding children ages 0-3 years old.

West Texas Centers serves citizens of Andrews, Borden, Crane, Dawson, Fisher, Gaines, Garza, Glasscock, Howard, Kent, Loving, Martin, Mitchell, Nolan, Reeves, Runnels, Scurry, Terrell, Terry, Upton, Ward, Winkler, and Yoakum counties.

WTXCMC - Holiday Blast 2

The West Texas Community mediation center located at 501 South Runnels Street in Big Spring will have their holiday blast two a community giveaway and get back exchange. This will be today from 6 to 8 PM. It is also a shoe giveaway note that the public is encouraged to bring an item to support their food drive for the seniors and take a gift from one of their tables coats and hoodies will be available too.

They're also door prizes, snacks, and drawings For more information you can call their office at 432-517-4070.

Three Angels

Three Angels Food Pantry is a local organization in Big Spring that works to provide monthly food distributions to families in need. They are located at 4319 S. Parkway, behind the Seventh Day Adventist Church. Normally, they distribute food boxes on the last Friday of the month.

During this holiday season, Three Angel Food Pantry will move up their distribution date so that families can receive food boxes before the holidays. Next week, they will be distributing food on Friday, November 17th from 11 am to 1 PM, and next month they will distribute food on Friday, Dec. 15th, also from 11 am to 1 PM.

BSSO Concert

Tomorrow night, the Big Spring Symphony Orchestra's will perform their annual holiday concert. This year it's called "Big Spring Brings the Holidays Home." The concert begins at 7:30 PM at the Big Spring High School Auditorium. Attendees will get to enjoy a huge selection of season favorites including the very popular Holiday Sing-a-long. The Guest Conductor will be Howard College professor, Mark Watt. Soloists will include Baritone Henrik Zetterstrom and Soprano Nadia Kiley. The orchestra will also be joined for several selections by a Big Spring Children's Chorus from Runnels Academy. Selections will include a special performance of "**The Night Before Christmas**" narrated by Big Spring's own Tumbleweed Smith.

Concert Tickets are \$25 for Adults, \$20 for Seniors (55 plus) and Students College Age and Down are FREE.

Advance Tickets are on sale now at bigspringsymphony.org and will be available at the door the night of the performance.

12/18/23

Christmas and New Year's drivers urged to move over or slow down for tow trucks and other emergency vehicles

AUSTIN – If you see tow trucks and other emergency vehicles stopped on the side of the road with their emergency lights activated, do you know what to do?

Texas law requires drivers to slow down at least 20 miles per hour under the posted speed limit or, if able, to change lanes when they're passing a first responder stopped on the roadside.

Large numbers of travelers are expected on Texas roads during the Christmas and New Year's holidays and chances are, they may break down, get involved in crashes or be stopped by law enforcement. Pay attention to what's happening around you and be prepared to react quickly.

TDLR regulates tow truck companies and tow truck drivers, driver education and driving safety courses, and motorcycle safety courses, and as always, the agency asks all drivers to please slow down or move over when you see emergency vehicles stopped on the side of the road.

Tow truck drivers work hard every day to help people who are stranded on the side of the road. And, like everyone else, they are anxious to return home safely each night. Holiday memories are made when family gathers. Please do your part to make that happen for all.

Safety tips for driving this holiday season:

- Slow down and pay attention to what you're doing. If you get tired, pull over in a safe spot and walk around to re-energize.
- Don't drink and drive, even a little bit.
- Designate a (sober) driver.

- Stay off the mobile phone – this includes texting. Designate a “co-pilot” to oversee the phone while you’re driving so you can concentrate on the task at hand.
- Buckle up – all occupants of the vehicle, every trip – no matter how short. Most traffic crashes happen close to home.
- Traveling by motorcycle? Wear a helmet.
- Stay weather-aware. If it’s snowy or icy, you’ll need to slow down significantly so you don’t slide on unexpected icy spots. If it’s raining heavily, turn around and don’t drown if water is running across the road. Only two feet of rushing water can sweep away a vehicle.
- Leave plenty of time to get to your destination. Roadways are likely to be crowded. Drive friendly – the Texas way!

Airplane Crash in Tom Green County

A private plane was reported to have crashed in Tom Green County THursday afternoon. According to Texas DPS, a single engine PC12 Pilatus crashed approximately 4 miles south of Christoval.

The preliminary investigation shows at approximately, 12:38 P.M., Tom Green County Sheriff’s Department was dispatched to an airplane crash south of Christoval. With the assistance of Customs & Border Protection (CBP) Aviation Services, the airplane crash was located approximately 4 miles south of Christoval on a privately owned ranch. Immediately, first responders arrived on scene and started searching the area for any survivors. Unfortunately, there were no survivors found.

Currently, this crash scene is being secured by the Texas Department of Public Safety until the FAA and NTSB arrive on scene to take over the investigation.

Marks Family Classic All-Star Games

The second annual Marks Family Classic All-Star Games are coming back to the area this summer. Last year’s inaugural event was an overwhelming success and the organization is gearing up for an even bigger event this year. The 2024 games are scheduled for June 12-15th in Midland, Odessa, and Andrews. It will feature more than 150 of the Permian Basin’s top student-athletes participating in football, volleyball, cheerleading, and golf.

Coaches that will be participating from area schools include Stanton’s Billy Rushing as an Assistant Football Coach, Coahoma’s Joni Lacefield as a Head Cheer Coach, and Kim Nichols, also from Coahoma, with Men’s Golf.

Congratulations to them!

Area News:

MIDLAND COUNTY, TX – According to Midland County Sheriff David Criner, the inmate who escaped from the Midland County Jail, has been found and is in custody.

According to a post from the Midland Crime Stoppers Facebook, the inmate's name is Michael Nash. Before his escape, he was last seen at 7:27 p.m. on Thursday night.

According to the Midland County Sheriff's Office, Nash escaped the Midland County Central Detention Center by manipulating a secure door in the detention center.

Nash was being held for theft over \$100, under \$750, evading arrest or detention in a motor vehicle, unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, and evading arrest or detention. Nash also has out-of-county warrants for forgery of a financial instrument.

Over the weekend, Nash was captured by law enforcement 1700 South Midkiff Rd.

12/19/23

Howard County Sheriff's Office requesting assistance in Animal Cruelty case

Yesterday, the Howard County Sheriff's Office announced that it was requesting assistance from the public in obtaining information in an animal, cruelty case. In a video posted to their Facebook page a black 4-door vehicle can be seen driving away from a dog. According to Howard County Sheriff Stan Parker, the full video shows the vehicle, dropping off the dog, and then driving away as the dog chases after it.

Here, Sheriff Parker tells us more about the case (audio - We have a vehicle identified trying to get a little more information on it and we're trying to locate the dog. We don't know if if somebody's already watching the video went and rescued the dog and so we're trying to get a hold of the dog we do have placement for it and so if anybody knows the whereabouts of the dog would greatly appreciate that and if you know more about the suspect vehicle or the person driving the car, would love to have that information.)

Sheriff Parker said the department doesn't usually get a lot of calls about people dumping dogs in the county, but they know it happens often. He said that if they know there's something going on, they'll pursue it.

He told KBest News that people must understand that if they decide to become a pet owner, they are responsible for that pet for the rest of its life. Here, he explains more (audio - if you become a pet owner understand that once you pick up the pet, once you own the pet, you own it for the rest of its life you know when their puppies are cute they're gonna grow up they're not gonna be cute little puppies anymore but they're still very loving animals. Have it spayed or neutered and be prepared to take care of that pet for the rest of its life. They deserve that, just like our children do.)

Sheriff Parker told KBest News that abandoning a pet is animal cruelty and is a Class A misdemeanor, punishable by a \$1,000 fine, and up to a year in county jail.

Last Minute Holiday Sip & Shop, 12/21/23

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The Salvation Army Red Kettles Falling Behind with Only Six Days of Bell Ringing Left

Donations Needed to Reach Annual Fundraising Goal

Big Spring, Texas (December 18, 2023) – With less than a week before Christmas, The Salvation Army finds itself falling behind the red kettle goal for 2023. The annual Red Kettle Campaign is The Salvation Army's primary fundraiser of the year. Every dollar donated supports programs that make a difference in the lives of people year-round in Amarillo.

According to Major Dean Moretz, "The Red Kettle Campaign has currently raised a little more than \$40,000 with only a few days of bell ringing left. They are praying the community will make a special effort to give to The Salvation Army in the remaining days of the season," said Major Dean Moretz of The Salvation Army. "The current economy has made it difficult for many families who have been forced to prioritize rent, bills, rising food costs and other expenses in their budget. The Salvation Army is here year-round to provide a hand up to those struggling each month and the money raised through the red kettles is essential to these services."

The Salvation Army bells will continue to ring outside stores through Saturday, December 23 and the organization is optimistic that with the community's support it can still reach its fundraising goal. "The generosity of our amazing community is always a blessing to witness. The Salvation Army is so grateful and every dollar helps!" said Moretz. "The money raised in our Red Kettle Campaign stays right here in Big Spring. This means we can give a food box to someone who is hungry, provide a place at the Boys & Girls Club for at-risk kids, keep the lights on for a family struggling to pay a utility bill and a pathway to self-sufficiency for struggling families in our community for months to come."

Volunteers are crucial to the success of the red kettle campaign. It's not too late and it is easier than ever for individuals, families, groups and businesses to sign up as a volunteer bellringer. Go to www.RegisterToRing.com and select the location, day and time you would like to ring.

12/20/23

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New Grand Champion awarded in the KBest Christmas Lights Contest

The 7th annual KBest Christmas Lights Contest presented by Big Mike's Farm Store was held earlier this month. This year over 30 judges were used for the contest and last week over \$10,000 in cash and prizes were awarded to winners placing in 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place.

For the last five consecutive years, Barbara Averette has been the Grand Champion. Her entry on Colgate in District 5 includes live actors, a ferris wheel and snow machine. By less than one point, Averette was surpassed in scoring by a new winner who received the title of "Best in Show" - an entry on Mountain Shadow in the Highland South district.

Submitted by Joe Paul and Rene Beall, the entry on Mountain Shadow included a mix of old and new decorations, an archway, a large Santa, and a homemade ski-lift built by Joe Paul.

When asked how she felt about winning Best in Show, Rene said she was excited and went on to say (audio - we do this...2:15).

In addition to the \$500 cash prize for winning first in their district, the Bealls also won the Grand Prize of "Holiday in the Park" at Six Flags Over Texas along with gas, restaurant, and hotel stay. Rene told KBest News that plans on taking her grandkids to Holiday in the Park if she can gather them together.

Deceased Man discovered near Howard County Fair Grounds

On Tuesday morning a deceased man was found near the Howard County Fair Grounds.

According to the Big Spring Police Department, on Dec. 19th, officers were dispatched at approximately 8:45 AM to the Howard County Fair Grounds property located in the 2900 block of Old Hwy 80 due to a deceased White/Male individual.

Upon arrival officers found a group of dogs run from the area in which the male subject was found. The preliminary investigation has not determined any cause of death though the deceased has evidence of animal predation. An autopsy has been ordered by the Justice of the Peace and is scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 21, 2023. The identity of the deceased has been found to be Jasson Bullard 40 years of age. Next of kin has been notified. Big Spring Animal Control has taken measures to identify, locate and seize two of the dogs involved in this incident.

This is an ongoing investigation, and no further information is available at this time.

Soccer added to Athletic Program at Big Spring High School

On Monday, Big Spring's Athletic Director Cannon McWilliams announced that Boys and Girls Soccer would be added to the Big Spring High School athletic program next year.

Coach McWilliams told KBest News this has been something that has been in the works for a couple of years and was just recently approved with an unanimous vote by the Big Spring ISD Board of Trustees.

McWilliams stated there has been a lot of student interest in the sport and he hopes it will bring more kids into extracurricular activities.

UIL has been notified that Big Spring High School will be participating in soccer next year. Head coaches for boys and girls soccer coaches will need to be hired by the district. Here, Coach McWilliams explains what else is needed to get the program started for next year. (audio - startup)

He went on to say he thinks the community will be excited about it. Here, he tells us more (audio).

He went on to say even though this will be a new program for BSHS, he doesn't think the kids playing will be inexperienced thanks to the local youth soccer program.

Coach McWilliams told KBest News that the goal is to get more kids they can get involved in extracurricular activities. Here, he explains more (audio -)

McWilliams advised the soccer season begins in November and he hopes to have soccer coaches in place by late July.

DAV Chapter 47 Big Spring provides Christmas steaks for Veterans at Lamen-Lusk-Sanchez Texas State Veterans Home

BIG SPRING, TX -- Veterans at Lamen-Lusk-Sanchez Texas State Veterans Home were treated to steaks for lunch on Monday thanks to the local chapter of the Disabled American Veterans (DAV, Ch. 47).

Billie Harris and Chad Gibson from KRP Rentals donated their time to cook the steaks.

Other volunteers were present as well, including a group from Abilene, TX.

Harris told KBest News that she volunteered to help cook steaks because she wanted to give back to the community. Here, she tells us more (audio - "I love stuff like this. I love charities and older people. These [Veterans] represent our country," said Harris.)

She went on to say that she would love to come back again because she enjoyed the experience and got to meet new people.

12/21/23

Big Spring Man Arrested for Murder and Burglary of Habitation also Primary Suspect in additional Shooting, Murder, and Burglary; Crime Stoppers seek further Information

A Big Spring Man was arrested this week for murder and burglary of a habitation, and is the primary suspect of additional crimes.

On the Friday, 15th of December 2023, Howard County Deputies were sent to the 3800 block of N. Hwy 87 regarding a deceased individual found on the side of the road. The deceased was identified as 32 year old Christopher Semmelmann. An investigation of the death found Semmelmann was recently murdered in the 100 block of Jonesboro Rd. An arrest warrant for the murder of Semmelmann was later issued for Ray Alvarado, 25.

On Tuesday evening., Big Spring Police Department officers responded to the Sonoco convenience store located at 400 S. Gregg in reference to shots fired. Upon officers' arrival Rosendo Deanda, 34, was found with a gunshot wound occupying a silver Chrysler van. Deanda was immediately transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center by EMS for treatment to his injuries sustained. He was subsequently flown to UMC Lubbock due to the severity of his injuries. At the time of this media release, Deanda was in critical condition. Alvarado is also a suspect in this shooting.

He is also suspected of stealing a pickup from the 200 block of W. 2nd. and shooting another victim in the 1400 block of Settles. The victim in this shooting was found to be David Holsenbeck, 55, who later succumbed to his injuries at SMMC.

Alvarado was later apprehended after he was found to be hiding in the backyard of a residence in the 2300 block of S. Runnels. He was transported to the Howard County Jail and booked for the Murder of Semmelmann and an outstanding Burglary of a Habitation warrant.

All the above-mentioned cases are still under investigation.

Ray Alvarado is the primary suspect in the shooting of Deanda, the stolen Gray Chevrolet Pickup and the murder of Holsenbeck.

CrimeStoppers is asking for the public's help for any information regarding these incidents. If you are the first person with information leading to an arrest, you can earn a CASH reward!! You can submit a tip on any web browser at www.p3tips.com, use the mobile app P3 Tips, or call CrimeStoppers at (432)263-TIPS 8477.

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If you have already registered as a member for 2024, follow step one and click on the blue link at the top of the page, then complete your ballot. It's that easy!!

Christmas Tree Forest

There are only a couple more days to check out the Christmas Tree Forest at the Heritage Museum. Trees will be on display until Wednesday, December 21st. Free admission for the Christmas month. They open Tuesday and Wednesday from 9am - 4pm,

BIG SHOUT OUT! Thanks again MARK, ANDRIENNE & KBest Media 95.7 for giving us an opportunity to come on the show and share information about our upcoming community event - OPERATION ZOE'.

WHAT IS OPERATION ZOE':

Operation Zoe' is a Christmas Outreach to the citizens of our community hosted by Cornerstone Covenant Church.

Operation Zoe features a very special Toy Store for shoppers of all ages. This store is special because all the items are free to the shoppers.

This annual outreach in December will provide gifts for all ages just in time for Christmas. From newborns to college ages students to senior citizens.

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OPERATION ZOE' TOY FACTORY WORSHIP SERVICE

DATE: Saturday | Dec 23rd |

TIME: 11:00AM

LOCATION: 706 East 12th Street | Covenant Connect

*Immediately following our special Christmas Service

CHRISTMAS AT CORNERSTONE

DATE: Sunday | Dec 24th |

TIME: 11:00AM

LOCATION: 706 East 12th Street

*Special Christmas Service

W/Candlelight Service & Children Christmas Program

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CHRISTMAS AT CORNERSTONE

BIG SPRING, TX – Cornerstone Covenant Church will once again transform one of their buildings into Santa's Workshop for Operation Zoe, a Christmas Outreach for the citizens of the community.

This event is hosted by Cornerstone Covenant Church and features a very special Toy Store for shoppers of all ages. This store is special because all the items are free to the shoppers.

Operation Zoe' is an annual outreach in December where gifts are provided for all ages just in time for Christmas. The ages for these gifts range from newborns to college-aged students to senior citizens. It will be open to the community tomorrow morning immediately after Cornerstone Covenant's special Christmas service that begins at 11 AM.

Cornerstone Covenant Church is located at 706 E. 12th in Big Spring.

Thank You for your Investment - Prosperity Bank

BIG SPRING, TX — On Thursday morning, the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce held a "Thank You for Your Investment" presentation for Prosperity Bank, located at 1411 S Gregg St. in Big Spring, to thank them for all that they do for the community.

Jeff Ward, Bank President, told Kbest News he loves that the Chamber and the community rallies around small businesses. Here, he tells us more. (Audio - We're a small business in town. We all live here, we all work here and we love taking care of our customers. so, it's nice to see when the chamber comes out and shows the support for other small businesses here in town.)

Ward went on to say that Prosperity Bank is a regional bank with a small town feel. Customers can come in and work with their neighbors for a loan, deposits, retirement accounts, investment accounts, mortgages, and more.

Prosperity Bank even offers financial investing. According to Ward, they can handle any financial need you may have and they try to do it with a personal local feel. Here, he explains (audio - We always try to say yes. We try to greet you with a smile and greet you by name. That's that's how we try to live our lives and how we like to operate the business here Prosperity Bank. We're here, we're local, and we love to help out our community.")

Holiday Trash Dumpsters

From: Shane Bowles, Public Works Director

Re: Holiday Trash Dumpsters

To help with the extra garbage during the holiday season, we will place three large dumpsters out for citizens to use to dispose of holiday trash. Dumpsters will be at the following locations:

- Big Spring Fire Station #4 – 110 NE 8th Street
- Big Spring Fire Station #5 – 1701 Wasson Road
- Spring Town Plaza – 1801 East FM 700 (east parking lot)

These dumpsters should only be used to dispose of holiday boxes, cardboard boxes, and Christmas trees. Please do not put household trash, furniture, or other large items into the dumpsters.

Dumpsters will be at these locations beginning on December 22, 2023, through December 27, 2023.

Westbrook Wildcats All-District Selections

The Westbrook Wildcats six-man football team recently had an outstanding season and were even able to return to the State Championship game at AT&T Stadium in Arlington. The Wildcats lost to Gordon in the final game, but still had several players receive All-District selection.

Those selected for All-District recognition are as follows: Offensive MFP was Keegan Gilbreath. Defensive MVP was Parker Matlock. Newcomer of the Year was Damien Stewart, and the Coach of the Year went to Homer Matlock and staff. Those making First Team included Bo Payne, Aiden Sullivan, Jaxon Browne, Parker Matlock, Grayson Jeffrey, Brannon Larson, Zach Avants, Damien Stewart, Ethan King, and Keegan Gilbreath. Conner Holt was selected for the Second Team.

Those selected to the Texas Six-Man Coaches Association Division 1 All-State 1st Team were Bo Payne, Aiden Sullivan, Keegan Gilbreath, and Grayson Jeffrey. Those selected for 2nd team were Jaxon Browne and Ethan King. Zach Avants was selected for Special Teams Player. Parker Matlock was the 1A D1 Defensive MVP.

Congratulations to all!

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COUNTY OFFICES TO CLOSE

Howard County offices will continue to be closed for the Christmas Holiday today. County Offices will resume regular business hours tomorrow, December 27, 2023. They will close again Monday January 1, 2024, in observance for the New Year Holiday. All County Offices will resume regular business hours Tuesday January 2, 2023.

The Sheriff's Administrative Offices will be closed but Law Enforcement Services will operate as normal.

Holiday Trash Dumpsters

Tomorrow is the last day that Holiday Trash Dumpsters will be available for use throughout Big Spring. Three large dumpsters have been made available to citizens to use to dispose of holiday trash.

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Again, Dumpsters will be at these locations through Wednesday, December 27, 2023.

DPS Reminds Everyone to Make Safety a Priority this Holiday Season

AUSTIN – The Texas Highway Patrol (THP) is continuing its annual Christmas and New Year's holiday traffic enforcement campaign. It began Dec. 22 and continues through the rest of the year. Troopers are out on the roads looking for people who are speeding, not wearing their seat belts, driving while intoxicated or committing other traffic violations.

THP enforcement has increased as part of Operation CARE (Crash Awareness and Reduction Effort), which runs through Jan. 1.

During last year's enforcement efforts, there were more than 108,400 citations and warnings issued.

For a list of safety tips for the upcoming holiday season, visit our KBest Media Facebook page.

DPS offers the following safety tips for the upcoming holiday season:

- **Don't drink and drive.** Make alternate plans if you are consuming alcohol.
- **Move Over or Slow Down** for police, fire, EMS, Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) vehicles and tow trucks stopped on the side of the road with emergency lights activated. Show the same courtesy to fellow drivers who are stopped on the side of the road.
- **Buckle up** everyone in the vehicle — it's the law.
- **Slow down**, especially in bad weather, heavy traffic, unfamiliar areas or construction zones.
- **Eliminate distractions** while driving, including the use of mobile devices. Texas law prohibits the use of portable wireless devices to read, write or send an electronic message unless the vehicle is stopped.
- If you're using a navigation device or app, **have a passenger operate it**, so you can keep your eyes on the road.
- **Keep the Texas Roadside Assistance** number stored in your phone. Dial **1-800-525-5555** for any type of assistance. The number can also be found on the back of a Texas Driver License.
- **Drive defensively**, as holiday travel can present additional challenges.
- **Don't drive fatigued** — allow plenty of time to reach your destination.
- On multi-lane roads, **use the left lane for passing only**. Not only is it courteous and avoids impeding traffic, Texas law requires slower traffic to keep to the right and to use the left lane for passing only (when posted).
- **Don't cut in front of large trucks** and try not to brake quickly in front of them. They can't maneuver as easily as passenger vehicles and pickup trucks.
- If you can **Steer It, Clear It**: If you are involved in a non-injury crash and your vehicle can be moved, clear the traffic lanes to minimize traffic impact. Leaving vehicles in a traffic lane increases traffic congestion and leaves those involved with an increased risk of harm or a secondary wreck. On some highways, if you don't move your vehicle when it's safe to do so, it's against the law.
- **Check your vehicle** to make sure it's properly maintained and always ensure your cargo is secure.
- **Report** road hazards or anything suspicious to the nearest law enforcement agency.
- **Monitor weather and road conditions** wherever you are traveling. For road conditions and closures in Texas, visit [Drive Texas](#).

BIG SPRING, TX – Last week it was announced that Big Spring High School would be adding Boys and Girls Soccer to their athletic program.

Athletic Director Cannon McWilliams advised that although it would be a new program for the high school, he was sure that the kids playing will be experienced thanks to the local youth soccer program. He added that he predicted that the program would see a lot of support from the community because there's lots of interest for soccer in the area and it had been a "long time coming."

When asked how this addition to the BSHS athletic program would impact the Big Spring Youth Soccer Association, Luis Lozano, Board President, told KBest News that he predicted they would see an increase in the number of participants. Moving their numbers forward from 450 to 500. He noted that currently the oldest division they have is for 13 year-olds, but now that soccer will be at BSHS he predicted that they would be able to keep those athletes a little longer if they know they can continue to play in high school.

Lozano told KBest News that he's happy to see soccer added to the list of athletic programs but felt it should have been added years ago. Now he's hoping other school districts in the area will take Big Spring's lead and add soccer to their athletic programs as well.

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LARGE/BULK ITEM PICKUP FOR DISTRICT 1 IS SCHEDULED FOR Jan 17, 2024.

Large /Bulk Item pickup for District 1 in Big Spring is scheduled for Wednesday, Jan 17th. This is an opportunity to get rid of old furniture or any other bulk items without the hassle and expense of hauling it off. It's easy and it's free! Just contact the Public Works Department to get on the pick-up schedule. The City of Big Spring's LARGE/BULK ITEM PICKUP will take place on the third Wednesday of every month.

To schedule a pickup, email nhernandez@mybigspring.com. For questions concerning Large/Bulk Item Pickup, please call the Public Works Office at 432-264-2501.

Discovery Table: Skulls & Skins, 12/30/23

Big Spring State Park will host the event discovery table: Skulls & Skins on Saturday, December 30th from 1-2:30 PM. This is an opportunity for visitors to feel fur from a skunk, fox, coyote, and more while also learning about what makes these Texas mammals special.

It will be held at the Headquarters building. All ages are welcome for this free event.

On Monday, Jan 1st, there will also be a First Day Hike at the Big Spring State Park. The hike for the 4-mile scenic loop will be held 9-11:30 AM. A shorter hike, measured approximately 1.75 mile Historic Carvings Walk.

WTXCMC Holiday Movie Night

West Texas Community Mediation Center will have a Holiday Movie Night in Big Spring on Friday, Jan 5th from 5-8 PM. This event is for ages 6-12. It will be held at 501 S. Runnels.

There will be popcorn, pizza, and refreshments.

This Holiday Movie Night is an opportunity for parents to schedule a date night while the kids enjoy a movie night with West Texas Community Mediation Center.

For more information, contact WTXCMC at 432-517-4070.

Food Drive for Senior Citizens

A senior food drive is still underway for the West Texas Community Mediation Center.

The organization is asking the public to bring all food donations to their facility so that they can create monthly senior care packages. Note that only certain non-perishable items are being accepted as this time, such as spam, ravioli, jelly, potted meats, spaghetti, mayonnaise, tunafish, peanut butter, fruit cups and sausage, granola bar, snack, deviled ham, crackers, and bread. For drinks, they are asking for bottled water in various juices.

For a complete list of items accepted and more information, visit our KBest Media Facebook page.

For more information, contact the West Texas Community mediation center at 432-517-4070.

Area News: Midland Man dies after Officer Involved Shooting in Coleman County

COLEMAN COUNTY, TX — On Monday, December 25, 2023, the Coleman County Sheriff's Department, assisted by officers of the Coleman Police Department, engaged in a pursuit which had originated from a call of suspicious activity in southern Coleman County, during which a firearm had been displayed. The suspect fled the scene and pursuit was initiated which progressed through the City of Coleman.

The suspect was stopped on US Hwy 84 several miles north of the City of Coleman. Officers at the scene discharged their weapons in response to a threat, striking the suspect. The suspect was transported by helicopter from the scene for emergency medical treatment.

This incident is currently under investigation by the Texas Ranger Division of the Texas Department of Public Safety.

This morning, the Texas Department of Public Safety, Texas Rangers released the name of the suspect involved in the incident. The suspect is deceased and was identified as Jose Martin Hernandez Jr, 43 years of age, male from Midland, Texas.

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e-Waste Recycling Event in Jan. '24

The City of Big Spring and Keep Big Spring Beautiful will once again partner for another E-Waste Recycling Day next month. This free event will be on Saturday, Jan. 13, 2024, from 8 am to 1 pm or until the truck fills. This e-waste recycling event will be held at the Big Sandy Landfill, located at 3810 Old Colorado City Hwy, in Big Spring.

This is the public's opportunity to recycle all electronics responsibly. Some of the items that will be accepted are computers, lithium ion batteries, computer accessories, monitors, printers, copiers, gaming systems, cameras, and more. Items that will not be accepted are paint, light bulbs, alkaline batteries, gasoline, oils, and freon items.

Check out a full list of the items accepted on our KBest Media Facebook page. If you have questions or comments, you can contact Ken Meeks at 817-919-6229.

Chainbreaker Disc Golf Tournament

The Bridge Church will present its 1st Annual Chainbreaker Disc Golf Tournament later this year. It will be held in Big Spring at Parkside and Lakeside courses on Saturday, March 2, 2024. Registration will begin at 8 AM and there will be a 9 AM start. There is a 100% payout for this event and lunch will be provided between rounds with a raffle included. There will be various divisions to participate in such as Professional, Amature, Mens, Women, and Juniors.

For more information, check out the event page on Facebook for the 1st Annual Chainbreaker Disc Golf Tournament.

Affordable Housing still available for a Disabled Veteran

BIG SPRING, TX — Earlier this year, KBest News reported that Crossroads Housing Development Corporation (CHDC) had partnered with the local chapter of the Disabled American Veterans (DAV), to assist a low-income disabled veteran in purchasing a renovated home in Big Spring.

The remodeled house, located at 805 E. 13th St., is still available. This furnished 2-bedroom, 1-bath home listed for \$118,000 and is ADA compliant with a fenced-in backyard.

According to Mike Tarpley, Senior Vice Commander for DAV, Ch. 47, the house will be sold to a low-income disabled veteran in the community, or a low-income disabled veteran who wants to move to Big Spring. The approved applicant has an opportunity to receive up to \$25,000 in down payment assistance from the CHDC and DAV, Ch. 47.

Originally, Tarpley told KBest News that the first Veteran to submit a completed application would get the house, but they have yet to receive a completed application. Here he explains more (audio).

For an application or more information, contact Mike Tarpley at 432-556-2227.

Area News: Woman dies in Police Custody

Last week, a woman died while in police custody with the Odessa Police Department.

On Dec. 21, 2023 at 10:56 PM Odessa Police officers responded to a crash involving an intoxicated person in the 2700 block of Eisenhower.

Police say they found a woman was driving a motor vehicle under the influence and was placed under arrest. She was later identified as 50-year-old Teresa Garcia. OPD says they later found that she needed medical attention before being taken to jail.

While at Medical Center Hospital, Garcia experienced medical difficulties and became unresponsive, eventually she died on December 22nd.

This incident is being treated as an in-custody death, and the investigation has been turned over to the Texas Rangers.

For more on this story from our news partners at CBS 7, you can find the link on our KBest Media Facebook page.

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Sports Broadcasters needed at KBest Media

Basketball season has begun and soon the KBest Sports crew will take to the airwaves to broadcast games. This season, KBest Media is looking to add sports announcers to their team who will help broadcast basketball games for Big Spring varsity teams and Howard College. No prior broadcasting experience is needed but you must know the game. Here, Mark Richardson, General Manager at KBest Media and sportscaster, explains more about the position (audio -).

Only district and conference games are covered during the season. Big Spring Steers and Lady Steers generally play on Tuesdays and Fridays. Hawk Basketball and Women Hawk Basketball is usually scheduled for Mondays and Thursdays. Broadcasters must be available for a majority of the games and be prepared to travel to cover out-of-town games.

Anyone interested in becoming a sports broadcaster can complete an application in person at KBest Media, located at 608 Johnson in Big Spring, and speak to Mark Richardson.

You don't have to have any prior broadcasting experience we can teach you that you do need to know the game and you do need to be an effective communicator. You also need to be able to multitask. Sometimes you're keeping a scorebook and then you're trying to keep up with what's going on as well, but KBest does the best sports broadcasting that I know of we get called upon all the time TSN recognized us three times during our football season for our coverage and we're looking for somebody. That's a good fit with that and wants to be part of the best broadcast team there is steers and ladies here.

BSPD searches for suspect in Criminal Mischief Case

BIG SPRING, TX — Crime Stoppers is asking for the public's help in locating/identifying an unknown male subject involved in a criminal mischief case.

On 12/26/23 at approximately 5:21 PM, Big Spring Police Department officers responded to the Hillcrest Baptist Church in reference to criminal mischief. Officers made contact with the reporting party, who informed an unknown white male, wearing a black in color hoodie with lettering and a dinosaur on the back, black pants, and black shoes, walked up to the west side doors of the building. The white male subject then proceeded to throw a large rock at the glass doors, causing damage to the doors and to the baptistry windows.

If you are the first person with information leading to an arrest, you can earn a CASH reward!! You can submit a tip on any web browser at www.p3tips.com, use the mobile app P3 Tips, or call CrimeStoppers at (432)263-TIPS 8477. Reminder: Do not leave your tip on Facebook messenger!

BSYSA Round Robin Tournament

Big Spring Youth Soccer Association's U-10 division will be playing in a Round Robin Tournament on January 6th at the Roy Anderson Sports Complex in Big Spring.

Snacks, drinks, and food will be available for purchase by the Texas Bomber-Mendoza Softball Team.

Pop Up Market on Saturday

A Pop Up Market will be held tomorrow in Big Spring from 10 AM to 2 PM at 1400 Lancaster. There is no booth fee for this market but only two spots are available. According to event organizer DJ Gomez, This is a free event to thank their vendors for all the support throughout the year.

On Saturday morning shoppers will find a variety of items from over 25 vendors that can include home goods, knives, Pokémon cards, plushies, freshies, and more. Plus, Minnie and Mickey Mouse and the minions will be at the event and available for photos. There will also be music and door prizes. There will even be a photographer who will be there taking family photos for just \$5.

For more information on becoming a vendor for tomorrow morning, contact DJ Gomes at 432-816-1490.

Re: City to Close Offices for New Year Holiday

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City of Big Spring offices and the landfill will be closed on Monday, January 1, 2024, for New Year's Day. All City offices and the landfill will reopen on Tuesday, January 2, 2024.

There will be no sanitation pickup on Monday, January 1, 2024. Monday's normal sanitation routes will be picked up on Tuesday. Tuesday's routes will be picked up on Wednesday. The rest of the week will run as normal.

Emergency services (Police, Fire, and EMS) will continue normal operations during the holiday. The Emergency Utilities Department will also be available and can be reached by calling 432-264-2392.

Anyone with questions can contact the City Manager's office at 432-264-2401. Thank you for your cooperation and have a safe and enjoyable New Years.