

# Diversity celebrated during Hispanic Heritage event

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In previous years, one award was presented at the annual Hispanic Heritage Celebration to someone nominated by their peers for their hard work, persistence, and dedication. But this year, four awards were given in the areas of education, community service, a first responders.

The celebration took place on Oct. 14 in the Sundown Room of the Student Center on the Levelland campus of South Plains College.

National Hispanic Heritage Month started this year on Sept. 15 and recently ended on Oct. 15. SPC commemorates Hispanic heritage every year by having a celebration and recognizing Hispanic leaders.

At the event, there were multiple stations around the room with an arts and crafts activity, such as Hojalata: Mexi-

can tin art, Ojo de Dios: God's Eye, Muneca Quipapena: Guatemalan worry dolls, Zapotec rug designs, and Mayan name tags.

Miranda English, director of Student Life at SPC, organized the event and opened the celebration with a speech. In her speech, she spoke about why people should be knowledgeable about their culture and heritage.

"We have technological advances that allow us to figure out what our culture and heritage are," explains English. "We've got information right at the tip of our fingers. If I wanted to find out about indigenous people of Latin America, I can do that."

Following the speech, a video titled "World Heritage: Chavin & Cuz-

Later that evening, English introduced the guest speaker, Christy Mar-

about why she started the magazine. "After watching the news and discov-

in Lubbock and 28 other rural communities.

"I knew that I needed to do a publication that would reflect the needs of families and the community at large," explains Martinez-Garcia. "We may see the city limits, but that doesn't mean we should limit our own learning."

To end the night, awards were given out to those who represent the Hispanic community.

The first presenter of the evening was Alma Lopez, professor of mathematics. She gave the Educational Trailblazer award to Dr. Erika Warnick, assistant professor of reading at SPC.

Dr. Warnick is originally from Malden, MA, and has lived in Lubbock for nearly 15 years. She has a bachelor's degree See 'Hispanics' on pg. 2



Lorenza Macias, Christy Martinez-Garcia in place of Frankie Garcia, Dr. Erika Warnick, and Nickolis Castillo were presented awards at the annual Hispanic Heritage Celebration held on Oct. 14 in the Sundown Room of the Student Center on the Levelland campus.

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## Bull snake found in campus housing

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A snake recently was trying to take up residence in the Smallwood Apartments on the Levelland campus of South Plains College.

During the afternoon on Oct. 10, students who reside in a n

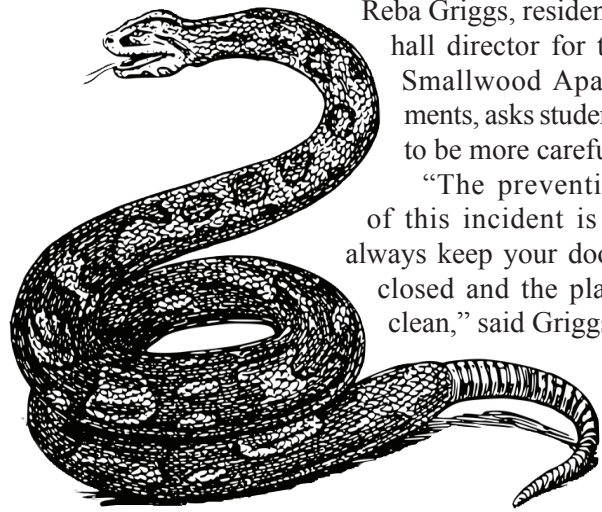
snakes, which are not poisonous."

After being captured, the bull snake was released in a field away from the campus.

Chief Castillo explained that the snake found was harmless and did not present any danger to the apartment residents.

To prevent the situation from happening again, Reba Griggs, residence hall director for the Smallwood Apartments, asks students to be more careful.

"The prevention of this incident is to always keep your doors closed and the place clean," said Griggs.



apartment at Smallwood found a small bull snake in the kitchen area underneath the oven.

Alarmed by the site of the slithering reptile, the students contacted the campus police office to seek help.

Chief Nickolis Castillo, director of Campus Police, took care of the situation quickly.

"It was a common situation on campus," said Chief Castillo. "Usually they snakes are not inside the dorm. But they find bull snakes or grass

Members of the Maintenance Department have been working to check doors, ventilation and windows to make sure of the safety for students.

If the situation happens in your apartment, students are encouraged to remember to stay calm, and do not get in contact with the animal. Also, call Campus Police at (806) 891-8883 to safely resolve the situation.

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co" played from Kano-py, a free video service offered by the Library, while the guests played a game. The game allowed the guests to get to know the people they were sitting with.

tinez-Garcia, publisher and owner of Latino Lubbock Magazine.

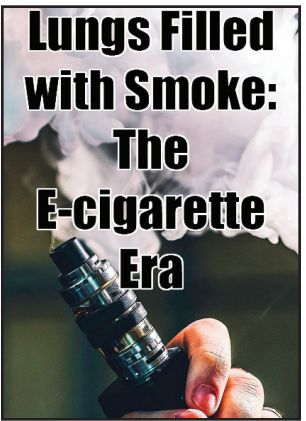
"My degrees are in public relations and marketing, and I wanted to do something with that," explains Martinez-Garcia

ering that 85 percent of the news about Hispanics is related to crime, negativity, and immigration, I started my publication."

Lubbock Latino Magazine is embarking on its 14th year. It is distributed

professor of reading at SPC.

## Vape shops nationwide making billions annually



[Editor's note: This story is the fourth part of the multi-part series "Lungs Filled with Smoke: The E-Cigarette Era" examining e-cigarettes, vaping and the effects they have on society and the health of users that began with Issue #2 and concludes in Issue #6.]

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Many people begin using e-cigarettes for a variety of reasons, from quitting smoking cigarettes to wanting to learn how to do smoke tricks.

The number of e-cigarettes users globally is estimated to be a little more than a billion people,

according to the World Health Organization.

This makes the e-cigarette market a billion dollar market, with the United States being the largest consumer country, with an estimated \$10 billion spent in 2018, according to the Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

Ike Monies, an employee at Juicy Juice Vapes in Lubbock, said that the sale of vapes and vape juice has remained very consistent, even after recent news in the media about people

really affected the business," said Monies. "Every day, we have some new customers coming in. And we probably sell around five to 10 units per day."

There are numerous places to buy e-cigarettes and e-liquids (the flavored liquid that is used in e-cigarettes, usually made up of various ingredients such as nicotine, propylene glycol and water, that vary in nicotine strength), such as vape/vapor shops, convenience stores, grocery stores and



getting hospitalized, or even dying, as a result of vaping.

"The incident has not

even directly from the manufacturer from their websites. The city of Lubbock alone has more than

25 vape shops that sell a variety of e-cigarette products.

CJ Zander, an employee at Green Gorilla Smoke & Vape Shop in Lubbock,

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# Electronic cigarette business steady despite health concerns, law changes

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explained that they sell mods, which are used for what they call “freebase juice” that can contain anywhere from 0 nicotine up to 24 milligrams, as well as pod devices, which are a lot smaller and lower wattage, that are made for higher levels of nicotine, which can range anywhere from 25 milligrams to 65 milligrams.

“We follow all the FDA regulations,” Zander explained. “We don’t sell any kind of juice that is not FDA regulated. We also follow other regulations, such as the ID policy (where everyone who is in the store must have their ID checked to be allowed inside) with the new law that just came out.”

In 2016, the FDA finalized regulatory rules and authority to cover all tobacco products to include electronic nicotine delivery systems (ENDS) that meet the definition of a tobacco product through the Tobacco Control Act.

Examples of components and parts of ENDS, according to the FDA, include: E-liquids, a glass or plastic vial container of e-liquid, Cartridges, Atomizers (which refer to the coil of any vape tank, the part that is responsible for vaporizing e-liquid), Tank systems, Flavorings for ENDS and more.

Monies explained some shops produce their own e-liquids. If purchasing a vaping product online, people should be careful about where the e-liquids are coming from, and not con-

come from a lab, having lab reports by a manufacturer that has experience in producing these prod-

ucts,” said Monies. “Do not consume anything that someone else is making and putting consumers at risk.”

to submit tobacco health documents to the FDA, along with an ingredient list.

The FDA also requires manufacturers to submit warning statements on all packaging and advertising that states: “WARNING: This product contains nicotine. Nicotine is an addictive chemical.”

The FDA says that these steps are key for learning more about ENDS and the industry, as well as for developing future regulations. The FDA also says that the warning statement on nicotine is an important requirement to let the public know that these products contain nicotine, an addictive chemical.

Additional requirements passed in 2016

as part of the Tobacco Control Act for ENDS are premarket reviews. Any ENDS product, as

well as any other tobacco products, that was not on the market as of Feb. 15, 2007, is considered to be a “new” tobacco product that must be authorized by the FDA to be on the market.

Zander explained that with the first news of e-cigarettes being related to illness, business slowed down for a little bit. But after that, more news has come out that the illnesses are related to black market THC cartridges, and business has picked back up.

The Texas Legislature passed Senate Bill 21 this past year, prohibiting anyone under 21 from buying cigarettes, e-cigarettes or other tobacco products. Violators would face a Class C misdemeanor and

face a fine of up to \$500. SB 21 also included a grandfather clause that states anyone born on or before August 21, 2001 will still be allowed to purchase tobacco products. The creation and passage of the bill was due largely to the increased usage of e-cigarettes by students in high schools. Some believe vaping to be a gateway to smoking cigarettes.

“If you’re just using a regular mod, vaping lower nicotine, I don’t think it’s a gateway to cigarettes, because you’re not getting much nicotine into your system,” said Zander. “So the addition doesn’t come on as quickly. But if you’re going with a pod device, like a JUUL, for example, you’re vaping like 50 mg of nicotine. It can be a gateway to cigarettes. But I think most people prefer all the different flavors, and no one wants to go to cigarettes after they’ve already vaped.”

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The FDA also regulates the manufacturing of ENDS and e-liquids, by requiring registration of manufacturers,

# Hispanics awarded at heritage celebration

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in English and music, and a master’s degree in human resource management from Emmanuel College in Boston. She also has a doctorate in higher education administration from Texas Tech University and a graduate certificate in writing from Western New Mexico University. She has been an employee at SPC for six years.

The next presenter was Shane Hill, associate dean of students, who announced the awards for Commu-

nity Service in the SPC community and the Lubbock community. The recipients of the award were Lorenza Macias, custodian of the Technology Center on the Levelland campus, and Frank

Garcia, co-founder of Los Hermanos Familia.

Macias is originally from Durango, Mexico and has worked for SPC for 15 years. She was nominated for the award for her impeccable work ethic and attention to detail.

Garcia is originally from Cotton Center and now lives in Lubbock with his wife Christy Martinez-Garcia. He is the vice president of Los Hermanos Familia, which is an organization with a focus on strengthening families and building

communities and an objective to reconnect and engage children and families to nature, to promote

family well-being, and to encourage the develop-

ment of sportsmanship. The last presenter of the evening was Dr. Stan DeMerritt, vice president

for student affairs at SPC. He gave the award for the

First Responder of the Year to Nickolis Castillo, director and chief of campus police at SPC.

Castillo graduated from the SPC Police Academy in 2011 and for a while was classified as the youngest chief of a law enforcement department within the state of Texas. He is currently pursuing a bachelor’s degree in business administration at West Texas A&M University.

English concluded the evening by saying, “In this world of division, finding our voices are important, but also letting people in to share their voices is important.”

English encourages students to get to know the culture and heritage of others and to be mindful of what you say and do.

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Students participated in Hispanic heritage themed arts and crafts during the annual Hispanic Heritage Celebration held on Oct. 14 in the Sundown Room of the Student Center on the Levelland campus.

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# Students learn life skills during Adulting 101

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Students of South Plains College had the opportunity to learn life-long skills during a three-day event called Adulting 101.

The Residence Life staff hosted Adulting 101 in different areas on the Levelland campus on Oct. 14 through Oct. 16. Each day, different classes were taught for a variety of needed life skills. The classes provided were How to Change a Tire, College Finance Savvy, Self-Care for Success, How to Cook on a Budget, Self-Defense, Cluttered Mess to Organized Success, and Make a Plan.

The Residence Life staff include: Jennifer Feddes, Lindsey Featherston, Heather Race, Seth Darby, Andrew Reber, Jesus Griffin, and Reba Griggs.

The first event held was How to Change a Tire at the Lamar Hall parking lot. Students had the opportunity to physically learn how to change an automobile tire themselves.

Afterward, College Finance Savvy was taught at the Library, where students learned about financial aid and other ways to pay for college and other necessities.

The next day, Self-Care for Success was held at the Library. Rachael Montgomery and Becky Canon, SPC counselors, discussed different stress management tools that students can use to feel relief. Students also learned about relaxation techniques such as exercise and breathing techniques.

Montgomery and Canon encouraged students to visit the Counseling Center's relaxation room, where there are

different objects to help reduce stress such as Rubix cubes, adult coloring books, and kinetic sand.

Later, How to Cook on a Budget was hosted at Gerstenberger Hall. Students demonstrat-

The first type was spicy onion ramen. The ingredients consisted of a pack of any flavor of ramen, green onions, two lime wedges, and one tablespoon of sriracha sauce, all totaling less than \$1.50.

The other type was lemon garlic ramen. The ingredients consisted of a pack of any flavor of ramen, eggs, garlic, lemon, and a tablespoon of sriracha, also totaling at less than \$1.50.

Students were also taught four different ways to cook an egg, which were scrambled, omelette, over-easy, and sunny side up.

On the last day of the Adulting 101 classes, the Self-Defense class was held at the Law Enforcement Building. Kenny Burns, associate professor of law enforcement, taught students how to defend themselves

when in danger. Students learned about soft tissue, pressure points, and rape defense.

After Self-Defense, the Cluttered Mess to Organized Success session was held at Stroud Hall, while the Make a Plan class was held at the Library. At the Make a Plan class, students participated in an activity to demonstrate how to wisely use their time.

Later, SPC advisors Elaina Fitzgerald and Melissa Cabazos spoke about how to plan class schedules early, avoid wait-lists, and how to transfer to a university. Students also had the chance after the event to set up appointments to meet with their advisor.

The Residence Life staff intend to host the Adulting 101 classes once a semester.

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Students learned about self-defense during Adulting 101 session that was held in the Law Enforcement Building on the Levelland campus on Oct. 14.  
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Students can also experience peace and quiet when in the relaxation room. The Counseling Center is open Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

ed cheap and easy ways to make two delicious meals: ramen noodles and eggs. Students were taught how to cook two different types of ramen noodles.

# Livestock Judging Team places first at back to back contests

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The South Plains College Livestock Judging Team recently earned back to back first-place team finishes at the Tulsa State Fair and the State Fair of Texas.

The Tulsa State Fair was held on Oct. 5 in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and the State Fair of Texas was held on Oct. 8 in Dallas.

In the Pro Division at the State Fair of Texas, the team earned 87 team points, clinching the top spot. The team also earned Champion in Oral Reasons, Champion in Sheep/Goat judging, Champion in Hog judging, and Champion in Beef Cattle judging.

As for the individual results of the Pro Division, Conner Kern earned High Individual Overall, second place in sheep/goat judging, fifth in swine judging, and seventh in oral reasons.

Kennedy Caldwell earned second high individual, first in Swine judging, and fourth in oral reasons. Connor

cattle judging, and eighth in sheep/goat judging. Walker Hemphill earned high individual in sheep/goat judging,

sons. Cody Couch placed sixth in sheep/goat judging and 12th high individual. Robby Sheets earned 14th high individual.

Cattle judging, and fourth in Oral Reasons.

In the individual results of the Novice Division, Hadley Albracht placed 12th overall, sixth in swine judging, and 11th in cattle judging. Brooke Tyson placed 13th overall, third in Beef Cattle judging, and third in oral reasons. Caden Arnold placed fifth in swine judging and 10th in oral reason.

Kaitlyn Neal placed 14th overall, and Meghan Mangold placed 15th overall.

In the Pro Division at the Tulsa State Fair, the team earned the title of Champion in the Overall Team rankings. They also earned Champion in Oral Reasons, Champion in Beef Cattle judging, and Reserve Champion in Swine judging.

For the individual results in the Pro Division, Brew earned High Individual Overall, High Individual Beef Cattle,

sixth in oral reasons, and seventh in Sheep/Goat judging. Walker Hemphill earned fifth High individual overall, second in oral reasons, and second in sheep/goats judging.

Robby Sheets placed third in swine judging, while Cody Couch placed fifth in sheep/goat judging. Phoebe Rogers placed 12th in oral reasons.

Team results for the Novice Division include third place in the overall team standings, second in swine judging, and fourth in beef cattle judging.

In the individual results for the Novice Division, Caden Arnold earned 11th high individual overall. Hadley Albracht placed sixth in oral reasons and 11th in beef cattle judging. Brooklyn Tyson finished 11th in oral reasons.

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Members of the South Plains College Livestock Judging Team after competing at the Tulsa State Fair on Oct. 5.  
Photo courtesy of Livestock Judging Team

Brew earned fourth high individual, first in oral reasons, third in swine judging, eighth in beef

second in oral reasons, and ninth in beef cattle judging. Phoebe Rogers placed ninth in oral rea-

Team results for the Novice Division include fourth in High Team Overall, fourth in Beef



Annual Halloween Carnival held on Oct. 24 in the Student Center on the Levelland Campus  
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# Student breaking stereotype by pursuing automotive collision career

by **ABI HERNANDEZ**  
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As the only girl in her Automotive Collision class, Dominica Hernandez is determined and ready to face any obstacles headed her way.

Hernandez, born in Levelland, Texas, is from Sundown, Texas, but grew up in both Morton and Sundown. She started high school in Sundown but changed schools her senior year to be closer to her cousins in Whiteface, Texas. She graduated in May of 2019.

Hernandez said she chose South Plains College because she wanted to be closer to her family, and she didn't want to move far away from family yet.

"My family is a big part of my life," said Hernandez, "and I'm not ready to lose that part of my life yet. I wanted to prove that girls can do what guys can do as well."

Many things inspired her to pursue Automotive Collision. Her main inspiration was her dad, Juan Hernandez, who liked vehicles and talked about them nonstop. Her brother, Joe Hernandez, would talk about how old cars worked and about the different types of cars and how they changed through the years.

Growing up, Hernandez always wanted to work with cars. She would talk with her cousins about the different cars and trucks they would want when they grew up.

Her family was very surprised to hear about the career she wanted to pursue in college. Everyone expected her to follow her mom or her older aunt, Daisy Villarreal, who graduated from SPC and majored in nursing. But she chose what she was interested in.

"We played this game when we saw a car driving by that we wanted and we would yell, 'I call it!' And that was supposedly

our cars in the future," explained Hernandez.

After she graduates from SPC, Hernandez said she would like to work at a body shop for someone else and gradually save up to eventually buy her own body shop.

Hernandez said the male students in her class would try to help her if needed, but she did not want to ask for help so much only because she knew she could do it. Being the only girl in her class, it was a challenge picking up heavy objects on her own.

"The only complications I have are only when I need something picked up," she said. "I know my limits of my

strength, so I ask for help when I need it."

When she first enrolled in her class, she

ICar," Hernandez explained. "It breaks it (course material) down and makes it way easier to understand than what the book shows. So far, they taught me how to use the right tools to take out dents and repair them on different vehicles."

Hernandez said that SPC was the closest college that offers the major she wanted.

"My mom's boyfriend, Brent Hulse, told me that he had two female friends that were taking the same class," said Hernandez. "So that gave me more confidence in myself to still go out and follow my dreams of owning my own shop."

During her spare time, Hernandez and her boy-

friend Junior go out to the ranch sometimes. Other times she goes out with her boyfriend's sister and brother, or they just sit outside and relax.

"We are mainly with the animals at the ranch," Hernandez said. "We feed them and clean all of their stalls."

From her perspective, just because you are a girl doesn't mean you can't do something.

"Girls should try it if they are interested in it," Hernandez said. "They should definitely try it."

Hernandez said you also get to prove people wrong that girls can fix cars too. She said if you enjoy making things and learning more about fixing cars, then this is for you. She also said you don't even have to be artistic to paint a car.

"If you're not afraid to get your hands dirty, said Hernandez, "then you should try it."

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Dominica Hernandez, the only female in the Automotive Collision program, is excited to learn more about her chosen career.

Photo courtesy of Marking and Recruitment Office

# Former student grateful for early beginning of college career

by **VICTORIA DE SOUZA**  
Feature Editor

[Editor's note: This story is part of an ongoing project in conjunction with the South Plains College Alumni Association. The project highlights former SPC students and their achievements.]

Lance White found South Plains College to be a great early beginning to his career.

While a student at Levelland High School, White had the opportunity to take dual credit classes such as Psychology 2301, Government 2301, History 1302, English 1301 and 1302, Pre Calculus 12412, and Macroeconomics 2301.

"These were mostly online, but a few, like the

English and Pre-Cal, were taught by a staff member at Levelland High School," recalls White.

Despite not spending time in the SPC classrooms like most students, White said that he still enjoyed being part of the classes.

"I did enjoy the mixed discussions while I was in the courses," said White. "Learning from more life-experienced students, gaining new viewpoints, and understanding those viewpoints and what impact that may have on the perception of some material."

Grateful for the opportunity of speeding up the educational process, White says that taking dual credit classes helped minimize the work when his major classes played a bigger role near the end of his undergraduate degree.

"Having less to focus on when those large defining projects were on the line was a great help and very needed at the time," explained White.

After graduating from Levelland High School in 2012, White attended West Texas A&M University to pursue a degree in Mechanical Engineering.

White graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering in 2016, and he said that college experience played a very big role in his life.

"My time at West Texas A&M was some of the best years of my life," said White, "and I believe that experience transcends a specific university. Growing as a person, learning new concepts, meeting new people, and creating friendships that will last a lifetime are some of the

greatest things that I believe come out of the time spent in college."

White is currently working on finishing a master's degree in Nuclear Engineering at Texas A&M University in College Station, and is also starting his PhD in an interdisciplinary program focusing on Engineering education.

White also is a graduate teaching assistant and researcher, which has opened his eyes to the big impact

he can have in the lives of students as a professor.

"I look forward to impacting students' lives as a professor in engineering," said White. "Helping bring students to a new level of understanding, while also developing their professional skills, and merging those with real-world application."

White said he would be interested in becoming

part of the SPC faculty in the future.

"If the opportunity arose to teach a course or two while I am working on my PhD, I would be more than happy to work



Lance White is currently working towards his master's degree in Nuclear Engineering at Texas A&M University. Photo Courtesy of Lance White.

level is very necessary and very real as a student because you aren't in your hometown of less than 20,000 individuals, you're one person out of hundreds of thousands that are at your level."

Happily married, White said he enjoys spending his free time with his wife, as well as playing World of Warcraft Classic and converting his Honda Shadow motorcycle into a bobber.

His advice to students is to enjoy their time in college, but do not forget their responsibilities. For those pursuing an engineering career, White mentioned that

hard work is a big part of the process.

"Be prepared to work harder than everyone else in the room," he said. "It takes more than raw talent to become successful. If the work is put in, then the rewards will eventually come."

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# New Netflix series adds diversity to superhero genre

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Every 7-year old dreams of waking up and having superpowers. For Dion Warren, every kid’s dream came true.

Within minutes of meeting the 7-year old boy, he spills his cereal, but freezes the flying milk and colored chunks in mid-air, staring at the colorful mess-in-waiting. Dion, played by Ja’Siah Young, doesn’t know how

until after it hit the floor, he can do magic, and the two proceed about their day as normal.

In the Netflix original, “Raising Dion,” the story centers around Dion’s struggling mother Nicole, played by Alisha Wainwright, trying to figure out how to raise her suddenly superhuman son, all while job-hunting and mourning her dead husband Mark, played by Michael B Jordan.

A major selling point for “Raising Dion” is that it’s one of the few superhero shows centered on a

tation in a variety of ways, from featuring a majority black cast, to Dion’s best friend Esperanza, played by Sammi Haney, who has brittle bone disease and is in a wheelchair. This diversity is treated as normal and unremarkable.

The series was adapted by the show’s writer Carol Barbee and director Seith Mann from a comic book with the same name. A lot of the main plot points of the comic made it into the series, such as



scientist, who appears in flashbacks. There also is a weather event Mark and his best friend Pat, played by Jason Ritter, witnessed in Iceland. The main antagonist is “the Crooked Man,” who looks like a thundercloud in giant human form.

All of that information is slowly trickled out during the course of the first few episodes. How Mark died is not revealed until they’ve teased the mystery around his disappearance several times.

major bumps in the road. But that is not the case in this show.

There are moments when the show’s plot diverges to address how being marginalized may affect how someone moves through the world. In one episode, Dion, still not in control of his powers, telekinetically knocks down a bully who has stolen his father’s watch. Nicole witnesses the school’s



he did it. He tells his mom, who didn’t see the cereal

black family. The show incorporates represen-

the mysterious death of Dion’s father Mark, a

## ‘Blithe Spirit’ first play of semester

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The South Plains College Theater Department will be performing Noel Coward’s “Blithe Spirit” as the first play of the fall semester.

The play was held in the Helen Devitt Jones Theatre for the Performing Arts on the Levelland campus. Performances were at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 24 - Oct. 26, with a 2 p.m. matinee performance on Oct. 27. Ticket prices for the show are \$5 for students and \$7.50 for adults. Tickets can be purchased at the door via cash or check.

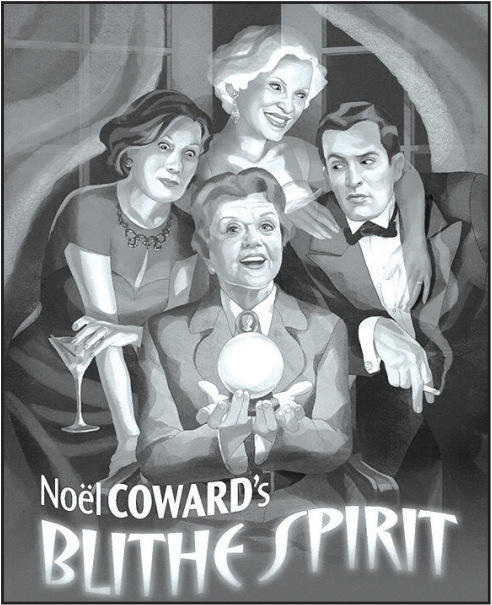
SPC’s rendition of “Blithe Spirit” was directed by Dr. Daniel Nazworth, chairperson of the Fine Arts Department

and professor of theatre arts.

The cast for the play includes: Day Beck as Edith, Christina Johnson as Ruth, Matt Lamar as

The play is about novelist Charles Condomine and his wife Ruth. The two invite their friends, Dr. and Mrs. Bradman, to join them for drinks and dinner, with a clairvoyant, Madame Arcati as another guest. Condomine is planning a novel about a homicidal spiritualist and wants to observe the clairvoyant’s behavior during a séance.

During the séance, Condomine is visited by his deceased first wife. He continues to see



Charles, Matt Marin as Dr. Bradman, Deja Madrid as Mrs. Bradman, Tracy Boyd as Madame Arcati, and Mia Pekowski as Elvira. Emily Roger served as the Stage Manager.

the ghost of his wife, but for some reason, he is the only one who can.

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white principal lay all the blame for the incident, which he didn’t even see, on her son, and wrestles with whether Dion is old enough for the talk about being black in America.

Nicole’s sister Kat, played by Jazmyn Simon, insists “He needs to know what he’s up against.” Nicole explains to Dion,

awesome.

I loved “Raising Dion.” I give the series a nine out of 10.

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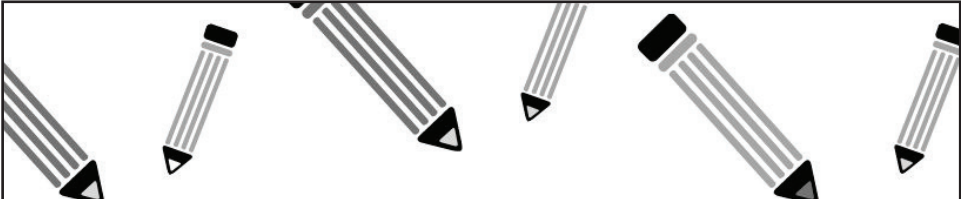
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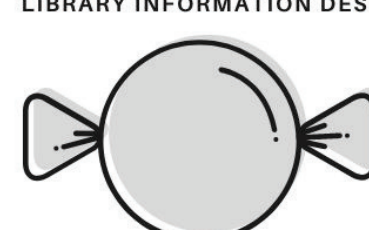
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## Fall offers festive activities, seasonal changes



by **ABI HERNANDEZ**  
Opinion Editor

**F**all is the best season of all the seasons of the year.

There are so many great fun activities you can do that you can't in the summer. During the fall, the weather changes and it's not too hot to go outside.

The fall is relaxing and has a calm vibe. Clouds cover the sky, and the sun is hidden all day. Fall has the perfect weather to go outside and just chill on the porch with a nice cup

of coffee and a blanket. Also, all the fall coffee flavors come out, such as pumpkin spice and brown sugar. If you're not a fan of coffee, then you can drink hot chocolate to help warm up the chilly weather. Starbucks always has new flavors to try, and they still have the apple and pumpkin flavors.

Fall is better than winter, because, during the winter, the temperatures drop so low that you can't even go outside without almost instantly freezing. Fall temperatures are just perfect, not too cold but not warm, just right in the middle.

With Fall comes sweater season. I have more than 60 sweaters, so I can wear a different sweater every day. I have college sweaters, as well as dressy sweaters for special occasions. Fall also is the season for cute, fluffy boots, toboggans, mittens and scarfs. I basically live in sweats and long sleeves during the fall.

All the leaves on the



trees start to turn beautiful colors. The leaves go from basic green to bright oranges, yellows, reds, and browns. Then they start falling, making it the perfect time to rake them up and jump in them. As a kid, my brothers and I would rake up all the leaves from our house and also our neighbors' houses to make one huge pile and

jump in. Also, the neighbors would pay us to rake their leaves, so it was twice the advantage for us.

Fall has two of the best holidays of the year: Halloween and Thanksgiving.

Halloween is the ideal fall holiday, because that is what everybody is waiting for. There also are costumes, candy, jack-o-lanterns, scary movies, haunted houses, and trick or treaters. The costumes are fun to dress up in. Some people don't like the whole scary movies or haunted house idea, but I absolutely love it. Jack-o-lanterns and trick-or-treating are a good family or friend bonding activity to

do. It also is a good way to meet your neighbors.

and pumpkins for pies. When you start seeing pumpkin and apple pies, that means it's Thanksgiving!!! Thanksgiving is usually blamed for everyone's overeating and weight gain.

During Thanksgiving, my family gets together every year and cooks a meal built for an army. But my family is extremely large, so it's perfect. Then we go outside and enjoy the perfect fall weather, play in the leaves and play kickball.

Fall is a good time to make memories with your loved ones and enjoy the holidays. Enjoy the activities and fallen leaves, because before you know it, winter will be here and



Halloween is fun because it gives you a chance to show off your creativity to your neighbors by decorating your house.

Fall is also the perfect time for picking apples

beautiful fall will be gone.

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# Word on the Street

## What is your favorite Halloween memory?



"My favorite memory was when my older brother and I dressed up like the Ninja Turtles. We dressed like them because we liked to watch the movies and cartoons on TV."

Juan Mendez  
Music  
Freshman  
Amarillo



"My brother and I went trick or treating, and we turned through an alley. Our town was doing construction, and we fell and we lost all of our candy. So we wasted hours of trick-or-treating that night. We were also late for our curfew because we were looking for our candy."

Misael Chavez  
Mechanical Engineering  
Junior  
Morton



"Going to Nightmare on 19th Street with my friends. One of my friends was running from a clown and busted in the parking lot and ripped her jeans."

Kiarra Collins  
Child Psychology  
Freshman  
Floydada



"Taking my younger cousins out trick-or-treating and having fun. I love seeing them in their costumes and watching them grow up. I also enjoy getting to spend time with them, since I hardly get to."

Nicole Marquez  
Radiology  
Junior  
Artesia, N.M.



"Getting all the candy, especially getting all the big candy bars from the rich side of town."

Ryan Ramos  
Pre Nursing  
Sophomore  
Lubbock



"We used to 'TP' houses a lot. One time, people suspected it was my friends and I, and we had to clean it up for hours. We were going to use eggs, but the eggs are too expensive."

Joseph Herrera  
Nursing  
Freshman  
Houston

Compiled by Victoria de Souza and Abi Hernandez



# Women’s rodeo team earns first event title in Canadian

by KENDALL RAINER  
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Photo Editor

The South Plains College women’s rodeo team captured their first event title of the season at the Frank Phillips College Rodeo.

The Rodeo was held on Oct. 10 in Canadian.

With only one Rodeo left in the season, the Lady Texans sit at first in the NIRA Southwest Region women’s team standings with 660 points. Tarleton State is in second with 645 points, followed by Texas Tech University with 625 points.

The Lady Texans earned 245 team points to take the top spot. Texas Tech placed second with 180 points, followed by Tarleton State with 155 points.

In goat tying, sophomore Kaytlyn Miller placed fourth with a run of 7.1 in the long round, before posting an 8.0 in the short round. She finished with a 15.1 average and added 100 points to the team total. Freshman Elle Eagles finished seventh in the event after posting a time of 7.7 in the long round and an 8.3 in the finals, averaging 16.0.

Freshman Carly Christian placed fourth in barrel

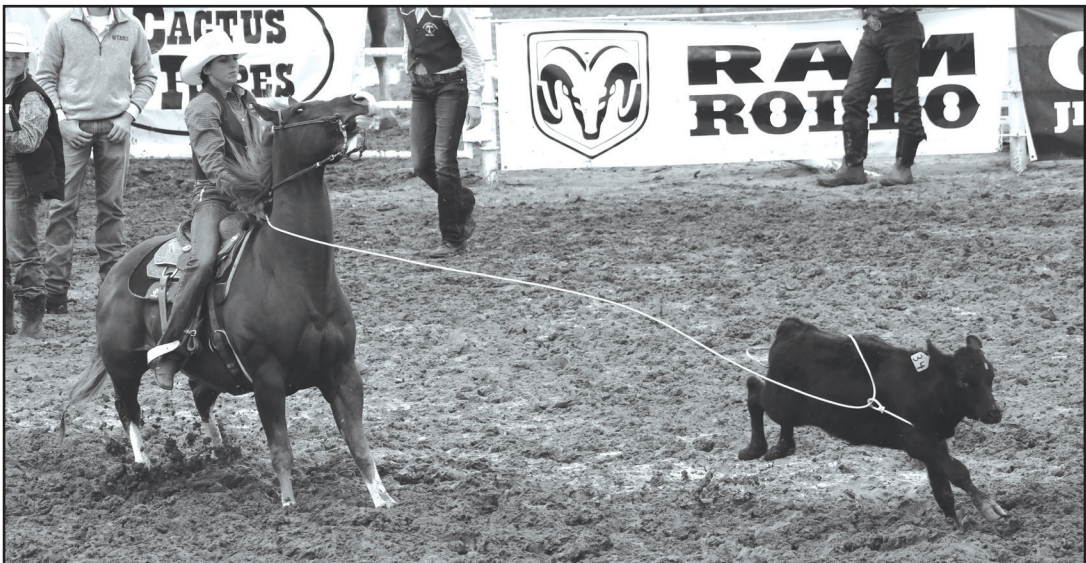
racing, posting a time of 17.93 in the long round and an 18.4 in the short round. She ended with an average of 36.33 and added 100 points for SPC.

In breakaway roping, Aubryn Bedke placed fourth with a 2.9-second run in the long round and a 3.1 in the finals, finishing with an average of 6.0 and adding 70 points. Eagles placed seventh in the event, posting a time of 2.6 in the long round but no time in the finals. She averaged 102.6 and added 45 points.

The Texans finished the rodeo in fourth place in the team standings with 300 points. Tarleton State



A member of the SPC women’s rodeo team competing in break away roping at the Eastern New Mexico College Rodeo. All photos courtesy of Wes Underwood/Marketing and Recruitment Office.



took the men’s division title with 610 points. Sul Ross State placed second with 405 points, followed by Western Texas College in third with 340 points.

Freshman Clay Guthrie placed first in steer wrestling with a time of 4.9 in the long round and a 4.0 in the finals, finishing with an 8.9 average and adding 150 points for SPC. Sophomore Britton Bedke followed with a second-place finish, posting a 4.3 in the long round and a 4.9 in the finals. He finished with an average of 9.2, adding 150 points for the Texans.

In team roping, Rex Foust teamed up with New Mexico Junior College’s Caden Beatty to post a time of 7.5 in the long round and a 12.0 in the finals, placing fourth. The duo finished with an average of 19.5, and Foust earned 70

individual points. Sophomores Hayden and Hadley Cloward placed sixth in the event, utilizing a 7.6 in the long round, followed by a 12.5 in the short round, ending with an average of 20.1.

Sophomore Stefan Ramone paired with Tee McLeod of Eastern New Mexico University in team roping. The pair finished ninth with a time of

# Women’s cross country team captures fourth event title with strong performance

by KENDALL RAINER  
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Photo Editor

The South Plains College women’s cross coun-

ting their fourth event title at the Angelo State Blue/Gold Cross Country Classic.

The meet was held on Oct. 26 in San Angelo.

In the women’s 6-ki-

17, with a total team time of 1:54:20 and an average time of 22:52. Tarleton State placed second with 39 points, along with a time of 2:03:32 and an average time of 24:42, followed by UT-Permian Basin with 89 points and a total time of 2:17:58, an average of 27:35.

Sena crossed the finish line at 24:03.1, good enough for sixth place. Rocio Ramirez finished 12th

team time of 2:14:02 and an average time of 26:48. Angelo State placed second with 64 points, 26:01.0, while freshman Abdirizak Ibrahim was close behind, crossing the line at 26:02.9 in second place.



Members of the South Plains College Cross Country team compete in the women’s 5-kilometer run at the South Plains College Open, which was held on Oct. 5 at Brashear Lake in Levelland.

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with a time of 29:16.10.

In the men’s 8-kilometer run, the Texans swept the top two spots but were unable to place in the team standings. Tarleton State placed first with 17 points, along with a total

posting a time of 2:24:05 and an average of 28:49. UT-Permian Basin placed third with 71 points, a time of 2:26:48 and an average of 29:21.

Sophomore Alex Kitum placed first with a time of

on Oct. 26 in Snyder on the campus of Western Texas College. Results were not available at press time.

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try team concluded the regular season by grab-

lometer run, the Lady Texans posted a score of

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# Famous Frames...

## Buddy Holly Center memorializes Lubbock legend

by **DESIREE LOPEZ**  
News Editor

**B**uddy Holly is well known in the Lubbock community and worldwide for his extraordinary musical talents in the “rock ‘n’ roll” genre. Because of his influence, the city of Lubbock opened a center in Holly’s name to exhibit his life and music.

Holly’s actual name is Charles Hardin Holley. The “e” in Holley was dropped after a slight mistake on his first recording contract. The mistake was never fixed, so he stuck with it.

Holly was born on Sept. 7, 1936, in his home on 6th Street in Lubbock to his parents, Lawrence and Ella Holley. He has three older siblings who believed in his musical talents and frequently encouraged him to pursue music. Because of the encouragement from his siblings, Holly gained interest in country, bluegrass, and rhythm and blues music.

By the time Holly was 13, his interest in music would increase. He soon met one of his good friends, Bob Montgomery, in junior high school and began playing music with him. The two made a few home recordings together.

A few months before Holly and Montgomery completed high school, they had the opportunity to open for Elvis Presley at the South Plains Fair Park Coliseum in Lubbock. This would be the first of multiple times they would open for Presley at the Fair Park Coliseum.

During this time, Holly attended Lubbock High School and graduated on May 27, 1955.

By the end of 1955, Holly was discovered by talent agent Eddie Crandall and was given his first recording contract with Decca Records in Nashville, TN, along with two other musicians, Curtis and Don Guess and became known as “Buddy and The Two Tones.”

In January of 1957, Holly was informed that his contract would not be renewed. His time at Decca Records left Holly with a lot of useful experience, but he felt unsatisfied. He eventually started recording at the studio of Norman Petty in Clovis, N.M. with Curtis and Guess, and they quickly became known as The Crickets.

The band recorded many songs at the studio in Clovis, and their popularity grew. They performed across the United States, such as Maryland,

New York, Washington, D.C., Pennsylvania, Virginia, North Carolina, and Hawaii.

Holly took a break to marry Maria Elena Santiago on August 15, 1958, in a small ceremony in Lubbock.

On Feb. 3, 1959, Holly was with J.P. Richardson and Ritchie Valens on board a small plane after a performance in Iowa to fly to their next performance. Some time after the plane took off, it crashed near Clear Lake, Iowa, killing everyone on board. This day soon became known as “The Day the Music Died.”

There are two murals located in Lubbock that depict Holly and his influence on the Lubbock community. His music inspired many artists, such as John Lennon and Sir Paul McCartney.

“He inspired the greats of ‘rock ‘n’ roll,’ like John Lennon with The Beatles,” explains Jacqueline Marchildon, marketing

of Fame is located right behind the Buddy Holly statue, which is located in the Buddy and Maria Elena Holly Plaza on Crickets Avenue in Lubbock.

In September of 1999, the city of Lubbock opened the Buddy Holly Center. In the center, you will find many artifacts that are loaned to the center to display. Those artifacts include: Holly’s Fender Stratocaster guitar, his glasses, stage clothes, photographs, and letters.

Holly’s wife is still alive today and continues to share his legacy. She remarried and had three children. She is now divorced and is a grandmother living in Dallas. In 2010, she co-founded the Buddy Holly Educational Foundation, which provides musical education. “She’s always traveling around, and just helping to create a memory of him and to keep his legacy alive,” explains Marchildon.

Holly’s two brothers

get off the train, and this is where you would come if you were visiting Lubbock.”



The Buddy Holly Center events are funded through grants from the CH Foundation, which is a local non-profit organization that strives to improve human services and educational opportunities. “The city of Lubbock

dance can enjoy live music, food trucks, cash bar, and children’s arts and crafts. The event is held in the Meadows Courtyard.

Another event that the center holds is The Day the Music Died. This event is held every year on

holidays, Good Friday, and Easter. The cost for general admission is \$8, \$6 for senior citizens and \$5 for children between the ages of 7 and 17. Students with a college ID are \$5, and children age 6 and younger are free. The admission to the Fine Arts Gallery is free for everyone.

“The best time to come is usually Fridays and Saturdays, especially for First Friday Art Trail, because we have cookies and beverages,” explains Marchildon. “A lot of the time, we have artists here to talk about their artwork in the gallery. Another good time is during the summer showcase, because we have live music and the gallery and exhibit are free to walk through.”

According to Marchildon, the most iconic thing that people love are the big glasses that are outside of the center.

“We bring people from all over the country and all over the world because of those glasses, because they resemble the glasses that he (Buddy Holly) wore,” explains Marchildon.

Marchildon explains that the Buddy Holly Center is a great place to network, meet people within the community, and have a great time with friends.

“It’s something that doesn’t involve getting drunk and partying,” explains Marchildon. “You’re listening to local artists and learning about Buddy Holly’s legacy and his history in Lubbock. You might even meet somebody here that you wouldn’t have if you hadn’t come here.”

The Buddy Holly Center attracts people of all ages. For more information, follow the Buddy Holly Center on Instagram and Facebook @buddyhollycenter.

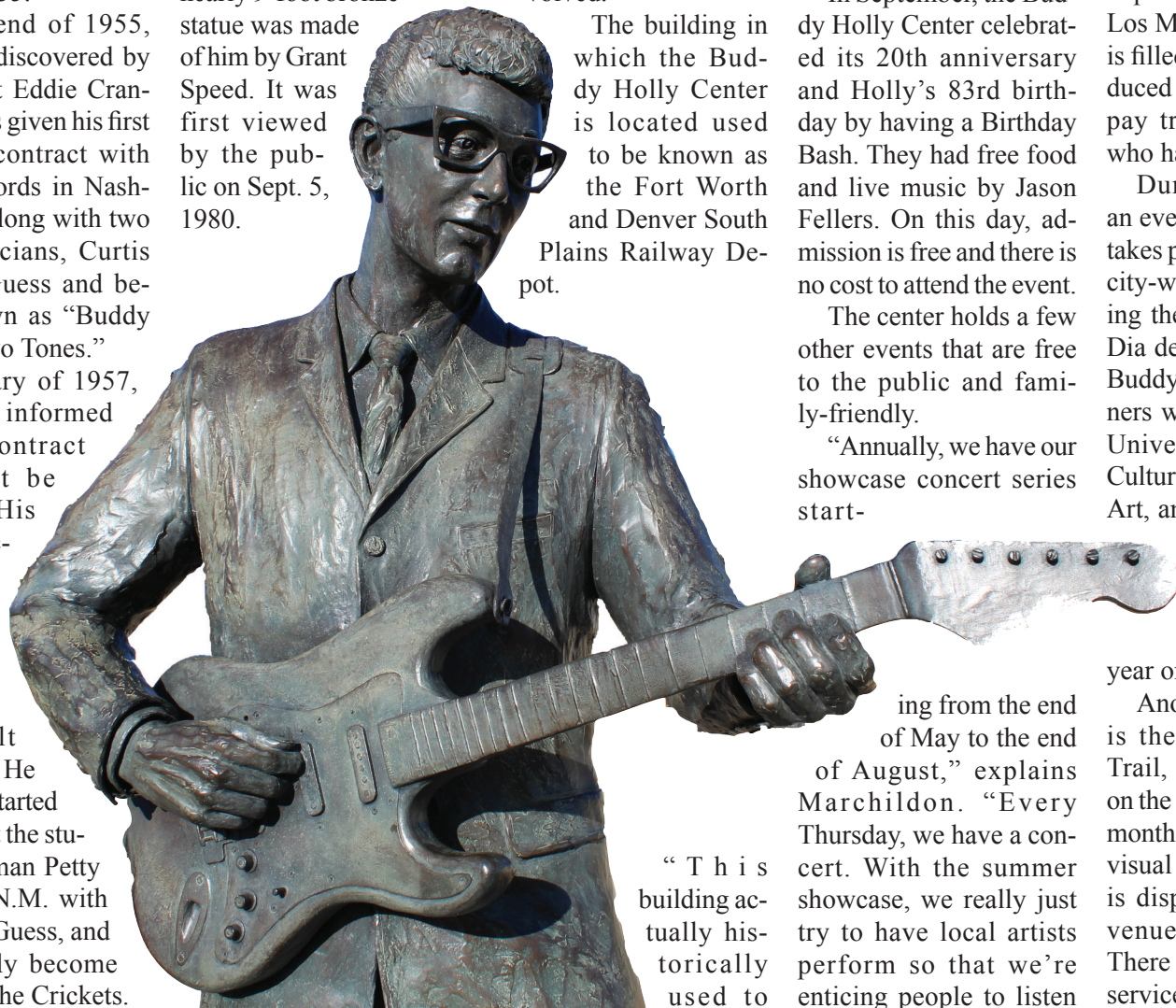
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and special events coordinator of the Buddy Holly Center. “If you take a walk around the Walk of Fame, a lot of those people were inspired by Buddy Holly. So he has a lot of significance for the Lubbock community.”

In honor of Holly, a nearly 9-foot bronze statue was made of him by Grant Speed. It was first viewed by the public on Sept. 5, 1980.



and other family members are also still alive.

“He’s got a huge family, and a lot of them come to the Buddy Holly Center,” explains Marchildon. “They come to the concerts that we have in the summer. They’re still pretty active and involved.”

The building in which the Buddy Holly Center is located used to be known as the Fort Worth and Denver South Plains Railway Depot.

owns this facility, so we are tax ran,” explains Marchildon. “We also rely on donations. Luckily, we get a hefty amount of donations, because people are really generous and they understand that we are a small-budget facility.”

In September, the Buddy Holly Center celebrated its 20th anniversary and Holly’s 83rd birthday by having a Birthday Bash. They had free food and live music by Jason Fellers. On this day, admission is free and there is no cost to attend the event.

The center holds a few other events that are free to the public and family-friendly.

“Annually, we have our showcase concert series start-

ing from the end of May to the end of August,” explains Marchildon. “Every Thursday, we have a concert. With the summer showcase, we really just try to have local artists perform so that we’re enticing people to listen to the local music.”

The first summer showcase for 2020 will be on May 21 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., and the series will continue through

station, so it looked a whole lot different than it does now,” explains Marchildon. “It used to be the first stop when you’d